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YEAR IN REVIEW HE GOOD AND THE VERY, VERY GOOD I am honored to have served as your Mayor this year. Mission Viejo is a safe, strong and



by Wendy Bucknum

Mayor, Miss

I am honored to have served as your Mayor this year. Mission Viejo is a safe, strong an vibrant community and an innovative center of change.

The diversity of our residents, the energy of our businesses, the creativity of our arts together have created a distinctive moment in the history of this fabulous City.

We are in an exciting position to shape the Mission Viejo of tomorrow, but let me tell you about what this community means today.

Mission Viejo means business and a bold vision for the heart of our community. The Core Area Vision Plan is an effort initiated by our City Council that included extensive public input and market analysis to enhance our City's Core Area. This effort is about fostering economic development, working with the Chamber of Commerce and supporting established as well as new businesses.

Mission Viejo is about safeguarding our fiscal reserves, which I am proud to report total more than \$27 million.

Embracing our environment has long been a hallmark of this community – from the free MV Shuttle that transports folks to key destinations in town to our annual environmental fair for hundreds of students and recycling programs initiated at every school to partnering with nonprofit educational groups like Inside the Outdoors.

Mission Viejo means cultural arts – from annual events like Arts Alive and Symphony in the Cities to the new Potocki Center for the Arts, which will provide endless opportunities for all ages to tap their creative sides.

With the renovation of the Marguerite Aquatics Center, we will usher in a new chapter in our City's swimming and diving legacy.

Indeed, this is an exciting time to live, work and play in Mission Viejo. On the horizon, we will celebrate our City's 30th anniversary of incorporation with the men, women and children who continue to make this City so great. I am grateful for a productive 2017 and look forward to all the New Year will bring. Season's Greetings!

CHRISTMAS FOR CARING



Mission Viejo has character! As a Community of Character since 2003, the City focuses on 12 character qualities throughout the year. In December, we promote Caring, a trait which can be described with the words compassion, loving, or kindness. A caring person is concerned about others. Empathy, the ability to feel what another person is feeling—to imagine "walking in the shoes" of another person-is important. Another word which helps us to understand how to be caring is "altruism," which means having feelings and actions that show a desire to help other people and an unselfish concern for the welfare of others. As we strive to be more caring, the "Golden Rule" is a good guideline: treat others the way you would like to be treated. We can be caring by giving of our time and talent, and even just by smiling and offering a kind word! Try setting a goal of performing a random act of kindness every day!

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

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same." Rachel Scott

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QESTION FOR THE FIRE CHIEF :

My neighbor set up his yearly Christmas light display and it's great to look at, but when I saw it up close - it was a major disaster. In his quest to make a more impressive house display - he had overloaded power strips, electrical cords running through dry trees, lights that look old and very cheap and every kind of potential fire hazard conceivable.

To make matters worse, he ran his lights from 6 in the evening till 6 in the morning. I don't want to ruin his and his family's fun, I just want things to be safe for me and my family, and the neighborhood in general. What do I do? Is there someone I can call in the City of Mission Viejo? Any help would strongly be appreciated.

ANSWER:

To avoid the Clark Griswold school of holiday decorating, there are a few ways you can create an electrical overload and possible fire, and all are easily avoidable. Here are a few tips you can share: 1. Use LED lights. LED lights use 20% of the electricity that traditional, incandescent lights use.

2. Don't leave the lights on. Your light display does not need to be on during the day or during the middle of the night.

3. Replace old lights. Although it may seem like you can get one more year of use out of your old Christmas lights, make sure that you replace any strands that have frayed or exposed wires.

4. Plug lights into power strips. It is important to use power strips that offer surge protection in case of an overload.





Holly Jolly Light Your

Friday, Dec 8th and Saturday, Dec 9th from 6-10pm

Santa's Workshop Hours

Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday night 6-8pm - starting Nov. 29th until Dec. 20th at the Mission Viejo Civic Center Plaza.

BAGATIONE Couple Sets A Bag Example In Their Neighborhood

Brian and Dawn Trumbo have lived in Mission Viejo for 22 years, and they set an example every morning as they walk their 10 year old pup, Sadie on a two mile loop around their Auburn Ridge neighborhood in South Mission Viejo.

If you have ever seen them walking, morning and evening they have had a trash bag with them for the last 2 years. They had been frustrated at the amount of trash they saw everyday on their walks. They saw that people left their dog poo bags on the side



Brian, Dawn and Sadie

of the road, fast food wrappers were spread all over the street by the crows and cigarette butts were everywhere, so they decided to do something about it.

