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# Mission Viejo Tradition and Heritage Rides On



by Mayor, Wendy Bucknum

The **53rd Annual El Viaje De Portola Ride** took place this year with a festive breakfast send off from Amantes Camp located on Rancho Mission Viejo. This three day horseback ride with hundreds of riders who take to the ranch trails on horseback for good old fashioned cowboy fun. This year, Council Member **Brian Goodell** and I started the morning with Commissioner **Joe Blum** who's father, a Mission Viejo icon, **Tom Blum** was honored in a ceremony called the



**Empty Saddle**. This ceremony honors the riders who have passed away since the last ride and is held after a Mass in the courtyard of the historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. The reverence and nod to tradition that this moving

ceremony gives to the family members and friends of all the riders whose names now join this monument is beautiful. It was special for all of us to put on our cowboy boots and hats and step back in time to experience Mission Viejo's roots and really appreciate our heritage!

## REMEMBERING "MR. MISSION VIEJO"

The Man Who Oversaw the 1984 Olympics in Mission Viejo

By Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo City Council Member

The City of Mission Viejo lost a dear friend and a "Hometown Hero" with the passing of **Mark "Ziggy" Wilczynski** last month at the age of 95.

After fighting for freedom in the Polish Underground Army during World War II, he and his wife, Nina, came to America—a land that he deeply loved.



Through his work with the Mission Viejo Company, Ziggy helped to physically build Mission Viejo, and with his years of volunteer service also contributed to creating many of our unique and special programs.

He helped with the Olympic Bicycle Race, which put the eyes of the world on Mission Viejo in 1984, and later was instrumental in the creation of a Finish Line to commemorate the site on Olympiad Road. Ziggy has been the City's unofficial "historian" for years through his informative displays in the Library and the treasures and memorabilia he collected. Ziggy loved children and brought joy and wonder by serving as Joseph for 20 years in the Live Nativity performance on the Four-Corners. He received numerous recognitions over the years, including receiving honors from his home country of Poland, President George H. Bush, the State of California, the County of Orange, and our City of Mission Viejo. We will miss "Mr. Mission Viejo" here, but I know that he has moved on to an even better City!

## Ask Me...

I can help you

Lieutenant Ken Binning  
Chief of Police Services



MV POLICE CHIEF

Ken

**Q: QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF :**

**Does Mission Viejo have a police dog?**

**A: ANSWER:**

The canine that patrols our area is **Conan** with his partner **Deputy Ryan Buhr**. Conan's size is appropriate for his name, and they have been patrolling our streets for over four years. In addition to apprehension, K9 teams are trained in Drug Detection, and regularly assist patrol and investigations with K9 drug "sniffs".



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Our Orange County Sheriff's Department K9 teams demonstration is a fantastic display of their capabilities, and is fun for all ages. This year's show will be on Saturday, October 17th, at Glover Stadium in Anaheim. See you there.

K.L. Binning  
LIEUTENANT / OCSD  
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## Aquatics Renovation Moves Ahead

by Brian Goodell, Mission Viejo City Council Member

Renovation of the Marguerite Aquatics Complex is moving ahead quickly after 60 days of rain and mitigation delays. Forms have been added to take the dive tower to its ultimate height over 35 feet. You can see this progress from Marguerite Parkway as you walk or drive by the complex.



New restrooms are being placed near the Activity pool to accommodate the children and families participating in swim lessons.



The water source for the Aquatics facility and the Tennis Pavilion has been bifurcated, which had previously been serviced from the same water meter since the early 1970's.

The **Mission Viejo Nadadores Foundation** is holding its **Spring Soirée** fundraiser to help pay their share of the renovation costs at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Gala will be hosted by **Mayor Wendy Bucknam** with special

guest speaker, **4-time Olympic Gold Medalist Janet Evans**, and co-host **2-time Olympic Gold Medalist and City Councilman Brian Goodell**. Please contact **Julie Ackman** at (714) 335-7500 or [julie@julieackman.com](mailto:julie@julieackman.com) for additional information.

