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Lake Mission Viejo is open almost every day of the year for a wide variety of activities. Boat rentals, fishing, beach volleyball on the sand, and even a little restaurant in the summer. The lake is a great place during the day to stop in and eat a sandwich near the water or on one of the many picnic tables available.

Mission Viejo Reporter has come up with our Top 5 Wet, Wild, and Wonderful things to do at the lake this summer.

1. **Party Boats:** With a capacity for 10 people, this is the perfect way to take a leisurely or wild spin around the lake while serving drinks and tasty treats.



Jay Boivin



The Party Boats are very stable, simple to drive and comfortable, they offer a relaxing experience. \$25 per hour.

2. **Fishing Boats:** Spend a day casting for bass or catfish from a dock, a rock, or the side of a boat. Fishing is a proven stress reducer, although some people feel it's a colossal waste of time.

3. **Kayaks:** These are really fun and a great way to exercise while rowing around the lake. Single kayak : \$5 per hour.

4. **Standup Boards:** These are the popular water toys. \$12 per hour.

5. **Swimming:** The water keeps you cool, even as your heart gets a great workout. It's fun and gentle on your joints and muscles. The water can also feel relaxing.

"Lake Mission Viejo is our oasis of recreation, family fun, and entertainment for everyone of all ages. The anticipation of a day at the lake will be full of memories to last a lifetime." Fred Mellenbruch - MV Lake Board Member

COUNTDOWN TO CAMPING IN MISSION VIEJO

LEAVE YOUR IPAD AT HOME AND TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE FOR 12 HOURS

Camping is a ton of work with little kids, but you need to do it because it's important. It would be far easier just to stay home, where everything is convenient and comfortable, but then kids would miss out on the many great lessons to be learned from camping. On the night of August 6 at **Beebe Park** the **City of Mission Viejo** will provide all the necessary things needed for a fun campout. All you have to bring is a tent, sleeping bag and pillow; the City of Mission Viejo will provide the rest, and it's all free.

It's easy to get stuck in a rut, but there's nothing quite like a family camping trip to shake things up, trigger new conversations, and create wonderful lifelong memories.

This exciting family event includes a flashlight hike, a campfire and s'mores, family games and special entertainment. Register early as this event sells out fast. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

For more information,
call Mark Nix at (949) 470-3062.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



By Mission Viejo Mayor Frank Ury

Over a year ago, in conjunction with the Lake Mission Viejo Association, the Santa Margarita Water District put in place plans for an Advanced Purified Water project, designed to make Lake Mission Viejo the first fully sustainable man-made lake in Southern California. Over the past few months you have read about this project, and your

support as residents has been instrumental in moving this project forward so quickly.

It is imperative that we recognize the enormous efforts of both the Santa Margarita Water District and the Lake Mission Viejo Association in getting this project underway.

The entire Santa Margarita Water District Board, including Board President Charley Wilson, Vice President Chuck Gibson, and Directors Sandra Jacobs, Betty Olson and Justin McCusker, were pivotal in the planning and advocating of the project. It was their leadership and foresight that had the project ready to go. In conjunction with their General Manager Dan Ferons and key staff including Don Bunts, this project moved forward faster than any major project in south OC that I have seen. This teamwork is the only way this Water Purification project would be ready by August.

Completing the partnership was the Lake Mission Viejo Association. The LMVAs Director and Delegates unanimously voted to switch from potable to Advanced Purified water a year ago May. This water is purified to a level approved for swimming. Kevin Frabotta, LMAV's General Manager, and his team, worked with all of us for three months to get this approved and expedited. This included numerous meetings and negotiations with City staff, and having to sit through some City Council Meetings.

Strong teamwork, flexibility, common goals and a can do attitude. Put three agencies together, and the results are the largest, fully sustainable man-



MEMO FROM THE CITY MANAGER STAYING IN THE LOOP



I was thrilled when Dave asked me to write a column for the "Reporter." I finally hit the bigtime as a guest columnist! When pondering what to pen, I figured this publication is the perfect platform to discuss communication. Our City is all about transparency, community outreach and education. In fact, we are at the forefront of communication through social

media, print and online newsletters, website and other communication innovations like the Mission Viejo Life blog and iPhone and Droid Apps.

We issue direct-mail newsletters and quarterly recreation publications and produce online reports. We market events via print and online mediums as well as postcards, bookmarks, banners, fliers, bus shelters, electric signs and on Mission Viejo Television.

