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## City Manager's Message

I am pleased to report that a balanced and fiscally prudent budget was presented to the City Council for their consideration last month. City Staff has been working diligently to align the priorities and projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18; under the direction of the City Council, my staff and I will continue to focus efforts on solidifying our community's fiscal foundation while providing quality services to our residents. We are committed to continuing the superior standard of public safety in the City, and to not only maintaining, but also improving, the aesthetic standards that make Rancho Santa Margarita one of the most beautiful communities in the state. It is anticipated that the FY 2017-18 Budget

will be adopted at the June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the City Council.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez



## **ZeroTrash RSM** **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

ZeroTrash Rancho Santa Margarita is a volunteer group that meets on the "Zero T First Saturday" of each month to rally together to rid the community of litter. All are welcome; parents, children, students, friends, neighbors – anyone interested in keeping RSM clean!

Volunteers meet in front of Cinepolis/ Panera at 10:00 a.m. and fan out from there. ZeroTrash provides the pickers and bags; volunteers are asked to closely supervise young children at all times, stay on trails and to keep a look out for snakes! Return pickers and trash at noon behind the Bell Tower Community Center and obtain sign-offs for certification of community service hours or badge requirements.

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

## **Low-Cost Pet Care Clinic** **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** **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.heart4pets.org](http://www.heart4pets.org)



Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) provides vaccinations, de-

worming, microchipping, flea and tick control and if time allows, nail trims. Please visit their [website](#) for detailed information. *Cash or credit card (\$3 processing fee) only; checks are not accepted.*

If you have a cat or have pre-paid for your vaccines, you do not need to wait in line and can go immediately to the cashier table. All others will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis (with the exception of those who are physically unable to stand in line).

### **Important Rabies Information**

Please bring a prior Rabies Certificate and other vaccination records with you. A 3-year Rabies Certificate can only be issued if you provide a prior Rabies Certificate. Otherwise, you will receive a 1-year Rabies Certificate.

### **Vaccines for dogs include:**

Rabies - \$7.00  
DAP/DHPP - \$20.00  
Bordetella - \$15.00  
Lyme - \$22.00  
Microchip - \$30.00  
\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

### **Vaccines for cats include:**

Rabies - (killed virus) Purevax - \$20.00 (1 yr) \$48.00 (3 yr)  
FVRCP "3-in-1" - \$20.00  
FELV - \$22.00  
Microchip - \$30.00  
\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

"HEART" (aka "SCVVC") is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare.

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



## **Flag Day Ceremony**

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:15 p.m.**

**Civic Center Plaza**

The City's annual Flag Day event is a community tradition and features patriotic music and inspirational remarks. This year's event is on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. on the lawn behind City Hall. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs and any worn or damaged US

Flags in need of disposal. This is an opportunity to honor the American Flag in partnership with American Legion Post 862 and many local Boy and Girl Scout units.

The ceremony is held to destroy properly – by burning – worn, damaged or otherwise unserviceable American Flags in a dignified manner in accordance with The United States Flag Code which reads: "As a revered symbol of freedom and justice, the flag of the United States of America needs to be treated with the utmost respect. This respect extends to the flag's eventual retirement and destruction." Flags can be disposed of throughout the year in the flag box receptacle located in the lobby of the Bell Tower Regional Community Center to be included in the retirement ceremony. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.



## **DAWG Walk & Pet Faire**

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Norman P. Murray Center**  
**Mission Viejo**

Enjoy a walk with your dog along the gorgeous Oso Creek Trail and help support the sick, neglected and needy animals that arrive at the Mission Viejo Shelter, which serves the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. The event will feature pet contests, animals for adoption, vendors, raffles, food and more! For more information and to register today, check out our the DAWG Walk page below.



