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Mission Viejo Reporter, focusing on people, news, events, and business.

## MISSION VIEJO'S TALLEST TREE

Nicknamed (by us) "Old Glory" tops out at 125"

Mission Viejo named "Tree City USA"

M ission Viejo is loaded with trees, 45,000 of them. We have palms, sycamores, elms, oaks, pines, and even bonsai. Trees are an important part of our community. Our streets, parks, playgrounds, and backyards are lined with trees that create a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment. Trees increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban settings, and our Mission Viejo crows love them. Some areas are also home to very old trees that serve as historic landmarks and a great source of town pride (see our January issue – Hangman's Tree).

Mission Viejo's tallest tree is nicknamed "Old Glory." It stands 125 feet tall. That's the estimated height recorded at last tree trim. All trimmed Mission Viejo trees are entered into a vast database, and this tree is the tallest in our database.

For your enjoyment we've tied a blue ribbon around the base of this massive Mission Viejo tree. Can you find it? Text 949 533-1515 for exact location.

This month, we've asked our **Mission Viejo Reporter** Facebook fans to send us some of their best pictures of Mission Viejo trees. Here you will find some very good examples of why Mission Viejo has been named "Tree City USA"...enjoy.





## Mission Viejo Film Festival

Mission Viejo is ready for your close up!

On May 21, 2016, The Voss Brothers, Tyler and Grant, will be hosting the Mission Viejo Film Festival at the Kaleidescope from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Mission Viejo Film Festival is a showcase for aspiring filmmakers and supports a worthy and charitable cause. All proceeds from this festival will be donated to City of Hope's research and treatment of cancer.

All films must be family friendly and fifteen minutes maximum.

There are three categories: Elementary, High School, College, and Independent.

Awards will be given in four categories: Mark Jennings Award, Mayor's Award, City of Hope Award, and People's Choice Award.

For more information contact www.missionviejofilmfestival.com

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



**Mayor Frank Ury** 

Mission Viejo has always prided itself on our outstanding Animal Services. From volunteers, to the shelter, to our no-kill policy, to our amazing facility, our commitment to animal lovers in Orange County

is second to none. In fact, just a few years ago, we began providing those services to two other south county cities.

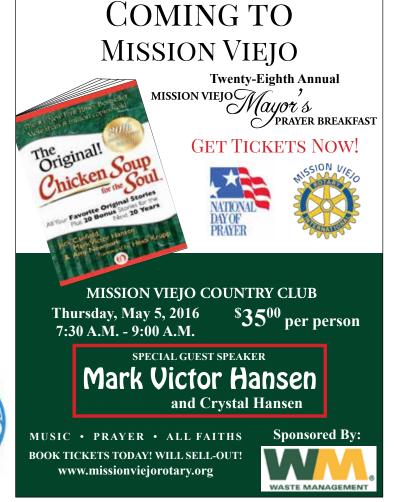
On March 8, the City Council authorized staff to move forward with expanding our Animal Services to the Cities of Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita. The Council has been working on this for month, and there are many benefits to the City.

First, our costs to our taxpayers will go down 10%. Second, adding both cities will allow for us to staff after hours animal services. Currently, after hours issues are handles with an oncall basis only. Third, both of the joining cities will provide

capital dollars, which will allow us to expand the facilities to accommodate the additional animals, and some other upgrades.

We await the vote from Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita. I will update you next month on how things are progressing.

Frank Ury, Mayor City of Mission Viejo





## by Stacy Mealin

he greatest gift to a community is when someone goes the extra mile and it makes a difference.

Going the extra mile is doing more than is expected.

In Mission Viejo we are surrounded by marvelous people, people who are competent, people who make bold decisions, people who are creative, people who share a common sense of decency, fairness, and public concern.

Let us introduce you to Gary Brenner... Gary has been a resident of Mission Viejo for 22 years, with his lovely wife Cristy and their two dogs.

He worked for Northrop Grumman, in EL Segundo, as an aerospace engineer. While he was there and nearly close to retiring, he met Bill Bracken. Bill had a plane at the Torrance private airport where Gary maintained service on his plane consistently. One day, Gary noticed the plane was missing. He had discovered that Bill had been flying a medical team to and from Baja Mexico and had a terrible accident. Gary decided in 1998 to be a good Samaritan. He decided to take over the volunteer transportation to Mexico, using his own six passenger



plane to carry medical supplies continues bringing medical and medical teams to a facility the Mexican locals provided. The name of the nonprofit organization is called "Flying Samaritans." Gary flew for the "Flying Samaritans" for 12 years and ended his last journey in 2010.

