



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

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## Mission Viejo HOA Next Monthly Meetings:

February 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm  
at the Mission Viejo Library

## Snow Removal From Your Private Property

Many local laws require residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowstorm to allow safe use by pedestrians. This is particularly important along school pedestrian routes to prevent children from having to walk in the street.

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## Community Update: Mission Viejo Neighborhood Organization

Following the annual meeting on January 5 and the year-end presentation in November, residents have shared a wide range of perspectives regarding the Mission Viejo neighborhood organizational role, structure, and future. This update is intended to clarify the current status of the organization, outline participation challenges, and present the options available to the community moving forward and hopefully gain additional volunteer support in our community!

### CURRENT STATUS

The Mission Viejo organization is not a registered Homeowners Association (HOA) and is not governed by the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). The organization does not own or manage common-interest property and does not issue HOA status letters for home sales. Based on available records, these conditions have been in place since at least 2008.

A small group of volunteers has come together to host monthly meetings and coordinate neighborhood activities. These activities have included biannual large-item trash pickups, a holiday hayride, a neighborhood yard sale, garden-related events, and occasional workshops. Funding for these activities has come from the Waste Connections program and voluntary annual contributions of \$30 from participating households.

All funds collected go directly towards providing events and the general maintenance in our community. Due to limited funds and resources we had to cut down on some efforts throughout the community including working with Ironwood control to maintain the center circle. Without the necessary resources we have also not been able to add the initiatives we were hoping for such as the neighborhood watch and community discount cards for local restaurants.

### GOVERNANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Under the organization's bylaws, formal decision-making requires a board of seven members and a quorum of at least 3% of neighborhood households. In 2025, board participation declined to three members, and meeting attendance consistently did not meet the bylaw requirements. While volunteers have continued to support events and communications, the current structure has limited the organization's ability to expand programs or formally implement changes.

City departments and local representatives have assisted with maintenance in certain public areas, including landscaping and cleanup near neighborhood entrances and along major corridors. These efforts have supplemented, but not replaced, neighborhood-led activities.

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## Winter Movies To Watch

### Coming to America (1988)

Coming to America goes from the fictional country of Zamunda to the snowy streets of N.Y.C., as Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) travels to Queens to find his queen (pun absolutely intended). These days, it's not just a throwback; it's also peak New York winter in the '80s.

### Cool Runnings (1993)

Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme...Yes, this is the movie about the Jamaican bobsled team, and what's even better is that it's based on truth. When a Jamaican sprinter (Leon Robinson) is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he and a disgraced coach (John Candy) work together to form the first Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team.

### Force Majeure (2014)

Telling the story of familial tension after the patriarch attempts to abandon them during an avalanche, this film hits hard. For good reason, of course. Watch this Swedish film solo (and not with a partner you've been fighting with).

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### 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**. 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!

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# Community Update, *continued from front page*

## COMMUNITY OPTIONS

As we, as a community, look ahead, residents are encouraged to consider several possible paths forward:

- **Continue operating in its current informal structure**, focusing on limited, volunteer-led activities.\*This would require an increase in community participation\*
- **Rebrand as a neighborhood association**, which could reduce administrative requirements and better reflect the organization’s non-regulatory role.
- **Pursue the formation of a formal HOA**, which would require approval from approximately 67% of the estimated 2,600 households and would involve annual dues currently estimated at approximately \$80.95 per household and no longer be considered ‘voluntary’ as we currently are.

Each option carries different implications for governance, cost, participation, and scope of services. We will ensure that any step forwards will be done correctly and with legal council.

## NEXT STEPS

No formal changes can be made without sufficient community participation. Input from residents is essential to determine whether and how the neighborhood organization should proceed and what we truly want for our shared community.

**Please attend the monthly meeting on February 2nd at 6:30 at Mission Viejo Library: 15324 E Hampden Circle**

**Come be a part of the conversation and help us in knowing what we, as a community, want to see.**

## More Winter Movies To Watch

### Frozen (2013)

Let it go, let it gooooooo...this is the animated film that birthed the earworm of a century. Frozen is a force, producing spin-offs and a Broadway musical, but the OG is always a great choice. Watch this one with the youngest members of your family and ask them, “Do you want to build a snowman?”

### Groundhog Day (1993)

Groundhog Day is one of those film concepts that takes an idea—inexplicably living the same day over again—and shows you what its real-life application would be like. Note: It wouldn’t be fun. Bill Murray is at his comedic best, the plot is universally acclaimed, and honestly? The message at the end makes the movie. This one is meant to be enjoyed with a nice cup of tea, and without worry that Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow.