Dedicated Animal Welfare Group  
and Mission Viejo Animal Services

**23rd Annual  
DAWG WALK  
& Pet Faire**

*Come to One Event or Both—  
Fun for the Whole Family!*

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**  
The Village Green  
at the Norman P. Murray Center  
in Mission Viejo

**23  
Years**

**Dogs Available  
for Adoption!**

**23rd Annual  
DAWG WALK  
& Pet Faire**

**Saturday, June 17**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

7:00 a.m. DAWG Walk Registration Opens  
8:00 Opening Ceremony with Sheriff's  
Horses; Faire Opens to Public.  
8:15 DAWG Walk Begins  
9:15 Pet Contests Begin  
10:00 Disc Dogs;  
DAWG Walk Grand Grand Prize &  
Pledge Winners announced;  
Raffle Winners announced

**Great Fun Till High Noon!**  
Rain or shine! Sorry, no refunds.  
[www.DAWG.org](http://www.DAWG.org)

*DAWG has provided life-saving medical treatment &  
surgeries to over 40,000 animals!*



[Click to visit the Dawg Walk & Pet Faire information page](#)

## Public Works - Bulky Item Pickup

Household items that cannot fit into your automated waste carts are considered bulky items. Bulky items must weigh less than 50 lbs and be manageable by a two-person crew.

Common bulky items include:

- Couches
- Desks
- Chairs
- Tables
- Mattresses
- Excess Green Waste

Items that are not accepted include (but are not limited to) car batteries, tires, automotive parts, and construction and demolition debris.

**To arrange pickup of bulky items, contact CR&R customer service (714) 372-8272 or visit [crrwasteservices.com](http://crrwasteservices.com).**



**Save the Date!**



**Clarence "Chazz" Ross  
Musical Performance  
in Partnership with the Friends of the Library  
Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.  
Bell Tower Community Center**

Join Clarence "Chazz" Ross for an exciting performance of African drums and rhythms. Chazz builds a circle of sound by guiding the audience to create jungle noises and play simple rhythms together and a few lucky audience members will have a chance to play djembe drums with Chazz. This performance is sure to delight music fans of all ages.

*For more information, visit the [RSM Library website](#).*

A colorful flyer for Summer Concerts. The top half features a treble clef and the text "City of Rancho Santa Margarita Summer Concerts" in a stylized font. Below this, it says "Sundays, 6-8 pm • Central Park 30842 La Miranda, Rancho Santa Margarita". A list of dates and bands is provided: July 9 (Mighty Untouchables), July 16 (Smith), July 23 (Hodads), July 30 (The Trip), August 6 (Derek Bordeaux Band), and August 13 (Wanted). Contact information and a website URL are at the bottom left.

**City of Rancho Santa Margarita**  
**Summer Concerts**

**Sundays, 6-8 pm • Central Park**  
30842 La Miranda, Rancho Santa Margarita

<b>July 9</b>	<b>Mighty Untouchables</b> Dance Party Band
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Smith</b> Country rock group
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Hodads</b> Rock n Roll
<b>July 30</b>	<b>The Trip</b> 80's
<b>August 6</b>	<b>Derek Bordeaux Band</b> R & B
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Wanted</b> Bon Jovi Tribute Band

949-216-9700  
[www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org)

[Click here to view flyer](#)

**Eliminate Standing Water to Prevent Mosquitoes**



Mosquitoes only need ¼ inch of water to breed and they can develop into adults in a container as small as a bottle cap. Mosquitoes are the world's deadliest animals, and warm weather enables them to replicate faster. More mosquitoes mean higher likelihood for disease transmission. To protect yourself and your community, tip all containers containing water, and toss out

containers that you no longer need (and are simply taking up space). For larger containers or areas found with mosquito breeding, call Vector Control to help at (714) 971-2421, or fill out a service request online at [ocvector.org](http://ocvector.org).

## Dog Park Improvements Continue

The Rancho Santa Margarita Dog Park at Canada Vista Park will be closed to the public through June to allow the grass to take root and to place the finishing touches on the newly installed features for our four-legged friends. Improvements include natural grass with irrigation, relocated and additional drinking fountains, new dog agility equipment, shade structures, and new fencing with snake deterrent mesh. Thank you for your patience during this project. Please contact Public Works for more information at (949) 635-1800.



City of Rancho Santa Margarita

# Dog Park



Grand Re-Opening  
July 2017





## Crime Prevention

### Home and Vehicle Security: Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

The majority of crimes that occur in Rancho Santa Margarita are property crimes. Criminals are looking for an easy opportunity with the lowest risk; if you provide it, they will take it! In a safe community like ours, it's easy to forget to lock your car, lower your garage, or protect your valuables. These simple preventative steps can go a long way toward eliminating those opportunities and reducing the frequency of burglaries and thefts in our city.