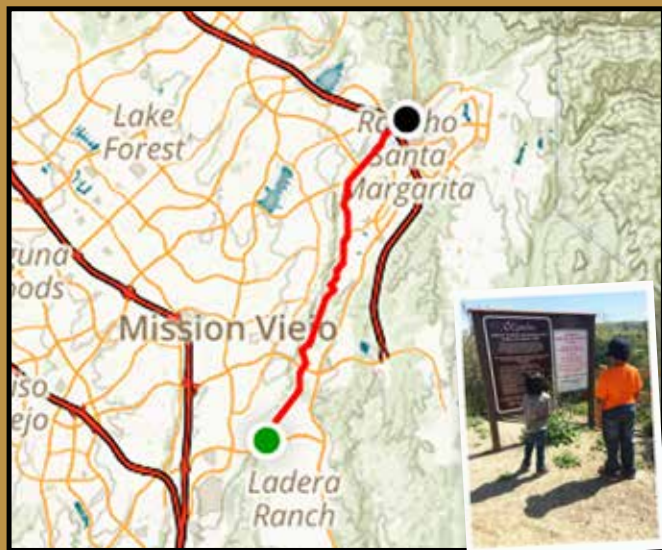


# TAKE TIME FOR TRAILS

## MISSION VIEJO'S LONGEST TRAIL



### FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA



**Arroyo Trabuco Trail** is a point-to-point trail located along the edge of Mission Viejo. The trail offers a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. Horses are also able to use this trail.

You'll traverse varying types of terrain, including meadows, forests, and wet/dry rocky creek beds. There are several points where the trail intersects the creek, and if there is water in it (normally winter/spring), you may get a little wet.

The trail is one of a number of linking trails that connect O'Neill Regional Park and the Cleveland National Forest to the beach communities of San Clemente and Dana Point.



*The trail offers equestrian lovers a chance to exercise their passion. The entire ride from beginning to end is around 3 hours total.*



*For biking, the trail is listed on many websites and lists as one of the county's best. It is a relaxed, low-difficulty ride with single-track and double-track sections.*



### **SOUTH ARROYO TRABUCO TRAIL** **Mission Viejo Section**

The **Mission Viejo Reporter** recommends you park your car at Gilleran Park and another car near the starting point. At the end of Avery Parkway, bear to the right just before the entrance to the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club and follow the road about 200 feet to the designated parking spaces on the left.

Start by heading north following the trail and enjoy the sights. About an hour and half later you should arrive at the Tijeras Creek Golf Course, at this point stop and look west towards the hills and you'll see the field lights of Gilleran Park near where your car should be parked. Work your way up a very treacherous and steep hill. Be aware that this area is where the mountain lions sleep during the day, so tread lightly. Also, this time of year be prepared for swarming bees, rattlesnakes and the highly infected West Nile Virus mosquito. After about a half hour trek to the top of the hill, drive back and pick up your other car. Also, bring a large sharpened stick just in case.



# MISSION VIEJO HACIENDA OF THE MONTH

Our **Hacienda of the Month** for May is the home of **Stella Guinta** and **Ken Dever**. They purchased their house in the Stoneridge development when it was new, and have continually invested in their property.

A couple of years ago Ken added a large balcony where he sits by himself, drinks champagne and enjoys the city view. Stella prefers to lounge around the pool with a glass of wine. They occasionally run into each other in this 3500 sq ft home.



Most recently, Ken and Stella did a complete make-over of their living room. Ken was visiting a friend in San Clemente and noticed the intricate wainscoting that he had in the living room. Immediately, Ken called his go-to guy and got a quote to do same at his house.

Ken sells telephone systems for ShoreTel PBX Phone Systems and Stella is retired from Allstate Insurance and is a former planning commissioner for the City of Mission Viejo.



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## Ask Aunt Sandy



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

Dear Aunt Sandy,

I've seen more and more men from Europe at Lake Mission Viejo, and they seem to like to wear these small bathing suits that barely cover the family jewels. What do we do about men flaunting their johnsons in Speedos at Lake Mission Viejo?