They have a wish that every neighbor would bend down and pick up the trash that is in front of their homes so that it doesn't go to the gutter and down to the ocean. They wish parents would talk to their children about not littering and discuss ways they can improve their communities as a family. They wish everyone felt empowered to do something, anything, that could help brighten their own communities.

When asked about the weirdest things they have found, there have been some doozies! An 18 pack of unopened beer cans, boxer shorts, a brand new roll of foil. As far as gross - yep condoms and feminine hygiene products (that they pick up with doggie bags).

So think of these two (plus pup) the next time you see some trash and join in their quest for a better Mission Viejo and bend down and pick it up!





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CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH Breakfast Buffet 10:00am-12:30pm Evening Buffet 2:00pm-6:00pm MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH Christmas Day Brunch 11:00am-4:00pm

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Tiny Lights of Mission Viejo

Beginning October 1 and finishing on Thanksgiving, the City installs all of its beautiful holiday lights.

- Here are some fun facts:
- 10,000 strands of lights
- 70 lights per strand = 700,000 LED lights
- Begin installing lights October 1 of each year; and finish by Thanksgiving. All are taken down and stored by the end of January.
- It takes 3 different contracting firms along with a City staff to coordinate and install all of the decorations.
- The star on the Community Tree at La Paz and Chrisanta is 4 feet across.
- It takes 2 large shipping containers to store all of the lights.
- Over 700 extension cords are needed.
- Over 23,750 feet of electrical tape is used. That's 4.5 miles of tape.



People come from all over Orange County to look at the 700,000 tiny lights!



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

PEEING IN THE POOL

Dear Aunt Sandy,

Mission Viejo has pools scattered all around town, and I use almost all of them. This summer at several of the community's pools, I've tasted urine in the water, and it burns my eyes. Do people not have the decency to use a bathroom anymore?

- Pee'd Off, on Alicia

Dear Pee'd Off,

Sounds like you're an expert pool crasher! I have good news and bad news for you. The good news is urine is just salts, water and a little DNA, so there's not much in there that will hurt you. The bad news is, kids and adults do it regularly. Studies show that over 70% of people pee in the pool. Most kids start out by peeing in the bathtub, then it's usually a Jacuzzi, and finally they graduate to the granddaddy of all toilets - a pool.

My advice - swim with your mouth shut, and buy some goggles.

I prefer to stay out of pools altogether, not because of the peeing going on, but because of the outrageous costs of a Brazilian Wax.

- Aunt Sandy

A TRAIN RUNS THRU IT Mission Viejo's Five Miles of Train Tracks

In the 1880s, railroad tracks were laid over the El Camino Real. The Atcheson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad completed the track through the Mission Viejo area in 1887. By 1888, the tracks connected San Diego



and Los Angeles, as trains replaced the north-south stagecoaches.



Stages then started offering shuttle service from the area's train stations, El Toro and San Juan Capistrano, on either side of the ranch that now covers Mission Viejo.

The section of the line between Avery and Oso Parkways was named Galivan, and there the Santa Fe built a whistle-stop that included a cattle ramp.

The highest point of elevation on the entire San Diego line is in Mission Viejo at milepost 189 near Alicia Parkway.





LA PAZ ROADBRIDGE MISSION VIEJO'S FIRST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



La Paz Area and Railroad Tracks



La Paz Road Bridge



La Paz Bridge Construction

It was back in 1960, when the O'Neill family saw that they had 5.5 miles of land that bordered the new Interstate 5 freeway, and that this land would make for a beautiful new community. When construction finally began in about 1965, the first hurdle was to get men and equipment over the railroad tracks. La Paz Road was to be the first exit developed for the new Mission Viejo community.

The La Paz Road project provided a bridge over the railroad tracks, providing freeway access to the undeveloped ranch land and allowing bricks, wire, lumber, pipes, and even trees (all trees in Mission Viejo were planted by man – except two. See January 2017 issue) to be transported into our community.



Mission Viejo's Lost Treasure

Juan Capistrano about Bouchard and his 140 men. Quickly, the mission's

treasures were secreted away and

buried near an adjacent creek, called

Arroyo Trabuco San Francisco de

Solano. Explorer Gaspar de Portolà and his men had built an adobe and camped at the site in 1769, one of the soldiers had lost his musket, or trabuco, and the

In the 1800's, French pirate Hippolyte Bouchard and his two ships, both displaying the flag of Argentina, terrorized the coast of California.

