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City Manager's Message

At its June 10, 2015 meeting, the City Council approved a budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015-2016 that embodies fiscal responsibility, long-term fiscal sustainability and healthy reserves, while providing funding for maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure. The budget allocates the available funding in a manner that actively plans for the future. This plan will provide essential city services to all who live, work and play in Rancho Santa Margarita. Financial health is a top priority of the City Council and an important consideration in developing the budget for the city. The City Council each year crafts the budget with the understanding of the impact of actions taken today on the city's future. This budget provides a blueprint to effectively sustain the community and essential city services far into the future.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Cervantez



Free Summer Concerts in Central Park

Sundays, July 12 through August 9

6 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your blankets, chairs, family and friends to Central Park, located at the Civic Plaza, and become a part of the musical tradition of Rancho Santa Margarita as the Summer Concert Series returns. The City of Rancho Santa Margarita, in partnership with SAMLARC, will provide a variety of musical performances with the sunset as your backdrop. These concerts offer an opportunity for residents to gather together with friends and neighbors to experience beautiful summer evenings here in Rancho Santa Margarita with live music and dancing while enjoying the outdoors. Bring a picnic dinner, or choose from a variety of food vendors to enjoy a relaxing al fresco dinner on the lawn.



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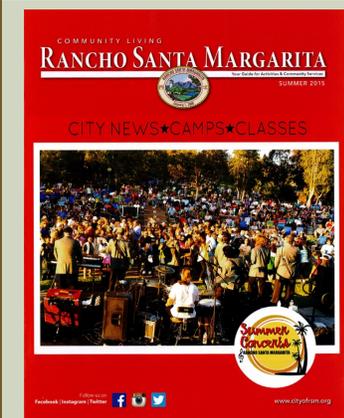


City Council Meetings

Held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

Community Living Magazine



[Register Now](#)
for Summer
Recreation Classes
at the Bell Tower
Regional Community Center

July 12 *The Springsteen Experience*

The Springsteen Experience will take you back in time to 1975, just after the release of Bruce's breakthrough album, Born to Run. Close your eyes and you'll think you're hearing Bruce; open them and you will believe you see a young Springsteen performing at a time when he was dubbed "rock 'n' roll's future".

July 19 *Person to Person*

Person to Person is one of the most exciting musical acts in the business! Their range of versatile musical styles include high-energy dance music, Pop / Top 40, R & B, Jazz Standards, Classic Rock, Country and Disco, appealing to all generations and always filling the dance floor!

July 26 *Stone Soul*

A "groovy" band that re-creates the look, feel, and sound of classic 60's Soul & Motown with retro suits and skinny ties, Stone Soul performs spot-on renditions of songs from The Temptations, James Brown, Stevie Wonder and more. You'll feel like you're right in the middle of a swingin' soul revue!

August 2 *The Silverados*

The Silverados playlist includes current top 40 country hits from artists like Toby Keith, Carrie Underwood, and Miranda Lambert, rounded out with a large repertoire of classic rock hits from the 60's and 70's like The Beatles, Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, and Guns N' Roses. The Silverados are a talented, high energy, up tempo band that will appeal to a wide variety of music lovers.

August 9 *Identity Theft*

Identity Theft is a professional, high-energy 80's cover band comprised of five experienced and well-rounded musicians. With multiple vocalists (both male and female), their song list covers a wide range of music/styles and their show is always a crowd pleaser.

Concert sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses wishing to market their goods and services to the thousands of residents and visitors in attendance at each concert! For more information on concert sponsorship please contact the Community Services Department at (949) 216-9700 or click [here](#) to view sponsorship packages.

RSM Graffiti Hotline

(949) 635-1825

Please report any graffiti to the City's Graffiti Hotline at (949) 635-1825. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We strive to remove all graffiti within 48 hours from the time we receive your call, and are committed to promptly removing graffiti from public areas. Experience has

shown that removing graffiti as soon as it occurs is the best prevention against future graffiti; rapid removal demonstrates to vandals that people care about their place of business and neighborhood



and that their efforts to deface property has little chance of being seen.

Remember, your safety comes first! When witnessing graffiti or vandalism taking place, call 911; please do not attempt to intervene.

RSM Community Services offers Summer Camps for all Ages

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita offers a variety of day camp experiences for children of all ages. Our camps create an exciting, safe environment for your kids to have an unforgettable summer of fun. And while they're taking part in unique experiences and adventures, they're also building self-esteem, developing interpersonal skills and making lasting friendships and memories. Summer is just around the corner, register today!



Registration may be completed online at cityofrsm.org, in person at the Community Center, or by mail. For more information, call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.

Crime Prevention

All Fireworks are Illegal RSM; Severe Drought Conditions Warrant Strict Enforcement

All fireworks, including those labeled "Safe and Sane," are prohibited in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. While some cities in Orange County permit the sale of fireworks, please remember it is unlawful to purchase fireworks in a city that allows them and then set them off in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Parents should note that they could be held liable for damages caused by their children's use of fireworks.