- Eyes Closed at the Lake

Dear Eyes Closed,

Maybe we should request that they wear Lake-approved board shorts, and while we're at it, let's make sure the women's skirts are below the knee. In fact, Lake Mission Viejo should institute a beachwear dress code!! But that's just a thought. As for me, bring on the men in the skinny-mini Speedos! In fact, drop those Speedos. My motto is, "Free Willy!"

- Aunt Sandy

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FROM OUR GRANDMAS ARE GOOD DEPT.

## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

### "ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS"

Meet **Chris Arthur**, she's our **Resident of the Month**. Chris has lived in Mission Viejo the last four years; she came from the mean streets of Bakersfield.

Chris has always said, "Enjoy the little things in life". This is what she teaches to her grandkids. Each day usually begins with Grandma Chris waking up at five in the morning just to listen to the peace and quiet she loves so much. Then she'll eat a little oatmeal with a cup of tea.

Often, you can find Grandma Chris at the Mission Viejo Library, walking the Oso Creek Trail, or at the Murray Center taking classes. Her thirst for knowledge is insatiable. She knows about plants, food, and the solar system.

She's the perfect Grandma, making sure the kids have warm clothes on, reading to them, and letting them eat the cookie dough before its cooked.

We all need a Grandma Chris in our lives.





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FROM OUR SUPERWOMAN DEPT.

# ONE LEG, NO PROBLEM

MISSION VIEJO RESIDENT DEALS WITH LIFE'S MISFORTUNES

Meet **Adrianna Ramirez**. In 2011 Adrianna was making some bad decisions. She was making poor choices, hanging with the wrong people, and ultimately paid a big price for it.

One night, after drinking, taking drugs, and driving way too fast, Adrianna had a single car accident and crashed head-on into a tree. The engine was forced into the interior of the car and took off her leg. After 50 surgeries trying to save her leg, Adrianna thought the worst was over, but then, she was informed she now had to spend six months in the county jail.



It was there that Adrianna put the pieces of her life back together. She no longer does drinks or does drugs. Now, she's in a relationship, she has a great job that she loves, and it's just a short motorized wheelchair ride away from her apartment near Marguerite.



Adrianna helps others not to make the same bad choices as she did. She loves Mission Viejo, thinks it's a beautiful place, and hopes to live here a long time. Next time you're driving down Crown Valley, look on the sidewalk for a one-legged gal in a powerful motorized wheelchair, with a big smile. Honk, and say hi, It's probably Adrianna.

FROM OUR MEET YOUR LOCAL BIKER DEPT.

## BIG BLUE

MISSION VIEJO ELKS MEMBER RIDES IN STYLE

Meet **Peter Burke**. Peter has been riding motorcycles for over fifty years. He got his first Harley Davidson when he was sixteen years old. His current Harley Davidson is a Ultra Classic, which he bought new in 2005. Peter



crossed and toured the country for three-and-a-half months with this bike. It's seat equipped with a very rare blue New Zealand Sheepskin that feel real good on his big tush for those long rides. The bike has huge chrome stereo speakers that look like the nose-cones of an F-18 Fighter jet.

Peter was a pipe-fitter and welder until he retired a few years back. The Mission Viejo Reporter asked about all the blue that appears on the motorcycle. Peter said he loved the color blue, He has blue clothes, a blue pick-up, blue boots, pretty much blue everything. Although we did notice he has brown eyes...sorry Peter.



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FROM OUR DOG PARK DEPT.

## LIVING WITH BITCHES

### PROTECTING YOUR BREEDING CANINE

If you own a bitch (female dog) that is unspayed, then once she reaches maturity, she will come into heat regularly, once or twice a year. This is referred to as being 'in season.' If you are intending to breed your dog, then you will of course need to keep her safe.

The top three most frequently asked questions about bitches, the heat cycle, and what you need to know.

**1. What is being in heat or 'in season?'**

It's the natural menstruation cycle of the unspayed bitch.

**2. How will I know when my bitch is in season?**

Your bitch's back end will often be visibly larger and darker looking than usual, with the vulva swollen and the tail often raised. Your bitch will also be discharging blood.

