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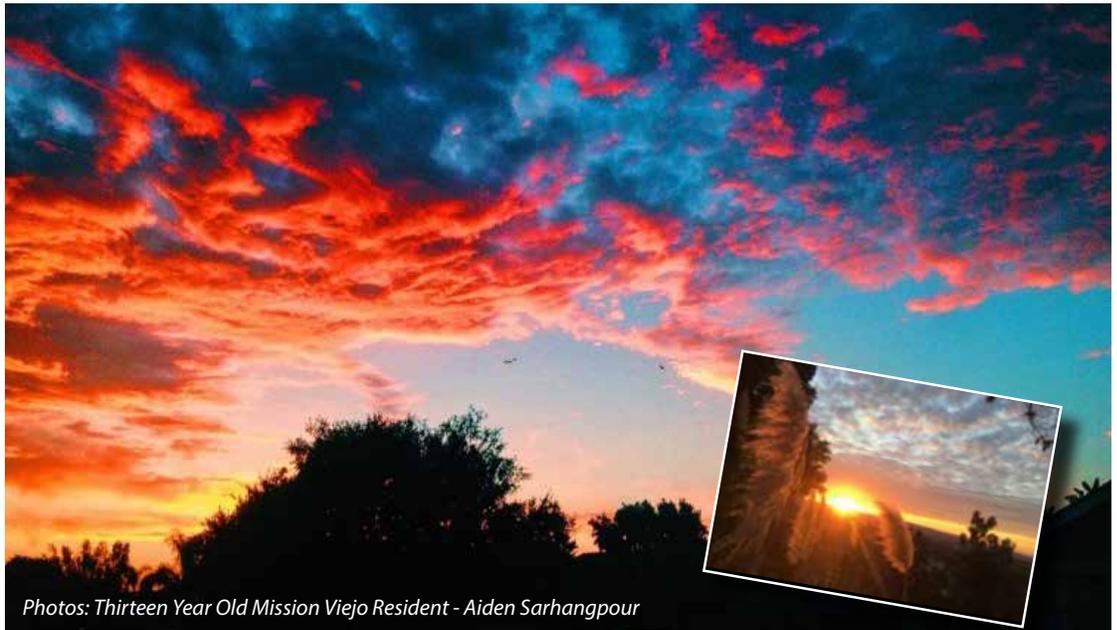
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SUNSETS OF MISSION VIEJO

A Collection of Sunset Photos from Mission Viejo Residents



Photos: Thirteen Year Old Mission Viejo Resident - Aiden Sarhangpour

In this issue, you'll see stunning pictures of sunsets from across Mission Viejo. Some truly prove the old adage of 'red sky at night, shepherd's delight'. Inside, we've assembled breathtaking snaps that have captured scarlet skies, brilliant hues of lavender and rich blue wisps of clouds. The photographs cannot fail to draw gasps of wonder from everyone who sees them.

These images of jaw-dropping beauty are the products of residents across Mission Viejo who were determined to capture the perfect image.

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EARTHQUAKE

Disaster Preparedness For The BIG ONE Is Everyone's Responsibility

Earthquakes, floods, wildfires and landslides are the most likely hazards to occur in Mission Viejo. The **Emergency Operations Plan** is the planning document that guides Mission Viejo's emergency planning and response efforts during a disaster. In the event of a local emergency or large-scale disaster, City staff will report to the Emergency Operations Center at City Hall to coordinate disaster response operations.

Experts recently reported that California is overdue for a large earthquake (7.0 magnitude or larger) on the San Andreas Fault, and emphasized each community's responsibility in getting prepared.

Residents play a major role in making the community more resilient to the impacts of a disaster. Households and businesses are schooled in having an emergency kit with food and supplies that allow self-sufficiency for 3 days or more. Information on preparing an emergency kit and family plan is available on websites linked to the City's website.

Mission Viejo also encourages our residents to take part in its award-winning Community Emergency Preparedness Academy (CEPA). The academy is a 27-hour comprehensive course in neighborhood preparedness. Contact the City at CEPA@cityofmissionviejo.org or 949-470-8433 for class availability.