In 2010, Gary found another nonprofit organization called Liga International. This nonprofit was located in the State of Sinaloa Mexico. Gary

staff and ophthalmologist to a town called El Fuerte. He enjoys working with the Liga International group because in El Furerte the Mexicans were able to give the medical staff an operating room and to provide more services and supplies.

Gary makes about 18 trips a year to Mexico, and has fulfilled his life by giving back.

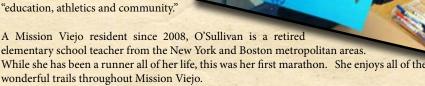
# MISSION VIEJO/BOSTON STRONG

#### By Irene Palatics



Mission Viejo resident, Kristin O'Sullivan joined 86 teammates from around the country to run the Boston Marathon on Patriots' Day as part of Team MR8.

MR8 is the Martin Richard Foundation. It was created by the parents of eight-year-old Martin Richard who was the youngest victim in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. For days after the bombings, a picture trended on social media showing Martin holding a handmade poster that read "No more hurting people. Peace." This profound message was the starting point of the Foundation's mission to invest in



When asked what kept her going each mile of the marathon, O'Sullivan said, "It all comes down to Martin Richard." She was inspired by the message Martin's father shared at the team's introduction at famed Fenway Park in Boston. "He hopes Martin will live a full life through the works of the Foundation."

For more information about MR8, please visit www.teammr8.org.



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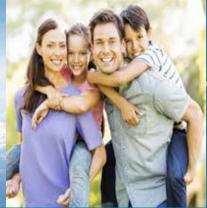
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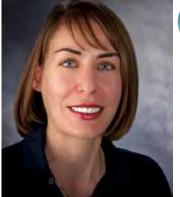
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# Message From The President Chamber of Commerce



#### **Chuck McCollough, President**

Whether you are an established business or new to the area, the Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce is here to help you succeed. Our goals are:

- 1. To provide opportunities and benefits for Chamber Members to help strengthen their businesses.
- 2. To promote and assist businesses in Mission Viejo by creating a climate where they can operate in a productive

and profitable manner.

- 3. To cooperate with and support the business community of Mission Viejo both locally and within the region.
- 4. To educate, inform, and encourage residents to shop and dine in Mission Viejo and patronize local businesses.
- 5. To increase the economic base of Mission Viejo while preserving our historic resources, quality of life, ambiance, and the interest of you members.

#### What We Do

The Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce is here to support the business community. We provide opportunities for local businesses to meet likeminded business owners, learn from experts, and promote themselves within the community. Join us at our mixers and special events. Or come out and support your fellow business owners at their ribbon cuttings and community events.

#### Why We Do It

Being a business owner today can be challenging. But it is important to know that you are not alone. The Mission Viejo Chamber is here to help you get involved in the community, provide a voice for your business through various events, activities and advertising opportunities, and give you access to local experts that can help you be successful.



# MESSAGE FROM THE MV CHIEF OF POLICE

#### Lieutenant Brad NewMyer

In an effort to prevent property theft, Mission Viejo Police Services is reminding residents to remove valuable items from their vehicles and lock their car doors.



There has been a recent surge of vehicle burglaries in the City, with personal information and valuable items stolen from locked and unlocked vehicles. In some of those incidents, unlocked vehicles were easy targets for perpetrators visiting neighborhoods and checking vehicle door handles. The loss has included vehicle registration and personal property. This "car fishing" typically occurs in the late night and early morning hours.

In other cases, the windows of locked vehicles with valuable items left in plain sight were smashed. The incidents resulted in vehicle damage and loss of property. You can play a key role in preventing this type of crime by rolling up your windows, removing valuable items, and always locking your parked vehicle. Be sure to park in well-lit areas. Finally, remember to immediately report suspicious activities or people to the Sheriff's Department by calling the 24-hour non-emergency dispatch line at (949) 770-6011.





# Signs & Pictures WEREMEMBER



We moved in July of 1968. When my parents actually purchased our house, this sign had just over 4,000, it was on La Paz. -Donna Cate Ruggles



Donna Cate Ruggles shared this picture of Donna, her mom, and older sister from about 1969. Mission Viejo population at the time was 7,698.

