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I joined the Mission Viejo Rotary Club four years ago, and I have found it to be a wonderful organization. Our club meets every Wednesday morning for breakfast at 7:10 AM at the Mission Viejo Country Club. Rotary is a service orientated club with over a million members worldwide. We get together to exchange ideas, assist local charities, grow our businesses, and make new friends. We volunteer to support projects that aid the Saddleback Valley communities, as well as people in Mexico and India. Find out more about our organization at www.missionviejorotary.org. We invite you for breakfast and a short program with a local speaker. Our meeting concludes promptly at 8:30 AM.

by Colonel Greg Raths USMC (RET) Mayor Pro-Tem, Mission Viejo

I am the president-elect for 2019, and I look forward to working within our area and beyond making our world a better place. I thank our current president, Chris Skorina and his board members for all they do for our club. I hope to see you at one of our next meetings.

# **TIS' THE SEASON - SHOULDER TAPS** MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE WITH SMALL GESTURES



The Holiday Season is upon us and often times during this joyful and jolly time of year many people are suffering or lonely as they face the loss of a loved one or have challenges in their lives. This is the time of year, we can make a real difference with small gestures.

Have you ever been in line at the grocery store, behind someone in line while grabbing your morning coffee or in a restaurant and had a feeling to say hi or say something nice to someone? For many these "Shoulder Taps" are God tapping us on the shoulder, nudging us to take a moment, and share a compliment or greeting with someone.

by Wendy Bucknum

So many times we let these moments pass, don't let them pass, take that moment and act upon it. The next time you get a "Shoulder Tap", take a moment to act on it with a compliment or simple hello, that small gesture could make a big difference to someone.



Greetings of the Season to you and yours! -Wendy

# SPREADING COMPASSION THROUGHOUT THE CITY



Mission Viejo has character! As a Community of Character for the past 15 years, 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.

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

"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

# FROM OUR CLEAN UP ON AISLE THREE DEPT. Willing Tila

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

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 our 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. Christmas Supplies Even if you're not into them, it's a good way to keep kids busy for cheap. The dollar store sells plenty of garland, wreathes, ribbons, paintbrushes, coloring books, glitter, and more!
- 9. 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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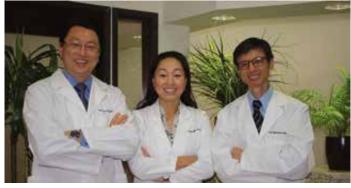
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FROM OUR JUNIOR WILD ONE DEPT.

# Castille Elementary's James Reading



Meet Mission Viejo's very own Easy Rider, and his name is **James Reading**. James is eight years old and in the third grade at Castille Elementary School. The Mission Viejo Reporter learned that James is the only student at Castille that rides his bike to school each day.

We sat down with James and wanted to get to know this incredible kid. His favorite TV program is Spongebob Squarepants and his favorite color is Orange or Green. We asked what makes him want to ride his bike to school, and James said, "For



exercise". James said, the first time he rode his bike from home (one mile) to school, his mom followed him in her car, just to make sure he didn't get lost and to watch him cross the one busy street on his route. When James crosses the busy street, he says he pushes the

for the WALK sign, but he still looks both ways just to be sure. When lames arrives at school. he parks his bike in the school's bike rack area (his is the only bike), and sometimes he shoots a few baskets at the basketball court before school begins.



James solitary bike in the bike racks.

We asked James if he ever has crashed on his bike and he said, "Oh yeah; look at these scabs on my knees." We then asked if they take a long time to heal, James said yes, because when he slides during soccer, the scabs keep ripping off. **Castille Principal Laura Lyon**, would like to see more kids ride to school on their bikes.

Other big news out of Castille elementary: **Karen Folker** scraped her knee on the playground chasing **Bruce Newdell**, and it took two bandages. **Troy Bowden** forgot to bring his lunch to school yesterday, but **Tommy Grief** gave him his pear. **Myra Lambert** got a part in the school play and she will be a raindrop.



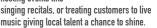
A Choice Blend of Community and Coffee

You clearly have an overabundance of choices to grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat as you start your morning commute, or join friends or colleagues for lunch, or cram for that midterm exam, or just decompress after a hard day's work. But many coffee houses just don't have the comfort and sense of community that Mission Viejo's **It's A Grind** has.

Perhaps that's because the baristas and the owner genuinely care about their customers and greet many regulars by their first names when they walk in the door. **It's A Grind** also constantly gives back to the community — whether donating coffee and food to Mission



ffee and food to Mission Viejo schools, PTAs, veterans organizations, and other groups, or hosting events like singing recitate or treat



If you enjoy hot, iced or blended fresh-roasted gourmet coffee or tea drinks, **It's A Grind** has all that, too, of course — as well as, bistro items

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#### FROM OUR BE A VOLUNTEER DEPT.