Through our website at cityofmissionviejo.org, you can watch live or past City Council meetings; find a lost pet or adopt a new one; register for classes; submit and review building plans; and access City staff or report an issue any time through Access MV 24/7.

We use social media – Twitter, Facebook and Instagram – to notify people within seconds of news and information that impacts the way you live, work and play. We're a rare city to have a blog, the Mission Viejo Life blog, and we issue a weekly eNewsletter and maintain a lively YouTube page. But regardless of all of these proactive measures, we still hear people saying they didn't know about an event or issue. We want to reach everyone in our community. So my question to all of you is how do you get your news and what else can we do to reach you? Please send your comments and suggestions to blognews@cityofmissionviejo.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Dennis Wilberg,
City Manager



FROM OUR MAN ON STREET DEPT.

SURVEY SAYS!



MISSION VIEJO RESIDENTS LIKES AND DISLIKES

By Sarah Van Boerum

We asked some locals what they like and don't like about living in Mission Viejo. Here is what we found from our wonderful residents.

Likes - "I like how everything looks nice and clean throughout our city, with the lush landscapes, beautiful hills that surround our area, the perfect temperatures and the sound of birds singing throughout the day. This a great place to live!"

Dislikes - "I wish there was more of a variety of good places to eat, and I do not like that people constantly speed on the streets in and around our area." (Robert V.)

Likes - "I have lived in Mission Viejo for 9 ½ years, and I love living here. The people are so friendly, the lake here is fun, I feel safe here, and we have great kids sporting organizations. The schools are great, and I feel like we have a diverse community."

Dislikes - "I wish that Mission Viejo kids all went to one high school and that our city was not separated into two different school districts." (Amy J.)

Likes - "I love that Mission Viejo offers so many community programs, is safe, and has strong schools. I like the fairs at the Norman Murray community center, and we love the lake."

Dislikes - "I do not like that the housing is so expensive here." (Melissa B.)

Likes - "I like that Mission Viejo is family oriented. We love walking on the Oso Viejo trail, and my kids love all of the parks."

Dislikes - "I do not like the heat in the summer." (Katie G.)

Likes - "I grew up here and ended up coming back to raise my family. I love the driving distance to the beach and mountains, the lake is its own little paradise, I feel like my kids can play safely outside, the schools are all great, and there is always something to do with my family."

Dislikes - "I do not like the new apartment buildings that just went in, and I wish that there were more mom and pop restaurants with good food." (Frances M.)

Likes - "I love the beauty of our city; everything is clean and looks nice, and the landscape is beautiful. It truly feels like a small town. I love all the affordable programs for kids, with the library and lake just down the street."

Dislikes - "I wish there were better local restaurants to choose from and that my backyard was bigger." (Sarah V.)

Likes - "I love how family oriented Mission Viejo is. So many places to hike and ride bikes!"

Dislikes - "I wish we had more dog parks, and I do not like that it is so hard to get speed bumps put in the neighborhoods so people will slow down." (Terry L.)

Easy Money

For Mission Viejo Residents



The State of California is currently in possession of more than \$8 billion in Unclaimed Property belonging to approximately 32.5 million individuals and organizations.

The State gets unclaimed property through California's *Unclaimed Property Law*, which requires "holders" to deliver property to the Controller's Office after there has been no customer contact for three years. Often the owner forgets that the account exists, or moves and does not leave a forwarding address. This new online feature can allow your claim to be processed more quickly than traditional paper claims, with payment generally issued within 14 days.

"It is very easy to do a search," said Cheryl Dyas, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Mission Viejo, who is helping the State Controller's office get the word out. Cheryl

urges all Mission Viejo residents and businesses to take a few

minutes to do a search for unclaimed property held by the state. The following link will take



you directly to the unclaimed property search page: <https://ucpi.sco.ca.gov/UCP/Default.aspx>. Cheryl continued to say, "while there are many amounts that might not be worth claiming, there are many residents and businesses that might be surprised by what they find."

The Mission Viejo Reporter did a test and discovered how easy it is to check. We found over 5 pages of businesses and residents that are owed money.

3 Steps to Instant Wealth

1. Go to website
2. Type in name or business
3. Make claim and collect money

POLL NAMES MARK MARTINEZ AS MISSION VIEJO'S BEST DRESSED MAN

No Casual Friday Here. A recent Mission Viejo Reporter poll named Mission Viejo resident Mark Martinez as Mission Viejo's Best Dressed Man. Mark, who has a genuine interest and appreciation of good tailoring, always seems to be wearing hand-tailored Italian suits (we're just guessing though). Mark leads by example in business meetings and after-hour events.