#### Home Security

- Make sure the locks are working on your home's doors and windows, and you have strong locks on all entrances.
- Never leave doors or windows open or unlocked while away from home, including second story entries.
- Keep front and side garage doors closed when you're not present in and around the garage area.
- Lock your side garage door and garage door leading to your house at night and when you are away from home.
- Do not leave valuable items outside your home. Thieves may take items from your porch, patio or yard.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view of windows or doors - adjust window coverings for optimal privacy while maintaining good visibility of surrounding areas.
- Install motion sensor lighting around the perimeter of your house. Keep front and back porch lights on during hours of darkness.
- Never open your door for strangers. Talk through the door if you do not recognize the person.
- Be aware of people posing as service personnel attempting to gain access into your home. Ask for identification and verify by calling the company.

#### Vehicle Security

- Always lock your car doors, roll up the windows and take your keys with you.
- Remove valuables and all items visible when you leave your vehicle. If you need to, lock your valuables in the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- Park in open, well-lit, populated areas. In neighborhoods, park in the garage or off the street.
- Install a locking fuel cap.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.



**REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES!**  
**Orange County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency (949) 770-6011**  
**Emergency 911**

***Always call 911 in the event of an emergency. For more information on crime prevention, call Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services non-emergency number at (949) 770-6011. Join [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) for crime updates from Lt. Luke South, Chief of Police Services.***



[Click here to view](#)

## **Public Works - Street Sweeping**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita sweeps public streets free of charge every two weeks to keep our community clean and attractive, to enhance public health and safety, and to prevent debris from entering the storm drain and polluting creeks, beaches, and the ocean.

***Please park your car off the street during street sweeping days.*** By moving your car, the street sweepers will be able to sweep the entire pavement, from curb to curb, and collect all the pockets of debris, oil and grease that collect underneath the cars. Remember, the street sweeper is a large vehicle. When it maneuvers away from the curb to avoid a parked vehicle, it can take two car lengths before the street sweeper can reach the curb again. If several cars are parked along a block, the street sweeper may not be able to sweep the entire block.

Use a broom and dustpan to clean the sidewalk or driveway in front of your home, and dispose of the debris in a garbage can. If you use a hose, the water will carry the debris down the street and into the storm drain where it is carried out to local creeks and then the beaches and ocean. Use a doggie litter bag to pick up after your dog during neighborhood walks. Animal waste can breed bacteria that is harmful to people and animals. Please deposit waste bags in proper receptacles.

***If you have questions about street sweeping, please contact the Public Works Department at (949) 635-1800.***

## **Chamber of Commerce News**

The RSM Chamber is joining forces with the Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Monthly networking events and the much anticipated RanchoFest will occur as planned. visit [laderaranchochamber.org](http://laderaranchochamber.org) for more activities and membership details.



### **June Events**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> - Evening Mixer Ball Park Pizza 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**June 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> RanchoFest**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> - Modern Professionals at Cineoplis 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

June 20<sup>th</sup> - Lunch Mixer at Caliber Collision Center

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Multi Chamber Social 5:30 - 8:00 pm Outlets at San Clemente

For more information about Chamber of Commerce membership and events, please contact Suzanne Singh at [info@rsmchamber.com](mailto:info@rsmchamber.com) or (949) 242-3660 or visit the Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce [website](#).



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

**RANCHO FEST**  
3-Day Entry Pass  
4 adults for \$40.00

Redeem coupon at Ranchofest on Friday, June 9, 2017



**RANCHO FEST 2017**  
June 9, 10 & 11



**RANCHO FEST INFO**  
[www.RSMChamber.com](http://www.RSMChamber.com)  
ADMISSION PRICES  
Adults 18 & older \$15  
Youth 13 - 17 \$10  
Children 12 & under - FREE  
Military personnel & their family - FREE



**TUE**  
Chamber Day

**Monthly & Annual Events**

- Evening Mixers
- Membership Party
- Educational Forums
- Meet & Mingle
- Lunch Mixers
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Business Builders
- State of the City
- Meet the Mayor
- Modern Professionals Mixer
- Holiday Party
- Personal & Professional Development

**JOIN THE CHAMBER**  
[RSMChamber.com](http://RSMChamber.com)

Suzanne Singh, [s.singh@rsmchamber.com](mailto:s.singh@rsmchamber.com)  
949.242.3660  
30162 Tomas, Suite 202, RSM 92688



## RSM Cares

RSM Cares seeks 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. Visit their [website](#) for more information on events and volunteer opportunities.



