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National Good Samaritan Day

National Good Samaritan Day on March 13th recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed. The day is also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day and celebrates kindness in all its forms.

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY IDEAS:

- Make an effort to help someone who is struggling or having a problem.
- Share a story about someone who was a Good Samaritan in your life.
- Something as simple as a phone call to as inconvenient as stopping to help change a tire are all acts of a good Samaritan.
- Make a commitment to developing a habit of kindness and awareness of others.
- Volunteer. Offer your valuable skills to others in times of need. Do you enjoy sports or have mad math skills? Your ability to mentor youth may change someone's life for the better.



Mission Viejo HOA: March Meeting Announcement

The Mission Viejo HOA will hold its March meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Mission Viejo Library: 15324 E. Hampden Circle.

We would like to extend sincere appreciation to everyone who attended the February meeting. The strong turnout—and the mix of longtime residents alongside many new faces—reflected a growing interest in engaging with neighborhood matters and sharing perspectives on the future of the community.

The March meeting will include several key items, listed on the agenda below. Please come to the meeting in March, we need you and we need your participation!

AGENDA

6:30–6:50 PM:

- Arrive and welcome
- Voted board member introductions
- Announcements, including planned Dumpster Days

6:50–7:10 PM:

- Discussion of board positions
- Discussion of meeting frequency
- Discussion of virtual meeting options

7:10–7:20 PM:

- Open for community questions, concerns and conversation

7:20–7:30 PM:

- Official voting of board member positions
- Official voting regarding meeting frequency

Absolutely

Incredible Kid Day: March 19th

- Tell the kids in your life why you think they are incredible, amazing, inspiring, or just plain terrific!
- Make them feel even more important and write it down in a letter. How many kids do you know? They all deserve some encouragement, so make sure they get it from you.
- Catch a child in the act of doing something incredible.
- Let them overhear you giving them some praise.

Mission Viejo HOA Monthly Meeting:

March 2, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Mission Viejo Library
All Mission Viejo residents are welcome to attend.

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A St. Patrick's Day Celebration With Solas

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7:30pm, Lone Tree Center

"Solas have become Irish America's most inventive band by mixing their Celtic roots with country and Americana in their sturdy, melodic and thoughtful songs." –The Guardian

Solas is hailed by The Boston Globe as "the finest Celtic ensemble this country has ever produced" and The Wall Street Journal as "an Irish traditional band bearing all the marks of greatness." Since forming in New York City in 1995 they have been a galvanizing element in the Irish music scene – a lightning rod of talent and inspiration that set new standards for musicianship, repertoire, and intensity. Over the course of twelve critically acclaimed albums and endless international touring, Solas brought their love and respect for the traditions of Irish music, and their sense of melodic and instrumental adventure to the world.

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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. 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. Help us make MV an even better place to live!

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Winter Watering

Dry, sunny, warm and windy winter conditions have left many Colorado landscape plants short of moisture, and Colorado State University Extension specialists recommend supplemental watering to prevent root damage and promote healthier spring growth.

Evergreens, newly planted trees and shrubs, grasses, and plants in exposed or south-facing sites face the highest risk from winter drought, according to a CSU news release, which can lead to needle or branch dieback and greater vulnerability to pests and diseases.

Plants continue root growth, nutrient transport and photosynthesis – especially in evergreens – even during dormancy, according to CSU Extension guidelines. Prolonged dry periods without sufficient soil moisture cause accumulating stress that impacts long-term plant health.

Extension specialists advise watering only when air temperatures exceed 40 degrees and the soil is unfrozen. Frozen ground blocks absorption, leading to runoff with no benefit to plants, and watering should be avoided over snow cover.



Occasional deep watering – typically one to two times per month during extended dry spells – is more effective than frequent light applications, CSU Extension notes. Newly planted trees and shrubs, along with evergreens, benefit most.

Young trees require about 10 gallons per inch of trunk diameter at the base – for example, 20 gallons for a 2-inch trunk – applied near the base or out toward the dripline. Mature trees need water at and beyond the canopy edge to cover the full root zone, with enough volume to wet the soil to roughly 12 inches deep. Shrubs generally need 5 to 18 gallons per application, depending on size.

Many native plants and low moisture-adapted landscapes require little or no supplemental winter water. Established perennials and drought-tolerant species also need less frequent irrigation, according to CSU.

Use a hose equipped with a sprinkler or soaker hose for winter applications rather than turning on automatic irrigation systems, which risk damage from freezing pipes until spring thaw. Detach and fully drain hoses after each use to prevent pipe bursts.

Winter watering is the most practical step homeowners can take to protect plants in Colorado’s arid winter climate.

–By Scott Weiser

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Mission Viejo Library: March 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

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Denver Restaurant Week: Menus Are Live! March 6-15, 2026

Denver has quickly become a dining destination for foodies. You'll find plenty of fine dining options at chef-owned eateries, along with cuisine from around the globe at our gourmet food halls and markets, and fresh, local ingredients like green chile and Colorado beef and lamb. Denver Restaurant Week showcases the creative, exciting menus that diners have come to expect. There are four price points: \$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55. Menus can be viewed at <https://denverrestaurantweek.com>.

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Exterior Home Maintenance Tips For Spring

- Inspect gutters and downspouts for damage and debris. Working gutters ensure that water is diverted from your home's foundation.
- Trim trees and shrubs that are near the house. This can prevent damage to siding, windows or the roof.
- Inspect caulking around doors and windows for damage or wear. Replace if necessary to increase energy efficiency.
- Inspect wooden decks, railings, windowsills and steps for rot. Repair or replace damaged wood, and touch up paint, stain or wood finish.
- Pressure wash patios, decks, driveway / walkways, and outdoor furniture. Pressure wash your soffits and siding too, if necessary.
- Inspect outdoor sprinkler heads for damage from snow plows or cold weather. Look for leaking valves and verify the watering schedule on the control panel.
- Inspect and tune up any lawn maintenance equipment. Sharpen tools, charge batteries, lubricate moving parts and replace old gas.
- Clean debris from foundation vents and window wells.

Routine home maintenance can save you the headaches of costly repairs that could be avoided. It can also help you prepare and budget for any future repairs or upgrades. Care for your home and the surrounding property, and it will continue to keep you and your family safe and comfortable. Check this list off every spring to prolong the life of your home's building materials, landscaping, and more.

Local Educational Field Trips For All Ages

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

At this institute, you'll have a chance to learn more about minerals, mummies, robots and space travel. The fascinating museum has hands-on 2.5-3 hour classes, which range from a med lab to super animal adaptations. It prides itself for its remarkable planetarium and themed tours set up per grade level.

Molly Brown House

Majoring in women's studies? Swing by the Molly Brown House in Denver. She was a famous figure, Titanic survivor, philanthropist and political activist. Housed in a Victorian mansion in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, the home is charming on its own and packed with relics. Learn about women's rights, architecture and the history of mining.

Working Factory Tours

Made in Colorado means high quality stuff! Some companies provide free guided tours of their working factories. Want to learn more about money? Tour the **U.S. Mint** in Downtown Denver. It presses millions of coins every day! Tea lovers should definitely stop by **Celestial Seasonings** factory in Boulder for an informative and nose-opening tour. It smells very minty in the peppermint room! Go during the weekday for the best look at the live working factory. Young kids shouldn't miss **Hammond's Candies**, also in Denver. Watch them making their historic candy and get a free cane at the end.

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