Mission Viejo City Hall Earthquake Artist Depiction

FROM THE EDITOR

Send Us Your Mission Viejo Stories



Dave Leckness

As former mayor of the great city of Mission Viejo and current publisher of the **Mission Viejo Reporter**, I thank you for reading this issue. Each issue is designed to enlighten our residents and businesses about the many services and activities our city has to offer.

Mission Viejo, founded in 1966, is now home to approximately 100,000 residents. We are a relatively small community with special features you would expect in a much larger community, such as, excellent shopping at The Shops at Mission Viejo, world-class health care at Mission Hospital and Trauma Center, terrific education at Saddleback College, and over fifty city parks, walking trails and sport fields.

The Mission Viejo Reporter is very proud of this City and all the excellent city services that are available to us. Many of the articles and stories in each issue are provided by you, the residents. If you run across an individual or business that you feel has a special story to tell, please share it with us.

Residents write us all the time and say how much they enjoy each issue. The best way to say thanks is to shop at, deal with, and buy from the many small local businesses that advertise with us. I stand behind each one of these establishments that support our community. Keeping our tax dollars here in Mission Viejo allows all of us to live a little better.

Dave Leckness
Editor, Mission Viejo Reporter



Ask Me... I can help you



MY POLICE CHIEF
Ken

Lieutenant Ken Binning
M.V. Chief of Police Services

Q: QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF :

Hi, I love the DUI checkpoints. How many do we have in Mission Viejo in a year?

A: ANSWER:

The amount of DUI checkpoints/and DUI roving patrols can vary by need, funding and staffing. Generally, DUI checkpoints and roving DUI-focused patrols occur during times of perceived celebration. Examples of such times could be Fat Tuesday, Saint Patrick's Day/Saint Joseph's Day, Independence Day, Halloween, the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's Eve/Day.

In 2017, the Orange County Sheriff's Department has planned two DUI Checkpoints and two DUI-focused patrols in our City. In an effort to minimize the impact of traffic congestion and increase the safety of our citizens, the Department has advertised the location of DUI checkpoints in local news publications.

K.L. Binning
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Question for the Chief?, e-mail question to:
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A MOMENT WITH MADAME MAYOR

By Mayor, Wendy Bucknum



Happy New Year Mission Viejo! The future of Mission Viejo is important to each of your councilmembers and I look forward to serving with Councilmembers Sachs, Rath, Kelley and Goodell as we enter into 2017.

We will be kicking off the new year with a strategic planning session - As your Mayor, some of my top priorities are:

Public Safety and increasing public awareness of preventive measures to keep Mission Viejo one of the safest cities in the region. That means we will hold more townhalls to hear from you and increase participation in neighborhood watch programs helping neighborhoods work together more proactively with our police services.

"Mission Viejo Means Business" and I want to see us do everything we can to address business and retail vacancies through a more proactive approach via our economic development committee. Also I look forward to more robust engagement and partnership with our Chamber of Commerce. Look for a restaurant week and unique events this year!

Continued connection of trails and enhancing and preserving open space along those trails, for all to enjoy.

The continuation of technology enhancement and citizen communication via social media and applications that allow for increased transparency, providing a concierge experience that will aid residents access to information associated with city services, such as planning/permits.

Integration and expansion of our arts programs and classes into business and resident community events and experiences.

Recreation facilities and activity enhancement bringing more robust youth activities and senior activities to our residents. For example, look for more teen nights with unique activities and for our active adults - pickleball!



I thank our previous Mayor, Frank Ury for his leadership last year and for teeing up a great 2017 for Mission Viejo!

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Serving Mission Viejo is a Passion

By Mission Viejo Council Member, Trish Kelley

I am humbled and honored to once again serve this great community on the Mission Viejo City Council. The road to this office was paved by an outstanding election team made up of dedicated volunteers who helped me walk the precincts, donated to my campaign, placed signs in their yards and cast their votes for me on election day. I promise to work hard for the good of this community every single day.