Monthly  
1st Tuesday  
&  
3rd Thursday

## RSM FOOD PANTRY

2 - 5 pm at 30162 Tomas, RSM  
Located at Rear Parking Lot of Bridge Bldg.



Support RSM Food Pantry  
Donate Online at [www.BellTowerFoundation.Org](http://www.BellTowerFoundation.Org)

[Click here to visit the RSM Cares website](http://www.BellTowerFoundation.Org)

# Embrace. Engage. Enrich.

RSM Cares is a nonprofit organization that seeks to **enrich** the quality of life for RSM residents by inspiring local philanthropy, **engaging** stakeholders in community service and **embracing** the local nonprofit network through collaborative partnerships.

The RSM Cares "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" primary initiative helps feed local families with the RSM Food Pantry distribution of fresh produce and groceries twice a month. To find out how you can make a donation or volunteer, visit our website:

[www.belltowerfoundation.org](http://www.belltowerfoundation.org)



## Senior Activities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

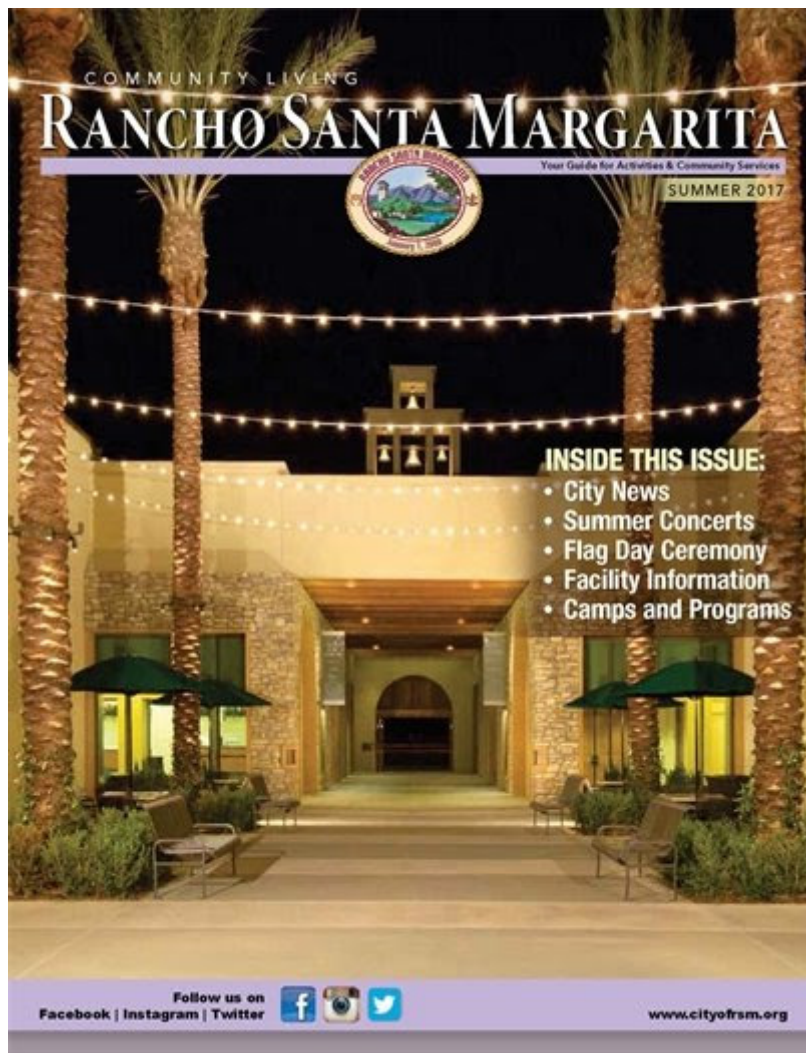


The mission of Age Well Senior Services is to promote and improve the quality of life and independence of the senior community.

