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**City Manager's Message**

I am pleased to report that the City of Rancho Santa Margarita has been ranked once again as one of the safest cities in the United States according to Neighborhood Scout! Neighborhood Scout provides research data about cities and school districts, and each year they compile a list of the Safest 100 Cities in the United States. We have an excellent record in this competition; (7th safest in 2012, 10th safest in 2013, 5th safest in 2014, and 6th safest in 2015).

I am delighted to announce that we have advanced to 3rd place on the 2016 list! RSM is now ranked the third safest city in the United States with a population over 25,000. You

can visit their website for more information at [neighborhoodscout.com](http://neighborhoodscout.com). The Orange County Sheriff's Department's Lieutenant Kennedy, Chief of Police Services and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest thanks to all of you for your help and support in keeping Rancho Santa Margarita safe.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer M. Cervantez



## Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

22232 El Paseo

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

ZeroTrash RSM is an all volunteer community organization dedicated to ridding city streets of trash, reducing waste, supporting local business, supporting the Bell Tower Foundation and taking personal responsibility for the environment. ZeroTrash RSM meets the first Saturday of each month in the courtyard across from City Hall to beautify the community from 10:00 am to noon.

For more information, or to register as a volunteer, please visit The Bell Tower Foundation's website at [belltowerfoundation.org](http://belltowerfoundation.org). Individuals and groups are welcomed and encouraged to attend. For more information on Chip McDermott's ZeroTrash movement, visit [zerotrash.org](http://zerotrash.org).



## Mobile Pet Care Services Offered

**Spay/Neuter Clinic**

**Friday, March 11**

**Bell Tower Regional Community Center**

**22232 El Paseo**

The Society for California Veterinary & Vaccine Care (SCVVC) will be offering Spay/Neuter Clinics one Friday



per month in Rancho Santa Margarita. The next scheduled clinic will take place on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Procedures will be performed in their mobile surgical center, conveniently located in the parking lot of the Bell Tower Community Center. Appointments are available for dogs, cats, and rabbits by contacting SCVVC at (714) 993-9193 or [scvvc.pets@gmail.com](mailto:scvvc.pets@gmail.com).

Visit the SCVVC website at [www.scvvc.org](http://www.scvvc.org) for fee information, appointment scheduling and other important details.

The City would like to thank the SCVVC for providing this important and life-saving service to the pets of Rancho Santa Margarita and their people!

**Senator Pat Bates & Assemblyman Bill Brough**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE **Automobile Club of Southern California**

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

**South Orange County**  
**SENIOR DAY 2016**

WITH GUEST SPEAKER **Dr. Claudia Kawas, UCI Dept. of Neurology - 90+ Study**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016**  
**Norman P. Murray Senior Center**  
**24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo**

8 AM registration  
breakfast provided by Coffee Imperatives  
at Dana Point Harbor

9 AM - 12 PM program, breakout sessions,  
and resource fair  
lunch provided by Panera Bread

*All are welcome, but space is limited.*  
RSVP by calling 949.500.5050 or 949.347.7201,  
or by visiting [WWW.SENIORDAYOC.COM](http://WWW.SENIORDAYOC.COM).

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- How to Navigate the DMV and Becoming CarFit  
DMV and the Automobile Club of Southern California
- How to Prevent Being a Victim of Fraud  
Department of Insurance and Contractors State License Board

**FREE MEDICAL SCREENINGS** by UCI Nursing  
**INFORMATIVE RESOURCES** provided by  
Alzheimer's Orange County / California Highway Patrol  
CalOptima / Medicare / Social Security

Breakfast, medical, or services provided for the event are the responsibility of the provider of the breakfast, medical, or services and do not constitute legal services or advice or constitute an offer of legal services. The Automobile Club of Southern California.

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## RSM Chamber of Commerce to host Regional Elected Officials Mixer

**Friday, March 11**  
**Park Terrace**  
**21952 Buena Suerte**



**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of live entertainment, a buffet style dinner and the opportunity to mix and mingle with local elected officials at this annual event hosted by the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations are required; click [here](#) for event details and registration information.