My priority for Mission Viejo has always been to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life we enjoy. While this goal encompasses many different areas, keeping our City safe is at the top of the list. Improving traffic flow, roads and infrastructure is also essential. Part of what makes our city so special is our recreational amenities, cultural arts and programs, and services and events that benefit our seniors and families. I look forward to working with my Council colleagues and City staff to enhance our existing facilities and programs – even more – as well as explore new programs, parks and amenities. Because these important "quality-of-life" objectives depend on a strong economic base, it's imperative that we continue to be business friendly and look for ways to improve our commercial centers and local economy.

I am excited about the many opportunities that lie ahead in 2017. I am also excited to chat with you, listen to your ideas and help find solutions to any concerns. My door is always open, so please feel free to call or email me any time. Thank you again for putting your faith in me. I will never take that for granted.

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- with Mission Viejo's Sandra Ferguson

LOOKING FOR LOVE

In the tradition of great personal advice, Mission Viejo Reporter's own Aunt Sandy is a straight shooter who relates to all ages. She researches topics that interest her readers, and then answers their most personal questions with empathy and gentle humor.

Dear Aunt Sandy,

What ever happened to "the girl next door"? I am 30 years old and behind on my marrying schedule. I decided a long time ago that I would be married at 28, I'm now two years past my goal and starting to worry. I belong to two dating clubs and have attended more than 200 church socials. I have proposed to at least 50 girls, but they all have said no. I realize some of my views are old-fashioned, but there must be at least one girl in Mission Viejo who is old-fashioned. My requirements are as follows – I call them the Ten Commandments of Marriage.

1. Virgin (certified by a physician)
2. Non-drinker
3. Non-smoker
4. No dancing where liquor is sold
5. All food prepared from scratch (no frozen foods, either)
6. No excessive allowance
7. No second car (This only tends to make a woman independent)
8. Eat out once every two weeks
9. I choose our friends
10. "The man of the house" should be the final boss in all situations

I know the girl next door is out there somewhere. Will you help me find her Aunt Sandy?

- Lonely in Mission Viejo

Dear Lonely in Mission Viejo,

The girl you're looking for moved from Mission Viejo 40 years ago, and left no forwarding address. Your No. 1 "Commandment" is an insult. No. 4 is just plain stupid. Nos. 9 and 10 are the demands of a total jackass.

I predict that the next 50 women will say no also, unless you happen to hit on one who is feeble-minded, or so desperate she'll take anybody, but, you'll likely not find anyone like that in Mission Viejo. - Aunt Sandy

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FROM OUR ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT.

FIFTY YEARS

HERITAGE COMMITTEE HONORS ORIGINAL SETTLERS ON 50th ANNIVERSARY

Last month was a fun and memorable occasion for the city. Over sixty residents from 31 homes of the original hometown settlers gathered at City Hall for a presentation by former Mayor Robert "Bob" Breton and city dignitaries. Bob commented on the "miracles" of Mission Viejo: that so many believed that a new city in the middle of 'nowhere' would be a wonderful place to call home for 50 years. Heritage Committee member Helen Workun accomplished a major feat in locating them and gathering them together.



Each settler family received a beautifully illustrated certificate, and individual portraits were taken by Charley Speelman. Cake and conversation rounded out the evening.

The Heritage Committee would now like to collect and catalog memorabilia from these wonderful folks. These families, along with any other residents, are invited to participate in a Library scanning workshop on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Folks can make 30 minute appointments to have their historic items scanned at the Norman Murray Center. RSVP to kdickey@cityofmissionviejo.org, or call 949-830-7100 ext. 5105, if you plan to participate. - Kaaron Carver, *Heritage Committee*



FROM OUR THEN & NOW DEPT.

RAFTER M

Dedication and Responsibility

The Rancho Mission Viejo "Rafter M" brand, which stood for the early heritage of the land, also came to represent the dedication and responsibility of each generation of owners to uphold the ways of their forefathers.



