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City Manager's Message

Fall has officially arrived in Rancho Santa Margarita! As we await the arrival of cooler temperatures, there are some great projects and events to enjoy during the autumn season. The monument at the Alicia "T" gateway is complete, and is a tribute to the pride of Rancho Santa Margarita. We'll be honoring our Veterans for their service to our country next month; there's a feature in this newsletter that offers a preview of the event. More information will of course be available on the City's website, www.cityofrsm.org, which I am pleased to announce will debut a newly designed and more user-friendly format in late October. The goal of our website refresh is to provide a central technology hub where citizens and government officials can come together not just to solve problems, but also to ensure that they're being solved as effectively as possible.



The coming year will bring the escalating use of social media and crowdsourcing as a collaboration tool with citizens. For the last several years we've used social media as a tool to communicate news, alerts and advisories to citizens; increasingly, however, governments are using it to listen and respond. This approach is transforming law enforcement efforts, and I anticipate that in the coming year we'll see more social-media-driven collaborations like that between the Orange County Sheriff's Department and residents through the Nextdoor site. I urge you to join your neighborhood group at Nextdoor.com for the latest in crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez
City Manager

Quick Links

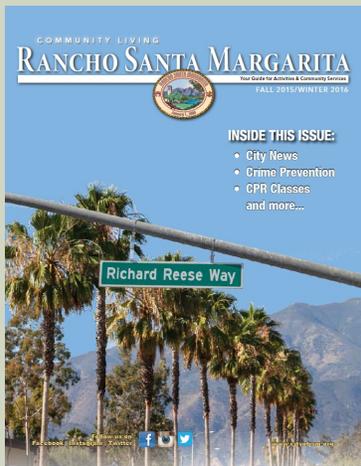
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City Council Meetings

Held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

Community Living Magazine



Register today
for Recreation Classes
at the Bell Tower
Regional Community Center

ZeroTrash RSM Saturday, October 3 10:00 a.m. - noon

ZeroTrash RSM is a growing community 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. Participants are asked to meet at the courtyard between Cinopolis and Panera.

Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, October 3 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Capistrano Valley High School Mall

Presented by
Assemblyman Bill Brough, 73rd District
Senator Patricia Bates, 36th District

Featuring

- Mag 39 Color Guard
- Invocation
- National Anthem, CVHS Choir
- Lunch for first 500 in attendance
- Breakout sessions
- Casework assistance

PLEASE JOIN
ASSEMBLYMAN BILL BROUGH (73RD)
& SENATOR PATRICIA BATES (36TH)
VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 | 11AM - 2PM
Capistrano Valley High School Mall
26301 Via Escalar, Mission Viejo

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE
Mag 39 Color Guard, Invocation, National Anthem by the CVHS Choir
Lunch will be provided to the first 500 attendees. Breakout sessions throughout the event. Staff will be available to assist with casework

Information on the following federal, state, and local resources for veterans included:

HEALTH VA Laguna Hills Clinic Long Beach VA	VETERAN GROUPS CVVet VVA Post 9826 American Legion Post 281 Co. of Orange Veterans Service Office
COMMUNITY SUPPORT Veteran Working Relationships Mission CVVet South Orange County Veterans Center Team Red White and Blue Principals and Peers OC Business Alliance	EDUCATION: VETERAN RESOURCE CENTERS Saddleback College Ventura University JC Irvine CSU Fullerton Santa Ana College Irvine Valley College
HOUSING Vet-tenets of America Veterans First	FINANCIAL PLANNING Society for Private Wealth Advisors (SOPA) Employment Development Department

PHOTO: NCTV/REUTERS

For additional information, please contact Assemblyman Bill Brough's District Office at (949) 347-7301.
Thank you to our general sponsor, Capital of Orange County, Capistrano Valley High School, ACE, CVR Foundation and SOGA.
This event is open to the general public.

Click [here](#) for flyer

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, October 7

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)

INFO: (714) 993-9193

www.ocvets.org



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) are 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.

RSM Chamber News

FallFest
October 9, 10 & 11
Central Park
30842 La Miranda



The Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce presents FallFest 2015!
Enjoy live music and inflatables all weekend with a one-time admission good for all 3 days - come and go as you please, no charge for re-entry.

Friday, October 9
6 - 10:00 p.m.

- FiveSouth
- TijuanaDogs

Saturday, October 10

Saturday, October 10

Noon - 10:00 p.m.

- Cali Conscious
- Line of Fire
- Rock Hard Blues Band
- The Reflexx
- Squeezebox

Sunday, October 11

Noon - 8:00 p.m.

