



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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Neighborhood Announcements:

Reminder: Dumpster Days: 10/21/23

Annual Hayride: 12/09/23, sign ups will become available in October

Next Monthly HOA board meeting: 9/6/23 @ 6:30pm at the Mission Viejo Library (room to the left side of entrance)

Did you know that you can check out pickle ball paddles and balls at the library? The courts are open and ready for your enjoyment. Anyone is able to check out pickleball equipment, as long as they are in good standing with the library.

Mission Viejo Elementary

Dear Neighbors,

We are so excited to have our students back in the building for another successful and exciting year of learning and growth. With our children back in school and families walking and riding bikes to school, I would like to remind you to drive safely in the school zone and parking lot. Safety for our staff and students is our number one priority. Please leave extra time in your morning commute to observe school zones (20 MPH) and crossing guards.

I would also like to remind you that we do not mind sharing the dumpster and recycle bin, but I am asking you to abide by one request, if the dumpster and/or recycle bin are full, please refrain from using it. When it is overflowing we do not have room for the daily garbage from the school. If you leave items outside either bin, the trash company **does not pick them up. It is then left to the staff to clean up the mess that is left outside of the bins.** Thank you for your consideration.

The 2023-2024 school year marks the 50th anniversary of Mission Viejo Elementary! We are planning a community celebration in the spring. We will keep you posted as we get closer. We value any input and contributions you may have to make this an incredible celebration.

Thank you for taking the time to read about information and upcoming events at your neighborhood school.

- Did you know that we have a fully stocked food pantry (non-perishable) at our school? The Mission Viejo food pantry is available for any family in our community who has a need. Please help us get the word out and encourage families to use it whenever there is a need. To get confidential access to our food pantry, please contact our family/community liaison, Sandy Zimmerman at szimmerman4@cherrycreekschools.org or 720-886-8038.

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Mission Viejo Park:

08/08/2023

The Mom Weeders! Tina & Archie, Jamie & Rowan, Nicole. The garden is done. See the blue bag of weeds for the goats?



Sign Up Today For The Mission Viejo Membership/Trash Program

Mission Viejo  and Waste Connection 

Call 303-288-2100 for current pricing information

Be sure to mention that you are a Mission Viejo resident!



Waste Connection's service includes:

- * Bi-weekly recyclings *
- * Enhanced seasonal services *
- * Large item pickup *

* The MV HOA receives a quarterly rebate of \$2.00 per participating resident, helps to fund HOA events and beautification programs.

Treasurer’s Report: Month Ending July 31, 2023

Beginning 1STBANK Balance \$11,276.34

Ending 1STBANK Balance \$9,775.28

PayPal Balance at 07/31/2023 \$113.84

(4 contributions of \$30, less fees of \$6.16)

Expenses this month included:

Electronic Storefronts \$35.00

QuickBooks \$57.06

Security Self Storage (June) \$205.00

Bank Fees (Visa debit cards) \$4.00

Waste Connections

(Dumpster Day 06/10/2023) \$1,200.00

(will be reimbursed from city of Aurora for Neighborhood Improvement Grant)

Deposits and other additions: No Deposits This Cycle

Sept. 6: Fight Procrastination Day

This is an unofficial holiday that encourages people to take charge of their procrastination problem and to find ways to combat the never-ending urge to put off important tasks for another day.

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for Teen Services**

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COMMITTEES

Welcome Committee: TBD

Garden Committee: Jerry and Lois Kiefer, Betty Richards,
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WEBSITE: www.missionviejohoa.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448363365762307>

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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.

Advertising:

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.

To place an ad, call **Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499**

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To find ad rates and discounts, go to

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and click on the “Advertising Rates” link.

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!

Mission Viejo Elementary,

continued from front page

- Monday, 9/4/23 - Labor Day - No school for staff and students
- PTCO Believe Kids fundraiser
- Save the date: 17th Annual Veterans Day Celebration Friday, 11/10/23 (RSVP required)

I value our continued partnership and look forward to seeing you at community events throughout the year. 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**

Help Build Beds For Children

J&K Roofing is hosting a bed build day with non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), Denver chapter. This is a day to volunteer and have fun building beds for children in our community who don't have a bed to sleep in. Open to the public. No experience needed. Bring your family, neighbors, business acquaintances and friends. Saturday, September 16, at J&K Roofing headquarters, 13000 W 43rd Drive, Golden. You can donate or register online at <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/co-denver/>. Come join us. It's going to be a great day! "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

National Night Out: 1st Monday of August, 2023

National Night Out is an annual Community-Building Campaign. Even the rain delay didn't stop approximately 36 neighbors from having a good time at their Block Party!