Mission Viejo Reporter wants to acknowledge Mark's personal style in an environment that has been traditionally under-dressed.



Mark Martinez

Mark is one of the top mortgage loan professionals at Waters tone Mortgage and is the immediate past president of Mission Viejo Le Tip. When asked why he always dresses so nice, Mark said, "When you deal with people's money, there's no room for casualness."



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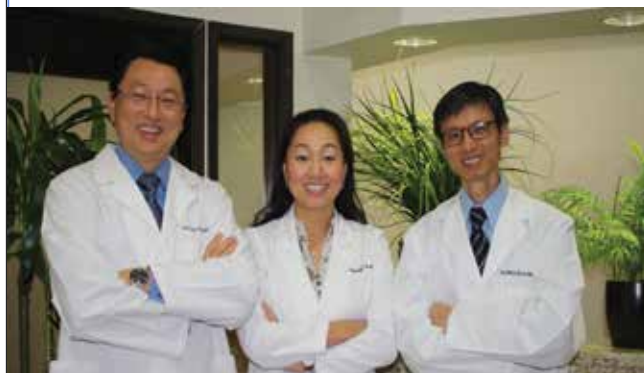


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Midnight in the Garden of Good and Beagle

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Located a short walk behind **Mission Viejo Animal Services** past the front desk, past the cages, through the gate, might be the most beautiful garden in the entire city. You won't find this special garden on any map, sign or brochure. But here, at **Mission Viejo Reporter**, we proudly divulge the city's best-kept secret. Wildflowers, cactus, wide open vistas, old oak trees, and even singing crows all await your arrival. Enjoy the quiet and solitude on comfortable park benches, or stroll the paths with somebody's lover. But don't go at midnight; the Animal Services gate closes at 4:00 pm.

We've asked our chief photographer **Jay Boivin** to take a few pictures of this hidden gem, and we share them with you here.



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FROM OUR 50 YEARS AGO DEPT.

MISSION VIEJO'S FIRST FAMILY?

Family might be longest, continuous inhabitants.

In September of 1966 Tom and Nancy Weatherby and their four kids moved to the new community of Mission Viejo. After living in Long Beach, 33-year-old Tom wanted a better place to raise his young family. The first development of homes just over the railroad



Photo courtesy of Tom Weatherby

tracks was built by Deane Homes. Tom and Nancy fell in love with the Chanticleire model on Aracena street. They paid \$28,500 plus another \$2,500 for a view upgrade. The view went on forever to the south as they watched Mission Viejo High School being constructed.

Mission Viejo Reporter talked to the family last month and asked the Weatherby children, Thom, Linda, and Cheryl (son Don passed away in 2010 from cancer) what they remember most about growing up in Mission Viejo. All three agreed that finding shark teeth often in the front yard and behind their house on the La Paz slope was always a highlight. Tom the father found a large



Photo courtesy of Tom Weatherby

whale bone the size of a 4 x 4 that he saved for years until a construction crew accidentally threw it away years later.

Tom and Nancy have improved their home of fifty years more than a few times. Nancy said she knew this would be their home for a long time and wanted a place where family and friends would gather often.



Photo courtesy of Tom Weatherby

The Mission Viejo Heritage Committee is looking for more original settlers to Mission Viejo from those early days. If you know of someone, contact **Kathy Dickey** at the city 949 470-8488.



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COYOTE ALERT!

COYOTES ARE KILLING OUR PETS

Coyotes likely have attacked and killed several dogs in the last few weeks. It's even possible that the same aggressive coyote has killed more than one pet. Last month a resident shared with the **Mission Viejo Reporter** the following story:



After arriving home late in the evening, Mr. Jones (not his real name) let his three dogs, Zoe, Lacey and Roscoe (their real names), a Cocker Spaniel and two Shih Tzus, outside to go to the bathroom. After just a few minutes, there was an urgent scratching at the back door. Mr. Jones opened the door to let in Zoe the Cocker Spaniel. Mr. Jones looked in the backyard and saw a very large coyote staring at him with the Shih Tzu Roscoe clenched in its teeth. Mr. Jones ran to help. The coyote dropped Roscoe and then proceeded to jump over the six-foot fence and was gone. Mr. Jones picked up a bloodied Roscoe and noticed that Lacey was already dead on the ground. He wrapped both dogs in towels and drove to the emergency pet clinic. The doctors said the damage was too severe, and Roscoe could not be saved.

