



# MISSION VIEJO

*Make Living Your Mission*

**DATE:** July 14, 2017  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Dennis Wilberg, City Manager

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## "The Week That Was"

### Traffic Safety and Congestion Improvements



The intersection at Alicia Parkway and Jeronimo Road is one of the City's busiest intersections and the traffic congestion is exacerbated by the close proximity of traffic signals at both Alicia Parkway / Via Fabricante and Jeronimo Road / Acero intersections. On Monday evening, some much-needed relief was provided for Mission Viejo motorists and the following was completed:



- Eliminated the crosswalk (crossing Alicia Parkway) on the west side of Alicia Parkway/Jeronimo Road to allocate more green time to Alicia Parkway and the heavy northbound left from Jeronimo Road to Alicia Parkway.
- Eliminated the protected left turns (left turns now yield to thru-traffic and pedestrians) for vehicles exiting Via Fabricante, Gateway Center and the driveway opposite Acero in order to provide more green time to Alicia Parkway and Jeronimo Road.
- Modified the #2 (outside) thru-lane on northbound Jeronimo Road at Acero to a combination thru/right, providing two turning lanes to better accommodate the heavy right turn movement and eliminate the unbalanced stacking in the dual left turn lanes from eastbound Alicia Parkway to northbound Jeronimo Road.

By morning's light, traffic was already flowing more smoothly. The reduced congestion will not only reduce delays, but should also improve traffic safety. 🙏

## Harry Potter Trivia Night



Over 200 enthusiastic Harry Potter fans came out for the first of three Harry Potter Trivia Nights hosted by the Library this summer. To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the first Harry Potter book, participants formed teams in one of four Hogwarts houses: Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, and Slytherin. Teams competed in answering trivia questions to gain

points and honor for their house. While playing, enthusiastic wizards and witches sampled delectable treats such as cauldron cakes, chocolate-dipped pretzel wands, and steaming “pumpkin juice.” Team Hufflepuff won the night, and their house banner is on display in the Library.

Two more Harry Potter trivia nights are scheduled: a Teen-only night on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, and an all ages advanced trivia night on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Will Hufflepuff retain the lead, or will one of the other houses jump ahead? Stay tuned as the competition for House cup heats up! 🏆



## Balloon Twisting Workshop

Mission Viejo families explored the wonderful world of balloon twisting in an interactive workshop hosted by the library on Saturday. Harvey Simpson of Squeaky Clean Productions taught an eager audience to twist and stretch balloons into hats, belts, and all sorts of creatures. Two sessions of this great workshop garnered 165 participants to make fun, creative and wacky balloon art. The Library will host fun and free family events every Saturday in July as part of the SummerREAD program. 🎈