- Entropy
- RocknPhoenix
- Flock of 80's
- Hollywood Blonde



Admission:

\$15.00 - Adults 18 & over, ID required

\$10.00 - Youth 13 - 17

FREE - children age 12 & under

Food & drink tickets: \$1 each

Food: 1- 4 tickets

Drinks: 7 - 9 tickets

Inflatables, food vendors, beer & wine available all weekend

Car Show Saturday & Sunday

Gates open 10 minutes before opening time

No outside food, drinks or coolers

Bring chairs and blankets for festival seating

For more information, visit the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce [website](#).

Free "Senior Scam Stopper" Presentation

Friday, October 16

**Norman P. Murray Community and Senior
Center**

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo



The community is invited to an informative presentation designed to protect seniors from scams on Friday, October 16 in neighboring Mission Viejo.

The "Senior Scam Stopper" presentation is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way.

Guests will learn how to protect themselves and family members from predatory scams. The presentation will cover different scams and offer tips so people will not fall victim to fraud.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the office of Senator Patricia Bates at 949-598-5850 or email senator.bates@senate.ca.gov.

Click [here](#) for event flyer.

Crime Prevention and Safety OC Crime Stoppers

Orange County Crime Stoppers is a service that allows citizens to anonymously report potential criminal activity and/or supply information regarding suspects of crimes. It allows people to report NON-EMERGENCY information either by phone call, web or text. No phone lines are recorded, and no IP information can be obtained through the encrypted codes.



Anonymous tips can be made via OC Crime Stoppers:

- * **Website:** www.occrimestoppers.org
- * **Phone:** 855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227)
- * **Text:** CRIMES (274637), in the message body type keyword OCCS, then a space.

The purpose of the system is to offer a voice for those who are hesitant or fearful of speaking out. The system also serves as an investigative tool for Law Enforcement. Click here for more information on the Crime Stoppers program.

For more information or questions related to public safety in Rancho Santa Margarita, please call Police Services non-emergency line at (949) 770-6011.



Free Electronic Waste and Document Shredding Event Saturday, October 24 City Hall Parking Lot 22112 El Paseo Rancho Santa Margarita



Electronic Waste

Ensure electronic items that are past their prime are disposed of properly at this free collection event.

Items that will be accepted:

- Monitors
- Power Supplies

- Television Sets
- Mouse/Keyboards
- LCD Monitors
- Cables & Cords
- Computers
- Printers/Hard Drives
- Shredders
- Cell Phones
- Telephones
- Laptops
- Servers
- DVDs/VCRs
- Copiers/Fax Machines
- Computer Peripherals
- Toners
- Other electronics*

*Please note that no household/kitchen appliances or fluorescent tubes will be accepted.

Document Shredding

Please bring your paper records/documents in a standard size file box (no larger than 10" X 12" X 15") or paper grocery bags to the event and there will be shredding trucks on site to shred your documents at no cost to you while you watch! (No 3-ring binders or binding clips).

Due to the capacity of the shredding trucks and in order to accommodate all of our participants, there will be a limit of ten (10) boxes per household/business. Excess documents will not be accepted.

Click [here](#) for the event flyer, or for more information, contact Janna Lee at jlee@cityofrsm.org or call (949) 635-1800 ext. 6503.



Donations Sought to Support Marines City's Adopted Unit Returns from Deployment



The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines have been deployed for over six months and are expected to return in November. Operation Help a Hero and the City of Rancho Santa Margarita are seeking donations for **Operation Rack Pack**, to ensure that the men and women of the 2/5 do not return to empty barracks. The goal of **Operation Rack Pack** is to provide each Marine with a clean room, a full refrigerator, welcome home signs and more.

In a gesture of appreciation, gifts and sentiments of gratitude will be placed in the barracks of over 700 Marines and Sailors to greet them upon their return. Please consider donating some of the following items: deodorant, shaving cream, hand soap, toothpaste, trial size laundry detergent, trial size shampoo, toothbrushes, sports drinks and \$10 food/restaurant gift cards.

Donations will be collected at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, through October 23rd, 2015. For more information contact Wendi Redington at wredington@cityofrsm.org or call (949) 216-9700.

Veterans to be Honored by City Council

Thursday, November 12

6:00 p.m.

Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Center

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita invites veterans and their families to a reception at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. The City of Rancho Santa Margarita would like to thank local veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who have served in the military have sacrificed and performed a noble duty. Following the reception, a Roll Call will be conducted at the City Council meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.

All veterans are invited to participate in this important recognition. We hope you'll join us to honor the men and women of our community for their service.

