



# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

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## Mission Viejo HOA Next Monthly Meetings:

November 3rd, 2025 at 6:30 pm

at the Mission Viejo Library

December 1st 2025 at 6:30 pm

at the Mission Viejo Library

## Ghostlight

November 12, 2025, 7:30pm

Vintage Theatre

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— [www.upcomingevents.com/denver/events/vintage-theatre/ghostlight-536343](http://www.upcomingevents.com/denver/events/vintage-theatre/ghostlight-536343)

## "A Christmas Carol" Production By The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society

November 28 - December 21, 2025

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. • Sundays at 2 p.m.

Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E Colfax Ave, Aurora, CO 80010



In a festive mood, the ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society mount another assault on the classics with their stage version of "A Christmas Carol." They enthusiastically portray a dizzy array of characters from the Dickensian favorite (and a few which aren't), engineer some novel audience participation while bravely contending with an intrusive PA system, and – a real Farndale first – wrap their

vocal cords and feet around two original, show-stopping songs.

The Fox will welcome some of the true "grandes dames" of the Colorado theatre community to the stage for this hilarious, nonstop journey into a holiday show gone utterly and madly wrong.

—<https://www.aurorafoxartscenter.org/onstage/farndale-christmas-carol>

*It's up to us to choose contentment and thankfulness now—and to stop imagining that we have to have everything perfect before we'll be happy.*

—Joanna Gaines

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## Leaf Place Cards

Adorn mini pumpkins with cute leaf name tags. Mix up the colors to create a pretty palette!



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As we enter the fall season, leaves all around Colorado are starting to fall. Although pretty in the trees, the leaves can cause issues in the streets.

You could face a fine if you rake or blow the fall leaves from your lawn into the streets. That's because the leaves, or other yard waste, can clog the storm drains and cause flooding. It is also dangerous for our water quality.

*Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more.  
If you concentrate on what you don't have,  
you will never, ever have enough.*

*—Oprah Winfrey*

## This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

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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!

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## Veterans Day Celebration: Note Date Change!!

Mission Viejo Elementary School is proud to host our 19th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Wednesday, **November 12th, 2025**. We warmly invite veterans from our school family and community to join us for this special event. Please feel free to invite neighbors, friends, and family members.

While Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives in service, on Veterans Day we recognize and thank those who served and returned home.

### Tentative Agenda

- 7:50–8:05am Veterans assemble in Art room
- 8:05–8:15 am Parade of veterans
- 8:15–9:20 am Student assembly in the gym
- 9:20–10:20 am Classroom visits (stories, medals, photos, Q&A)
- 10:30–11:30 am Brunch and fellowship in the gym (for veterans only)

You may attend as much or as little of the program as you prefer. The student tribute will be unforgettable, and your presence will make this day especially meaningful. Veterans are welcome to wear uniforms or bring items to share with students. **\*\*Please DO NOT bring any weapons, real or replica. \*\***

### Important Details:

- Veterans are welcome to show up starting at 7:50am. Please note this is right in the middle of our start time so it will be very busy
- Non-veteran participants – please arrive after 8:05am
- RSVP by Monday, November 3, 2025, to Eric Cline at [clinecellars57@gmail.com](mailto:clinecellars57@gmail.com) or 720-839-4289 (call or text) so we can plan meals, seating, and a special surprise.
- During the month of November, we will also display our Wall of Honor. Please send photos to [szimmerman4@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:szimmerman4@cherrycreekschools.org) or drop them off at Mission Viejo Elementary. If you would like your photos returned, please include return information.

Each year's celebration is dedicated to a person or organization, and we look forward to unveiling this year's dedication. Thank you for allowing us the honor of celebrating you and your service. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions.

–Eric Cline, Veterans Day Event Coordinator



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## Mission Viejo Library: November Programs

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

### EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

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| Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.    | Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)               |
| Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  | Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)           |
| Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.   | Storytime (ages 0-5)                |
| Tue, Nov 25, 10:30 a.m. | Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)            |
| Tue, Nov 25, 4:00 p.m.  | Special Pajama Storytime (ages 0-5) |

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

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| Wed, Nov 5, 4:30 p.m.   | Perler Beads (ages 6-18)          |
| Wed, Nov 12, 4:30 p.m.  | Clay Club (ages 6-18)             |
| Sat, Nov 15, 10:30-noon | Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12) |
| Wed, Nov 19, 4:30 p.m.  | Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)         |
| Wed, Nov 26, 4:30 p.m.  | Papercraft (ages 8-18)            |

### PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

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| Thu, Nov 6, 4:30 p.m.  | Tiny Food Craft (ages 12-18)     |
| Thu, Nov 13, 4:30 p.m. | Retro Rock Band Day (ages 12-18) |
| Thu, Nov 20, 4:30 p.m. | Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18) |

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

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| Sat, Nov 1, 2:00 p.m.       | Sherlock Holmes Board Game (adults) |
| Fri, Nov 7 & 21, 11:00 a.m. | Coffee and Coloring (adults)        |
| Sat, Nov 8 & 22, 2:00 p.m.  | DnD (adults)                        |
| Fri, Nov 14, 11:00 a.m.     | Wood Block Painting (adults)        |

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The main goal of the public engagement is to gather and honor the diverse voices of Aurora as part of the Sesquicentennial, America 250 and Colorado 150, commemoration. Through wishes, reflections and words of hope, residents will contribute to a collective artwork that embodies cultural diversity, resilience and spiritual connection.

The inclusion of community voices in the process and the artwork commemorates this historic milestone while fostering unity, imagination and a sense of shared spirit — linking past, present and future in a lasting tribute to Aurora's vibrant community.

**Submit your responses at the Mission Viejo Library or submit online here:**

**<https://engageaurora.org/artuniverse>**

More information on the artist: [christinenguyen.art](#) @seamoonshe on Instagram



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## 16th Annual Denver Veterans Day Run, Festival And Parade

Saturday, November 8, 2025, Denver City Park  
5K/10K RUN & RIPPETOE RUCK

The Denver Veterans Day Run, Parade and Festival is held to celebrate and honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Our origins stem from a passion to recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, create a vibrant community event where we can come together in gratitude and support the mission to help Veterans in Colorado create economic vitality through career advancement and entrepreneurship.

This event supports the mission of Colorado Veterans Project focused on supporting Veterans and Transitioning Active Duty in the pursuit of vibrant careers, meaningful employment, and successful entrepreneurship to continue a meaningful life full of purpose and fulfillment.

Our event involves collaboration with veteran and military focused organizations with the support and collaboration of the City of Denver, ensuring a heartfelt and engaging celebration.

—<https://www.denerveteransday.com/>

## History Of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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## 10 Tips For Raising Grateful Kids

Saying thank you is one of the first social rules many parents teach their children, and for good reason. We want our kids to be appreciative and not take things for granted, and learning to be grateful can improve kids' relationships, ability to empathize, and overall happiness. If you are looking for ways to reinforce the importance of gratitude or would like to find other meaningful ways your kids can show appreciation, here are some tips:

**1. Set an example.** Kids learn a lot from watching their parents. Show them what it means to be grateful by offering a genuine "thank you!" to a waitress who serves your food, a helpful neighbor, someone who holds the door open for you. But don't stop there — include your kids, too. Thanking children for doing things that are helpful, even when they are chores like putting away toys, reinforces the behavior and lets them know they're appreciated.

**2. Point out generosity.** Call attention to it when people (including your kids!) do things that go beyond what's expected — helping without being asked, being especially thoughtful, or taking extra time to do something because it's important to someone else. Send the message that you will notice if they knock themselves out for you, or for someone else.

**3. Have a talk.** Try asking your child how they feel when people say thank you to them for doing something nice, and then how they feel when they don't.

**4. Find fun ways to say thanks.** There are lots of ways to show gratitude. If your child isn't comfortable talking to strangers or has a hard time expressing themselves in writing, work together to come up with a different way for them to show

their appreciation. They could try giving a smile or a thumbs up if someone holds the door, or show grandma how much they love their new coat by drawing a thank you picture (or taking a smiling selfie!) instead of writing a card.

**5. Share the love.** Encourage kids to think of people who help them, from coaches to neighbors to the local firemen, and say thanks with cookies or cupcakes.

**6. Put things in perspective.** Talk to your kids about those who are less fortunate. Understanding that not everyone has the same advantages will help them develop compassion for others and gratitude for their own privileges.

**7. Let kids choose.** Encourage kids to turn their interests into action. Whether it's a fundraising drive at school, a bake sale, or a run for charity, expressing their interests and using their skills for a good cause is a great way to boost their confidence and give them a chance to give back at the same time.

**8. Get involved.** If kids are too young to go alone or aren't comfortable dealing with strangers solo, make giving back a family affair. Find places where you can volunteer together or let your child choose a charity to donate to.

**9. Make gratitude part of bedtime.** When you tuck them in at night, ask your child to tell you three things they're grateful for. Even if they've had a bad day it will help them — and you — end each day on a positive note.

**10. Give kids credit.** Be mindful of the fact that your child may have their own way of expressing gratitude, even if it doesn't fit your expectations.

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