



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### 06/01/2024 – Community Garage Sale:

Residents are encouraged to stage their individual garage sales on the same day; HOA puts up neighborhood signs also, to advertise this event, with the idea that lots of shoppers will be in the neighborhood on the same day.

### 06/08/2024 – Dumpster Day:

Holy Love Lutheran Church, 4210 S Chambers Road, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. (or until trucks are full), Spring cleaning time... bring excess trash and oversize items for disposal (and those items that didn't sell at your garage sale). Clean out garages (put your car in the garage), basements, yard debris, mattresses, etc. No electronics or chemicals.

And plan ahead for the 2nd Dumpster Day on October 5th.



## Mission Viejo Home Market Info

Mission Viejo housing market has some steady growth! This month there are currently 15 Active homes for sale, with an average of \$530k. We do see 10 properties that are currently under contract with an average of \$507k and 9 homes have sold (in the last 90 days) with an average of \$530k. The best news is the reduction of interest rates. We all thought they would be in the 5%'s by now, but the feds are taking their time. They are currently in the range of 6.75-7.25%.

If you are looking to sell in the next few months, concentrate on de-cluttering your house for showing. Pack away the nick-nacks and personalized photos to give yourself a good head start. Think about the front entrance (curb appeal). Maybe add some mulch or grab a pretty flowered plant to place by the door. If you want more free tips, contact your local Realtor for a walk-thru and market analysis. They can point out stuff to improve for maximum home sales.

## Mission Viejo Elementary School

Dear Neighbors, I can hardly believe I am sharing the dates for the close of another school year! Time has flown by since we returned from spring break. We have many exciting events coming up. We hope to see you out and about to celebrate another school year in the books.

## Mission Viejo HOA Monthly Meeting:

May 6th, 2024

6:30 p.m. Mission Viejo Library

All Mission Viejo residents are welcome to attend.

May 1st: Skate City Night, 6:00 pm

May 2nd: Field Day, 9:00 am

May 2nd: Fifth Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game, 1:30 pm

May 3rd: No School for Students (Teacher Work Day)

May 9th: Kindergarten Orientation, 5:00 pm

May 9th: PTCO Meeting, 6:00 pm

May 10th: End of Year Carnival, 6:00 pm

May 13th: PreSchool Olympics: 9:55 am - AM Class; 12:30 pm - PM Class

May 16th: Super Citizen Assembly (PK-2nd Grade), 1:40 pm

May 17th: Super Citizen Assembly (3rd-5th Grade), 1:40 pm

May 18th: Girls on the Run 5K, City Park

May 18th: "All Pro Dad" (APD) Chapter Meeting, 9:30 am (Library). If you are a father (or father figure), please bring your child(ren) and join us! Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP, via email, to MissionAPD@gmail.com.

May 22nd: Last day of school for Kindergarten. Kindergarten celebration begins at 12:10 pm. This is a full day of school for kindergarten.

May 23rd: 5th Grade Continuation, 9:00 am 5th graders dismissed for the school year following continuation (approximately 10:45).

If you would like to join us for any of these celebrations and events, please contact the front office at 720-886-8000.

— Your Neighbor, André C.M.H. Pearson, Principal

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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](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 Library May 2024

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Fri, May. 17 at 6:30 PM Legendary Ladies

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)

Thursdays at 10:30 AM Storytime (ages 0-6)

## PROGRAMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND PRE-TEENS:

Wed, May 1 at 4:30 PM Star Wars Papercraft (ages 8-18)

Wed, May 8 at 4:30 PM Perler Beads (ages 6-18)

Wed, May 15 at 4:30 PM Clay Club (ages 6-18)

Sat, May 18, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

Wed, May 22 at 4:30 PM Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)

Wed, May 29 at 4:30 PM Scratch Art (ages 6-18)

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

Thu, May 2 at 4:30 PM Star Wars Figurines (ages 11-18)

Thu, May 9 at 4:30 PM Video Game Club (ages 11-18)

Thu, May 16 at 4:30 PM Finals De-Stressor (ages 11-18)

Thu, May 23 at 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)

Thu, May 30 at 4:30 PM Blacklight Painting (ages 11-18)

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mondays at 10:30 AM Coffee and Coloring

Sat, May 11 at 4:00 PM Adult Art: Painting 3D Flowers

Tue, May 14 at 2:00 PM Yin Yoga Class

Sat, May 18 at 3:00 PM Block Printing: Block Carving Class

## VIRTUAL/WEBEX PROGRAMS:

Fridays, 5:30 PM Library Game Night (Teens)

Fridays, 8:00 PM Library Game Night (Adults)

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

# Treasurer's Report: Month Ending March 31, 2024

Beginning 1STBANK Balance -- \$16,750.70

Ending 1STBANK Balance -- \$13,752.70

PayPal Balance at 03/31/2024 -- \$56.92

## Expenses this month included:

Electronic Storefronts -- \$35.00

QuickBooks -- \$62.25

Bank Fees (Visa debit cards) -- \$4.00

Ironwood Earthcare (weed control) -- 2,395.75

Travelers Insurance (Paid \$501 of \$4950) -- \$501.00

## Deposits and other additions:

No deposits this month

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## Memorial Day Activities With Kids

We're so excited for the summer! The pools are opening, the grill's heating up, and school's winding down. But in the midst of the fun, take a few minutes to teach your family that Memorial Day is a special time to recognize the service men and women who've fought for our country.