The City, along with our contract fire safety provider, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) encourages our community to celebrate our nation's independence by attending one of the many spectacular public fireworks displays operated by trained professionals. Click [here](#) for a list of professional fireworks displays occurring throughout Orange County, or for additional information, contact the OCFA fireworks information line at (714) 573-6225 or visit ocfa.org.

Each year, the Orange County Fire Authority responds to injuries and fires due to the illegal use of fireworks. A number of people suffer eye injuries, painful disfiguring burns, and property damage due to fireworks. These incidents are related to the use of both the dangerous, illegal fireworks and the state-approved fireworks by amateurs and unsupervised children. Children are especially susceptible to firework injury. Nearly half of all firework-related injuries occur among children under 15 years of age. Even fireworks thought to be safe, like sparklers, can burn users and bystanders because they reach temperatures above 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. Eye damage accounts for 20 percent of all fireworks injuries, some resulting in permanent blindness.

Some fireworks are not only illegal, but pose a serious, immediate threat to personal safety. These especially dangerous fireworks, which are banned statewide, include firecrackers, bottle rockets, cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s and others.

Any person, who uses, possesses, stores or offers for sale any firework is considered to be in violation of the law. Furthermore, a person who causes injuries or damages with fireworks will be held liable.

**To report the illegal use, possession, manufacturing or sale of any fireworks
call (714) 538-3501.**

**ZeroTrash RSM
Saturday, July 4, 2015
10:00 a.m. - noon**

(Participants meet at the courtyard between Cinopolis and Panera)

ZeroTrash RSM is a community initiative of volunteers who meet on the first Saturday of each month to rid the city of trash, litter, stickers and graffiti.

Join this collaboration of friends

and neighbors of all ages in their mission to improve the appearance of the City and enhance our environment.



For more information, or to register as a volunteer, visit The Bell Tower Foundation's website at belltowerfoundation.org. Individuals and groups are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Rancho Santa Margarita Day at the OC Fair
Friday, July 31**



The Orange County Fair runs July 17 - August 16. In celebration of 125 years of fun at the fair, City Days Community Flag Salute ceremonies will be conducted. Starting on July 20th, the first full week, the OC Fair will celebrate individual cities in the County every weekday by welcoming representatives of the various cities to lead Fairgoers in singing of

the National Anthem during a Community Flag Salute at 12:30 p.m.

The OC Fair is offering residents a discount admission coupon for \$2 off full-price general admission. The coupon is valid for up to 4 people and original coupons must be presented at the time of ticket purchase. Coupons are available at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center while supplies last.

For more information regarding the OC Fair please visit ocfair.com.

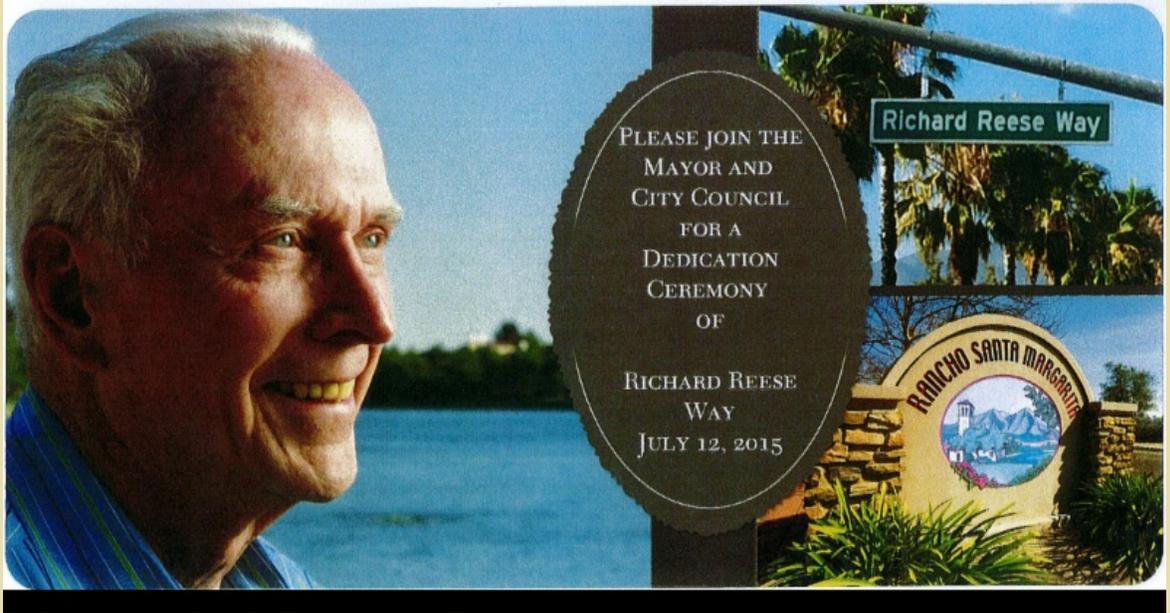


Meals On Wheels Volunteers Recognized for Service

Age Well Senior Services' Meals On Wheels program volunteers were recognized recently by the City Council for their dedicated service to the seniors of our community. RSM Meals On Wheels volunteers serve 50 clients an average of 2,500 meals each month, allowing many of our city's older residents to remain happily independent in their homes knowing that this service is available, affordable, and reliable. In addition to providing meals, the Meals On Wheels program serves as a powerful socialization opportunity for seniors, and provides health and welfare checks on this vulnerable population.