## MISSION VIEJO HACIENDA OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to have **Duke and Cindy Deal's** home as our **Hacienda** of the **Month**.

The Deal's home is located on the corner as you enter their beautiful neighborhood. Standing like a piece of art in the Deal's front yard is the most magnificently manicured tree you'll ever see. It's as if the tree was carved from Italian green marble by Michelangelo himself.

While driving past this house, we stopped and inquired about the Deal's beautiful front yard tree. We asked Duke if he would be our "Hacienda of the Month" recipient in honor of the City's Tree City USA award, and he said "Sure, I guess."





# DOLLAR TREE ITS A BARGAIN



We have two terrific **Dollar Tree Stores** here in Mission Viejo, one on Alicia and the 5 freeway and the other at Alicia and Olympiad.

Lauren Boudreau brings you the best things to buy.

We've all been there for the best deals: the dollar store. Sometimes things are a dollar, sometimes they're not, but we always know one thing: they are dirt cheap. But is anything worth buying at the the dollar store? We know that with cheap prices comes cheap manufacturing. Won't it just break in a week? Believe it or not, there are some items that you should definitely get from the dollar store. These items won't break or expire, and they are items you actually need. Well, OK, mostly need.

Here's the definitive list of items you should get from your local dollar store.

- 1. Greeting Cards Everyone who's been to Hallmark knows a greeting card can set you back as much as six bucks. But it doesn't have to! The dollar store has you covered. It has greeting cards for every occasion at less than a dollar.
- 2. Plastic Utensils Why spend more money on something that is just going to be thrown away right after use?
- 3. Storage Bins used for storage don't need to be anything fancy. You throw the old Christmas lights in and toss it in the basement. At the dollar store, you'll find bins for a variety of uses.
- **4. Tampons/Sanitary Napkins** As long as women still have to pay for these, they should purchase them at the dollar store. Feminine products can set you back six to ten bucks elsewhere.
- 5. Aluminum Foil You should always get your aluminum foil at the dollar store. The price per square foot will always beat any other retailer.
- **6. Balloons** At other stores, balloons can be \$5, but at the dollar store, a balloon is a buck.
- 7. Cleaning Supplies Buying cleaning supplies at the dollar store is a good way to keep to a budget. The supplies have all the same ingredients (though maybe a bit diluted) and get the job done.
- **8. Craft Supplies** Even if you're not into crafting, it's a good way to keep kids busy. The dollar store sells plenty of beads, crayons, paintbrushes, coloring books, glitter, and more!
- Bathroom Supplies This includes shaving cream, mouthwash, toothbrushes, and loofas.
- 10. Books Barnes and Noble sells new books for over \$20. The dollar store also has popular books for a fraction of the price – in hardcover.

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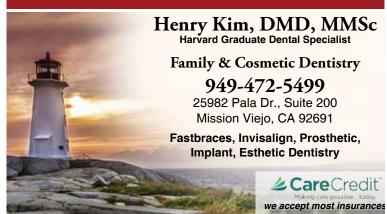
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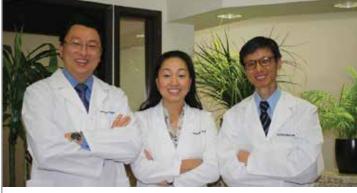
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# ON THE SET

## Mission Viejo Goes Hollywood

range Coast Media is the home of nationally syndicated television shows "The Sunday Drive" and "Race Central TV." President and CEO Mark Perleberg is a 35 year Mission Viejo resident who currently resides on beautiful Lake Mission Viejo.

But the real excitement for Mark is what he calls his "Misfit Collection" of cars (over 20 give-or-take) which is proudly displayed in the downstairs of the production studio. Mark, an avid car collector and automotive historian, says that the collection is reminiscent of high school parking lots in the 1970s, with everything from a VW Van, Pinto Squire Wagon,

Fiat Spider, Karmann Ghia, Triumph TR7, and Plymouth Duster and one his personal favorites, a oneowner 1979 Mercury Cougar XR7 finished in tangerine orange with a white leather interior. None of the cars are offered for

sale; the real purpose is just for fun. Future plans are to set up a slot car track, pine car track and other automotive-related interests for the purpose of helping charities that benefit troubled or under-privileged teens. Mark is involved with the "Steve McQueen" Classic Car Show that benefits the Boys Republic, a juvenile



detention center that was founded in 1907 to help troubled teens find peace outside of jail, with actor, Steve McQueen being it's most famous inmate.

