



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

NEWS FROM THE MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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Mission Viejo HOA Next Monthly Meetings:

September 1st, 2025 at 6:30 pm

at the Mission Viejo Library

October 6th, 2025 at 6:30 pm

at the Mission Viejo Library

See Elk In Rocky Mountain National Park

The elk rut is in full swing at Rocky Mountain National. In late August and into September, the mating season for the Colorado elk begins. The town of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park are some of the best places in the state to witness this truly magnificent display of Mother Nature. The ritual begins with the male elk shedding their velvet to make their antlers nice and sharp to battle other male elk in the quest for a female companion.

The male elk can also be heard bugling for miles away as they make their call for a mate. Herds of elk can be seen in large grassy meadows within the park and even in downtown Estes Park. During "Elktober," it is almost impossible not to see an elk.



Mission Viejo Moves Forward With City Collaboration To Enhance Our Community

As a community association, we are constantly exploring ways to maintain and improve the beauty and integrity of our Mission Viejo neighborhood with limited resources. Following the recent news that our annual neighborhood grant application was not funded by the City of Aurora this year, we took steps to engage with city officials to clarify responsibilities for the upkeep of our shared spaces. We are excited to share the very positive outcomes of these conversations.

For background, while our official status as a formal HOA was dissolved in the past, we have proudly continued to serve as a volunteer community group. Your support has enabled us to offer events like large-item trash pickups, holiday carriage rides, garden clubs, and more. This year, our focus expanded to address larger projects at the request of Mission Viejo residents, including finding solutions to the corroding brick columns along Buckley Road, our neighborhood

signs, the fence at the Greenbelt near Mission Viejo Elementary, and weed control along Alicia Avenue.

Upon learning that our grant application—which has provided up to \$5,000 for beautification in past years—was denied, we immediately contacted our Ward V Councilmember, Angela Lawson. The response was nothing short of phenomenal. Within five minutes of our email, Councilmember Lawson had organized meetings with the Aurora City Manager and the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) to help us find a path forward.

We are pleased to report the following clarifications that will guide our community efforts:

Greenbelt Fence and Weed Control

The City of Aurora's PROS department has officially taken responsibility for the maintenance of the gates and fence along the Greenbelt on Alicia Avenue (across from Mission Viejo Elementary). Furthermore, they will manage the weed control along Alicia Avenue, ensuring these prominent areas will be properly maintained by the city.

Community Signs

The city has clarified that the ownership and upkeep of the Mission Viejo community signs are the responsibility of the commercial property owners on whose lots the signs are placed. Armed with this information, we will be reaching out to

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Mission Viejo Homes

In Metro Denver, there are 5,478 new listings which is up 3% from last year and we currently have 15 weeks of inventory (based on sales how many weeks to eliminate inventory). The average sales price is \$590k. It is typical to see a slight slowing in sales because sales drop due to kids going back to school.

If you're looking to buy, this is definitely a buyer's market. What does that mean? The buyer gets to pick the best house and usually get seller concessions for interest buy-down, closing costs or down payment. Motivated sellers are usually willing to take your offer to beat out their competition.

In our Mission Viejo neighborhood, there are currently:

- 12 available homes for sale (+6 homes listed over 1 year)
- average value is \$563,295
- 4 houses are under contract
- 17 homes sold within the last 90 days
- If you are new to the Neighborhood, WELCOME!

— Thanks, Deb

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

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

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Enhance Our Community,

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these owners to propose a partnership. Our goal is to organize volunteer teams for painting and masonry work, hopefully sponsored by the property owners, to restore our signs to their former glory.

Brick Columns on Buckley Road

Responsibility for the iconic brick columns along Buckley Road has been returned to the individual homeowners on whose property the columns are located. We recognize that masonry work can be a daunting task, and we want to help. At our next HOA meeting, we will discuss potential options for organizing volunteer assistance for residents who would like support in repairing their columns.

This entire process, though initiated by a setback, has ultimately strengthened our community's position and provided a clear, collaborative path forward. We extend sincere thanks to Councilmember Angela Lawson for providing the fastest and most effective response we have ever experienced from a representative. We also want to express our gratitude to Brian Green and Laura Perry from the City of Aurora for taking the time to tour our neighborhood and work with us to find solutions.

We are energized by these developments and look forward to working with all of you to continue making Mission Viejo a wonderful place to live. Please join us at the next community meeting to discuss these projects further!

Thanks all!