Not long after conducting a particularly vicious raid on the settlement of Santa Barbara, his ships were next sighted off what is now Dana Point, but messengers from Los Angeles had alerted the padres at Mission San



Plaque at the Trabuco Adobe in rememberance of the Portola Expedition

name had stuck. Before soldiers from Los Angeles could arrive, Bouchard's men looted the mission and damaged several of the buildings, but the treasure at the Trabuco adobe remained safe.

Years passed. During this time it was rumored that great wealth was buried at the adobe. Many arrived with shovels, and digging commenced. But while stories were told of unearthed gold coins and other valuables, it is probable that other treasures remain.

A few years later Don Juan Forster, purchased the ranch. Ultimately, the adobe and the Plano Trabuco came under the ownership of the James Flood and Richard O'Neill families.

Today, what is left of the Trabuco adobe is part of O'Neill Park and enclosed within a small wooden structure visible from the Arroyo Vista road leading to the Tijeras Creek Golf Club. A plaque adjacent the structure honors the Portolà expedition, but visitors are discouraged from bringing shovels.



While Hippolyte Bouchard remembered today in California as a pirate, in his adopted homeland of Argentina, the French mariner is considered a national hero. They even made a stamp in honor of his adventures.





The Arroyo Trabuco San Francisco de Solano Adobe as it looked in the 1930's . Located near the Mission Viejo skatepark at Beebe Park.



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Gardeners sometimes use decorative fences, up to 36" high, to help prevent rabbits and other critters from eating the crops.

Each gardener has access to water for their own lots without sharing with other gardeners.

The Vegetable Garden has been a draw for many perspective residents looking for a senior gated community. Tours of our garden are available to anybody who is interested in seeing what they do behind the gates.

Contact Carole Gish at: carole_gish@sbcglobal.net

Drone Photography by Michael Kapusta

PORCH PIRATES Protect Your Packages

'Porch Pirates' are becoming more and more common even in Mission Viejo. Here are a couple ideas that may help keep these rotten thieves away.

- 1. Use Smart Package Lockers or Store Deliverys Many companys allow you to retrieve your package in selected locations across the country.
- 2. Have Packages Delivered to Your Workplace
- **3. Install a Smart Security Camera at Your Front Door** Having a smart video surveillance camera pointing at the front door, hallway or driveway is intimidating and causes the bad guys to go elsewhere..
- 4. Require Signature on Delivery
- 5. Insure Your Upcoming Packages



If you believe your packages were stolen, contact the delivery company first to verify delivery, then contact the Sheriff's nonemergency dispatch at 949-770-6011 to take a theft report.

COME FLYWITH ME Donald J. Vaughn Gone at 85

Legendary Mission Viejo resident **Donald J. Vaughn** passed away last month.



Don married the love of his life, **Phyllis** in 1954. They were married for 57 years. After his service in the army, Don and Phyllis eventually moved to Mission Viejo in 1968, - where he enjoyed his career in the field of insurance.

Don was one of the founders of the Junior All American Football program in Mission Viejo, and he coached in the Pop Warner Football

program (Antelopes).

Don loved flying and was a recreational pilot and an active member of the Aviation Country Club where he served as president. Don and Phyllis enjoyed many adventures together to places like Alaska, Mexico, Europe, and South America, but one of their most treasured places to unwind with family and friends was Lake Mohave, Nevada.

Don played a vital role in building Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and the school. Mission Viejo will miss Don Vaughn.

































Get Your DANCE On HARE SHAKE YOUR BOOTY With Ruiper Up until recently, all four of my daughters played soccer. Before I over forty years theatrical dance experience, she shares her knowledge

knew it, they all developed their own interests and asked to take cheer, of both stage and theater with all of her happy students. dance and basketball, respectively. I started by asking a few friends who have kids in dance if they knew of a place they could recommend and the name "Sol Dance Studio" came up a lot.



We decided to try out a Summer camp, and my girls were really excited that the theme was "Harry Potter". The five day camp went from 10-2, so it was nice for me to have some free time! Ah, browsing the aisles of Target alone, Pumpkin Spice latte in hand, is this Mom's dream come true. The girls had a performance for the

parents, which was fantastic. Sol Dance Academy is known for their Summer camps for kids ages 4-12 in which they learn a bit of several disciplines of dance. Popular themes this year included"The Trolls" and "Moana". At the camps, they sing, dance, and make both the costumes and set. Immediately following the camp, two of my girls were anxious to sign up for a weekly dance class, and we chose hip hop because it looked like a lot of fun. Ashtyn reports that the class is "awesome" and says she has learned some new moves. Sienna likes that they play great music during the class, and now she's constantly dancing around the house.