**3. How do I keep unwanted male dogs away from my bitch when she is in season?**

This is a big challenge! Male dogs from quite some distance away will be able to scent that your bitch is in season. Any loose dogs in the area are likely to congregate outside of your home, and restrained male dogs will often go to some lengths to get free and come and offer themselves up as potential suitors. You can still walk your bitch while she is in season, but you will need to do so with extreme care. Not only will male dogs be making a beeline for her, but she will be equally keen to mate with them. Keep your in-season bitch on a leash at all times, and try to limit your walks in areas where other dogs are around.







*Ben and Olivia Gallegos*



*Mission Viejo residents*



*Chase Calabuig*



*Mission Viejo residents*



*Gilberto & Tito*



*Jung Lee, Jennifer Oh, Heidi Boydston, Diane Gillings and Robin Adam*

# MISSION VIEJO REPORTER

# JUMP! READER PHOTOS



*Kaityln Calabuig and Laura VanHouten*



*Max*



*Mission Viejo resident*



*Mission Viejo residents*



*Mary A.*



*Douglas Walter*



FROM OUR MOMMY DEAREST DEPT.

## WHAT'S THE MOST SHOCKING THING YOUR KIDS DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Kids of all ages are planning ways to celebrate and honor their moms again this year on Mother's Day. The **Mission Viejo Reporter** asked a few local mothers the question: "WHAT'S THE MOST SHOCKING THING YOUR KIDS DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?"...

"I used to cut off the all the fingers and toes of my Barbies" - Mary D.

"I'm pretty sure the guy they call "Dad" is their father, just not 100% sure!" - Lisa D.

"All those endless baseball games I sat through... well, it wasn't coffee I was sipping from that thermos! - Debbie J.

"I mud-wrestled naked when I was in high school"- Billie H.

"Probably, that I won a Hot Legs contest" - Maria K.

"In my youth I painted a billboard" - Annie D.

"I like dope, I mean I like to smoke" - Carrie A.

"I have fake boobs" - Wendy T.



FROM OUR MADE FOR T.V. DEPT.

## MISS CALIFORNIA AND THE MAYOR

Last month, Mission Viejo Mayor Wendy Bucknum gave Mission Viejo resident and current Miss California USA, India Williams, a personal tour of the city in a convertible VW.



They stopped at City Hall, La Paws Park, and a special stop at **Mission Viejo Reporter** headquarters.



Miss California USA India Williams



Mayor Wendy Bucknum & Miss California USA, India Williams

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# **FAUX SHIZZLE** with Kathy Kuiper **CREATIVE WALL IDEAS**

I am elated to share my new "find" with you because everyone who walks into my house now "oohs" and "aahs" over the ombre wall going up my stairs.

It was exactly what I dreamt of when I started interviewing faux painters. I spent some time on Pinterest searching for unique home ideas and, of course, painting is one of the least expensive ways to add some pizzazz to a home.

I knew I was in good hands when I found **Julie Mazza**, who has done faux painting for 25 years. She was reasonably priced and puts her heart and soul into her painting, as evidenced by her collection of work. She worked closely with me to come up with a design and the exact colors I wanted before she started painting. I could tell that bringing my vision to life was a real passion of hers.

Julie's specialty is color matching for her clients that want to touch up existing wall glazing or faux finishing. She custom color mixes all of her glazes and can color match a piece of furniture to match another piece a customer may want to emulate. I've seen how she matches a piece of marble or tile and it's hard to tell the difference between her creation and the original. Julie faux paints pieces to give them an antique finish or creates one of a kind art that is sure to garner lots of compliments.

I'm now working on another wall with Julie to add some pop to my family room.

