



November 2016

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City Manager's Message

November is the season of giving, and nowhere is it more evident than in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. As you peruse this month's activities and offerings, I hope you and your family will consider one of the many opportunities to give back to our wonderful community. From giving thanks to those who served in the Armed Forces at our Veterans Day Recognition reception and ceremony, making a donation to the members of the City's adopted Marine Battalion, supporting the RSM

CARES Brick Legacy Program or food drive - opportunities abound to make a difference throughout the City. In fact, there are even ways to help and support our four-legged friends as we prepare to transition on January 1, 2017 to the City of Mission Viejo's Animal Services Center. Volunteers are needed for dog-walking as well as cat and rabbit

care at the shelter. In addition, and the Dedicated Animal Welfare Group (DAWG) gladly accepts donations and volunteer assistance. As we give thanks for the abundant spirit of giving that defines Rancho Santa Margarita, I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez

Municipal Election Information

A General Municipal Election is scheduled to be held in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita on November 8, 2016 for two (2) members of the City Council for a full term of four (4) years.


The finalized list of qualified candidates is listed in the order as dictated by the Secretary of State randomized alphabet drawing. The order of candidate's names on the ballot is as follows:

Shawn Gordon
Carol Gamble
Tony Beall



[Municipal Election webpage](#)


To confirm your registration status, find your polling place, or for general information visit the Orange County Registrar of Voters at ocvote.com. Contact Amy Diaz, City Clerk, at (949) 635-1806 for additional municipal election information.



EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING!

**Voting Service
Centers Open
Oct 29 thru Nov 7**

Oct 29-Nov 4, 8:00am-5:00pm | Nov 5-Nov 7, 7:00am-8:00pm



Services offered in our Pre-Election Day Vote Centers
 Drive-thru ballot drop-off (at select locations) • Secure vote-by-mail ballot drop off
 In-person polling place voting • Replacement ballots • Voter assistance

<p>Anaheim Civic Center 200 S. Anaheim Boulevard, #217 Anaheim, CA 92805 Sat, Oct 29, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in the Conference Room next to the City Clerk counter on second level. Park on level 2B of the City Hall East parking structure and cross at the pedestrian bridge.</p>	<p>Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center 1845 Park Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92627 Sat, Oct 29, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in the Harper Room in the Neighborhood Community Center. Parking is located in front of the community center.</p>
<p>Irvine Civic Center (Drive-thru ballot drop-off) 1 Civic Center Plaza Irvine, CA 92606 Sun, Oct 30, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in CTC Room near City Hall reception desk on the first floor. Parking is located in front of City Hall.</p>	<p>Mission Viejo City Hall (Drive-thru ballot drop-off) 200 Civic Center Mission Viejo, CA 92691 Sat, Oct 29, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in Saddleback Room in City Hall building. Parking is located in front of City Hall.</p>
<p>Westminster Branch Library 8180 13th Street Westminster, CA 92683 Sat, Oct 29, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in the Westminster Library Meeting room with entrance on the north side of the building. Parking is in front of the library on south and east lots.</p>	<p>Orange County Registrar of Voters' Office 1300 S. Grand Avenue, Building C Santa Ana, CA 92705 Sat, Oct 29, 2016 to Mon, Nov 7th Located in Building C, inside the main entrance and to the left. Visitor parking is available in front of the building.</p>

For more info, visit ocvote.com/votecenter

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Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, November 2nd Bell Tower Regional Community Center 22232 El Paseo

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Cats only)
 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Dogs & Cats)

INFO: (714) 993-9193
www.scvvc.org



Bring your cat or dog for their life-saving vaccinations provided by the Society for California Veterinary & Vaccine Care (SCVVC)'s low-cost clinic. OC Animal Care will provide pet licensing services, including AVID micro identification chips (price includes registration and continuous, 24/7 lifetime monitoring).
 Cash or credit card (\$3 processing fee) only; checks are not accepted.

Important Rabies Information

If you have a prior rabies vaccine certificate, license tag or license renewal notice for your

pet, please bring it with you to the clinic.

Vaccines for dogs include:

- Rabies - \$7.00
- DAP/DHPP - \$19.00
- Bordetella - \$14.00
- Lyme - \$22.00
- Microchip - \$28.00
- \$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Vaccines for cats include:

- FVRCP "3-in-1" - \$18.00
- FELV - \$21.00
- Purevax - \$20.00
- Microchip - \$28.00
- \$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Prices are subject to change. Clinic will cancel in the event of rain.

ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, November 5th is the next ZeroTrash "First Saturday" event; volunteers meet in the courtyard in front of Cinepolis at 10:00 a.m. to help beautify our city! ZeroTrash RSM is an all volunteer community organization dedicated to ridding city streets and wilderness areas of trash, reducing waste, supporting local businesses, and taking personal responsibility for our community and the environment!



"Like" ZeroTrash RSM on [Facebook](#) for more information.

Electronic Waste Disposal and Document Shredding Event

Saturday, November 5th
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
RSM City Hall parking lot
22112 El Paseo



The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is offering a free electronic waste disposal service and document shredding event on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the RSM City Hall parking lot. The event coincides with SAMLARC's "Haul in the Fall" community-wide clean up effort.

Free!

E-WASTE & DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Saturday, November 5th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
CITY HALL PARKING LOT
22112 EL PASEO, RSM



DOCUMENT SHREDDING

*Help the environment and
protect yourself from
identity theft!*

Please bring your paper records/documents in a standard size file box (no larger than 10" x 12" x 15") or paper grocery bag; shredding trucks will be on site to shred documents at no cost while you watch. (No 3-ring binders/binder clips). Limit ten (10) boxes per household/business.

Electronics are toxic to the environment. By recycling, you will help to keep our community and environment safe!

email dcarson@cityofrsm.org
for more information
cityofrsm.org (949) 635-1800

ELECTRONIC WASTE

*Recycle these items to keep
them out of our landfills!*

- Monitors
- Television Sets
- Mouse/Keyboards
- LCD Monitors
- Cables & Cords
- Computers
- Printers/Hard Drives
- Shredders
- Cell Phones
- Power Supplies
- Telephones
- Laptops
- Servers
- DVDs/VCRs
- Copiers/Fax Machines
- Computer peripherals
- Toner cartridges

Sorry, appliances or fluorescent tubes not accepted.

[Click here to view flyer](#)

Veterans Day Recognition

Wednesday, November 9th

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting and Recognition Ceremony

Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall

22112 El Paseo

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita would like to thank all veterans for their service, and show appreciation for their contributions to our national security. We invite the public to join us at our 2nd Annual Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony to recognize the men and women of our community for their military service.

The event begins at 6:00 p.m. in the foyer of City Hall, where light refreshments will be served, followed by a special presentation to veterans of all branches of the armed services by the Mayor and City Council. Veterans and active duty military personnel are especially encouraged to attend.

If you have a photo of a veteran that you would like to see featured in our tribute, please drop off a copy at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, or email photos to

wredington@cityofrsm.org We hope you'll join us in honoring our Veterans on this very special evening. For more information contact the Community Services Department at (949) 216-9700.



Welcome Lieutenant Luke South Chief of Police Services

It is with great pride, humility and enthusiasm that I accept the honor of serving the citizens of Rancho Santa Margarita as the Chief of Police Services. The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is already one of the safest in the state, and I will do everything within my power to maintain that distinction. This city is safe and beautiful because of the residents' desire to make it a warm and welcoming place combined with the commitment of the

Orange County Sheriff's Department to help keep it that way.

I worked in Rancho Santa Margarita as a Patrol Sergeant and feel blessed to return to the city in this new capacity. I will constantly strive to make improvements where possible and to strengthen the bond between the community and the fine members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Thank you for helping to make Rancho Santa Margarita one of the best places to live in California.

Lieutenant Luke South
Chief of Police Services

Click [here](#) to read more about law enforcement services in Rancho Santa Margarita, or call Police Services at (949) 635-1830.

Seeking Military Support Donations

Opportunities abound to assist the Marines and Families of the City's Adopted 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines



DEPLOYMENT – The City of RSM is collecting donations of snacks, and homemade thank you cards for the men and women of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (2/5) in anticipation of their upcoming six-month deployment. Let's help send them off with a variety of snacks and treats! Donations of items such as individually packaged nuts, protein bars, muffins, cookies, crackers, and candy bars are great choices and Gatorade and other sports drinks are also a favorite. **Deployment items are being collected now through Thursday, November 10th.**

HOLIDAY PARTY - While the Marines are deployed there is much-needed love and support for the families here at home, especially during the holidays. On Saturday, December 10th there will be Christmas Party to brighten the spirits of the 2/5 families. There will be opportunities to volunteer; details will be forthcoming on our website. In the meantime, we will be collecting gifts such as toys (all ages and genders), spa items, and gift cards of any kind to provide holiday cheer to Marine families. **Holiday gift items will be collected now through Monday, December 5th.**

Donations may be dropped off at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Services Supervisor, Wendi Redington at (949)216-9700 x1260, wredington@cityofrsm.org. Click [here](#) to learn more about the City of Rancho Santa Margarita's Military Support Programs.