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— **Terri Guillemets**





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Colorado Wildlife Events and Festivals

FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT BARR LAKE

Barr Lake State Park, Brighton

(early-September)

Fly over to Barr Lake State Park to celebrate the fall bird migration, an experience worth sharing with others. Be entertained at this festive community event filled with food, fun, and lore—something for everyone. Plan for a day packed with free food and activities. The Fall Birding Festival is free, but a valid parks pass is required for each vehicle that enters the park.

For more information about the Fall Birding Festival, call Barr Lake Nature Center at 303-659-6005 or send an e-mail to barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us.

LIVING HISTORY DAYS

AT STAUNTON STATE PARK

(early-September)

Meet at the Group Picnic Area (10am-3pm) to view the local historic group's displays and try square dancing! From there, embark on a treasure hunt to find the Reynold's Gang's gold! The treasure hunt meanders through the historic Cabin District and ends at the original Staunton Cabin (35min. hike). Folks dressed in historic garb will greet visitors with cowboy music and Johnny cakes with lemonade. Enjoy demonstrations such as a Mountain Man campsite, trapping and hunting, medicinal and edible plants, as well as games, crafts and blacksmithing.

ANNUAL CELEBRATING BIRD MIGRATION

Waneka Lake and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, Lafayette

(late-September)

Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See a live hawk and other birds of prey up close and view birds in the wild through spotting scopes and binoculars. Learn about migration, marshes and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy art projects and a scavenger hunt.

The 1/3 mile walking path between the parking area and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will feature several local organizations with great activities and displays to offer! This free, public event is suitable for all ages and will also feature an array of fine door prizes.

This program begins at the Waneka Lake East parking lot, where Emma St. ends at Caria Drive in Lafayette. For more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com or 720-612-0506.

ESTES PARK ELK FESTIVAL - Estes Park

(late-September/early-October)

A two-day festival, as described on the event's website: "Elk Fest offers visitors a chance to view elk during the rutting season in the wild, as well as expand their knowledge of elk. Learn more about elk, their habitats, and how to observe them in the wild. Held in Bond Park, located in downtown Estes Park, Elk Fest will offer bugling competitions, educational areas, seminars, music by the Elktones, Mountain Man Rendezvous, Native American storytelling and music, guided elk viewing tours, and vendors that offer art from oils and pastels, hand made elk-ivory jewelry, scrimshawed antler knives, elk antler lamps and chandeliers, elk hide pillows, silver and gold jewelry, and elk antlers." Find out more from the Estes Park Elk Fest website, including schedules and costs (for elk viewing tours), or write to the event organizers.

– <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo>



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AGES 0-7:

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM Tots Tunes
 Thursdays, 10:30 AM Storytime
 Thu, Sep 28, 10:30 AM Special Storytime: Space Party



AGES 11-18:

Sat, Sep 16, 3:00 PM Teen Movie Hangout
 Sat, Sep 30, 3:00 PM Volunteer Opportunity:
 Painting Halloween decorations

ADULTS:

Mondays, 10:30 AM Coffee and Coloring

VIRTUAL/WEBEX:

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

For more information about library programs, call 303-326-8600 or visit auroralibrary.org.

Sept. 13: Positive Thinking Day

Celebrate positive thinking by saying some affirmations, hanging around with positive people or showing gratitude for the simple things in life.

Palisade Fruits and Produce

Colorado peaches are most famously grown in the town of Palisade, and they are known for being extra juicy and extra sweet, thanks to the long sunny days and cool summer nights in Colorado, which help all those delicious fruity sugars develop. Palisade peaches have a long history as a Colorado classic, and it all starts with a man named John Harlow. After the Ute tribe were forcibly removed from their ancestral home in the Western Slope in 1881, colonizers began developing a town known as Palisade. The farmers there quickly realized just how rich and nutrient-filled the soil was, but while it was great for vegetables and grains, there wasn't nearly enough rainfall or water for fruit trees, which shriveled up and died very quickly. But John Harlow, who planted some of the area's earliest peach trees with his wife in 1882, was a determined man. He spearheaded a canal project to divert water from the Colorado River and irrigate the region, and though it took years for his project to come to fruition (pun intended!), it worked. By the beginning of the 20th century, more than twenty-five thousand pounds of peaches were being shipped from Palisade to regions across the country each year.



Once they figured out irrigation, farmers began planting more fruits, like apples, pears, grapes, apricots, and cherries, cementing Palisade and the surrounding area as Colorado's most famous and most productive agricultural hub. Today, Palisade is home to orchards, farms, and vineyards galore.