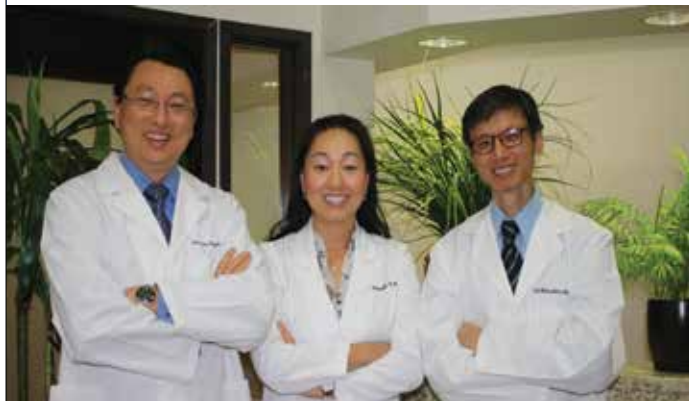
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**Eda Ozbek** Team Name: Reach for the Stars... Find a Cure!

*I Relay for my grandpa who fought and passed away from lung cancer, I fight for all my family members, and all people to help find a cure.*



**Amanda Bassett** Team Name: Mission Possible

*I Relay because I found the hope I was missing after my father passed away from Cancer. Relay provides Hope that others will have support, encouragement and resources!*



**Andrew Boswell**  
Team Name: Sheila's Allstars

*I Relay as a tribute to my dear wife Sheila who lost her battle with cancer this last October, to continue her mission to help others and bring them hope and peace. Sheila never lost hope or her love of life. She*

*was a survivor and embraced love every day, she was love to all those who knew her, especially those facing their own challenges. She joined the Relay for Life movement and became a "Hero for Hope" speaker at events when health permitted. She wrote in one of her speeches, "... for my wonderful life that I now fully know and treasure, thank you cancer!"*



**Team Sister Act**

*Sister Act started in 2004 when a family member & a friend's family member both battled cancer at the same time. One survived, the other lost her battle with Cancer. It was then we decided to fight for a cure and Sister Act was formed. We continue to relay so that our children never have to hear the words "You Have Cancer."*

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Every December, you can plan on seeing Pam sitting next to Santa greeting Mission Viejo kids at Santa's Workshop at City Hall. Pam also is a member of the Mission Viejo Activities Committee, and she is a Mission Viejo Community Services Commissioner.



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## SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

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Kevin Vuozzo, starting center fielder for the Trabuco Colts baseball team (feeder team for Trabuco Hills High School) is currently an eighth grader at RSM Intermediate School. He is playing his second year for the Colts and will try out for the Mustangs this summer.



Kevin loves playing baseball and has always been the fastest runner on his team. He leads the team each season in stolen bases and triples, and covers a lot of ground in center field.

When Kevin is not playing baseball, he can be found snowboarding, boogie boarding, camping, fishing, or just hanging out with his buddies. He is an honor student at RSM Intermediate carrying a 3.9 GPA and will be taking honors classes at Trabuco Hills next fall.

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# SGT. MATT DAVIS PARK

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Memorial plaque discussing Matt's life and service



From left to right: Sgt. Matthew Davis, Dep. John MacPherson, Dep. Brad Blakely, Dep. Dave Phillipi, Dep. Bobby Garcia, Dep. Ken Binning, Dep. Joel Buchlmayer (photo from 2001)

**Sgt. Matt Davis** Park was named after Sergeant Matt Davis who died in the line of duty while serving Mission Viejo. He was patrolling with his motorcycle down Marguerite when a driver pulled out in front of him at La Sierra, and Matt was killed instantly.

Every year on the anniversary of his death, many Mission Viejo Sheriff deputies, along with Matt's mother, gather at the park and honor Matt's service to Mission Viejo.

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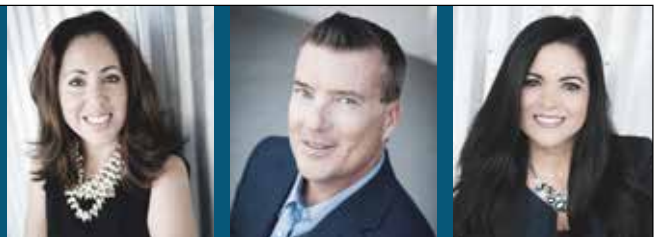
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