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Dave Leckness
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CITY SPEAK

FAIR IS FAIR

FAIRNESS IS THE CHARACTER QUALITY FOR JULY



by Trish Kelley
City Council Member
Co-founder Mission Viejo
Community of Character

Mission Viejo is a City of Character, and each month, we promote a different character quality. In July, our focus is on Fairness.

The word fairness is often used with younger children to help them acquire skills in interacting with others. Children can learn fairness by sharing, taking turns, and thinking about others, and they can practice these skills through playing games and interacting with other kids. As a person matures through teen years and adulthood, the challenges of being fair may be even more difficult!

Due to the competitive nature of many aspects of our society, including sports, grades, and business, many individuals experience tremendous pressure to excel. There are temptations and opportunities to cheat, cut corners, or take unfair advantages to achieve a victory. Fairness involves playing by the rules, treating others with respect, being open-minded, listening to get the facts, and being aboveboard in your actions.

As we work on maintaining or improving the quality of fairness in our lives, let us remember the words of Sophocles: "RATHER FAIL WITH HONOR THAN SUCCEED BY FRAUD."

To read our character documents in full, visit cityofmissionviejo.org/character. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the Character Committee.

Trish Kelley, City Council Member

Co-Founder, Mission Viejo Community of Character

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SUMMERTIME FUN IN MISSION VIEJO



by Colonel Greg Rath
USMC (RET)
Mayor, Mission Viejo

As we enter the warm summer months in Mission Viejo, we have pulled out all the stops to ensure you have a fun-filled summer. We begin with the "Fourth of July Street Faire and Fireworks Spectacular" sponsored by the Mission Viejo Activities Committee. This birthday celebration of America will be a day of food, rides, live entertainment, games and merchandise booths. For more information, go to <https://mvactivities.com>.

The Mission Viejo Library is sponsoring the "Mission Viejo Library Summer Reading Program" throughout July. This program encourages our children to read and learn. For more information contact the library at 949-830-7100 extension 5107.

"Boots, Beer & BBQ" will be July 21st at the Murray Center from 4:00-7:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Mission Viejo Community Foundation and the Marine Corps & Sailors Adoption Committee to support our City's adopted Marine Corps Battalion at Camp Pendleton. The charge is \$25 per person, and you can register at <https://mvcommunityfoundation.org>. Outback Steakhouse will cater the meal. Enjoy line dancing and live entertainment.

These are just a few of the many activities we have planned for our residents and their families. Be safe and enjoy the summer of 2019.

SUMMER'S HERE "MOM, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO...I'M BORED!"



Bob Stewart
President
MV Chamber of Commerce

It's June, and you know what that means... Summer vacation is here! All our kids have been dreaming of time off! But what are they going to do?

Summer is awesome! Many kids will spend their first few days of summer vacation just resting and relaxing. Some families have vacations planned. Some kids will go to summer camp and some have other activities planned. But what typically happens after that? Kids sleep in and get up and play video games. They will watch YouTube, TV or just hang out on their phones looking at memes.

A little of that with Mom's and Dad's permission and supervision is totally fine. However, it's not uncommon to see these activities become the main way our children spend their free time. When we try to restrict that behavior we hear, "But I'm bored. There's nothing to do!"

Parents, what can we do? Start by intentionally helping your kids balance their free time with meaningful activities. Set expectations for "screen time". Next, and this is the key, back it up with something else to do. Talk about the importance of putting the needs of others first. Help them decide on summer service projects. Start with things they can do around the home for the family and then explore what can be done in the community.

Some ideas: household "clean up" or improvement projects, start a garden for the home or the neighborhood, a Good Will drive or Food Drive around the neighborhood, contact local veterans' groups and start a letter writing campaign. Try it out! Summer is an incredible opportunity to help our children develop positive character through service.

Bob Stewart is the current President of the Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce and the owner of PKSA Karate school located in Mission Viejo. PKSA offers martial arts classes for all ages & fitness levels. You can find them on the web at www.pksawest.com



FROM OUR **WASTED AWAY AGAIN** DEPT.