Sol Dance Academy has been open since 2013, and is located at 25571 Jeronimo, #3 (next to Patsy's) in Mission Viejo. It is a professional school of dance that offers classes in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary and hip hop. Artistic Director Sharon Sandor is an active performer and has been a popular dance instructor in Orange County for 30 years. With

The studio has a viewing area for the parents to enjoy watching their children practice and perform. The owner makes it super easy to get started by providing everything kids need such as leotard, tights, ballet and tap shoes and even instructions on how to make a professional bun for dance class.

When the kids are enrolled in a regular dance class, they get invited to a free movie night allowing the parents to have a night out. They're even allowed to bring a friend to "their" dance studio for this event.. They have a big projector, black out curtains and a large movie screen.. My kids loved watching "Beauty and The Beast" and were excited that they had licorice and popcorn. While our kids watched the movie, my husband and I went next door to Patsy's where we enjoyed a few scrumptious cocktails.

For more information about Sol Dance Academy, go to SolDanceAcademy.com or call 949-305-0005.



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MISSION VIEJO SENIOR RECEIVES MAJOR RECOGNITION

Swimmer and student Jacqueline ("Jacky") Setlich from Mission Viejo High School has been named the School Winner at MVHS by "Wendy's High School Heisman" - which is a joint program between Wendy's and the Heisman Trophy Trust, host and custodians of the Heisman Memorial Trophy[®]. This



honor places her in the competition for the State contest, which continues on to the National High School Heisman honors. She will receive a School Winner certificate and a Wendy's High School Heisman Patch.

In awarding her this honor, her dedication to never cutting corners was noted. "Jacky is known by her teachers and friends for her commitment to excellence, dedication to her team, and her work ethic. We are excited and

honored that a program like Wendy's High School Heisman is also recognizing her hard work," said Coach T Sorenson, Head Girls Swimming & Diving Coach at Mission Viejo High School.



For more information or to track a student's progress through the competition, please visit www. WendysHeisman. com.



PLUGITIN A Different Kind Of Gas Station

Drive into the The Shops at Mission Viejo parking lot by Forever 21 any morning, and you will see a

possible glimpse into the future. What looks like



gas pumps is in fact, a set of fast charging DC (direct current) electric



chargers for electric powered/hybrid vehicles run by EVgo. There are usually 3 or 4 vehicles at the start of the day

They were installed 3 years ago under an agreement between Simon, which owns the Shops, and NRG eVgo. The chargers are called 'fast chargers' and can fully charge a vehicle in 30

minutes. They join a growing number of similar charging stations throughout Orange County.







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THE LUSK Kidnapping Mission Viejo Resident Left For Dead

It was a clear day in Newport Beach in 1970, when 18-year-old Mission Viejo resident **John Lusk** was delivering some tickets for his uncle to the home of the prominent Irvine Family. John parked his car in the guest parking and proceeded to the estate with the tickets for U.S. Senator George Murphy's reelection party at the new Anaheim Convention Center. Upon completing the delivery, he pulled his 1964 Cadillac Coupe de Ville onto northbound Coast Highway, not noticing the blue Mercedes Benz convertible that was following him.



Next stop was "Richards" market, in the Lido Isle shopping center, and meeting with the catering manager; they both loaded up trays of appetizers in the back seat and said farewell. As John was about to get into the driver's seat, a person came from behind and stuck a small caliber revolver in his back ordering him to "get in and slide over". Confused and shaken by what was happening, he did as he was told. He was then ordered to get on the floor and to not look at the kidnapper. The kidnapper explained that he was going to ransom him to the Irvine Family. Immediately, young Lusk explained that he was NOT an "Irvine" family member and had merely been there on a delivery. The kidnapper was confused and wanted to know why

John Lusk today John Lusk today bills to be taken to the entrance to Disneyland. The kidnapper then threw John Lusk into the dark, hot trunk and left him for dead.



The police delivered the money as told; however, the kidnapper went to the wrong entrance. The Newport Beach Police Department set up a phone surveillance at the Lusk residence. **Detectives Ken Thompson** and **Sam Amburgy**, along with **Chief of Police Glavis**, accompanied the elder Uncle Lusk back to Disneyland for another attempt at the ransom drop. Again, the kidnapper went to the wrong area. Back to the residence to await another call. This time, the kidnapper wanted the money taken to LAX Continental Airlines terminal by the escalators.