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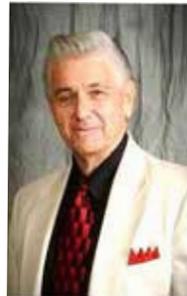
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Architecture and Landscaping

by Jackie Gibbins

There are many features that add character and beauty to a city; one of those things is architecture, and another is the landscape palette. The successful marriage of the two is evident throughout the City of Mission Viejo.

The commercial buildings off La Paz and Chrisanta are a fine example of this blend. I especially love the well-maintained landscaping, water features and walkways that frame and unify the buildings at the Tennis Pavilion just outside of Casta del Sol, residents are invited to not only enjoy their game of tennis or chess, but to do so surrounded in beauty. It takes thoughtful planning to make sure walkways make sense and are easy to traverse.



The planners want to create an attractive and easily accessed destination so folks want to visit and stay awhile!

Just like any marriage or relationship, the success of the union takes time, some trial and error and careful maintenance. In the end, the effort is definitely worth it and the results can be truly dazzling. Just look around!

Jackie Gibbins is a long-time Mission Viejo resident and local Realtor. You can see more of her Mission Viejo photos and commentary at www.MyMissionViejoHome.com.



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FROM OUR RESIDENT OF THE MONTH DEPT.

FIFTY WAYS TO LOSE YOUR UDDERS

MEAT CUTTER STILL CRAZY ABOUT MISSION VIEJO AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Our Resident of the Month for January is **Tom Hibbard**. Tom's mom and dad, **Jerry** and **Terry**, bought their house on Cortina in July 1967. Tom was in the first graduating class at Mission Viejo High School.

Tom's dad, Jerry, opened one of the first businesses in Mission Viejo, The Butcher Shop in La Paz Plaza. Tom became the fourth generation of Hibbards to become a meat cutter. Tom became very efficient at cutting and trimming every piece of meat from the cow. The brisket, the sirloin and even the dreaded foreshank were no match to Tom's wielding of the knife.



Tom Hibbard

Tom bought the house from his parents years ago just before they went to heaven. Tom loves Mission Viejo, he loves his street, and Tom loves all our city has to offer.



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FROM OUR BACKDRAFT DEPT.

NEW RECRUIT STATION 31 GETS A FRESH FACE



John Abel, Mission Viejo Fire Chief
Orange County Fire Authority

Meet Mission Viejo Fire Station 31's newest Firefighter, **Alex Kosareff**. He came to the Orange County Fire Authority after working for the US Forest Service and Cal Fire Riverside as a Seasonal Firefighter and has recently completed his 1 year of probation as a firefighter for the OCFA.



Alex Kosareff

After attending the 16 week Fire Academy, firefighters are assigned to a probationary period for one year. During the one year, they are tested on a regular basis; including a six month and a one year comprehensive exam. Alex was successful in completing his probationary year as the top firefighter for Academy 41.

Alex joined the fire service because he wanted to be someone the public could look up to- someone the public could come to for help. Taking a ROP class during high school cemented his desire to become a firefighter. He enjoyed the camaraderie of the crew and how they acted and responded as a family-unit and that was something he wanted to be a part of. What Alex enjoys most about being a firefighter today is both the rewarding feeling of seeing how the work he does affects someone's life and the people that he gets to work with. He says that, "Sometimes you are able to see immediate results of our efforts and other times we find out weeks later."

To learn more about the Orange County Fire Authority or how to become a Firefighter visit www.ocfa.org



FROM OUR FULL METAL JACKET DEPT.

GOING COMMANDO MISSION VIEJO MARINE HONORED

As summer was winding down here in Mission Viejo, Tesoro High School graduate **Cpl. Joseph D. Valentine**, was on the other side of the world in New Caledonia completing what is widely regarded as one of the toughest courses in NATO Special



Cpl. J.D. Valentine being honored

Operations Forces. He traveled with a platoon of U.S. Marines where they worked hand-in-hand with members of the French Armed Forces to complete the full three-week French Nautical Commando Course.

