

MISSION VIEJO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
2020 Annual Report and 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda

Held Via Zoom Technology

January 18, 2021 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order, Establishment of quorum, and Introduction of Board Members.
2. Board Member election results – Candidates to be re-elected are Elaine Lay and Tia Davis-Burns. To be elected Colette Bowdish and Sonia Deutsch. Voting closed at noon, January 18.
3. Presentation of 2021 Annual Budget as posted on the website.
4. Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting (January 13, 2020) minutes as posted on the website
5. Closing Remarks

Next regular monthly meeting is February 8 by Zoom technology. Contact President@missionviejohoa.org for an invitation.

2020 - The Year in Review

We are very pleased that this year the City of Aurora designated the Mission Viejo neighborhood (bounded by Chambers Road, Buckley Road, Hampden Avenue and Quincy Avenue) as a Cultural Heritage Site. Mission Viejo is one of only two such sites, the other being the Victory Grange on Tower Road. Cultural heritage sites are so designated based on their unique characteristics and/or their contributions to the educational, cultural and economic benefits to the city. We are honored by this designation and look forward to a ceremony in 2021 to install a special plaque which will most likely be displayed at the Mission Viejo Library to mark this award.

In late June, we signed an agreement with Waste Connections to offer residents a special trash program similar to what we had in the past with Pro Disposal. Trash Program participants will be charged a monthly base rate of \$20.06 for weekly trash service, and bi-weekly recycle services. This service will allow for each customer to place out four 32-gallon cans or four bags or a mixture of both not to exceed the allotment of four. Seasonal service will allow all residents to place out three additional bags or bundles of yard waste from June to November.

In 2020 we again hosted two dumpster days, one in June and the second October. These four trucks were provided by Waste Connections at a significant discount. The trucks accepted more than 30 tons of trash and debris. This volume would have cost HOA members nearly \$10,000 had these loads been taken to the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS landfill) by car or pick-up truck. We also held an electronics recycling which was very favorably received, accepting all types of electronic devices.

This year the HOA continued to fund weed control on the rights-of-way along Hampden Avenue, Chambers Road, Quincy Avenue, and Mission Parkway. This includes bare rock and sidewalks in these areas as well as Alicia Parkway. The total cost for 2021 will be the same as in 2020 (approximately \$6,000) for five separate applications between March and September. The HOA also funded the removal of seven dead trees along Hampden Avenue which had died and were not the responsibility of either a homeowner or the City of Aurora.

Due to the pandemic, the City of Aurora did not offer funds for beautification projects as they had in the past. On a much-reduced scale the HOA organized two cleanup projects along Hampden Avenue in September and October. A number of volunteers worked two weekend days digging weeds, trimming shrubs and gathering trash between the fire station and Buckley Road. Members of the Aurora Fire Department also cleaned and trimmed shrubs at Station Six.

Because of the pandemic and social distancing requirements, we did not hold a winter hayride this year. To comply with county regulations, we would not have been able to host refreshments or crafts as the school was closed. Wagon rides would have been limited to only ten people, significantly reducing the enjoyment of gathering as families and neighbors.

Without the many volunteers who give of their time, this HOA would be unable to function. In addition to our current Board members, we thank Richard Ferris who has served as our webmaster again this year. Rich helped coordinate the transfer of our website and email servers to a local firm in Denver. We offer a special thanks to Jonathan Taylor who served as Treasurer in 2020 and are most appreciative of Brenda Tompkins and Twila Filipiak who served during portions of 2020 as members of the Board. Also, don't forget that you can see what's going on in Mission Viejo at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/448363365762307/>

Behind the scenes are many volunteers who in 2019 accomplished many routine and often un-recognized tasks on behalf of the HOA. Our Welcome Committee consists of Connie Bays, Elaine Lay and Heather Tyrell. These women cheerfully deliver gift bags filled with local information and cookies to new residents. Our Garden Committee in 2020 included Lois and Jerry Keifer, Tom Evans, Betty Richards, Nicole Wallace, Carol Tobiasen and Elaine Lay. They were responsible for the flowers and garden located in

Mission Viejo Park on the south side of the playground. They toil throughout the growing season to keep flowers, shrubs, and landscaping material in perfect condition. Elaine Lay also continues to walk the neighborhood weekly picking up trash along sidewalks and streets.

