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Dave Leckness  
Editor



## THE BEE MAN AKA The Compassionate Man



by Greg Rath  
Mayor Pro-Tem, Mission Viejo

Just before Christmas Jerry did something wonderful. He donated his beautiful red metallic Cadillac Escalade, which is specially retrofitted for a handicapped person, to our charity to help a veteran in need. Jerry felt compelled to give back and help a veteran in need. Thank you Jerry for being an outstanding citizen and friend in our community.

Have you ever had a problem with bees swarming around your house and then notice a large bee hive bigger than a football hanging from one of your eaves or trees? If so, it would be time to call the Bee Man, Mission Viejo resident **Jerry Bryant**. Since 1977, Jerry has been providing professional bee removal and control services to commercial and residential customers throughout Southern California. The Bee Man is licensed, insured and bonded. [www.BeeManBuzz.com](http://www.BeeManBuzz.com)

I first met Jerry three years ago at a weekly Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce event called Daybreakers. This group of small business owners meets every Tuesday morning at 8:00 AM at High Park Tap House in Mission Viejo to network and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. It is at this weekly event that I promote a charity near and dear to me, Patriots and Paws, a 501C3 non-profit that supports local military personnel, veterans and their families. [www.patriotsandpaws.org](http://www.patriotsandpaws.org)



## MEET YOUR NEW FIRE CHIEF

**Chief Robert Capobianco** began his fire service career in 1988 as a paid call firefighter with the Orange County Fire Authority. He was promoted to Division Chief on December 8, 2017. Prior to this position, he served as the Battalion Chief of OCFA's Investigative Service Section and a field battalion chief in south Orange County. Chief Capobianco also worked as a fire captain/paramedic, and a firefighter/paramedic (5 years of which were at station 24 in Mission Viejo). Other assignments included being an arson investigator and an assistant fire training officer.

As division chief, he serves as the fire chief for the cities of Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and San Clemente. Additionally, Chief Capobianco directs the operations of the OCFA's Urban Search and Rescue team-home to California Task Force 5. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Chief Capobianco is married with two young boys and resides in South Orange County.

The Mission Viejo Reporter wishes Chief Capobianco and his family all the best as he settles into his duties in our area, welcome!



## PROBLEM = TMC "TOO MANY CARS"

Given the increased demand on public safety resources, it is crucial that we have adequate alternative routes for emergency vehicles to access emergency situations and to transport those in need as quickly as possible to the appropriate level of care.

With the inevitable population growth comes concern about whether or not we have the infrastructure to support that growth. The good news is that your Mission Viejo City Council is making significant strides to plan for the future.



by Wendy Bucknum  
City Council Member

Mayor Sachs and I have taken on regional leadership roles with The Toll Roads in collaboration with Mayors and Council Members of our neighboring cities to speed up efforts that will deliver an alternate route to I-5.

We are looking at a number of promising ideas that will improve traffic flow, cut down emergency transport times, and improve your quality of life. Some ideas include 241 toll road connections to I-5 near the southern border of our county. While these efforts take years, I want to assure you that we are united in seeing through to completion meaningful regional traffic relief solutions, just as we have done right here in our own city.

I encourage you to join us in supporting our efforts to fix traffic by signing up at [GetMovingOC.com](http://GetMovingOC.com).





# HOW OUR STREETS GOT THEIR NAMES

**Suzanne Charlton** has lived an incredible life. As a girl, she studied abroad in Italy and surfed her way through high school in Long Beach before attending USC. Sue was married to Phil Charlton, an executive for the **Mission Viejo Company**. Sue, Phil, and their family moved to Europe, bought a Volkswagen camper, and traveled extensively before settling in Spain, where she fell in love with the Spanish language and culture. The family returned stateside for the birth of their third son, John. Sue taught Spanish at **Mission Viejo High** for fifteen years and founded the school's Model United Nations program

Sue named many of the streets in Mission Viejo before we became a city in 1988. Her love for Spanish culture shows in many of our city's street names.

Other streets were named after members of the O'Neill family. Their names are present everywhere in Mission Viejo. Marguerite

Parkway was named after **Marguerite O'Neill**, Alicia Parkway was named after **Alice O'Neill Avery**, Antonio Parkway was named after **Tony Moiso**, Jeronimo was named after **Jerome O'Neill**, and Olympiad was originally named O'Neill but changed its name after the Olympics in 1984.



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# FUNGUS AMUNGUS! IN MISSION VIEJO

TINY PEST CAUSES A HUGE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE



Have you ever seen a stately, majestic Sycamore in one of our Mission Viejo parks? Its branches are held high, shading thousands of folks relaxing and playing near it each year. Sadly, there are unwanted invaders from the other side of the Pacific that prefer to make their home in our superb Sycamores, Sweetgums, Palo Verde, Coral Trees and Jacaranda's.

The Polyphagous Shot Hole is a tiny exotic pest that is believed to come over from southeast Asia in the packing material of shipping containers and now runs rampant in Mission Viejo. In their mouth parts they carry and vector a disease to trees called Fusarium, which is detrimental to over 137 susceptible trees, to the point of decline or death. Contact your local ISA Certified Arborist to inspect your trees regularly and insist that your **elected officials** become informed and have a plan to address this growing pest menace that threatens our trees and our safety.



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**Tim Crothers**

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# Ask Aunt Sandy

- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON



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

## BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

Dear Aunt Sandy,

It's February and my neighbor still has his Christmas lights strung up on his house. I called the city, and they said it's a HOA problem. Well, we don't have an HOA where I live, near Alicia and Jeronimo. What would Aunt Sandy do?

-Strung Out In Mission Viejo

Dear Strung,

*I would leave a polite note like this on Mr. Lazy front door step:*

*"Dear Neighbor,*

*It's the "twelve days of Christmas" not the "twelve months of Christmas", so get that obnoxious blinking Santa off your roof. It's Spring. Your wreath died weeks ago, and your manger's been taken over by a family of raccoons.*

*And finally, take down those glittery ornaments and faux icicle lights. This time of year, the only thing that should be sparkling is the LGBTQ group down the street."*

- Aunt Sandy

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