The course consists of various water training and survival exercises, hand-to-hand combat, close quarters battles, knot tying, building rope bridges and more. Everything the soldiers were taught during the first two weeks they use on a massive three-day exercise to complete their instruction. At the end of the course the Marines received pins in recognition of their accomplishment, this marks the first U.S. forces ever to complete the course and receive these pins

Cpl. Valentine's parents, Cheryl & Mike, live here in Mission Viejo and are very proud of their son and his service.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Carlos Cruz Jr./Released)

FROM OUR ECOLOGY DEPT.

THE QUEEN OF GREEN RESIDENT CHAMPIONS ECOLOGICAL HOME SOLUTIONS

Mission Viejo resident and realtor **Jan Shomaker** has received numerous **GREEN** awards in her nearly 40 year career. Most recently, she traveled to Orlando Florida to accept another prestigious honor and also spent time while she was there teaching others to how to be ecologically savvy in residential applications.



Jan Shomaker

One of her pet projects is solar tubes, which she calls the gift that keeps on giving. Now, a solar tube is not a skylight; it is a tube with a prism that sits on your roof and captures sunlight all day long and brings that light to interior spaces by a process called 'daylighting'. Think closets, bathrooms without windows, hallways and any other dark space in your home.

Solar tubes light these spaces in a way that is energy-efficient, eco-friendly and doesn't let heat in, and yes, they are cost efficient.



Jan shared a story with us of a friend who asked to use her bathroom. After the friend came out of the bathroom she was very apologetic and said she didn't know how to turn off the bathroom light. Jan smiled and replied, "You can't... it's the sun." Jan Shomaker can be reached at **SPS Realty - (949) 716-9954**



A Solar Tube installation



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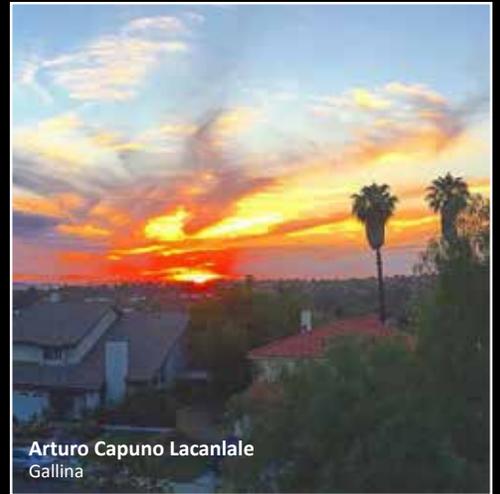
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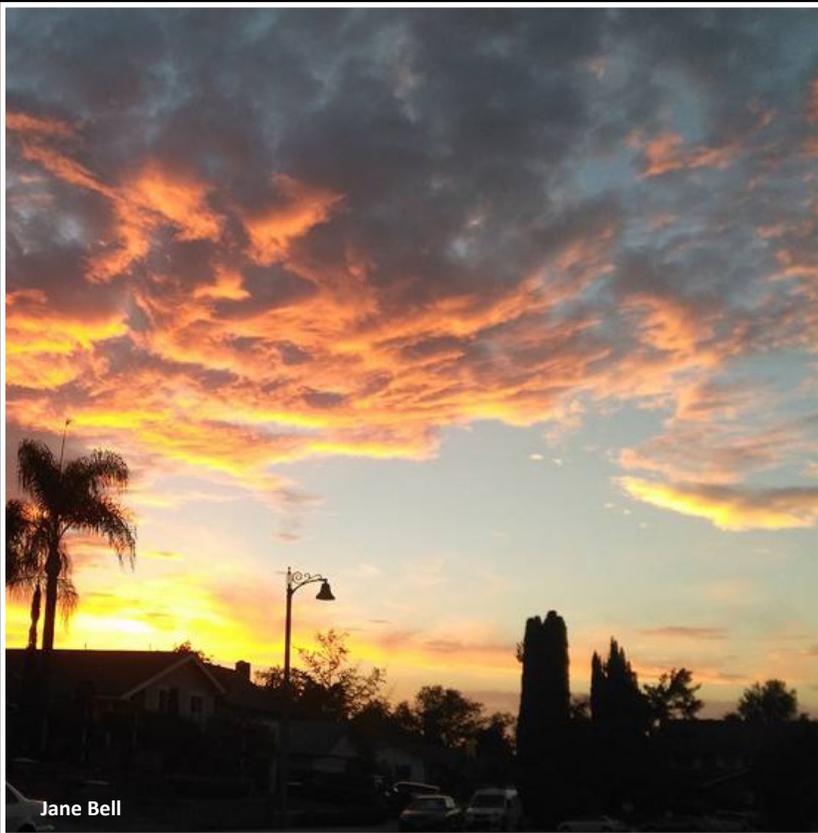
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Victoria Avery has been an Allstate insurance agent for over 30 years. Victoria lives in Mission Viejo. Is past president of the Mission Viejo Rotary Club and graduated from Mission Viejo High School, and Saddleback College.