As Mark puts it, "I have been fortunate to spend my entire life playing with cars in one form or another, and the TV shows are a great forum to take our viewers to an event

they may never travel to on their own."

To view "The Sunday Drive," tune into Cox Channel 3 on Sunday mornings at 8:00am and "Race Central" on Direct TV channel 214. Or you can watch these programs 24 hours per day at www. thesundaydrive.tv or www. racecentralmedia.com.

## PUB CRAWL II

By Kathy Kuiper

We had so much fun with our pub crawl that we decided to continue exploring the pubs around Mission Viejo. We're fortunate to have a good selection to choose from and all within a few miles, or as we like to say, "A \$10 Uber ride."

One Wednesday afternoon, my husband and I popped into Mulleady's, which is at 27695 Santa Margarita Parkway, just off Los Alisos. The atmosphere is like the show "Cheers," with lots of regulars. Some good friends had told us to be sure to order the clam chowder that is chock full of clams. My husband was licking his chops when he ordered the Shepherd's Pie with a tall Guinness Beer. It certainly did not disappoint! Bill said that the meat and the crust were perfect. The owners, Kris and Gary, work in the bar, and we were fortunate enough to hear a little about their history. The clam chowder was definitely some of the best I've had since my last visit to San Fran. I also tasted the chili



cheese fries, which I rarely order, but the guy at a nearby table had ordered some, and the smell wafted our way so I couldn't resist. Somehow they went perfectly with my cabernet. The kitchen sent over an extra chili dog with cheese that the cook had made for a patron who had to stop at just one, in spite of having ordered two. Close to bedtime, I smelled that awesome chili again and laughed when I saw my husband heating up that dog in the microwave. A few patrons said that the Bloody Marys are the bomb. We definitely plan to try the Sunday brunch soon!

# **BOOKWORMS UNITE!**

## The Launch of the Tutor Doctor's Program



As your kids may remind you, summer is coming. It's a time to refresh and find new adventures. April is National Library Month, and Mission Viejo's jewel is prepared to whet your appetite for literary exploration.

To honor the season, the library and Tutor Doctor will host a Chamber of Commerce mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21. The event will mark the launch of Tutor Doctor's program to encourage students to explore with the library's help this summer.

While getting a taste of relaxation, the public can enjoy refreshments and learn what is around the corner

for local businesses.

It's an exciting partnership for the city. Tutor Doctor provides customized learning plans featuring 1-on-1 in-home tutoring. The library is the city's premier resource for educational support and literacy development and a welcoming gathering place.

For more information, call the chamber at 949-470-8409 or Tutor Doctor at 949-614-0220.





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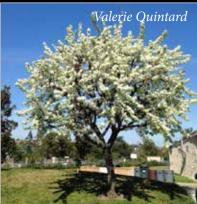
















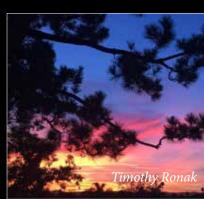








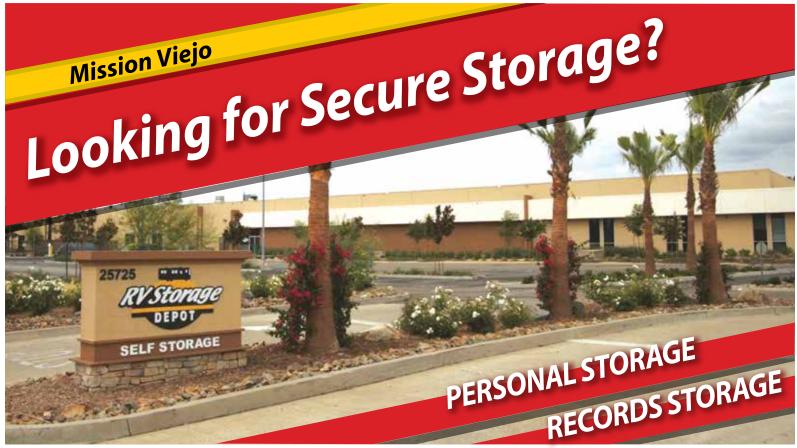




















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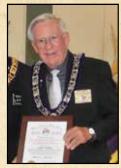
## **Mission Viejo Elks of the Year!**