You are cordially invited to join  
*U.S. Representative*  
**MIMI WALTERS**  
and a panel of law enforcement & industry experts



for a Town Hall Meeting on  
**Cybersecurity & Identity Protection**

on  
**Thursday, March 24, 2016**

from  
**5:30pm to 7:00pm**

at  
**Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center**  
24932 Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

*Light refreshments will be served*

**Please RSVP to Donovan at  
(949) 263-8703 or [donovan.higbee@mail.house.gov](mailto:donovan.higbee@mail.house.gov)**

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This is an official federal event hosted by U.S. Representative Mimi Walters. This event is a private reservation and is not endorsed or sponsored by the City of Mission Viejo.

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## March Recreation Highlights

**ABCs with Tiny Tots**  
**\$176/ 8 Classes**

Come experience a fun way of preparing your child for kindergarten. Using hands-on interactive learning using art, science, cooking, music and much more, your child will learn their numbers, letters, shapes, learn to write their name as well as develop social

skills of patience, listening, cooperation and sharing. No parent participation needed. Children must be fully potty trained. Ages: 3-5 yrs.

What to bring: Healthy snack and lunch.

**Instructor:** SoCal Tiny Tots

110761 04    T,Th        Mar 1 - Mar 24    9 am - 1 pm

**The Little Red Hen**  
**\$134/ 8 Classes**

Have fun being in a darling musical production of the classic tale The Little Red Hen! Children will be coached by professionals in performing arts while rehearsing for this darling musical. Participants will be taught improvisational skills, creating a story on stage as well as other music, movement and drama exercises. Ages: 3-6 yrs.

**Instructor:** Creative Kid Playhouse

110321 01    T                Apr 5 - May 24    9:30 - 10:15 am

**Spanish for 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. No Class: 4/5

**Instructor:** Ursula Rubina

110767 01    T                Mar 1 - Mar 22    1 - 2 pm  
110767 02    T                Mar 29 - Apr 26    1 - 2 pm

**Gymnastics**  
**\$66/ 6 Classes**

This class is suitable for beginning to intermediate students and great for cheerleaders! Learn quality tumbling skills with hands-on personalized instruction you won't get in a big gym at a fraction of the cost. You will see a difference in just six weeks. A mini competition and class participation recognition will be held at the end of the session. Ages: 5.5-11.5 yrs.

**Instructor:** Marie Corbett

120201 05    Sat              Mar 12 - Apr 16    8:30 - 9:30 am  
120201 06    Sat              Mar 12 - Apr 16    9:35 - 10:35 am

**Scratch Computer Programming**  
**\$123/ 8 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: 3/29

**Instructor:** Savoy Academy

120764 01 T Mar 8-May 3 3:30 - 4:30 pm

### **Talent Agent Showcase for Actors**

**\$179/ 8 Classes**

**\$216/ 8 Classes\***

This class moves at a fast pace and students must memorize a commercial, two person scene, monologue and runway modeling routine to perform LIVE to a panel of LA based talent agents for possible representation. Students are required to have prior film acting training and/or experience. All scripts provided by the instructor. Showcase will be held on Saturday, May 21. No Class: 3/31 & 4/7

**Instructor:** Anthony Kiminas

**Ages: 6-9 yrs.**

120821 01 Th Mar 17 - May 19 5 - 6:15 pm

**Ages: 10-17 yrs.\***

120821 02 Th Mar 17 - May 19 6:30 - 8 pm

### **Web Development Coding using HTML**

**\$135/ 8 Classes**

Students will learn the fundamentals of website building by coding in the industry standard languages of Hypertext Markup Language and Cascading Style Sheets. When finished, students will have an understanding of the language of the internet while using their creativity to design their own sites. Ages: 9-17 yrs. No Class: 3/31

**Instructor:** Savoy Academy

120767 01 Th Mar 10 - May 5 4:45 - 5:45 pm

### **Learn to Sew for Adults**

**\$148/ 3 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: 15 yrs. & up. No Class: 3/17

**Instructor:** Linda Rush

140513 01 Th Mar 10 - Mar 31 7 - 8:30 pm

# Crime Prevention

## 18 Things a Burglar Doesn't Want You to Know...



**This look inside the mind of convicted burglars might make a difference in the way you secure your home.**

1. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
2. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
3. The two things I hate most: Loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
4. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
5. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
6. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
7. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
8. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
9. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
10. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
11. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)
12. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
13. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
14. Your alarm only works if it's on. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
15. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

16. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
17. Lock your windows. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
18. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs [crimedoctor.com](http://crimedoctor.com); and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.



## **Rancho Santa Margarita City Council**

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