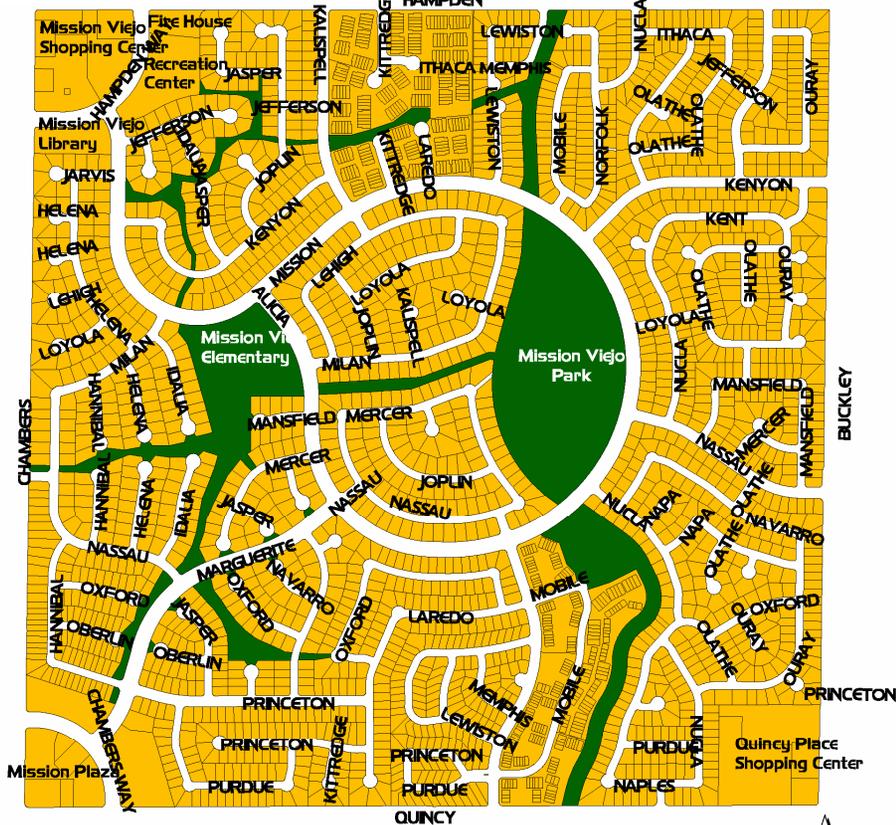




# MISSION VIEJO

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The purpose of this Mission Viejo HOA is to unite the unit owners of the Mission Viejo subdivisions in Aurora, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, streets, parkways, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Mission Viejo; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association. The Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc. proudly celebrates 2007 as the 35th anniversary year for the community. For more information please visit us at [www.missionviejohoa.org](http://www.missionviejohoa.org).

## MISSION VIEJO A Master Planned Community

### General Description

Mission Viejo Aurora is a 640 acre master-planned community in Arapahoe County within the city of Aurora, Colorado. It is located approximately two miles southwest of the intersection of Interstate 225 (I-225) and South Parker Road. The community's master plan was designed by the Mission Viejo Company who also developed Mission Viejo California and Highlands Ranch. The plan called for no less than thirty acres to be set aside for parks and recreation. Ten acres of the master plan was set aside for private recreation, and an additional five acres for a fire department and branch library.

### History

*Mission Viejo* was once near the shores of a vast inland sea during the time of the last dinosaurs of the Cretaceous Period, 65 million years ago. American Indians first inhabited the area that is today Mission Viejo, Aurora Colorado, some 12,000 years ago. Indians continued to pass and seasonally live in the area but it wasn't until around A.D. 1100 to A.D. 1200, that people, whom archaeologists call the "Woodland Culture", built semi-permanent homes in the area. These homes were small "pit houses". The new residents brought with them ceramic technology, probably from the Midwest. Sometime around A.D. 1700's Arapahoe (which is what Arapahoe County is named for) and Cheyenne Indians (both of whom originally came from the Great Lakes region) made Colorado and the areas around *Mission Viejo* their home.

The land that is today *Mission Viejo* was then later once a homestead. The corner of Quincy Blvd. and Chambers Rd. was part of the established ranching town of "Melvin". Around 1971, the Mission Viejo Company from California purchased the property and created a master plan for the community.

### Mission Design

The plan for Mission Viejo, Aurora, like its big sister community in California, was envisioned with greenbelts, walking paths to a school, shopping and a large community recreation center. Although the home styles changed throughout the building of the development the original plan remained intact. Like California, Mission Viejo Company employed the same types of signs as in California, the unique "Barcelona" entrance walls and used their famous "Mission Bell" streetlights throughout the community.

### Government

Mission Viejo is within the City of Aurora. All parks, streets and greenbelts are maintained by the City of Aurora.

### Educational Opportunities

Mission Viejo is served by the acclaimed Cherry Creek School District. Students enrolled at Mission Viejo Elementary feed into Laredo Middle School and Smoky Hill High School.

### Transportation

Mission Viejo is a transit-oriented community located approximately 2.5 miles from the Nine-Mile Park-n-Ride Light Rail transportation station making easy commutes to Downtown Denver, and the Denver Technological Center.

### Nearby Recreational Opportunities

Mission Viejo is located 2 miles from Cherry Creek State Park which offers boating, fishing, camping and hiking opportunities. Meadow Hills Golf Course, a public 18 hole traditional golf course is located just 1.5 mile west of the neighborhood.