ISSION VIEJO, SADDLEBACK VALLEY **ELKS HONOR MEMBERS FOR** DISTINGUISHED SERVICE. In a special meeting the local Mission Viejo Lodge paid tribute to individual members for outstanding service to the Lodge, the community. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Lodge's three biggest awards of the year. "The Citizen of the Year" award was given to Lodge Chaplain Dave Tucker for his outstanding work in the community chairing the **Elks Third Grade Dictionary** Project. "Officer of the Year" was awarded to Lodge Esquire Mike Klinger for his work in Lodge publicity and his management of the nationally acclaimed Mission

Viejo, Saddleback Valley Lodge Website. The most prestigious Elks Lodge award, "Elk of the Year" went to Vicky Long for her tireless efforts volunteering on numerous Lodge committees, and service as Vice President of the Ladies Club. Also, receiving awards were National President award recipent Exalted Ruler Camacho Alvarez and National President award recipient Andy Costello



"Citizen of the Year" award recipient Chaplain David Tucker



"National President" award recipient Andy Costello



"National President" award recipient Exalted Ruler Camacho Alvarez



"Elk of the Year" award recipient Ladies Club Vice President Vicky Long



"Officer of the Year" award recipient Esquire Mike Klinger

## **ENABLING CITIZEN SUPERHEROES**



John Abel, Mission Viejo Fire Chief Orange County Fire Authority

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) recently launched a free mobile app designed to save lives.

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The need for such an app is there. Cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death, affecting hundreds of thousands of people in the United States each year.

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# Fastest Car In Town Pinewood Derby Champ

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The **Pinewood Derby** is a longstanding annual tradition in Cub Scout Packs across the country in which the scouts build cars out of wood and race them against one another.

**Dominic Puccio** came in 1st Place in his Webelos Den (4th and 5th graders) and 1st Place in the Pack. He is this year's Pinewood Derby Champion.

**David Greenfield** came in 1st Place in his Tiger Den (1st graders) and 2nd Place in the Pack. He is the Runner Up in the Pack.



David Greenfield

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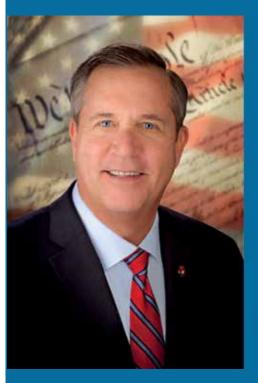
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Italian method of construction.

Paul van Olden an avid bocce ball player and fierce competitor, recently purchased a pair of authentic Italian stainless-steel bocce balls just for the opening of Mission Viejo's newest amenity. He said, "I can't wait to play with my balls at the Murray Center."

The sport is a favorite at family gatherings, parks, and barbecues. The courts are located at the Murray Center. They will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call

949-470-3062.



Sergeant Major Marcus P. Chamberlin made a special trip to the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo to recognize the Kiwanians' gift of 537 boxes of See's candy to the Marines of Camp Pendleton.

Sergeant Major Chamberlin related that a majority of the Marines are from back east and



the See's candy is a special treat. Gayle Wood, chair of the Mission Viejo Marine Corps Adoption Committee, was on hand at the meeting as she is responsible for transporting the candy to Camp Pendelton. A majority of the candy is shipped overseas, and as Sgt. Major Chamberlin noted, "Melted chocolate overseas is still chocolate. Marines love chocolate.

Sergeant Major Chamberlin praised the community and City of Mission Viejo as the most involved sponsoring city supporting the Camp Pendleton Marines.

Pictured in the attached photo from left to right, Gayle Wood, Sergeant Major Chamberlin, and Pete Zimmerman, Kiwanis of Mission Viejo President.



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## **Jake Newman**

Mission Viejo High School - Varsity Golf

Jake Newman has been playing golf for seven years. He is a senior at MVHS and has played Varsity for all four years. In addition to high school golf, Jake also plays in nationally ranked golf tournaments. Jake is a 4 time scholar athlete, and has volunteered his time at the golf Special Olympics for the last 3 years. Jake will be attending the University of Maryville in St. Louis, Missouri, on a full scholarship for golf and academics in the fall. Congratulations Jake!