During the holiday season, you may have seen the decorations located at the Walgreen's corner, at the library and at the fire station. Our thanks to Carol and Tom Tobiassen, Dede and Ron Dunlap, Dala and Randy Giffin and Lois and Jerry Keifer for putting up and taking down the decorations.

We want to thank our newsletter coordinator, Kathy Bitzer and each of the volunteers who delivered the Mission Viejo Reporter (newsletter) each month this year. Despite rain, snow and icy walks these volunteers deliver to your front door a copy of the monthly newsletter to help you keep informed of neighborhood activities. This year's deliverers included: Kathy Bitzer, Taylor Bladow, Courtney Dauer, Joyce Durant, Lenka Dostlova, Barb Ferris, Dala Giffin, Mandy Gordon, Chris Hammeren, John Howe, Yuri Kashima Ellingson, Lois Keifer, Pat Kraft, Elaine Lay, Cindy Maddox, Dawn Magers, Karen and Craig Messinger, Dan Miller, Todd Mowbry, Susan Nelson, Wafa Svetlitsky, Brenda Tompkins, Christina Valdez-Lount, and Jacque Wolff. There were a number of family members and one-time volunteers who also filled in this year when needed. Thank you to Clarence Fuhrer who retired from his "volunteer position" after many years of helping to deliver the newsletter and to Twila Filipiak for volunteering before she moved from Mission. For the first time, we have had one of our teens agree to deliver newsletters for us when we are short of volunteers. Makenna has been a great help. We once again thank Mary Edet who continues to serve as the Newsletter Editor, ensuring each issue is filled with helpful, informative and interesting stories.

Space doesn't allow enough room to thank everyone within the HOA who helped us throughout 2020. If we have omitted anyone from this printed thank you listing, we apologize but thank you nonetheless for helping in many ways.

Looking Ahead to 2021

As we look to the year 2021 our monthly Board meetings will normally be held the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on February 8th. We will use Zoom technology until further notice. Residents can participate in all Board meetings. To receive a meeting invitation, please contact President@missionviejohoa.org. We are planning again to sponsor two dumpsters days but until the uncertainty of county or state COVID restrictions are better defined, we are not yet scheduling any specific community activities.

The 2021 Budget

In December, the Board approved the proposed budget which is available for review on the website. We are conservatively anticipating approximately \$20,000 in income.

Waste Connections support of the HOA through the trash program rebates enables us to fund the activities outlined in the budget. Miscellaneous income, mainly through the sale of the wall blocks, is expected to be another \$1,500. Expenses are budgeted to be roughly \$19,000. Taking the carryover from 2020 (\$4,000) we would anticipate having approximately \$7,000 in the checking account at the end of December 2021. The March newsletter will provide an end-of-year summary of 2020 financials as the Board will review the numbers at the February meeting. Our 2020 expenses were about \$5000 higher than anticipated due to the removal of dead trees along Hampden Avenue. However, with a healthy checking account balance, we were able to cover those expenses and pre-pay some of our 2021 expenses in December 2020.

With Jonathan Taylor's resignation in December, the Board is seeking a person to serve as Treasurer for the HOA in 2021. We use QuickBooks Online and it is a relatively easy system to learn. If you are at all interested please contact any Board member or President@missionviejohoa.org

In conclusion, we all appreciate the work of HOA members and neighbors throughout Mission Viejo. We are all working toward keeping Mission Viejo a great neighborhood and hope that the challenges that we all experienced in 2020, will be replaced with a more "normal" 2021. Again, we thank the volunteers and many people living in Mission Viejo who share the vision of keeping this a special place to live.