Now, every time Mr. Jones and his Cocker Spaniel Zoe go for a walk, they are both on the lookout for the coyotes that he knows are never far from his home.



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Always keep an eye on your small pets when they are outside.

FROM OUR **SEEING-IS-BELIEVING** DEPT.

LEANING TREE OF GALLINA

IT'S NOT NICE TO FOOL MOTHER NATURE

The pine tree is situated near the corner of Gallina and Canela. The tree's tilt probably began during the massive rainfall of 1969. For a solid month, an average of 7 inches of rain had fallen each day. Many of the trees on La Paz Road between Chrisanta and Marguerite are permanently tilted due to this 1969 disaster.

It's hard to believe this magnificent pine tree hasn't fallen over. The folks who live on Gallina love their special tilted landmark. "People always stop and look and can't believe it hasn't toppled over," said resident Arturo Capuno.



Mission Viejo resident Arturo Capuno having fun with his street's landmark.

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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Dylan Widner

Dylan is 14 years old and has been a resident of Mission Viejo for ten years. This all-around athlete loves playing roller hockey, soccer and baseball. Dylan recently completed his fifth season with his roller hockey school's team, La Paz, which recently won its third championship against other schools from around the county. Dylan will be attending Mission High School in the fall, where he plans on playing football for the first time and looks forward to attending the school's summer camps to get ready for the season. Dylan's favorite subject in school is algebra, and in his free time he enjoys playing the guitar and eating Del Taco!



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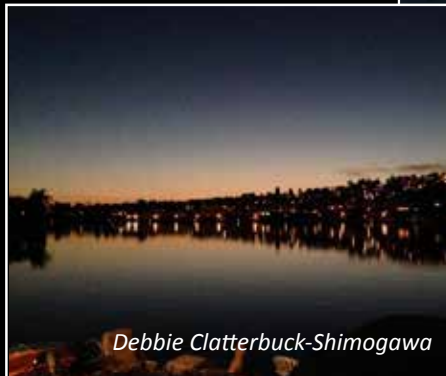
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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am a twelve-year-old Boy Scout with Troop 728 of Mission Viejo. I am currently working on the Communications merit badge. One of the requirements for this badge is to write to the editor of a magazine or local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. I have chosen to write about my experience with the Nadadores swim club to inspire other kids my age to become physically active and try new things.

I would be honored if you would publish my letter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Parker Mackay

Dear Mission Viejo Reporter,

I have been in the Mission Viejo Nadadores program for a little more than one year. My time in this program so far has taught me about courage, discipline, self-esteem, and never giving up. I greatly appreciate the Nadadores swim team and that I can improve myself both physically and mentally every day. This all came about because of a good friend.

My friend, Kristoff Balasanian, has been a Nadadore for several years. He encouraged me to join the program. I wasn't so sure about joining, thinking it would be too hard and difficult. Eventually, I gathered up the courage to tell my parents that I wanted to become a Nadadore.



Parker Mackay

Trying out for the Nadadore program was incredibly scary. "What if I did not get accepted?", "Even if I did, would I have friends?" All these questions ran through my mind as I walked through the gates to be tested. After meeting Coach Jaqueline, I jumped into the pool a little fearful and the testing began. At the end of it, I learned that I was accepted! And it turned out that I did make new friends. I was that kid in the back feeling ignored on my first day when a boy walked towards me to say hello. That was the beginning of a new friendship with Beckham. He helped me feel welcome and comfortable. His example taught me to be friendly to beginners that have joined after me.

The first few days of the program were rough. One time I had to swim about 1000 meters! I thought I was going to die. "This," I thought, "is child abuse." But I soon realized that feeling sorry for myself was not going to make things any better. I pushed through it and gained confidence from my experiences.

Recently, we had the annual Nadadore swim-a-thon. The goal is for each participant to swim 200 laps. 200 laps is a lot of swimming for a 12-year-old, 6th grader in middle school. I was the last kid to move my swim gear to the pool before the event started when an adult stopped me. The first thing I thought was, "Stranger Danger!," but I stopped anyway as I was surrounded by other familiar adults in an open area. The unfamiliar man, who I later found out was the head of the program, asked me what my name was, to which I quickly replied, "Parker Mackay." He shook my hand and said, "I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life. I wish you luck on your swimming." I then left to meet with my friend Luca Zelmer to swim the "200 Laps of Doom." I ended up swimming 202 laps because my grandma accidentally counted the wrong kid! (I'm pretty sure I swam more than 202 laps.)