Marguerite-A-Ville City Renovates Islands

Marguerite Parkway is ten miles long. Over the last eight years, the City has been renovating the median islands. The final northerly phase was completed in 2018. We were successful in 2019 getting grant funds to complete the segment of medians along Marguerite near the mall.

The City's priority is removing thirsty turf and replacing with water thrifty drought tollerant plants and point source drip irrigation.



FROM OUR **ALONG THE TRAIL** DEPT.

ONE-ARMED MAN APPLAUDS MISSION VIEJO

City Ranks High In Disability Awareness

Last month, the **Mission Viejo Reporter** caught up with **Alan Browne** along the Oso Creek Trail. Alan said, "I applaud Mission Viejo and its efforts in making the city more disability friendly".

"It's easy to get around in the city," he says. He also adds that

people with disabilities have been a public presence here for so long that they're part of the daily landscape. He said, "People here also obey the handicapped parking spaces at the stores".

For the blind, Mission Viejo offers crosswalk indicators on the curb and audible equipment on the poles. Our trails have wide accessible ramps for wheelchairs and scooters. Almost all of our parks have equipment designed for children with disabilities and bathrooms are all ADA compliant. Mission Viejo recreation facilities include outdoor activities such as hiking, bocce ball and camping, that are fully disability-friendly.



Alan Browne

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FROM **OUR ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT.**

EARTHQUAKE

Disaster Preparedness For The BIG ONE Is Everyone's Responsibility



Mission Viejo City Hall Earthquake Artist Depiction

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.



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FROM OUR HERITAGE DEPT.

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FROM OUR THEN & NOW DEPT.

ARCHIVES

LA PAZ MEDICAL-DENTAL CENTER, 1969



FIRST LOOK -
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FROM OUR **FLYING FINGERS** DEPT.

THE PIANO MAN

Resident Wins World Championship

One of our very own Mission Viejo residents, **Paul Orsi**, traveled over Memorial Day weekend to Oxford, Mississippi to compete in The World Championship of Old-Time Piano Playing Competition and brought home **1st PLACE!**

Every year the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest and Festival is held. Pianists from around the world gather to compete and celebrate early American popular music created prior to 1940. Paul, a former Disneyland pianist, entered the hotly contested Regular Division and is now the World Champion until next year's contest. He performs locally at several retirement communities and is an active member of the Orange County Ragtime Society. Paul said he is honored to be the 2019 World Champion.



Paul Orsi



Paul Orsi of Mission Viejo-2019 World Old Time Piano Playing Champion

FROM OUR **BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD** DEPT.

BLACK SWANS | & ABOUT

SONG with Kathy Kuiper

Recently, my kids spotted two beautiful black swans on Lake Mission Viejo right in front of our house. Although black swans have a reputation for being mean, they swam pretty close to our dock, and we offered them some duck food, hoping they'd come back regularly.



by Kathy Kuiper
Mom, Mother of Triplets

I then set out to find out where these swans came from. **Pat Buckley**, a local resident, informed me that two black swans were purchased by the Association of Lake Forest for their small lake. Now, there are about 8 adult black swans on the Lake and 4 cygnets (the name for baby swans). As they grow, they

leave, usually in pairs, sometimes permanently. This is why we see them on Lake Mission Viejo.

Pat shared with me that the "call" (sound) the black swans make was featured in the movie "Jurassic Park" as one of the dinosaur roars.

A few days ago, we spotted a big black swan floating eloquently in front of our house, and we chased after it (in our boat) to get some photos. You might keep an eye out for these beautiful creatures, and if we are lucky, a few might take up permanent residence on Lake Mission Viejo.



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Ask Aunt Sandy



- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON

Mission Viejo's very own advice columnist is a straight shooter and slightly humorous.

BODY COUNT?

Dear Aunt Sandy,

We live in the Pacific Hills area, and next door some college students rent a house. They generally are good neighbors and are quick to help my teenage daughter with any local errands she needs to run. My main issue is their trash. They find it amusing to wrap their trash like a dead body and leave it out on the street or drop it off at Pavilions. Sometimes Waste Management picks it up, sometimes they don't. I'm nervous because while it is somewhat funny, I'm afraid it offends my other neighbors. What should I do?