Meals On Wheels is in need of regular route drivers in Rancho Santa Margarita. Volunteers are also needed to serve as on-call substitute drivers to fill in when regular drivers are unavailable. Volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. one day per week, Monday through Friday.

Click [here](#) for more information, or contact Dawn Scelsi at (949) 216-9700, ext. 1271.



**Street Dedication Ceremony to be Held In Honor of City's Master Planner
Sunday, July 12, Central Park
5:30 p.m.**

Join us on Sunday, July 12 as we officially dedicate Richard Reese Way in honor of the City's master planner, Richard Reese. The 2,400-foot thoroughfare, formerly named El Portal, runs alongside Central Park, the Civic Center complex, the library and the city center between La Promesa and Avenida De Las Flores.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will take place at Central Park, immediately preceding the first summer concert.

"He's truly the heart and soul of this community ... a gem of a human being," said Mayor Brad McGirr, when describing Mr. Reese. "He's the man responsible for the city we have here today. We live in an urban village surrounded by wilderness. This city was planned in a very specific manner. I can't think of anything else I've done since I've been mayor that means more to me."

Mayor McGirr stressed the deliberate choice of "Way" in the street-naming process; "There is meaning behind it; we want everyone to know that this City we are so proud of today is because of Richard Reese and his vision - we are doing it the Richard Reese Way."

This is only the second time in the City's history a street has been renamed. For more information visit the City's website at cityofrsm.org.

**Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic
Wednesday, July 1**

**Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo**

**1st Wednesday of each month
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Cats only)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Dogs & Cats)**



Bring your cat or dog for low cost vaccinations from the Society for California Veterinary Vaccine Care and pet licensing from OC Animal Care. Cash or credit card (\$3 processing fee) is the only forms of payment accepted. AVID micro identification chips are also available which includes the registration and continuous, 24/7 lifetime monitoring.

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.

July Recreation Highlights

To register for these and other classes, visit Community Services on the City's website at www.cityofrsm.org/classregistration.

The Three Piggy Opera

\$125/ 6 Classes

Have fun being in a darling production of the classic tale "The Three Piggy Opera"! Children will adore being coached by the energetic and fun Tom Thumb Players Director Jennifer Estrada, a professional in performing arts. They will love being taught improvisational skills, creating a story on stage, and other music, movement and drama exercises. Children pretend all of the time - having their imagination come to life with sets, costumes and music is a magical thing for them. Musical theatre helps children in so many ways - memorization skills, expressing themselves, working on a team, self-confidence, and many more. Most of all, it is FUN! Your child will be proud to display what they've learned in a performance of THE THREE PIGGY OPERA for family and friends. All actors will receive a Tom Thumb Players t- shirt and a rehearsal CD.

Ages: 3-7 yrs.

Instructor: Creative Kid Playhouse

Tunes & Tales**\$43/ 5 Classes****\$48/ 5 Classes***

Let's get the wiggles out! Tunes & Tales is a Music and Movement Class for children ages 1 ½ to 4 years. Sing-a-longs and finger play songs start off this fun-filled class followed by music activities using bean bags, rhythm sticks, instruments, a parachute, and more. We will even have a chance to read a short story each week (2 ½ - 4 year old class only). The children have a great time while developing their listening and social skills. Parent/adult participation required.

Instructor: Vivian Stapleton

Ages: 1.5-2.5 yrs.

210913 03 Th Aug 6-Sep 3 9-9:40 am

Ages: 2.5-4 yrs.*

210913 04 Th Aug 6-Sep 3 9:45-10:40 am

Spanish Immersion Time for Children**\$58/ 4 Classes**

This class is designed to provide a Spanish immersion experience for young children and incorporates dance, music, art, games, crafts and story time to provide a fun educational experience in Spanish for children. Ages: 3-7 yrs.

Instructor: Ursula Rubina

210767 02 W Jul 8-Jul 29 9-10 am

210767 03 W Aug 5-Aug 26 9-10 am

Scratch Computer Programming**\$123/ 6 Classes**

Students will learn fundamental programming concepts using a visual programming language developed at MIT. Students will create their own games, animations, and various interactive projects using block-like puzzle pieces. Computation and math concepts such as sequences, loops, conditionals, variables, operators, x/y axis, coordinates, testing and debugging are covered. Educational fun while learning more about computers. Ages: 7-12 yrs. No Class: 7/21 & 7/23

Instructor: Savoy Academy

220764 01 T,Th Jul 7-Jul 30 3-4:30 pm

220764 02 T,Th Aug 4-Aug 20 3-4:30 pm

Heartsaver CPR**\$40/ 1 Class**

Learn how to respond to breathing/cardiac emergencies for an adult, child and infant. Participants will receive an American Heart Association CPR & AED certification that is good for two years. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

What to bring: \$15 cash materials fee

Instructor: Joe Menton

260603 02 W Jul 8 6-9 pm

260603 03 W Aug 12 6-9 pm



Rancho Santa Margarita Civic and Community Center