I recommend the Nadadore program to anyone who is willing to work hard to make themselves a better person. Nothing is easy, but it's all worth it in the end. Three cheers for the Nadadores!

Parker Mackay

CLEAN RESTROOMS

Because We Know You're Watching

The **City of Mission Viejo** takes pride in the fact that our city park restrooms are cleaned twice every day and yes, that means Saturday and Sunday. If you really want to know, that's 37 toilets, 14 urinals, and over 30 sinks...twice a day. Not to mention, cleaning and scrubbing the occasional foul-mouthed, misspelled, bathroom wall graffiti by some moron.

A clean bathroom can make or break a resident's experience at our parks. This is because people equate the cleanliness of our bathrooms with the way the entire city is operated. For instance, when passengers on an airline see a dirty flip-down tray, they assume that means the airline doesn't do their engine maintenance properly.

So, next time you have to go, visit one of our spotless city park restrooms. You'll be glad you did.



THE DRINK OF THE MATADOR

Mission Viejo El Viaje de Toro

Tequila is a spirit distilled from the blue agave plant. Tequila comes in three basic varieties: Blanco, meaning "white" and unaged; Reposado, meaning "rested" and aged between 2-12 months in oak barrels; and Añejo, meaning "vintage" and aged between 1-3 years in small oak barrels.

FOUR STEPS TO A PERFECT DRINK

1. Choose a tequila that is made from 100% agave. If you choose anything but 100% agave, plan on nursing a headache later. It's virtually impossible to get a headache with 100% agave tequila.... We've tried.
2. Choose an Añejo tequila. Because Añejo tequilas are aged for at least a year, they make for better sipping than a tequila that is rushed to maturity.
3. Drink añejos at room temperature. Adding ice to it dilutes the flavor and can mask the tequila's different components.
4. Enjoy the tequila in a rocks glass, not a shot glass.

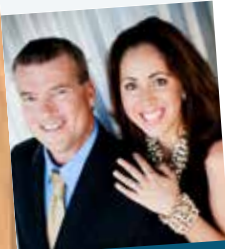


El Viaje de Toro (The Old Bull) Recipe:

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Meet **Rachel Moore**. At night Rachel is a mild-mannered bartender at **Delizie Ristorante & Bar** in Mission Viejo. During the day, Rachel is pumping iron, training and preparing to win another world class trophy. Recently, Rachel won first place in the Figure Division at NPC Muscle Contest held in Los Angeles.




Rachel and her husband Robert train two hours a day, working out every muscle in her 5'-6", 130 lb frame. Every ounce of Rachel is pure muscle. Rachel's diet consists mainly of lean meat, mostly chicken breast and white fish, along with a lot of green vegetables.



Currently, Rachel is prepping for the USA National Championship in Las Vegas in July.

Rachel designs all of her posing suits, and both Rachel and her husband Robert train others in fitness and nutrition.

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Mission Viejo's Resident's Award-Winning Mustang

Years ago, when Mission Viejo resident **Frank Chirat** worked for Ford Motor Company, he saw this 1968 **Mustang Shelby GT500** in the used sales lot of Sunset Ford in Westminster. He bought it on the spot. At the time he purchased the Shelby, it was dirty, had high miles and muffler problems, and stunk inside. Frank began two years of a complete and total restoration.

The Shelby Mustang has a 428 Police interceptor engine, a roll bar, shoulder harness, side scoops, Marschal fog lamps, and four-on-the floor with a Hurst shifter. Not to mention an AM-FM 8 track tape player.

Frank has won numerous awards with his special Mustang. Carroll Shelby signed his owner's manual and his racing helmet. Frank's driven it to San Francisco and raced the Mustang at California Speedway, and the Mustang has been shown on the lawn of the historic Playboy Mansion.

If you happen to drive by a Mission Viejo neighborhood and see a guy cleaning a gold Mustang with a toothbrush, stop and say "Hi". It's probably Frank.



Photography by Jay Boivin



Dinner with Dalia

Dalia van den Boogaard

Restaurant Review

Mex at its Best: Don Gustavo's

Even before you sink your teeth into outstanding creations from la cocina, you'll be charmed by the cozy ambiance and friendly service at **Don Gustavo's Mexican Grill**. In fact, the servers and regular diners greet one another by name, enhancing the warm atmosphere so important to the owner, whom everyone calls – what else – Don Gustavo. He says, "We're not a franchise but a neighborhood restaurant. We focus on making great food and treating you like family."