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Agriculture Festival

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Plains Conservation Center,
21901 E. Hampden Ave., Aurora

Celebrate food, nature and agriculture! Presented by the City of Aurora and Denver Botanic Gardens. Explore Colorado's high plains at the annual Agriculture Festival!

Learn about where food comes from and how you can support healthy environments with regenerative agriculture and sustainable eating. Enjoy wagon rides, 1880s homestead and tipi camp tours, farm animal interactions, food trucks, vendors and more.

Admission: \$5 per vehicle. Please purchase tickets in advance.

Important Safety Rules: Bags are subject to inspection. No animals allowed with the exception of service animals. No glass bottles. No unlawful devices. No illegal substances. No open carry of firearms. No outside alcohol. No unauthorized sound amplification devices.

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For information: Email Fendi at fdespres@auroragov.org or call 303-326-8380.

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It has been a pleasure working with Matthew Glassman. He is prompt and accommodating to our family's busy schedule. He also has been proactive, making sure he understands our needs and ensuring we are spending our time constructively, only on properties that make the mark. Not only is he professional, but practical, honest, and approachable, which is a hard quality to find in this business. I will be working with Matthew in the future and highly recommend his services! - Shay P.

Matt was extremely invested in helping us find the perfect home. He made himself available on evenings and weekends and worked around our availability to show us every house we were interested in looking at. He was friendly and a pleasure to work with! - Brooke A.

Matthew was a great asset selling our home. Selling our family home was not a easy decision or task. He helped in so many ways, and eased the pain of our sale and our move. When the buyers tried to play "hardball" he didn't budge. He knows the area in Aurora well and always responded quick to any questions or issues we had. We totally recommend him - and will gladly use him again if we ever are looking to move back to the area. Thanks!!! - Katie G.

Matthew was incredible! As a first-time buyer I did not really understand the process of purchasing a home. Matt explained everything to me so that I could make the right choice for my family. I explained to him what I was looking for in a home, and he was able to use that information to show me only the houses that I would be interested in, which saved time. He was always available when I needed him for questions or open houses. I am extremely happy with our home and would recommend Matthew to any person looking to sell or buy. - Chris Z.

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I am an Aurora, CO native and am knowledgeable about the Aurora, Cherry Creek and all of Denver Metro areas. With my passion and knowledge, and a fantastic team, I can help you reach your real estate goals. My team can also help with surrounding cities and the Spanish speaking community. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions at all. Thank you and hopefully I will have the pleasure of working with you in the near future!



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Local Corn Mazes

CHATFIELD FARMS

Fridays – Sundays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 29, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Chatfield Farms Location
8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Road
Littleton, CO 80128

It's time to "seas" the day as you dive in to explore our seven-acre corn maze. This year's maze has a sea-creature theme for fun twists and tricky turns. Visitors under the age of 10 can explore the corn mini-maze.

In an effort to reduce waste, printed maps will not be available at Corn Maze. General admission tickets are not available Friday – Sunday during Corn Maze. Last entry is 5 p.m. Corn Maze events and our site close at 6 p.m. Halloween masks and costumes are not permitted on the premises. Tickets must be purchased in advance for a specific time. No onsite ticket sales.

COTTONWOOD FARMS

September 23 - October 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

10600 Isabelle Rd. Lafayette, CO Corn Maze

Bring the whole family for a walk in the corn maze. Our two acre corn maze provides the real feel of being on the farm. Cut by hand, not by tractors, it allows our paths to be narrower, and the experience more personal. Listen to the corn rustling in the breeze as it dries down in preparation for harvest. Let your little ones lead the way as you try to find the exit. Many people value the experience so much that they turn around and go in again.

ANDERSON FARMS

6728 County Rd 3 1/4, Erie, CO 80516

The maze at Anderson Farms is open day and night and is never haunted. The maze is divided into four sections; they will be indicated on your punch card. Do one section or complete all four! There are six checkpoints hidden in each of the three larger sections of the maze, totaling 18 checkpoints.

THE PATCH IN ELIZABETH

Opens September 23, 2023

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Our maze is carved into a whopping 4 acres of tall corn stalks! We put activity stations along the paths with fun facts and quizzes to help you choose a direction for your exploration. We also plant a mini-maze for younger guests.

Aurora Mini Con

COMICS, COSPLAY, GAMING AND MORE!

Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aurora Central Library 14949 E. Alameda Ave., 80012

Aurora Public Library is thrilled to return the annual mini-con in person for the first time since 2019. This is a free festival featuring comics, cosplay and all things pop culture and it will be bigger than ever before! This FREE family-friendly event includes superheroes, comic-themed crafts and activities, panel discussions, exhibits, gaming and a cosplay costume contest. This year's event will feature over 50 vendors, multiple food trucks, special guests and much more!

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