RSM Chamber of Commerce News

November Highlights

- Evening Mixer Tues Nov 1st, 5:30–7:30 pm at Uncorked
- Performance Breakthrough Conference Thursday November 3rd, 5:30 – 9:00 pm
- Ribbon Cutting Friday November 4th, 5:30 pm at Club Pilates
- Lunch Mixer Tuesday November 15th at Regus, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- New Member & Guest Orientation Tuesday November 15th, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm
- Constant Contact Workshop Tuesday November 22nd, 6 – 7 pm (FREE - Campaigns That Drive Action: Offers & Promotions)



The Chamber invites you to join us for an evening of holiday cheer hosted by the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.

RSM CHAMBER HOLIDAY MIXER
Tuesday, December 6th 5:30 – 8:30 pm
The Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

For more information about RSM Chamber programs visit rsmchamber.com.



The flyer features a decorative header with various Christmas ornaments and a reindeer. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The bottom section is a dark red banner with white text.

RSM CHAMBER & THE CITY OF RSM
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CHEER!

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 6, 2016 | 5:30-8:30 pm
The Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo, RSM, CA 92688
\$10.00 per person

**DJ & DANCING, UGLY SWEATER CONTEST, OC PIXIE FUN PHOTO BOOTH,
HOLIDAY RAFFLE & 50/50 RAFFLE, FULL BAR!**

FOOD BY TUTTO FRESCO



BECOME A SPONSOR

Dasher \$175 Small Event Banner Newsletter, Social Media & Website Recognition Entry for One	Dancer \$250 Event Banner Newsletter, Social Media & Website Recognition Entry for Two	Prancer \$500 Event Banner Newsletter, Social Media & Website Recognition Sponsor Table & Entry for Four
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Rudolph \$1000
Available Sponsorships: Bar, Entertainment, Food & Music
Event Banner, Newsletter, Social Media & Website Recognition, Sponsor Table & Drink Tickets. Entry for Six.

REGISTER AT: RSMCHAMBER.COM

[Click here to view flyer](#)

Animal Services Transition Information

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is preparing for exciting changes in our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our residents – and their pets! When the clock strikes 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2017, our new partnership with the City of Mission Viejo to provide excellent, high-quality animal care and sheltering services will officially begin. Mission Viejo Animal Services provides a pro-humane animal shelter, 24-hour response to emergency calls, pet adoption and fostering, low-cost vaccination clinics, animal licensing, volunteer opportunities, community outreach and events, and many other essential animal care services. [Read more...](#)



MSV Animal Services
Make Living Your Mission



RSM CARES Continues Legacy of The Bell Tower Foundation

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is proud to partner with RSM CARES, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to enriching the lives of those who live and work in our community. The following is an excerpt from their newly redesigned website:

Over the years, the Bell Tower Foundation has grown and changed along with the Rancho Santa Margarita Community. Our foundation has been shaped and supported by many talented volunteers and business and civic leaders, in return, RSM has benefited from our giving back to the community.

Our values and principles remain unchanged, we seek to enrich the quality of life for residents of Rancho Santa Margarita by inspiring local philanthropy, engaging stakeholders in community service and embracing the local nonprofit network through collaborative partnerships.

Our new name, RSM Cares/Bell Tower Foundation and our new logo represents our immutable service and dedication to the RSM Community, service that is deeply rooted in our hearts.

For more information, or to get involved with the many programs and volunteer opportunities offered by RSM CARES, please visit their website at belltowerfoundation.org.

RSM CARES
Bell Tower Foundation 

Embrace. Engage. Enrich. November 2016

Fundraiser, Food Drive and Holiday Event

Looking for an opportunity to become involved with our community? We have kicked off a few new programs leading into the holiday season. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please visit our website and sign-up for emails.



Gift-a-Brick Fundraiser - Now thru January 15, 2017
A Timeless Gift & Unique Opportunity
 Sponsor a commemorative engraved brick that will be installed at the RSM Civic Plaza and Bell Tower Regional Center in the Spring of 2017. Order a brick to highlight your business or organization, honor a loved one or in remembrance of a special occasion! A brick makes a great holiday gift. Visit our website to place an order.

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive - Now thru November 10, 2016
Neighbors Feeding Neighbors
 Please donate canned foods to benefit the RSM Food Pantry. Drop off your donations to a participating business or organization. Donations go to local families. For information about RSM Food Pantry and canned food drive drop-off locations, visit our website.