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Hannah Wilkens
Novaquatics –
Capistrano Valley High School



The Athlete of the Month this month is **Hannah Wilkens**. Hannah is a swimmer at Novaquatics and a four-time varsity swimmer at Capistrano Valley High School. Hannah has been swimming for over 12 years. She loves to swim because she knows there is always room for her to improve. She is a dedicated swimmer practicing 6 days a week, both in the morning and in the afternoon. Her hard work has paid off as she will be attending Hillsdale College next fall to swim.



FROM OUR NEW & IMPROVED DEPT.

MARGUERITE-A-VILLE

CITY RENOVATES ISLANDS IN PHASE 1

Marguerite Parkway is ten miles long. Over the last eight years, the city has been renovating the median islands with grant funding. The grant funding has been received due to a reduction in turf and installing reclaimed water within the city.

This is Phase 1. The City will start the final Northern phase from Alarcon to Santa Margarita Parkway in the Spring.



FROM OUR AUTO SAFETY DEPT.

MISSION VIEJO COLLISION DATA

ALICIA PARKWAY & JERONIMO ROAD IS OUR GROUND ZERO

The Mission Viejo Reporter asked our City traffic department to provide some raw traffic collision data. This data is from July 1st, 2016 through November 5th, 2016. The intersection that has had the most reported traffic collisions during this time frame is Alicia Parkway and Jeronimo Road. Alicia is a major thoroughfare thru our City and is used by a large amount of citizens to commute to and from work.

Our lengthy spine street, Marguerite Parkway, has the most traffic collisions (followed by Alicia). The collisions on Marguerite Parkway are spread along its length and not concentrated at one intersection.



MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

THE Sopranos

Nothing welcomes the warmth of the new year than reading the top 10 Soprano quotes of all time.

"A wrong decision is better than indecision."
—Tony Soprano

"What %#@! kind of human being am I, if my own mother wants me dead?"
—Tony Soprano

Speaking to Silvio: "All due respect, you got no %#@! idea what it's like to be Number One. Every decision you make affects every facet of every other %#@! thing. It's too much to deal with almost. And in the end you're completely alone with it all."
—Tony Soprano

"I'm like King Midas in reverse. Everything I touch turns to %#@!"
—Tony Soprano

"It's good to be in something from the ground floor. I came too late for that and I know. But lately, I'm getting the feeling that I came in at the end. The best is over."
—Tony Soprano

"If you can quote the rules, then you can obey them."
—Tony Soprano

Dr. Jennifer Melfi:
"What line of work are you in?"
Tony Soprano:
"Waste management consultant."

In response to Dr. Melfi's question, after he threatens to smash her face during a therapy session:
"Is this a woman thing? You ask me how I'm feeling. I tell you how I'm feeling, and now you're going to torture me with it."
—Tony Soprano

Speaking to his wife, Carmela: "You're only religious when it suits you."
—Tony Soprano

Tony Speaking to Meadow's boyfriend,
"So Finn, any plans for the summer? Going back to Mission Viejo and surf or whatever?"

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FROM OUR MEANWHILE IN RSM DEPT.

A CHALLENGE!