Trash Talking in Pacific Hills

Dear Trash Talker,

Oh my, those college kids do have a sense of humor. However, I would be more worried about your teenage daughter and those "local errands" that the boys are so quick to help out with.

As far as what to do about the trash, I'd leave that to the authorities.

- Aunt Sandy



WHEELAPPEAL

Childhood Watch Safety Academy



Officer Robbie Miranda and the kids

Last month, Mission Viejo deputies completed their **CHILDHOOD WATCH SAFETY ACADEMY** with an important lesson on bicycle safety followed by a graduation celebration.

Orange County Sheriff Department investigator **Robbie Miranda**, who is a former professional BMX racer and X Games Gold medalist, taught the kids some important riding and safety rules. After teaching, he wowed the class with a fun demonstration which highlighted his skills on the bike.

Also participating, were the Mission Viejo OCSA Explorers. They were there working behind the scenes each night of the academy.



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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



A Solar Tube installation

'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



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By law, Checkpoints and their location must be advertised by the handling law enforcement agency. In addition to DUI checkpoints, we also have a DUI Enforcement Deputy who proactively looks for DUIs each night of the week.



Quyen Vuong

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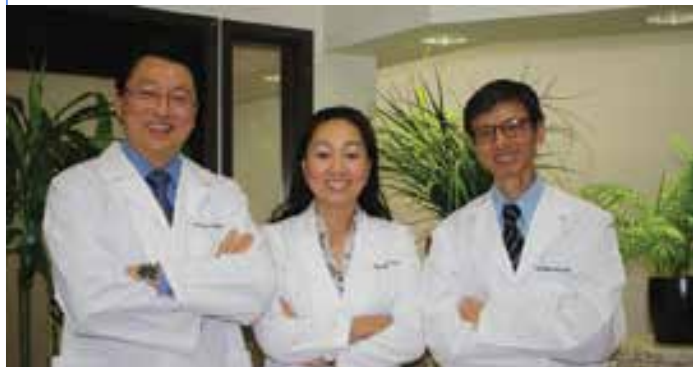


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Since then, Hassan's vision has become a reality. Growing into far more than your average coffee house, It's a Grind has transformed into a hub of the community. On any given day, you will find the spacious tables filled with studying teens, the conference room occupied by local businesspeople, the comfortable chairs populated with friendly neighbors, and of course regular commuters stopping for their morning fix before work.

Whenever the City of Mission Viejo has an event, you can expect to see It's a Grind handing

out quality coffee and scrumptious pastries. Mission Viejo residents **Victoria** and **Katie** are ready to help.

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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH Greta Burk- Lacrosse, Cheer



Greta Burk is unstoppable! She has turned multi-tasking into an art form, mostly due to her steadfast commitment to excel at everything she's involved in. From ASB to Varsity Cheer and Girls' Lacrosse, Greta has fully embraced the high school experience.

Many describe her as "independent, highly spirited and positive". Once she sets a goal for herself, she goes after it with confidence and sheer determination. For nine years, Greta enjoyed watching her brother play lacrosse and felt inspired to give the sport a try. In her Freshman year, Greta joined the CVHS JV team as a mid-fielder, eager to learn the game. By the end of her Sophomore year, she made significant contributions to her Varsity team. In one of the most exciting games, in double overtime and only a few minutes left in the game, Greta scored the winning goal. She explains that they are "a young team, but whether we win or lose, we always have a lot of fun on the field."

She's a tough player and a strong leader, continually emphasizing teamwork and motivating others, yet she remains humble and keeps a close bond with her family. In fact, one of her favorite activities is to go snowboarding with them.

AWARDS and Community Service: Scholar-Athlete (9th, 10th), Coaches Award - Varsity Lacrosse (10th), Most Talented - Cheer (9th), member of Saddleback Assistees, a National Charity League for 4 years.



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