Perhaps you've noticed a white City vehicle with the words "Citizen Patrol" emblazoned on the car passing through your neighborhood recently. If you did, you saw volunteers from Mission Viejo's Senior Corps of Retirees (SCOR) team out on patrol. These City volunteers are under the direction of Mission Viejo Police Services. They perform a variety of tasks such as conducting vacation home checks, removing illegally posted signs, reporting graffiti, and maintaining visibility in neighborhoods. As of early November, SCOR has contributed nearly 4,000 hours of volunteer time in 2018, with more than 1,800 of those hours being logged by patrol, the computed total savings to Mission

Viejo taxpayers comes in at over \$93,000.

SCOR volunteers work within the City year round to assist with crime prevention by serving as additional "eyes and ears" for Police Services. Patrol volunteers complete a Cityprovided driver's safety training course put on by the California Joint Powers of Insurance Authority. New volunteers are mentored through their training by senior members on the team. Mission Viejo residents are welcome to apply. Those interested in the program can learn more by visiting :

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#### FROM OUR MANUFACTURING ANTIQUES DEPT. FROM OUR ANTIQ

**Recon Pros** is always striving to improve offering their customer the highest quality of service. In that spirit, they are pleased to announce a new addition to their team, **Timothy Logsdon!** Tim, their new



manager, brings over 16 years of automotive experience! He is a Fabricator and Car Assembler including classic car restoration, off-road builds and race and water cars. Over the years, Tim has produced top quality work for clientele including Disney, Shock Top, and Budweiser. Tim also was in the aviation field and built for Space X.



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#### FROM OUR QUESTIONABLE ADVICE DEPT.



Aunt Sandy is out of town this month. Uncle Earl is filling in. If you have a question for Uncle Earl email to **missionviejoreporter@gmail.com**. We'll make sure he gets it.

#### Dear Uncle Earl,

I hope you can help me. The other day I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34, and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid. I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

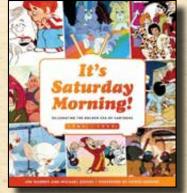
#### Sincerely, Sheila

#### Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check out all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps, **Uncle Earl** 

# M OPhing **VISITS CLASSIC CARTOONS** RESIDEN



Do you remember how excited you felt waking up on Saturday mornings to watch cartoons while gorging on sugary cereal? Now you can relive that magic with this year's ultimate holiday gift book: It's Saturday Morning! Celebrating the Golden Era of Cartoons: 1960s-1990s. Written by Michael Ashley, author/owner of the content company Ink Wordsmiths in Mission Viejo. This book is his love letter to the Saturday morning cartoons he grew up watching. It is a beautiful book with amazing concept art,

archival images, all-new interviews, and a foreword by Howie Mandel.

"My co-author, six-time New York Times best seller Joe Garner, and I experienced these cartoons as the seminal ritual that shaped our childhoods," said Ashley. To relive those lost times, Ashley and Garner researched these iconic cartoons and the people behind the writing and animation. Segmented by decade, the book also features beloved commercials inserted between

the shows. Shows like The Bugs Bunny Show, The Jetsons, The Pink Panther, The Smurfs, He-Man, Muppet Babies, and G.I. Joe, helped influenced our developing imaginations. "With this book," said Ashley, "not only can fans relive their memories, they can teach their kids about a different time - a special time - and bygone era."





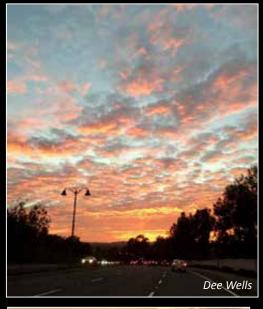




















# With Kathy Kuiper THE CARING FAIRIES ARE BACK New Homes, Buildings and Attractions Create A Wonderland



by Kathy Kuiper

Have you heard the exciting news? The Caring Fairies are returning to the Oso Trail in Mission Viejo for the Holiday season! With Queen Lily leading the pack,

Mother of Triplets plus One leading the pack, the fairies arrive on November 1st





and are there through Christmas, thanks to Mission Viejo Friends of the Arts. In celebration of their first Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Potocki Center for the Arts, The Caring Fairies have been busy building new homes and attractions for the Thanksgiving harvest festivities and a magical Christmas holiday season. Horseshoes, pumpkins, scarecrows, acorns and fairy pies will help create a magical fairy wonderland for folks to visit! Mark your calendar and head to the Potocki Center and Oso Creek

Trail beginning November 1st to see the fairies.

The Caring Fairies Book, written by myself, Kathy Kuiper, is now available on Amazon. Children will love to read the story of how The Caring Fairies came to Orange County, CA and eventually landed in their favorite place, Mission Viejo.

Please visit The Caring Fairies page on Facebook for info on special upcoming events including book signings and fairy home building workshops.