From Rancho Santa Margarita

by **Brad McGirr** - Council Member, Rancho Santa Margarita

Last month, the **Mission Viejo Reporter** received the following e-mail with photos from **Ranch Santa Margarita Council Member Brad McGirr** challenging the people of the city of Mission Viejo to join him in the **ZeroTrash** initiative. The ZeroTrash Initiative is a program designed to eliminate trash from the communities participating in it. We at the Reporter salute Councilman McGirr's efforts and urge the people of the Mission Viejo Community to follow RSM's lead and exceed their accomplishments.



Litter. I hate litter! I pick it up every day, and it keeps coming back. Two years ago, I found myself carrying sheets of aluminum siding, large styrofoam containers, a metal construction sign and countless bottles and cans out of the wilderness, wondering why anyone would even consider polluting this beautiful environment.



Laguna Beach resident **Chip McDermott** created "ZeroTrash" in 2007, and when I first ran for RSM City Council, I promised to bring a ZeroTrash program to Rancho Santa Margarita. This was accomplished two years ago, and now it's Mission Viejo's turn!

Our goals and accomplishments are simple:

- Clean up our community and the surrounding wilderness areas.
- Help satisfy high school requirements for student service hours.
- Help scouts achieve citizenship badges.
- Allow for our business community to participate in beautifying.
- Provide a new civic opportunity for all.

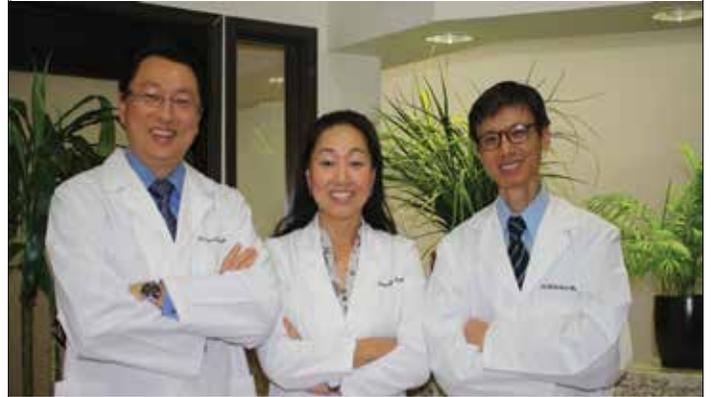
All of this, without spending one cent of taxpayer money! Mission Viejo, you're invited to join ZeroTrashRSM, or to start your own ZeroTrash Mission Viejo!



For more information, please contact me at: **BMcGirr@cityofrsm.org**, or visit us at **www.facebook.com/groups/ZeroTrashRSM/**

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MISSION VIEJO HACIENDA OF THE MONTH

By Grace Arthur

Simple, sophisticated and sweet - this Mission Viejo home has won us over. With its charming courtyard and accommodating backyard, the **Street Family** is embracing their newly renovated home.



Homeowner **Jennifer Street** and her family moved to Mission Viejo from Texas, nine years ago and have lived in their current Mission Viejo home for about seven and a half years.

This year, they decided they were ready to make some big changes to their home. "We decided to remodel because we knew the house had a lot of potential," said Street. In order to give the house a cohesive feel, they hired a landscape designer and did all their renovations at once.

The Streets are extremely happy with their decision to remodel and want to advise anyone with the same ambitions to, "Take your time to plan

exactly what you want." Their new home is beautiful. You might even say it has **Street** appeal, or we mean **curb** appeal. (wink, wink.)



FROM OUR 26 MILES DEPT.

WHEN I'M SIXTY-FOUR

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT ISN'T SLOWING DOWN

Eighteen years ago, **David Shostak** of Mission Viejo received a post card from Cal Coast Track Club that said, "Take the first step, and we will do the rest. Completing twenty, 26.2 mile marathons later, David has taken many steps. He has completed some of the biggest marathons; Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. His mantra for New York was, "Home town boy gets to run in his home town".

After David started running, his son Jared said "First off, I think he's insane, but of course I'm proud of him." I remember thinking when he first started running years ago that it might be a phase, but he's kept at it, and that's pretty amazing."

