



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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## 2024 Neighborhood Improvement Grants

City of Aurora is gearing up for 2024 Neighborhood Improvement Grants. Last year we were awarded \$3,300 which was used for Dumpster Days. If you have ideas for projects, improvements, events, gatherings, for the neighborhood, let us know. Things like clean-ups, slump block repairs and inventory, National Night Out celebration, pride in our community, keeping our neighborhood a desirable place to live... etc.



## Next Board Meeting

**February 5th, 2024**  
6:30 p.m. Mission Viejo Library  
*All Mission Viejo residents are welcome to attend.*

## Snow Removal

**PSA:** As a reminder to our neighbors, please remove the snow from the sidewalks in front of your property.

**Per City of Aurora Zoning Codes:** “Within 24 hours of a snowfall, snow must be removed from all city sidewalks adjacent to your property, including snow on sidewalks outside rear and side fences. Failure to comply will result in Administrative Fees and Fines.”

**Residents can report violations at:** Access Aurora – 303-739-7000

**Details can be found at:** [https://aurora.municipal.codes/Code/126\\_ArtV111](https://aurora.municipal.codes/Code/126_ArtV111)

- Sec. 126-311 Enforcement.
- Sec. 126-312 Responsibility for abutting sidewalks.
- Sec. 126-313 Time for removal; penalty.

(a) *Failure to remove snow.* Failure to remove any accumulation of snow and ice from sidewalks under section 126-312 within 24 hours after every snowfall is hereby declared unlawful and constitutes a nuisance as a snow obstruction is a hazard to the public health and safety. When a snow emergency is declared, however, snow and ice shall be removed within 48 hours after announcement of the termination of the snow emergency, as provided in section 134-86 of this Code or is hereby declared unlawful and constitutes a nuisance as a snow obstruction and a hazard to the public health and safety.

- Sec. 126-314 **Dumping in public roadway prohibited.**
- Sec. 126-315 **Notice on premises; administrative assessment.**
- Sec. 126-316 through 126-400 *Reserved.*

## Ice Cutting and Snow Removal By The City of Aurora



It looks like the city removed ice and snow from some of the lowest points on this street. That was one dangerous and really slippery section if you ever walked by it.

*To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable; to make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength.*  
– Criss Jami

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### ACCESS AURORA:

Aurora Police Dept. Neighborhood PAR Officer:  
Stacy Sparks, 303-627-3175, [ssparks@auroragov.org](mailto:ssparks@auroragov.org)

### MISSION VIEJO TRASH PROGRAM

Waste Connections 303-288-2100

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### COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee: TBD

Garden Committee: Jerry and Lois Kiefer, Betty Richards,  
Carol Tobiasen, Nicole Wallace, Sue Fedorowicz

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The Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. is a state non-profit organization. The purpose of the Mission Viejo HOA is to unite the unit owners of the Mission Viejo subdivisions in Aurora, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, streets, parkways, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Mission Viejo; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association. **Appearance of an advertisement in this publication does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by the Association of the goods or services offered.** The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual authors and not the Board of your Association. Neither the Board, publisher, nor the authors intend to provide any professional service or opinion through this publication.

### News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to [president@missionviejohoa.org](mailto:president@missionviejohoa.org). All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

### Ask The Board

In the coming months we will be publishing answers to questions the Board receives about our community. If you have any questions or concerns that can have an impact on MV and its residents, please send them by email to [president@missionviejohoa.org](mailto:president@missionviejohoa.org). Help us make MV an even better place to live!

### Advertise in this Newsletter!

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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## Mission Viejo Elementary School News

Hello neighbors. I hope each of you are healthy and staying warm this winter season.

I would like to share some exciting news about one of our students and community members. Each year, all high schools in the Cherry Creek School District participate in week-long fundraising activities for the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation (Colorado). Each school is given a child with a chronic, sometimes terminal, illness to "sponsor". The high school raises money to pay for the child's "wish".