The menu offerings, indeed, are nothing short of sublime, from the lime-kissed guacamole to the juicy Bisteck Tampiqueña to the luscious flan. Don't miss customer favorites like Chile Colorado, featuring succulent chunks of beef simmered in a specialty chile sauce, and Carne Asada con Camarones, with tender steak cooked to your taste alongside plump grilled shrimp. If you're looking for a meatless meal, try the Veggie Burrito, a whole wheat tortilla filled with black beans, grilled red and green bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, zucchini, mushrooms, and pico de gallo, with guacamole and to-die-for cilantro dressing on the side. Portions here are generous yet reasonably priced; you won't leave hungry, and you won't leave broke!

To quench your thirst, indulge in the Don Gustavo Margarita, a special blend featuring Gran Marnier, or the Rosarito Margarita, a magical blend that includes 1800 Reposado Tequila, Triple Sec, Grenadine, and cranberry juice. ¡Salud!

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Everywhere You Look... RECREATION!

By: Community Services Chairman Ron Reuf

July is National Parks & Recreation Month, and Mission Viejo has plenty to offer during this month's celebration.



Family Bocce Nights (July 13, 27 & Aug. 10 @ 7pm) – This is a free program, and the whole family is invited to join in the fun to learn and play bocce on the two new courts installed near the Murray Center earlier this year.

Family Fun Night (July 23 @ 4pm) – Located at Montanoso, this luau-themed event is open to the entire community and will include all kinds of family-friendly activities, such as an inflatable obstacle course over the pool.

Pacific Symphony (July 30 @ 4pm) – This free performance includes entertainment, food, wine-and-beer garden, and lots of activities for youth during the pre-performance Prelude in the Park event.

Family Camp Out (Aug. 6 @ 4pm) – This free summer program has a new location this year and sells out quickly. Make sure to register early for this fun overnighter at Beebe Park, where participants will be introduced to the Arroyo Creek Trail system and enjoy a bevy of camping activities.

Many new classes and fitness programs have been added to keep you entertained, engaged, and energized this summer. Contact the City at 949-470-3062.

Remember... Make Recreation Your Mission this Summer!



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SCHOLARSHIPS IN MV

Working Hard For The Money

The **Mission Viejo Activities Committee** Scholarship Committee awarded four well-deserved scholarships of \$1,000 each for 2016 to **Mariah Kirkham** of **San Juan Hills High School**, and **Anna Hatton**, **Erin Doolin**, and **Alisha Nagarkar** of **Capistrano Valley High School**.



Erin Doolin will be attending Penn State.



Alisha Nagarkar will be attending USC.



Marian Kirkham will be attending Cal Poly SLO.



Anna Hatton will be attending UC Berkeley.



FROM OUR **FOOD IN A BAG** DEPT.

FINDING THE PERFECT MEAL

Out & About With Kathy Kuiper

With a job and four kids in our family, I am always short on time, so when I received a flyer in the mail from **Munchery**, a prepared food delivery service, I was anxious to give them a try. I checked out their menu at **Munchery.com** and found that they offer main dishes, sides, salads, desserts and even kid's meals. We wanted to try the Family Pot Roast meal, which serves four, the New England Clam chowder and the banana-vanilla pudding. I had to get a few of those because our kids love treats!

I had the option of scheduling the delivery from 3-5 or 5-7, and I chose the earlier time. The driver arrived at my door holding a bag of items that I could assemble and heat up

in minutes. The meat was deliciously tender, and we all devoured the entire meal. They included a free lemon poppyseed muffin on our first delivery along with a note. The pudding is our new addiction, so I'm just going to have to work out a little more because this is definitely worth it!

We joined immediately and have ordered almost daily. Some of our favorites are roasted chicken dinner for two, which is only \$11.25, and the Perfect Burger, which really is one of the best my husband has ever had. Munchery membership is only \$8.95 a month and there is a \$2.95 delivery fee. Most of the meals are only \$8-12, so the prices are excellent. We ended up spending less than it would cost us to prepare the meals and saving a lot of time. Best of all, we spend the time we saved helping our kids learn their multiplication, and I was reading in bed by 8:30 rather than doing dishes and clean up. You know what they say about happy wife, happy life.

If you'd like to try Munchery, you can use my special promo code in July. It's **MISSION**, and the offer is for a buy one meal, get one free. No membership required on your first order. Hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Kathy Kuiper



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