We are seeking photos of Rancho Santa Margarita veterans to be included in our presentation. If you have a photo of a veteran that you would like to add to the City's collection of veterans' photos, please drop off a copy at the Bell Tower Community Center, or email photos to llopez@cityofrsm.org. Vintage and/or current photos are welcomed and encouraged! Please include contact information if you would like the photo returned to you; photos will be returned by mail.

For more information, call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.

City of Rancho Santa Margarita
VETERANS DAY
TRIBUTE

Veterans, families and friends are cordially invited to join us for a Veterans Day Reception and City Council Recognition

Thursday, November 12, 2015
Civic Plaza, 22112 El Paseo
6:00 Reception
7:00 City Council Meeting Roll Call

For information or to RSVP: (949) 216-9700, llopez@cityofrsm.org

Click on flyer to enlarge.

SMWD Honors SustainaBlue Water Heroes

SustainaBlue Water Heroes continue to come to the rescue as [Santa Margarita Water District](#) customers rise to the challenge of cutting water use by 24 percent during the unprecedented California drought. So far, the District is using 22 percent less water than in 2013.

SMWD Directors in September recognized their fourth set of SustainaBlue Water Heroes for outstanding water efficiency. The honorees received an engraved glass plate from Directors and a yard sign that proclaimed them



"Water Heroes."

The Vista La Cuesta Maintenance Corporation of Rancho Santa Margarita was among September's SustainaBlue Water Heroes.

The Vista La Cuesta Board made a decision to do their part to reduce water use in this drought by replacing grass with low water-use plants and using drip irrigation. They took an innovative approach by converting a small, but centrally located, grass area a year ago to a low water planting demonstration garden to show residents what could be done and generate buy-in.



President of the Vista La Cuesta Maintenance Corporation

Based on that success they were able to remove nearly 30,000 square feet of grass in late spring this year. The results have been fantastic: water use has been cut in half comparing June-August 2015 to 2013.

SustainaBlue Water Heroes are honored each month. If you'd like to nominate a Water Hero, email Jim Leach at jiml@smwd.com.

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.

October Recreation Highlights

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

Paint, Paste and More!

\$78/ 6 Classes

Encourage your child's creativity and imagination through hands-on exploration of a wide variety of manipulative and sensory materials. Different activities are introduced each week, so come for fun and dress for a mess. All activities are amendable to suit all ages, older siblings are encouraged to enroll. Ages: 1.5-5 yrs.

No Class: 11/24 & 11/26

What to bring: \$20 cash materials fee

Instructor: Wendy Rault

310302 03 T Oct 27 - Dec 8 10-10:45 am

310302 04 Th Oct 29 - Dec 10 10-10:45 am

Princess Ballet

\$75/ 6 Classes

The princess series ballet session is an introduction to the fundamentals of ballet and creative movement with an element of fun and fantasy. Participants learn age appropriate beginning ballet movements through creative imagery, hear their favorite princess stories, dress in princess tutus and make princess crafts. Performance for parents on last day of class. Session includes dance progression worksheets for dancers to see their accomplishments each week.

Ages: 3-6 yrs. No Class: 11/11 & 11/25

What to bring: \$5 cash materials fee

Instructor: OC Dance Productions

310402 02 W Oct 21 - Dec 9 3:30-4:15 pm

Spanish Immersion Time for Preschoolers

\$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. Ages: 3-7 yrs.

Instructor: Ursula Rubina

310767 02 T Oct 13 - Nov 3 1-2 pm

After School Sewing for Kids & Teens

\$148/ 4 Classes

Learn sewing basics, fabric selection, how to follow a pattern, and complete amazing projects in class. No prior experience is needed. All fabric, notions and sewing machines are supplied.

Ages: 7.5-17 yrs.

What to bring: \$35 cash materials fee

Instructor: Linda Rush

320501 02 T Oct 27 - Nov 17 3:30-6 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: 12 yrs. & up.

What to bring: \$15 cash materials fee

Instructor: Joe Menton

360603 02 W Oct 14 6- 9 pm

Learn to Sew for Adults

\$148/ 3 Classes

Learn sewing basics, fabric selection, how to follow a pattern, while you complete amazing projects in class. No prior experience is needed. All fabric, notions and sewing machines are supplied. Ages: 15 yrs. & up. No Class: 11/5

What to bring: \$35 cash materials fee

Instructor: Linda Rush

340513 01 Th Oct 1 - Oct 15 7-9 pm

340513 02 Th Oct 22 - Nov 12 7-9 pm



Rancho Santa Margarita Civic and Community Center