— Bryon Taylor, Mission Viejo HOA President

Excess Harvest

Excess harvest can be handled in several ways: freezing, canning, drying, donating to food banks or charities, sharing with neighbors, making jams or jellies, or composting any unusable portions.

Freezing: Blanching and freezing vegetables like spinach, kale, and zucchini preserves their nutrients and texture for future use.

Canning: This allows for long-term storage of items like tomatoes, pickles, and jams.

Drying: Drying herbs, fruits, and some vegetables (like tomatoes) reduces their size and weight for easy storage.

Pickling: Pickling vegetables in vinegar and spices creates a flavorful and long-lasting preservation method.

Fermenting: Fermenting foods like sauerkraut and kimchi can be a great way to add probiotics to your diet.

Donating: Food banks and charities are often grateful for fresh produce donations.

Sharing with neighbors: A simple act of sharing with those around you can build community and reduce waste.

Selling: If you have a surplus, consider selling at a farmers market or through a local co-op.

Composting: Composting is a great way to recycle any overripe, bruised, or unusable parts of the harvest back into the garden, creating nutrient-rich soil for next year.

Creating a "harvest restaurant": Host a dinner party featuring your excess produce.

Donating to local nursing homes: Some nursing homes appreciate fresh produce for their residents.



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Aurora City Council

AT-LARGE

Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

Jobs & the Economy

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a budget, make payroll, and grow a business.

Public Safety

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

Taxes & Fees

Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

Revitalizing

Neighborhoods

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.



During a very dark time in my life, Danielle came through shining bright. I'm fighting for my life in stage 4 cancer. I fight alongside my wife and 3 children. Danielle sent us on a Disney Cruise and covered it all. She brought the community together and raised thousands for me to continue battling. I wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford my medical treatments. She helped connect me to many people who will potentially all be an intricate part of saving my life. Only time will tell. Danielle is one of the most humble people I know. I'm not endorsing her as a friend. I'm so honored to endorse her as family.

-Dre Lane, Aurora Resident

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Hummingbird Day

National Hummingbird Day happens during the first Saturday in September. Hummingbirds are remarkable birds with unique characteristics that fascinate bird watchers and nature lovers, alike. There are over 300 species of hummingbirds throughout the world that belong to the Trochilidae family. The Trochilidae family is known for their small size, beautiful plumage, and amazing flying abilities. This family of birds comes in different sizes, colors, and behaviors that are specific to the location where hummingbirds live.

The average hummingbird is between 2 to 5 inches in length, making it the smallest bird in the world. Known for their beautiful colors, hummingbird feathers are an iridescent mix of greens, blues, reds, and purples. Interestingly, the iridescent color of hummingbird feathers gives the appearance of the feathers changing colors in light.

A hummingbird flaps its wings up to 50 times per second and has amazing flying capabilities. For example, hummingbirds move their wings in a figure-eight pattern, allowing them to "hover" in midair. In addition, these unique flying characteristics allow a hummingbird to feed on a flower while in flight. Unsurprisingly, because hummingbirds move so quickly, they feed frequently on nectar from flowers and insects.

Tips For Leaf Peeping:

Peak fall colors typically occur in late September and early October, but can vary depending on elevation and weather.

- **Check Conditions:** Before heading out, check trail conditions, parking availability, and any potential closures.
- **Consider Mid-Week Trips:** Weekends can be very crowded, especially at popular locations like Kenosha Pass.
- **Explore Beyond the Popular Spots:** Many lesser-known trails and scenic drives offer equally stunning views.
- **Be Prepared:** Bring layers of clothing, as mountain weather can change quickly, according to Follow Tiff's Journey.

National Grandparents Day

On the Sunday following Labor Day, National Grandparents Day honors the love only grandparents can provide. Grandparents and their grandchildren share a special bond. These hugging, caring and patient people in the lives of children offer more than a generous dose of love. Grandparents provide an abundance of wisdom. They also offer guidance and stability.



