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City Manager's Message

As 2015 comes to a close, the City Council and staff want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I hope you'll join us on New Year's Eve for the best in family-friendly arts and entertainment. We all look forward to serving the residents of Rancho Santa Margarita in 2016.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez

City Manager



ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, December 5

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.

City Council Reorganization

Wednesday, December, 9

7:00 p.m.

Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Center

Quick Links

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City Council Meetings

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

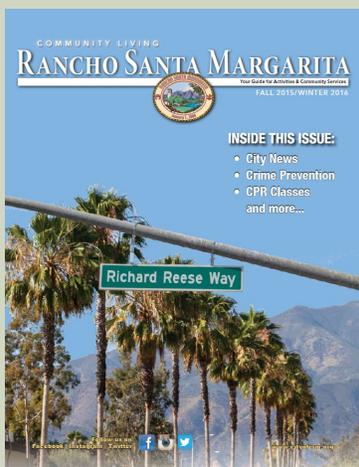
Holiday Closures

City Hall and the Bell Tower Regional Community Center will be closed Friday, December 25, 2015, for the Christmas holiday.

The December 23, 2015, City Council meeting has been cancelled.

City offices will be closed on January 1, 2016, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Community Living Magazine



[Register today](#)
for Recreation Classes
at the Bell Tower

At the December 9, 2015, City Council meeting, there will be an election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. Annually, the City Council elects a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore to serve the residents and community both administratively and in a ceremonial capacity. City Council meetings are broadcast live, or accessible anytime through the audio streaming feature found on the City's [website](#).



Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, December 2

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.scvvc.org

Bring your cat or dog for low cost vaccinations from the Society for California Veterinary Vaccine Care (SCVVC) 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.



Jingle Bells for Homebound Seniors

Help brighten the holidays for a special senior this season! Stop by the Bell Tower Regional Community Center before Wednesday, December 10th and donate a gift from the Jingle Bell Tree, sponsored by Age Well Senior Services. Volunteers will deliver the gifts to the recipients prior to the Christmas Holiday.



For more information on this program or other services for seniors, contact Lindy Kehler, Nutrition Site Director at (949) 216-9700 x1257, or visit the City's [website](#).

Boys & Girls Club of Rancho Santa Margarita seeks Holiday Donations

Operation Holiday Homework rewards local youth for putting education first

Help make the holidays brighter for youth in our community by supporting the Rancho Santa Margarita Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley's Operation Holiday Homework program.

The annual program rewards club members for putting education first. Children earn points by remaining productive during the club's daily homework hour. Points can then be used to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families. For some families, these gifts are the only presents under the tree.

Community members can help by dropping off a new, unwrapped gift or gift card for any age at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, located at 22232 El Paseo, through December 10.

For more information, contact Rancho Santa Margarita Branch Director Tyisha Anderson at tyanderson@bgccapo.com or (949) 216-9700 x1280, or visit the Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley's [website](#).

New Year's Eve Event Celebrating Family and Friends Thursday, December 31 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Central Park

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita will host the 15th annual "Celebrating Family and Friends" New Year's Eve community gathering.



"Celebrating Family & Friends" is an alcohol-free, family friendly New Year's Eve community festival featuring games, visual arts, music, inflatables, and interactive art activities. The event takes place at the Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Plaza and Central Park from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

Live entertainment is one of the hallmarks of the event and will include local rockers *the 5150's*, magicians, roving entertainers, and more.

The event kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and the first 50 in attendance will receive a complimentary wristband for unlimited use on all inflatable attractions.

Gourmet food trucks and specialty food booths will offer a wide variety of culinary choices, ranging from snacks and appetizers to dinner and desserts.

For more event information, including booth and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the City's [website](#), "like" us on [Facebook](#), or call Rancho Santa Margarita's Community Services Department at (949) 216-9700.

RSM Children's Art Show and Contest

Entries will be displayed and winners will be announced at the "Celebrating Family and Friends" New Year's Eve Event

Students in grades K through 12 are invited to participate in the annual RSM Art Show and Contest by submitting artwork in the following categories: drawings (i.e. pencil, charcoal, chalk, ink, crayons, and pastels), collages (i.e. paper, fabric, string, noodles, beads, tissue) or fiber work (i.e. needlework, sewn designs, leather). Pieces should be no larger than 3x3.