Breakfast With Santa - This Event will Sell Out!
Two Seatings Available
 3rd annual community event to be held Saturday, December 3, 2016. Pancake breakfast, story time with Santa and crafts. Professional photos with Santa will be available for purchase. Tickets are available Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm at The Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Cash or check only. No refunds.

www.belltowerfoundation.org

22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
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General Plan Update

In October, staff and the City's General Plan Consultant wrapped up the Public Participation and Input phase of the General Plan Update. On October 10th, a focus group comprised of 15 attendees from [Age Well Senior Services](#) led to a very lively and insightful conversation from the unique perspective of our senior residents, many of whom have resided in the City for 20 year or more, about how they experience our City. The Planning Department would like to thank Lindy Kehler, the Nutrition Site Director at Age Well, for her assistance with facilitating this focus group.

On October 11th, approximately a dozen children ranging in age from 12 to 14 years provided staff and the Consultant with feedback about their vision for the City. A spirited and interactive conversation ensued; the children drew pictures and wrote words that represented their vision for the future of the City. The Planning Department would like to thank Christina Wolbert from the Boys and Girls Club for all of her help.

While the public participation phase has concluded, there will be other opportunities for

you to provide feedback during the public review of the Updated General Plan. These opportunities, as well as more information about the General Plan Update can be found on the City's [website](#).



November Recreation Highlights

Winter Live Action Flix (NEW)

Have a blast making a winter themed movie! Will your movie be about a snow day or huge winter storm? This is your chance to write, direct, film, and star in a live action

movie...and you will get to keep your movie to enjoy forever! Ages: 7-12 yrs. What to bring: \$30 cash materials fee

Instructor: IncrediFlix Crew

\$173/ 5 Classes

220825 01 M - F Dec 19 - Dec 23 9 am - 12 pm

Winter Imagination Flix (NEW)

What's better than building a snowman? How about building a claymation snowman that you bring to life to star in your own movie? You will compose a story, create your clay character, build your set and film the movie. Once your movie masterpiece is complete, you will get to keep it to share and enjoy forever! Ages: 7-12 yrs. What to bring: \$30 cash materials fee

Instructor: IncrediFlix Crew

\$173/ 5 Classes

220826 01 M - F Dec 19 - Dec 23 1 - 4 pm

American Doll Fashions

Design, plan and actually create your very own doll fashions. Students will select fabrics and learn to follow a pattern while mastering basic sewing skills and will work on a complete outfit for an 18" doll (includes American Girl Dolls). Girls are encouraged to bring their doll to class for the fittings and fashion show. No experience is necessary. All fabric, notions and sewing machines supplied. Ages: 7.5-14 yrs. No Class: 11/24

Instructor: Linda Rush

\$112/ 3 Classes

320506 02 Th Nov 10 - Dec 1 3:30 - 6 pm

Karate

Youth Beginning Karate: 4:15-5 pm

This class will cover basic blocking and self-defense. Class is conducted in a traditional manner with emphasis on protocol and etiquette. Ages: 6-12 yrs.

Youth Advanced Karate: 5-5:45 pm

This class will go more in-depth in the study of Karate and will include traditional Karate as well as preparation for National and International competition for the students who want to compete. Placement in this class is at the discretion of Sensei McDonough. Ages: 8-12 yrs.

Adult Karate: 5:45-6:45 pm

This class will cover all aspects of Karate; the lecture portion of class is designed for individuals ages 13 yrs. & up. Placement in this class is at the discretion of Sensei McDonough. No Class: 11/3 & 11/24

Instructor: Robert McDonough

\$85/ per month

320202 03 T,Th Nov 1 - Nov 29 4:15 - 6:45 pm

Zumba with Tania

ZUMBA Fitness is a fusion of Latin and International music-dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. Appropriate for any fitness level. Try the first class of a session before you register. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Tania Villalbaz

\$45/ 4 Classes

340206 08	W	Nov 2 - Nov 23	7 - 8 pm
340206 10	M	Nov 28 - Dec 19	7 - 8 pm
340206 11	W	Nov 30 - Dec 21	7 - 8 pm

\$85/ 8 Classes


340206 12 M,W Nov 28 - Dec 21 7 - 8 pm


Click [here](#) to access our online class registration system.

**Rancho Santa Margarita
City Council**

**L. Anthony Beall, Mayor
Carol Gamble, Mayor Pro Tempore
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Brad McGirr, Council Member
Mike Vaughn, Council Member**

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