Vivian Simpson, a second grader at Mission Viejo Elementary, has been chosen for the life-changing experience as Smoky Hill High School's "Wish Kid"!

Vivian has been diagnosed with a nervous disorder that went undiagnosed until she was almost four years old. After her first seizure, things declined rapidly. Despite her chronic health issues, due to numerous treatments and therapies, she is able to enjoy spending time with her family and Vivian's wish is for a camper to continue quality time and new experiences with her family.

Thank you to everyone in the Mission Viejo community who participated to raise funds for Make -A-Wish!

We have a few events coming up in February.

- **February 5th, Chipotle, 4:00 - 8:00 pm:** Smoky Hill High School Make-A-Wish Restaraunt Night, Smoky Hill Road & Himalaya Street
- **February 8th, Urban Air, 4:00 - 8:00 pm:** "Mission Viejo Night". A portion of the sales (20%) will be donated to our school.

- **February 9th, Family Valentine's Dance, 6:30 pm:** Additional details will be sent on Sunday, 2/4 (or sooner)

If you would like to be our guest at any of these events, please contact the front office at 720-886-8000 for more information.

– **Your Neighbor, André Pearson, Principal**

## Upcoming Meetings For District 3/Ward V

- **2/7/2024: Commanders Forum, 730p**  
at Tallyn's Reach Library
- **2/29/2024: Neighborhood Watch Zoom Meeting, 6p-730p**

Contact Jen Dubrow, at [jdubrow@auroragov.org](mailto:jdubrow@auroragov.org).

PAR Officers will be in attendance at the Ward 5 Meeting, Commander's Forum, and the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Police Area Representatives (PAR Officers) main area of responsibility is to coordinate resources, both public and private, to FIGHT crime, solve problems, and IMPROVE quality of life.

For emergency or criminal reports, please call 911 or for non-emergencies 303-627-3100.

If you would like to contact a PAR Officer please email [District3PAR@auroragov.org](mailto:District3PAR@auroragov.org). This is not for reporting crimes please utilize police dispatch.

**PAR Officers for District 3:**

- Sgt. Van Kam
- Ofc. Jenkins
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# Mission Viejo Library - February 2024 Programs

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Feb. 3 at 3:00 PM Library Movie Day  
 Fri, Feb. 9 at 4:30 PM Trivia & Treats  
 Sat, Feb. 10 at 6:00 PM Date Night at the Library  
 Fri, Feb. 23 at 4:30 PM Chaos Crafting

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)  
 Thursdays at 10:30 AM Storytime (ages 0-6)  
 Thu, Feb. 8 at 10:30 AM V is for Valentine:  
 Special Storytime  
 Tue, Feb. 20 Stuffed Animal Sleepover:  
 Last day to drop off animals  
 Thu, Feb. 22 at 10:30 AM Pajama Storytime &  
 stuffed animal pick-up

## PROGRAMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND PRE-TEENS:

Wed, Feb. 7 at 4:30 PM Papercraft Club (ages 6-15)  
 Wed, Feb. 14 at 4:30 PM Love Bug Clay Craft (ages 6-15)  
 Sat, Feb. 17, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog  
 (ages 0-12)  
 Wed, Feb. 21 at 4:30 PM Perler Bead Club (ages 6-15)  
 Wed, Feb. 28 at 4:30 PM Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-15)  
 Wed, Feb. 29 at 4:30 PM Leap Day Frog Party with  
 Aurora Naturalists (ages 6-15)

## VIRTUAL/WEBEX PROGRAMS:

Fridays, 5:30 Library Game Night (Teens)  
 Fridays, 8:00 Library Game Night (Adults)