### Explain the History of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day tradition began around the Civil War, when folks wanted to honor the soldiers who had died in that conflict by decorating their graves. There's some disagreement over whether this started in the south or in Waterloo, NY, but in either case, the tradition started as Decoration Day. Families would gather together at cemeteries, bringing picnics and remembering, together, those whom they had lost. Gradually Decoration Day became Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. While Memorial Day is specifically a holiday to recognize the sacrifices of men and women who have died in combat, many people also spend the day honoring veterans and current service personnel and working for peace and unity with all people.



### Watch a Parade or Memorial Service

We have some local parades, and kids love a parade, but you can also take the opportunity to point out traditions and Memorial Day etiquette. Teach children that we stand and

take off hats as veterans pass in a parade. Have them look for American flags, and point out that, officially, flags are to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day as a remembrance. During services you may also see soldiers fire rifles into the air or people throwing flowers into the ocean in memory of those lost at sea. Next time you're at your local town hall or playground, check for a memorial and take time to read it with your kids.

### Make a Tasty Treat

Bring cookies or another treat to our neighbor, a World War II veteran. It's wonderful to recognize someone your kids know. But it's also fun to enjoy a treat yourselves! A simple one is a blueberry and strawberry parfait with yogurt, whipped cream, or ice cream. Put them into clear plastic containers to show the patriotic colors, and pop them into the freezer if it's a hot day.

### Craft Something Special

Want to slide in a history lesson while keeping little hands busy? You can help kids make a tissue paper poppy while explaining about Memorial Day's origins, then explain that poppies, because they are blood-red, became a symbol of sacrifice during World War I. These are easy to create, and they make a lovely gift.

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## Bike Month

May is National Bike Month. If you don't already have bikes for the family, late spring is a good time to invest in one you can use all summer. Dress up your bikes with Memorial Day decorations like stars and streamers, then head out for a family ride. Add embellishments to your helmets, and wear red, white, and blue for a fun and patriotic ride around town.

## Bring Flowers To Somone Day

April showers means May 15 is Bring Flowers to Someone Day to celebrate why giving flowers plays a significant roll in kindness. Flowers are one of nature's most beautiful gifts. Bring Flowers to Someone Day is the perfect way to give the gift of love and kindness to those around you. Whether you gift flowers to show sympathy or give them just because, the simple act of giving flowers brings joy to the recipient.



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## Splash Rain Barrel Workshop

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

10001 E. Costilla Avenue, Greenwood Village, CO

The workshop and \$50 registration fee will include a presentation on rain barrels and instructions on how to build your own rain barrel, a 55-gallon rain barrel, and connector kit. We will also provide you with an installation guide to help you connect your new rain barrel to a downspout. You will need to be able to take home your rain barrel at the end of the workshop.

Sorry, but we will not be able to store your rain barrel for pick up at a later date. We will only have enough barrels for those that register and will not be able to accommodate any walk-ins. Due to the popularity of these workshops and the long waiting list, please only register one person for one barrel per household.

If you have any questions about the workshop and to register, please contact Lisa Knerr, Arapahoe County, 720-874-6525, Lknerr@arapahoe.gov or Matt Adams, PE, CFM, Greenwood Village, 303-708-6140, madams@greenwoodvillage.com

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## Teacher Appreciation Day

National Teacher Appreciation Day is on the Tuesday during first full week in May as a reminder to show appreciation for teachers everywhere. We are using this National Day to say thank you to all teachers for their time and dedication to educate our children.

## Red, White, And Blue Trifle

When you're looking for festive Memorial Day desserts or just an easy summer treat, turn to this red, white, and blue trifle to satisfy your sweet tooth. The key to this patriotic trifle is using fresh, ripe berries. Skip the frozen fruit here.

YIELDS: 8 - 10 serving(s); TOTAL TIME: 30 mins

### Ingredients:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lb. pound cake, cubed
- Two 6 oz. containers blueberries (about 2 cups)
- Two 6 oz. containers blackberries (about 2 1/2 cups)
- One 1/2 qt. strawberries, stems removed, sliced

### Directions

1. Combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment. Beat on medium-high speed for 1 to 2 minutes until smooth. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. With the mixer on medium, slowly add the heavy cream and vanilla and mix until combined. Switch to the whisk attachment and whip at medium speed until soft peaks form and the mixture is easy to dollop.

2. Place a single layer of cake cubes in a large trifle dish (about 12 to 14 cups). Top with 2/3 of the blueberries and blackberries, then 1/2 of the whipped cream (about 2 cups), then 2/3 of the strawberries. Repeat the cake and cream layers once more, then decorate the top with the remaining berries. Serve immediately or make in advance and store for up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.

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