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## Mission Viejo Library: February Programs

### EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)  
 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)  
 Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5)  
 Tues, Feb 24 at 10:30 a.m. Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Feb 4 at 4:30 p.m. Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)  
 Wed, Feb 11 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)  
 Wed, Feb 18 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)  
 Sat, Feb 21, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)  
 Wed, Feb 25 at 4:30 p.m. Papercraft Club (ages 8-18)

### PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Feb 5 at 4:30 p.m. Retro Wii Game Day (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Feb 12 at 4:30 p.m. Chocolate Dipping Craft (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Feb 19 at 4:30 p.m. Squishy Painting (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Feb 26 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, Feb 6 & 20 at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Coloring  
 Sat, Feb 7 & 21 at 2:00 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons  
 Wed, Feb 11 at 11:00 a.m. Candle Making  
 Fri, Feb 13 at 11:00 a.m. Clay Hearts  
 Fri, Feb 13 at 2:00 p.m. Lithium-Ion Battery Safety with Aurora Fire  
 Sat, Feb 14 at 2:00 p.m. Valentine's Painting Date  
 Wed, Feb 18 at 11:00 a.m. Settlers of Catan  
 Wed, Feb 25 at 11:00 a.m. Watercolors: Technique & Theory  
 Sat, Feb 28 at 10:30 a.m. Social Security for Disabilities

### PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Feb 7 at 10:30 a.m. History of the Blues  
 with Colorado Blues Society  
 Sat, Feb 14 at 10:30 a.m. Heart Animal Craft  
 Sat, Feb 28 at 3:15 p.m. History of the Lion Dance with  
 Guiding Mountain Dragon and  
 Lion Dance Association

## Even More Winter Movies To Watch

### **Knives Out (2019)**

There's not much cozier in the colder months than curling up on the couch with a good whodunit. Not only does *Knives Out* offer a particularly twisty mystery, but it also features plenty of enviable knitwear that'll inspire your winter wardrobe. Chris Evans's character especially gives a masterclass on cold-weather layering.

### **Anatomy of a Fall (2023)**

A cold drama (in more ways than one!), this award-winning film centers around the mysterious death of a man (Samuel Theis) who's found lying in the snow underneath his office window. Much of the drama takes place in a courtroom, where the man's wife (Sandra Hüller) is on trial for his murder, and where their visually impaired son (Milo Machado-Graner) must serve as the case's main witness.

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## National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day: February 11th

This day promotes a positive attitude even when things might not be going your way. It's a day for looking on the bright side of things and then carrying that feeling with you every day after. Do not worry, and do not stress over the little things. Life is too short to let the little things bother us.



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**1. Cook an International Feast.** Spice up your dinner routine by picking a country and cooking a meal inspired by its cuisine. Make sushi rolls for a Japanese night, prepare Italian pasta from scratch, or try Mexican tamales. Get the whole family involved in chopping, mixing, and tasting. Add an educational twist by looking up fun facts about the country while you cook.

**2. Plan a Themed Movie Marathon.** Nothing beats curling up for a movie night when it's frosty outside. Make it extra special by choosing a theme—holiday classics, adventure films, or animated favorites—and matching snacks to the theme. For example, hot cocoa for winter-themed movies or nachos for an action-packed flick.

**3. Turn Game Night into a Tournament.** Whether it's classic board games, card games, or trivia challenges, a family game night is a recipe for laughs and good-natured competition. Create a mini-tournament, complete with a scoreboard and small prizes for the winners. For added excitement, have everyone bring their "A game" with silly team names or costumes.

**4. Bake Your Family Favorites.** There's something about winter that calls for baking. From gooey chocolate chip cookies to warm banana bread, baking together is both fun and delicious. Let each family member choose a favorite recipe, or try something new each week. Don't forget to sample your creations fresh out of the oven with a glass of milk or a cup of tea!

**5. Create a Family Vision Board.** Gather old magazines, scissors, and glue for a night of dreaming and planning.

Encourage everyone to cut out pictures and words that represent their goals, hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Share your boards with each other and talk about how you can support one another in reaching those aspirations.

**6. Build a Blanket Fort and Have a Storytelling Session.** Transform your living room into a magical hideaway by building a blanket fort. Pile it high with pillows, string up fairy lights, and settle in for an evening of storytelling. You could share memories, tell favorite family tales, or invent silly stories together. It's a nostalgic activity that's just as fun for adults as it is for kids.

**7. Take a Virtual Adventure Together.** Travel might not be on the agenda, but virtual adventures are just a click away. Explore online tours of famous landmarks, museums, or even space! Let each family member pick a "destination" and guide the group through a virtual journey. It's an educational and inspiring way to explore the world from your couch.

**8. Have a DIY Karaoke Night.** Unleash your inner superstar with a karaoke session at home. Use a karaoke app or find instrumental versions of your favorite songs online. Whether you're belting out classics, crooning to love songs, or having a dance-off, the energy and laughter are guaranteed to warm up any winter night.

**9. Have a Puzzle Marathon.** There's nothing more satisfying than finishing a big jigsaw puzzle as a family. Set up a cozy puzzle station, make some hot chocolate, and spend the evening working together to fit the pieces. For an extra challenge, try a puzzle with a winter scene or a holiday theme.

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