David has now taken a giant step to try and raise donations to cure cancer for the **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**. By doing this, he gets to accomplish one of his dreams to run the Boston Marathon in 2017. Now, at 64 years old, this might be David's last full marathon as his knees are waning on him, his hair is thinning and he can't stop thinking, "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four?"

David is now putting his "sweat equity" into raising \$16,500 to cure cancer using his DFMC website. If you want to help him in his quest, you can donate at his website at: www.runDFMC.org/2017/davids



David Shostak

& ABOUT GIFT BOUTIQUE

with Kathy Kuiper

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

My friend, Valerie Strowski, was an official court reporter until she was laid off in 2012. As a newlywed, she and her husband were planning on starting a family so her husband, Shane, a Machine Shop owner, thought it would be a good idea to start a home based business. Together they started a jewelry and gift boutique called ValeriesBoutique.com. Valerie designs everything from their beautiful lake front home in Mission Viejo. Customers love that they get a good value since most pieces are about \$40 and unique. A few select pieces are sold at "A Hidden Vine" on the lake but a larger selection is offered at the online boutique. Valerie also designs wine charms and home decor. Some well known fashionistas who are fans of her boutique and wear the designs include Gretchen Rossi, Alexis Bellino, Meghan King-Edwards, Luann de Lessups, Kristin Taekman, and Joanna Krupa, all of the "Real Housewives" franchises.



Valerie Strowski

Valerie is offering 10% off to our readers when you use the promo code "MV" on her website ValeriesBoutique.com. I really love to give the jewelry as gifts since they're always so well received. I personally get tons of compliments on the earnings I wear almost every day. For all of you Gentlemen out there, remember that Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

FROM OUR WORD ON THE STREET DEPT.

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENTS CONTEMPLATE FRIENDSHIP



Linda S., "Try to be, yes. I'm a great friend because I'm an encourager and like to see people at their best."



Lizeth P., "Yes! I'm a good friend because I'm caring. If my friends don't have a smile, I try to make them happy."



Sharon L., "Yes! I'm a great friend because I'm loyal, committed, and I'm not a crabby person."



Jethro E., "Yes, I'm a great friend because I'm always genuinely carrying for people."

SIGNS OF A FRIEND
 Friends will come and go in your life, but more important than how long a friendship lasts, is that a good friend will love you for who you are.

With this in mind, the **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked a few folks at **Santora's Wings**, the **Rockfire Grill** and **Amena Wellness Pharmacy**

"ARE YOU A GOOD FRIEND AND WHY DO YOU THINK SO?"



Kim K., "Yes! I'm a great friend because I find it important to let them know that they are cared for, and that I'm there for them. I'm even there when they're at their worst."



Mark K., "Yes, I'm a great friend because my friends can call me at 3 AM, and I will be right there for them."



Rishi S. "Yes, I'm a great friend because even if you're a friend or not, I want to treat others the way I would like to be treated."



Connie R., "Yes, I'm a good friend because I go out of my way to make sure that my friends aren't thinking ill about me when I'm not around, with little gestures here and there."



Paul V., "Yes, if my good friend called at 4 AM and asked to help bury a dead body, I would say 'yes'. Now, that's a friend."



FROM OUR THEN & NOW DEPT.

LA PAZ MEDICAL-DENTAL CENTER

Photo and Text from 1968 Mission Viejo Reporter



FIRST LOOK - Getting their first look at the **La Paz Medical-Dental Center** are six of the practitioners who will move into the structure. Located on the northeast corner of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive, the 26 suite structure is due to completed in the fall.

- From left to right are:
- Robert J. O'Callahan, D.D.S.
 - Roger Guevera, M.D.
 - Steven E. Taylor, D.D.S.
 - Thomas E. Amen, O.D.
 - Fred R. Smith, M.D.
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La Paz Medical Center as it looks today

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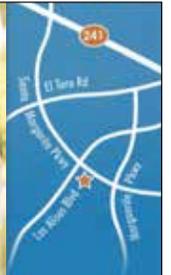
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