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caught and revealed where he had left young Lusk locked in the trunk of his car some thirteen hours earlier. John Lusk was alive and well, though quite shaken from the experience. As the air in the trunk got more contaminated by carbon dioxide, John survived by letting the air out of the spare tire that was in the trunk with him. Today, John and his wife **Rose** live in the community of Casta Del Sol.





THIS YEAR, THE MISSION VIEJO REPORTER ASKED OUR RESIDENTS THE QUESTION: WHAT ARE YOUR Holiday Traditions?

While we decorate the tree, our family drinks a bottle of champagne. We always save the wirecage from the top of the bottle, write the year underneath the cap, then hang the cage on the tree. –Jerry A

After a few glasses of wine on Christmas Eve, my family and friends play 'Name That Tune' –Diane R

I trace my kids' hands on our red flannel tree skirt with fabric-paint pens and also include their ages. I have been doing this for the past seven years. –Julia D

At midnight on New Year's Eve, our family would bang on the light post in front of our home. Using hammers and wrenches, we hit the post for about two minutes straight while shouting, "Happy New Year!" - Lorrie K

There is always a Twilight Zone marathon going on, so my dad always made us watch at least a few episodes. He would always start by saying: "oh, this is a really good one" – Paul M

My mom always buys us pajamas and we always open them on Christmas Eve and then wear them to bed. - Cindy J

Every year my Mom makes us watch Christmas Vacation from start to finish. And every year my Mom still laughs the loudest. – Tommy R

Every Christmas that I can remember, my dad cusses while putting up the decorations. - Sammy T.

My sister and I, opening our Advent calendars and eating the chocolate before we were supposed to. – Lindsey L

Our favorite Christmas tradition is wrapping paper tube sword fights on Christmas Eve. We save up all the tubes from the rolls of wrapping paper we use and the war begins. - Don W

On Christmas Day my mom and dad always have an "open house" where people just stop by and say hi and drink some wine – Jordan L

We always eat Lithuanian seafood and open all our presents on Christmas Eve. -Sandy G

Eating my neighbor's tamales on Christmas Day was always something I looked forward to. - Gene L

My parents, made me and my brothers and sisters go to church every Christmas morning before we opened presents.- Greg R $\,$



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CHOOSING A DENTIST TO PERFORM YOUR DENTAL IMPLANT

It's not easy to find a dentist who uses State of The Art equipment and the highest quality deal implants rather than cheap replicas for dental implants. Dr. Manesh of Mission Dental Implant Center explains why patients should avail themselves of the services of a dentist who offers services at a reasonably competitive cost while still offering a premium implant experience.

While the latest dental implant technologies have made replacing a missing tooth or teeth more affordable for most people, patients sometimes compromise quality when choosing discounted or attractively packaged dental solutions. They fail to consider that the long term success of their dental implant depends upon many factors, including the dentist's record of quality dental care plus their skill with the latest procedures and the clinic's equipment and materials used.

Research further indicates that experience is a critical and important deciding factor when performing an implant, and more so with a sophisticated one like the Titanium Straumann. The skill and expertise of the doctor directly impacts an implant's success or ultimate failure. Failure could be extremely costly in that a patient would have to remove the crown that is placed on the implant, and in doing so, the crown could be destroyed, resulting in not only redoing the implant but then replacing the crown. A recent study at the Center For Implant Dentistry at Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry found that the incidence of implant failure was higher for inexperienced clinicians. In another Study, "Reasons for Failures of Oral Implants", the factor "inexperienced surgeons inserting the implants" substantially increased the chances for implant failure.

Patients can significantly increase their chances for a successful procedure, including dental implant, by choosing a dentist who has spent a considerable amount of time in perfecting their dental work, is skilled in the latest techniques, uses the best materials and equipment and charges clients based on accomplishment in dentistry, not market dynamics.



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SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH James Powers - Golf G

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James 'Jimmy' Powers, a Sophomore at Capo Valley High School, Mission Viejo, is a remarkable athlete. From tennis, to basketball, to golf - Jimmy easily transitions between different sports and excels at each one of them.

Confident and competitive, this busy teen played on the JV Golf Team last year and hopes to make Varsity this year. He had the lowest scoring average on the JV team, won the under 12 Junior Championship at Tijeras Creek and had a hole-in-one not long ago. His excellent short game and consistent low scores, speak to his hard work and staunch dedication to the sport.

What's even more extraordinary about this athlete, is that Jimmy was born with scoliosis. However, nothing slows him down. With his high energy and positive attitude, he keeps his focus on achieving his goals. When he's not on the golf course, he enjoys hiking, biking and hanging out with friends.

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