All entries must be submitted with an entry form and received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita. Entry forms are available [online](#) or at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Entries will be judged using the following age categories: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades.

For more information, please call the Bell Tower Regional Community Center at (949) 216-9700.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas tree collection will begin December 26th and continue through January 9th. Simply place the tree curbside on your regular collection day, making sure that all stands, lights, and other decorative materials have been removed. **CR&R requires trees larger than 6' tall be cut in half.** Small trees may also be placed in green waste carts. Christmas trees are considered organic waste, which means they can be composted, mulched or even converted into fuel. Flocked trees are not recyclable and must be disposed of in regular trash carts. For more information, contact CR&R at (800) 826-9677.



Crime Prevention and Safety Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Shopping during the holiday season can present unique danger. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous.

Holiday Shopping Safety tips



- Park in a well-lit area.
- Remember to lock your vehicle!
- Minimize the number of valuables left in your vehicle. Keep valuables, electronics (including cell phones and DVD players), gifts and other "theft attractors" out of sight.
- Have your keys out and ready when you return to your vehicle.
- Lock purse and other valuables in your trunk PRIOR to arriving at the shopping center, mall, or other parking area.
- Stay ALERT! Be aware of your surroundings and people around you. Trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable, get away.
- Shop with a friend - there is safety in numbers.
- Do not leave the store alone. Walk with friends, other shoppers, or security.
- Keep your cell phone on your person.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will return.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages while shopping.
- Only make online purchases from trusted, secure websites. Look for "https" in the web address to verify security.
- Protect your purse or wallet and clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or extra credit cards. Carry only those cards that you will need to use that day and keep a master list of all cards so if your wallet is stolen, they can be reported promptly to the appropriate banking facility.
- Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone unattended in a public place.
- If you carry a purse, carry it close to your body. Place the strap over your shoulder, never around your neck.

Pay attention to suspicious activity or anything that appears out of place. Immediately report any and all suspicious activity by calling our local 24-hour non-emergency number or dial 911 in the event of an emergency.

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



(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. Graffiti may also be reported via the [Community Connection](#) feature on the City's website.

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

December 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.

What to bring: \$20 cash materials fee

Instructor: Wendy Rault

410302 01	T	Jan 5 - Feb 9	10-10:45 am
410302 02	Th	Jan 7 - Feb 11	10-10:45 am

Stretch & Grow

\$100/ 8 Classes

In this class children will learn the importance exercise while having fun! Each week participants will learn sports skills, yoga, endurance, flexibility, aerobic fitness and about their bones, muscles, and nutrition. Each participant will receive a free t-shirt. Ages: 3-5 yrs.

Instructor: Jen Audet

410240 01 Th Jan 7 - Mar 3 1-2 pm

Tikki Tikki Tembo

\$134/ 8 Classes

Come join the energetic Tom Thumb Staff in the performance of Tikki Tikki Tembo. Your child will love being taught improvisational skills, creating a story on stage and other music, movement and drama exercises. Children pretend all the time- having their imaginations come to life with sets, costumes, and music is a magical thing for them. Musical Theatre helps children grow in so many ways - memorization skills, expressing themselves, working on a team, self-confidence, and much more. Most of all, it is FUN! Your child will be proud to display what they have learned at their performance for family and friends. All actors will receive a Tom Thumb Players t-shirt and rehearsal CD. Ages: 3-7 yrs.

Instructor: Creative Kid Playhouse

410328 01 W Jan 6 - Feb 24 1:15-2 pm

Fashion Design

\$243/ 3 Classes

In four semi-private sessions you will learn how to create a one of a kind blouse inspired by your original ideas. Starting with a sketch design, measurements, pattern making and sewing students will be guided through the entire process by an experienced fashion designer. Basic sewing skills required. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

What to bring: \$30 cash materials fee

Instructor: Vania Assenova

440327 01 W Jan 6 - Jan 27 6-8 pm

Small Business Retirement Plans: Simple to Sophisticated

\$23/ 1 Class

Businesses grow and change. Your retirement plan needs to be flexible. In this class you'll learn ways to take advantage of asset consolidation, make flexible contributions that may allow you to save on taxes, and compare the features and benefits of SEP, SIMPLE, 401(k) and Individual 401(k) plans. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Jeffrey Halbreich, CFP®

440768 01 W Jan 13 6:30-7:30 pm





Rancho Santa Margarita Civic and Community Center