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

Thu, Feb. 1 at 4:30 PM Video Game Club (ages 11-18)  
 Thu, Feb. 8 at 4:30 PM Kissing Lizard Craft (ages 11-18)  
 Thu, Feb. 15 at 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group  
 (ages 11-18)  
 Tue, Feb. 20 at 6:00 PM Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
 Photography (ages 11-18)  
 Thu, Feb. 22 at 4:30 PM Tabletop Games (ages 11-18)  
 Sat, Feb. 24 at 3:00 PM Teen Movie Hangout &  
 Castle Building (ages 11-18)

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mondays at 10:30 AM Coffee and Coloring  
 Wed, Feb. 14 at 3:00 PM Power Couples of Aurora  
 Sat, Feb. 17 at 4:00 PM Adult Art: Flower Doodles  
 Wed, Feb. 21 at 10:30 AM Knitting Circle  
 Wed, Feb. 28 at 10:30 AM Share a Book Club

For more information about library programs, call 303-326-8600 or visit [auroralibrary.org](http://auroralibrary.org).

## National Love Your Pet Day

February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It's a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.



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### Mission Viejo Real Estate News

Happy New Year! And happier interest rates. The Feds have lowered the interest rates to just below 7%. This is a welcome change to help bring new buyers to the market. MV currently has 12 active listings, with an average sales price of \$535,000. MV also sold 4 homes with an average of \$479,000. Interestingly noted, the average days on market of those that sold was 22, while those active were much more. This is a clear indication that those homes that dropped their price – sold.

FYI – a home for \$535,000 with 10% down and 6.625% interest calculates to a monthly payment of \$3,756 and \$63,364 to the closing table. That's hard for any first-time homeowner to come up with. It's no wonder why homes have been taking longer to sell. Still, homes are selling but it is a bit of a "Buyer's" market. If you are thinking of selling, it is encouraged to fix the items needing fixed first, so you can be ahead of your competition out there.

### 3 Facts About President's Day

1. Presidents Day is celebrated on the 3rd Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.
2. It was established in 1885 in honor of President George Washington's birthday.
3. Washington's birthday was actually on February 22, 1732 (this would be his 282nd birthday!)

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## Groundhog Day

February 2nd is Groundhog Day, on which the emergence of the groundhog (woodchuck) from its burrow is said to foretell the weather for the following six weeks. Since 1887 an animal in Punxsutawney has been the center of a staged appearance each February 2. In what has become a media event, a groundhog designated Punxsutawney Phil is the center of attention of television weathermen and newspaper photographers. Although promoters of the local festival surrounding Punxsutawney Phil claim that the animals have never been wrong, an examination of the records indicates a correlation of less than 40 percent. (Whether a groundhog does or does not emerge is thought to be related to the amount of fat it was able to store before going into hibernation.)

– <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Groundhog-Day>

## Snow Removal Responsibilities

Snow and ice on sidewalks can be slippery and dangerous, not only to mail carriers and other delivery people but also to senior citizens, children, disabled people and the public in general.

As a resident or property owner, it is your responsibility to keep city sidewalks adjacent to your property free and clear of snow and ice, even though the sidewalks may be behind or outside the rear and side fences and adjacent to any street. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after a snowfall ends, and 48 hours after a snow emergency is declared by the city.

– <https://www.auroragov.org/>

## Treasurer’s Report:

### Month Ending December 31, 2023

Beginning 1STBANK Balance: \$18,052.28

Ending 1STBANK Balance: \$16,456.66

PayPal Balance at 12/31/2023: \$398.44

#### EXPENSES THIS MONTH INCLUDED:

- Electronic Storefronts -- \$35.00
- QuickBooks -- \$62.25
- Public Storage (formerly: Security Self Storage) -- \$1,230.00
- Bank Fees (Visa debit cards) -- \$4.00
- 1stBank checks – \$19.80
- Blue Moon Carriages (Hayride) -- \$2140.00
- Hayride (MV Elem. School; refreshments; crafts) -- \$379.57

#### DEPOSITS & OTHER ADDITIONS:

- City of Aurora: Neighborhood Improvement Grant -- \$2,100.00
- Voluntary Dues -- \$175.00



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