As Fairy Violet Starlight says, "The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with your heart."









Santa wants to share some tips with you, our Mission Viejo Reporter readers, for when he comes to visit. Here are the tips he sent to us.

**Prepare your Smile.** Practice it... again and again. This is probably the feature that improves the attractiveness of the picture the most. Practice that one over and over...you'll be glad you did... you'll use it for the rest of your life!

**Decide what to wear.** Whether for yourself or for the whole family. You know what I'll be wearing and what the colors will most likely be around me – red, gold, green, white, blue & brown.

Mission Viejo's Top Santa

Arranging your visit as early in the day as possible really helps to minimize little ones getting tired, food spills on nice clothes., etc.

While waiting in line, prepare for the unexpected. If your child does break out into tears right there and then, accept the crying pose or come back another time. Your stress level will be greatly diminished if you've already given yourself some options.

You may not be able to use all of the suggestions, but even just one or two of them can go a long way to improving the photographic mementos you will get this Season I look forward to seeing you soon! Ho ho ho!

-Santa

(Many thanks to Norm Van Winkle)



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 City staff to coordinate and install a

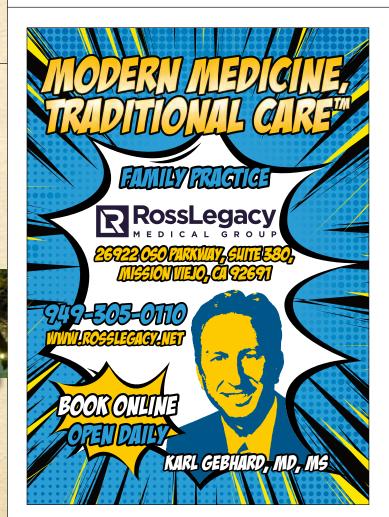
coordinate and install all of the decorations.

- 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.





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### VETERAN'S DAY Observance 2018

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Mission Viejo resident, **Bob Meredith**, probably has the coolest truck in Mission Viejo. It's a 1959 Chevrolet Fleetside Pickup.

Bob purchased it from a parts store in Mission Viejo off Avery Parkway around 1997. It was just a cab and a frame, so it had to be towed to Lake Elsinore where he had an auto repair shop at the time. It had always been a dream of Bob's to restore this classic 1959 model of Chevy pickup, so in nine months, he did a complete off-frame restoration to its original condition by visiting a lot of salvage yards and the Chevy Truck Stop store. He also chose the exterior color and did the paint job himself.



FROM OUR ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT.

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After the massive restoration, Bob only drove the truck to shows, and often had it trailered to events and places. Then one day he said to himself, "This is a truck that needs to be driven." So, Bob did away with the careful and delicate attitude toward his classic Chevy. Today, you'll find Bob driving his truck daily, and in the bed of the truck don't be surprised if you find auto parts, tools, and pieces of lumber. It's a real everyday truck, and Bob loves it. He drives it everywhere and always receives many thumbs up from people along the way.



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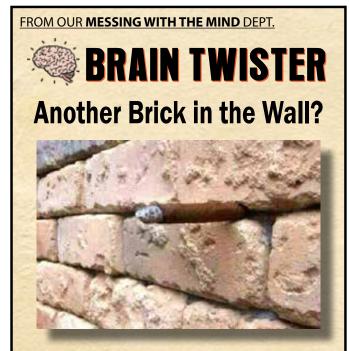
Seville Homeowners Association is preparing for its seventh annual Grand Prix slated for June 25.

In the past years, more than 7,000 persons have witnessed the adult soap-box derby and cheered more than 120 drivers who design, build and drive their own machines.

Trial runs will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 9 a.m. The derby will be held the following day also at 9 a.m.

The course will run on the same streets as in the previous years with drivers starting at the top of Chico, heading down Mimosa and finishing on La Vina.

Concession stands will be set up in the area and will provide hot dogs, cokes, beer and ice cream.



It seems like a regular wall, but there is something different about it. Once you see it, it's hard to unsee it.

Hint on the back cover

FROM OUR SAFETY FIRST DEPT.



Meet **Bo - the Crossing Guard**. Bo (Mike) is the crossing guard at Napoli and San Rafael for **Bathgate** students. You can find him

bright and early at 7:15 everyday with his cones out to protect the kids as they cross the street to school.

Bo worked for a company that sold money counting machines before he retired and found this job. He now counts kids and pups as they are kept safe crossing the street.

What makes Bo unusual as a crossing guard is his love for not only the kids - who he



Bo working on Crazy Hair Day!

without a stop to get a pet and a treat from him.

We love that a crossing guard can make such a difference in so many people and pups' day. A lot of caring people do the work. A few go the extra mile and leave an impression that lasts.

In addition to the service he does for the kids and the community, Bo and his wife have a couple of dogs of their own who they spoil with love and affection.