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Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5)
Tue, Sep 30 at 10:30 a.m. Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Sep 3 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 10 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)
Wed, Sep 17 at 4:30 p.m. Snap Bracelet Craft (ages 6-18)
Sat, Sep 20 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
Wed, Sep 24 at 4:30 p.m. Scratch Art Masks (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Sep 4 at 4:30 p.m. Sand Art (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 11 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Book Club: Dragonet Prophecy (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 18 at 4:30 p.m. Caramel Apple Nachos (ages 12-18)
Thu, Sep 25 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, Sep 5 at 11:00 a.m. Diamond Dots (adults)
Sat, Sep 6 at 2:00 p.m. DnD - Intro Session (adults)
Fri, Sep 12 at 11:00 a.m. Resin DnD Dice (adults)
Sat, Sep 13 at 2:00 p.m. Board Games Bonanza (adults)
Fri, Sep 19 at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Coloring (adults)
Sat, Sep 20 at 2:00 p.m. DnD (adults)
Fri, Sep 26 at 11:00 a.m. Perler Beads (adults)

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Wed, Sep 17 at 6:00 p.m. Family Board Game Lock-In

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call 303-326-8600 or visit auroralibrary.org.*

*All the months are crude experiments,
out of which the perfect September is made.*

—Virginia Woolf

Colorado Scottish Festival

Sedalia: The annual Colorado Scottish Festival, presented by the St. Andrew Society of Colorado, is a family-friendly event that showcases Scottish traditions, culture, and history. With something for all ages, there will be athletic competitions, re-enactments, weaving, leather working, blacksmithing, traditional Celtic folk music, piping, and drumming.

Providing visitors with a chance to learn about their family trees at the Clan Tents, this year's 60th event takes place from Saturday to Sunday, September 20th to 21st, 2025, at the Denver Polo Club in Sedalia. Also featuring Irish step dancing, lectures, and a performance by the World Junior Highland Dance Champion, there will be plenty of vendors with Scottish and Celtic items for sale. A family-friendly event to celebrate the magic of Scotland in your own backyard. Featuring:

- Highland Games and Athletic Competitions
- Pipe and Drumming Competitions
- Highland & Irish Dancing
- Clans/Tartan Information
- Historic Re-Enactments
- Scottish Mini-Tattoo Event
- Traditional Scottish & Irish Music
- Thistle Club – VIP Package
- Whisky Tastings
- Celtic Merchandise/Craft Vendors
- Beer Tent
- Food Vendors
- Children's Activities
- Dogs of the British Isles
- British Cars (Sunday only)
- Kirkin' of the Tartan (Sunday morning)

With food vendors, traditional culinary dishes, a beer tent, whiskey tastings, and John Shields' famous haggis, you're sure to have a full belly and a good time. For those looking to see some action, there will be combat and swordsmanship elements to the festival in addition to weaponry with a range of swords. And for anyone looking to bust a move, there will be a concert at the end of the first day while those bringing kids will be happy to know there are activities meant especially for them.

A great event to experience and learn more about Scottish culture, The Colorado Scottish Festival is a great way to spend a weekend.

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Autumnal Equinox

The Autumnal Equinox in September ushers in a change of season. It is observed annually when the sun can be seen directly overhead along the equator. The day marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The autumn equinox is one of two days when all points on Earth except the polar regions see the sunrise and set at due east and due west. With few exceptions, all latitudes see almost precisely 12 hours of daylight and 12 of darkness.

*Nourishing yourself in a way that helps you blossom
in the direction you want to go is attainable,
and you are worth the effort.*

—Deborah Day

*Outside the leaves on the trees constricted slightly;
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—Ali Smith



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INGREDIENTS

- 1 can chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 poblano pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 6 small red potatoes, peeled and diced small
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 4 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 30 ounces canned sweet corn, drained
- 15 ounces canned cream-style corn
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips
- Juice from 1 lime, about 2 tablespoons
- Chopped cilantro, to garnish (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove one chile from the can of chiles and mince it. Remove 1 teaspoon of the adobo sauce and set it aside to be used later. You can save the remaining chiles and sauce for another use.
2. Melt the butter in a large Dutch oven or stock pot over medium heat. Add the poblano pepper, red bell pepper,

the chile from the can, cumin, thyme and oregano, and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the peppers become soft. Add the garlic, stir and cook for an additional 30 seconds, or until fragrant.

3. Stir in the flour with a wooden spoon and cook for 1 minute, or until there is no longer any visible raw flour. Slowly stir in the milk and chicken broth, scraping up any bits from the bottom of the pan as you stir.
4. Add the potatoes, bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender and can be easily pierced with a knife.
5. Add the shredded cheeses a handful at a time, stirring after each addition until the cheese is completely melted.
6. Finally, stir in the chicken, both cans of corn, the tortilla chips, lime juice and the reserved 1 teaspoon of adobo sauce. Cover and cook for an additional 10 minutes, or until the soup is completely heated through. Serve immediately.

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