### June Activities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

- [Afternoon Delight](#) - Father's Day Luncheon - Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - Featuring "Bob the Entertainer"
- Art Club
- [Bingo](#)
- Blood Pressure Check (Free on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- noon)
- [Bocce Ball](#)
- [Chat with Jenn](#) (Health Insurance Specialist)
- Congregate Lunch - Weekdays - 11:45 a.m. (excluding holidays) [Menu](#)
- Golden Age Yoga
- Meals on Wheels - [Menu](#)
- Movie Days - June 7<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Music Exercise Class
- [Smartphone Tutorial](#)
- Tai Chi
- Total Body Fitness

Visit our Senior Activities [webpage](#) for more information, or contact Lindy Kehler at (949)216-9700, ext. 257.



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**Play.**  
**Learn.**  
**Grow.**

## June Recreation Highlights

Register now for Summer Camps and classes and check out the Summer issue of the Community Living Magazine [online](#) for your convenience.

### ABCs with Toddlers \$100/ month

Is your child ready for more social interaction but not ready for preschool? ABCs with Toddlers will introduce you and your child to a taste of ABCs with Tiny Tots with loving experienced teachers participating alongside and guiding you as your child explores with art, music, story time, play and much more in preparation for the next step with confidence. Parent participation required. Ages: 2-3 yrs.

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

210772 01	T,Th	Jun 6 - Jun 29	10-10:45 am
210772 02	T,Th	Jun 6 - Jun 29	11-11:45 am

**Stone Soup**  
**\$134/ 6 Classes**

Musical Theater for young children! Join Miss Jennifer weekly to learn and rehearse an age-appropriate musical. Then perform it with costumes and sets for your friends and family! Kids come away from our programs having had a fun, accomplishment filled experience. Costume and cast t-shirt are included in the price. Ages: 3-6 yrs.

Instructor: Creative Kid Playhouse

210325 01 T-Th Jun 20 - Jun 29 10-11 am

**Beginning Guitar**  
**\$100/ 5 Classes**

Playing the guitar is an enjoyable and relaxing way to enrich your life with music. Experience interaction with other beginning guitarists in a supportive small group environment. The aim of the class is to transform the novice into a self-reliant musician. Learn to play easy chords, fun melodies, strum styles and many popular songs. Instructor Ron Gorman has enjoyed teaching this class for the city of RSM for twelve years. Have a blast and bring your own guitar to class. Ages: 10 yrs. & up. No Class: 7/4

Instructor: Ron Gorman

220901 01 T Jun 20 - Jul 25 7-8 pm

**Beginning Guitar – Level 2**  
**\$100/ 5 Classes**

Continue the learning experience with new songs. This class is designed to take the beginner to the next level. Song requests are always welcome. Please bring your own guitar to class. No class: 7/4

Instructor: Ron Gorman

220901 02 T Jun 20 - Jul 25 8-9 pm

**Essential Oil Hand/Foot Massage**  
**\$13/ 1 Class**

Experience the profound effect of aroma touch massage! The aroma touch technique is a step by step method of applying therapeutic grade essential oils to produce an overall wellness experience. Participants will learn the techniques of a hand/foot massage and practice giving/receiving hand massages for the benefit of improved relaxation, decreased joint swelling and pain, and improved circulation. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

What to bring: \$5 cash materials fee for your choice of one essential oil.

Instructor: Maureen Amirault

240826 01 W Jun 21 6:30-8:30 pm

**Essential Oils for Your Health**  
**\$13/ 1 Class**

Are you looking for something to soothe your allergy symptoms or aid you when you are sick? Are you open to more natural forms of health care? In this class, participants will learn how different essential oils may help with common health issues.

What to bring: \$5 cash materials fee for your choice of one essential oil.

Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Maureen Amirault

240827 01 Th Jun 15 6:30-8 pm

**Essential Oils for Emotions and Moods**  
**\$13/ 1 Class**

Discover how essential oils may help you bring your mind body and spirit into balance. Research shows how some aromas may have an effect on reducing stress levels, depression and anxiety while others may increase energy, improve sleep and elevate mood.

Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

What to bring: \$5 cash materials fee for your choice of one essential oil.

Instructor: Maureen Amirault


240828 01 W Jun 7 6:30-8 pm

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

## **Rancho Santa Margarita City Council**

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

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