Bo and Friend.

says are the best. He loves meeting the kids and families and how friendly everyone is. He especially feels good when they remember to say thank-you for his service, but Bo takes a special liking to all the pups who cross his corner as well.

He shares a treat with each one when it is allowed. I know when my pup turns the corner in the early morning before the kids are there, he pulls me up the hill to get to Bo. It is not a good day



Bo, his wife and their pups.



### TREE LIGHTING

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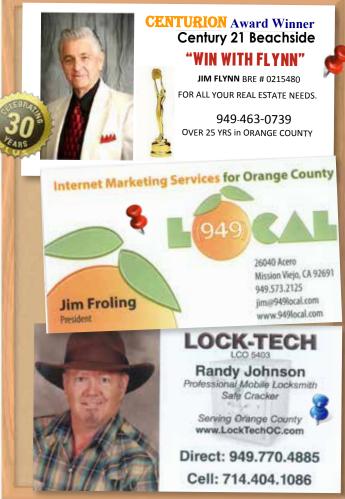
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#### FROM OUR KEEPING THE WALLS CLEAN DEPT.

# **GRAFFETE** GLEAN-UP Mission Viejo's High Priority

To you and I it's gibberish, but to some it's messages. That's why over 1,000 times a year, a select team of Mission Viejo staff members are ready to go to work at a moment's notice.



The Orange County Sheriffs Department contributes the City's lack of a gang presence partly due

to the fact that we are very, very aggressive on graffiti.

The average citizen would probably not realize this due to a very aggressive graffiti removal program. Most graffiti is removed within 24 hours of being reported.

The single best deterrent for graffiti continues to be a fast removal



of the graffiti. All graffiti is photographed, plotted with GPS coordinates, logged into a computerized program, and monitored by our Orange County Sheriff Department.

Citizens can report graffiti 24 hours a day on the City of Mission Viejo Graffiti Hotline - **949-460-2924** 

FROM OUR DOING THE RIGHT THING DEPT.



A few summers ago a Mission Viejo family contacted the City because their wheelchair-bound son would be attending MVHS at the end of the summer, and they wanted to be sure he could safely travel to and from school. City staff met with the family regarding the best route between their home on Salazar Street and Mission Viejo High School. They found that there were four locations on Spadra which did not have standard access ramps. The installation of four new ramps was expedited in time for the start of the school year.

The city of Mission Viejo cares about the wants and needs of every single resident. A few weeks ago, the City installed a new sidewalk on Aurora Way so a disabled resident could reach Doria Park without having to cross the street.





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# **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT THEM FROM SPREADING**



by Bob Ruesch

The good news is that Mosquito season is almost over and most Orange County Trustee for Vector control representing Mission Viejo. of Mission Viejo's residents were never bothered by an itchy bite.

The bad news is that next year, we may not be so lucky. Orange County and our great City of Mission Viejo, is looking at an increase of the Aedes Mosquito. This fellow and his cousins have been around since at least 2015 and are

expected next year to have a much larger presence. Known as the "zebra mosquito" or "ankle biter", these pests are hungry and 'you' are exactly what they are looking for. Typically, they are most active at dawn and dusk, but they can bite at any time.



To prevent you from becoming part of dinner, there are some things you can do. First, remove any sources of standing water. Maybe

now is the time to give your back and side yards the cleaning you have been putting off. When outside, wear long sleeves and long pants if possible. Use a commercial repellant that you can apply to your skin. Home remedies found on social media, while sounding great, are almost always ineffective.

We cannot stop Mother Nature, but we can be on alert and work now to prevent problems next spring.

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## SOUTH COUNTY LEXUS PRESENTING ATHLETE OF THE MONTH Sophie Sepulveda - Pep Squad

High School Junior, Sophie Sepulveda loves the camaraderie of her Varsity SONG teamates - a group of very talented and highly disciplined athletes, who are part of the Pep Squad, representing CVHS/Cougar pride.

"Song" has more to do with meticulously coordinated dances, but also requires advanced athletic abilities. Behind the girls' athletic skills (such as aerials) are many years of gymnastics, dance lessons, arduous song clinics & some competitions. The long, grueling hours of precise routines and flawless team work have already paid off. Sophie is very proud of her Freshman team victory - taking 3rd place overall at Nationals. Moreover, the Varsity team is gearing up to compete at the USA Spirit Leaders and Best of the West in December and January, respectively.

These competitions have built Sophie's confidence for performing in front of large crowds, but the main focus of Varsity Song and what she enjoys the most is to promote school spirit. With her high energy and fun personality, she relishes being in the midst of all the action and excitement surrounding the school sporting events. Whether she's at a basketball, football, wrestling or water polo game, her exuberant dance moves and resounding cheers motivate the fans to join in the chants and rally massive support for the players.



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