

# January 2025



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS...A CITY WITH THE SOUL OF A VILLAGE

## City Manager's Message

On January 1, 2000, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita officially incorporated, marking a pivotal moment in our shared history. This year marks a quarter-century of growth, excellence in public safety, and community pride.

The City will weave the 25th-anniversary theme into programs throughout the year. From our *25 Years of Celebrating Family & Friends* New Year's Eve event to our popular Summer Concert Series, each event will offer an opportunity to reflect on our shared accomplishments and look ahead to a promising future.

Join us as we celebrate the past, present, and future of Rancho Santa Margarita—a City that thrives on the strength of its community. Let's make 2025 a year to remember!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cervantez



## Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention

As we welcome 2025 and embrace the new year in full swing, we want to extend our warmest wishes to our wonderful community. Let's make this year safe, prosperous, and enjoyable for all! To help you start the year off on the right foot, here are a few safety tips:

- Stay Alert on the Roads: Watch out for pedestrians, bicyclists, and distracted drivers. Always buckle up and avoid distractions while driving.
- Protect Your Home: Lock doors and windows, use outdoor lighting, and never leave valuables visible from outside. Consider setting up a home security system.
- Keep Your Valuables Safe: Don't leave belongings in your car, especially in plain sight. Always take your purse, wallet, or electronic devices with you.
- Be Scam-Aware: Beware of suspicious calls, texts, or emails asking for personal or financial information. When in doubt, hang up or delete the message.
- Prioritize Personal Safety: Be aware of your surroundings when out and about. Avoid walking alone in poorly lit areas, and carry your phone in case of emergencies.
- Stay Informed: Follow OCSD RSM Police Services on social media for updates, safety tips, and information about upcoming community events.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Emma Peters at (949)

635-1830 or email [RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov](mailto:RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov).

**Emergency 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency (949) 770-6011**

For more information, visit Police Services on the City of RSM website at [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org) or visit [ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC](http://ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC).

## **Police Services Citizens' Academy**

Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services is hosting its second Citizens' Academy from February 20 through April 24, 2025. 25 Rancho Santa Margarita residents will have the opportunity to get an inside look at the operations of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Participants must be 18 years or older and a resident of the City. Apply at [cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org) or access the application through OCSD RSM Police Services' social media pages: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).

Please direct questions to [RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov](mailto:RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov).



## What is it?

A **ten-week** course that offers a unique opportunity to tour different divisions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department



## When is it?

Starts **February 20** and will end on **April 24**. Class is one day a week from 6 PM - 9 PM (schedule is subject to change).

## What will you learn about?

- RSM Police Services
- Investigations
- SWAT & Bomb Squad
- CSI
- Harbor Patrol
- Dispatch
- Air Support Bureau
- Cyber Crimes
- Coroner Division
- IRC Jail Facility
- Real Time Operations Center
- Katella Training Facility
- Use of Force Options Simulator
- E-Bike Enforcement Strategy

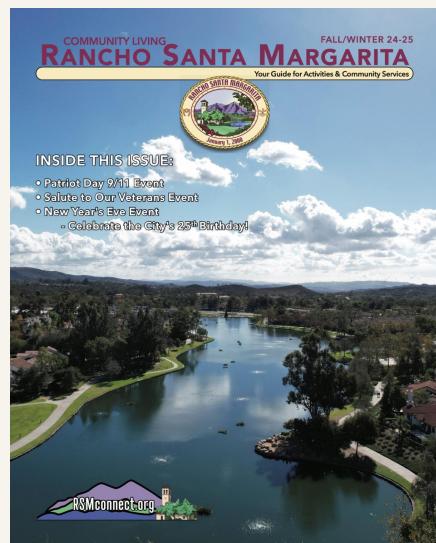
**\*Fill out an application using the link in our bio\***

## Community Services

### Classes, Camps, and more at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita offers a variety of recreational programs and classes at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Prior registration is required.

Our Community Living Magazine features upcoming events, family activities, community resources, classes, art programs, workshops, and more!



Visit [RSMConnect](#) to browse all offerings and access our online registration module.

**To view our full listing of Programs,  
Activities, and Events,  
click the image below!**





# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT, CLUBS ARE IN

## OUR PROGRAMS

STEM	ATHLETICS
EDUCATION	SOCIAL RECREATION
FINE ARTS	INDIVIDUAL TUTORING
MIDDLE SCHOOL & TEEN PROGRAMS	TEEN WORKFORCE READINESS

*The Club and all Day Camp days are **FREE** for ELOP families.*

**ENROLL NOW**



SCAN HERE

INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT: [BGCCAPO.COM](http://BGCCAPO.COM)

## CONTACT US:

949 - 709 - 7595    [jwhite@bgccapo.com](mailto:jwhite@bgccapo.com)



# Facility Rentals

## Start your rental process today!

### To submit a Facility Use Inquiry, click the image below.

Note: Community Services staff will contact you shortly after reviewing your Facility Use Inquiry.  
For more information, email [FacilityRentals@cityofrsm.org](mailto:FacilityRentals@cityofrsm.org).



## Community Services Age Well Senior Services

### Meals on Wheels (Ages 60+)

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious daily meals for seniors ages 60+ who cannot shop or prepare meals for themselves. Deliveries run Monday through Friday and include one breakfast, one hot lunch, and one frozen dinner.

### Congregate Lunch at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center (Ages 60+)

Age Well Senior Services is proud to host their Congregate Lunch program on weekdays at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Meals are catered by Zest in a Bowl and feature Italian, Mediterranean, Western, and Asian cuisines, including meats or fish, healthy vegetables, salads, delicious soups, and dessert or fruit.

All congregate lunch menu meals are low sodium and supportive of a diabetic diet. There is a suggested contribution of \$5.50, although no one eligible for the program will be turned away for inability to pay. The program offers participants an opportunity to enjoy a hot or cold meal while socializing with friends Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

### Senior Pet Pantry (Ages 60+)

Pets are family, too! Meals on Wheels and Congregate Lunch participants can request cat or dog food for their furry friends. For details or to sign up, please contact Age Well Senior Services at (949) 709-7592 or visit [myagewell.org](http://myagewell.org).

**Age Well**  
Orange County's partner in aging

Provides services that promote health and well-being for seniors.

**Opportunities Include:**

- Senior Recreation Activities
- Special Events
- Meals on Wheels Program
- Informative Guest Speakers
- Congregate Lunches (60+)\*

\*Monthly Lunch Menu can also be found at [cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org) and in the City's monthly eNewsletter.

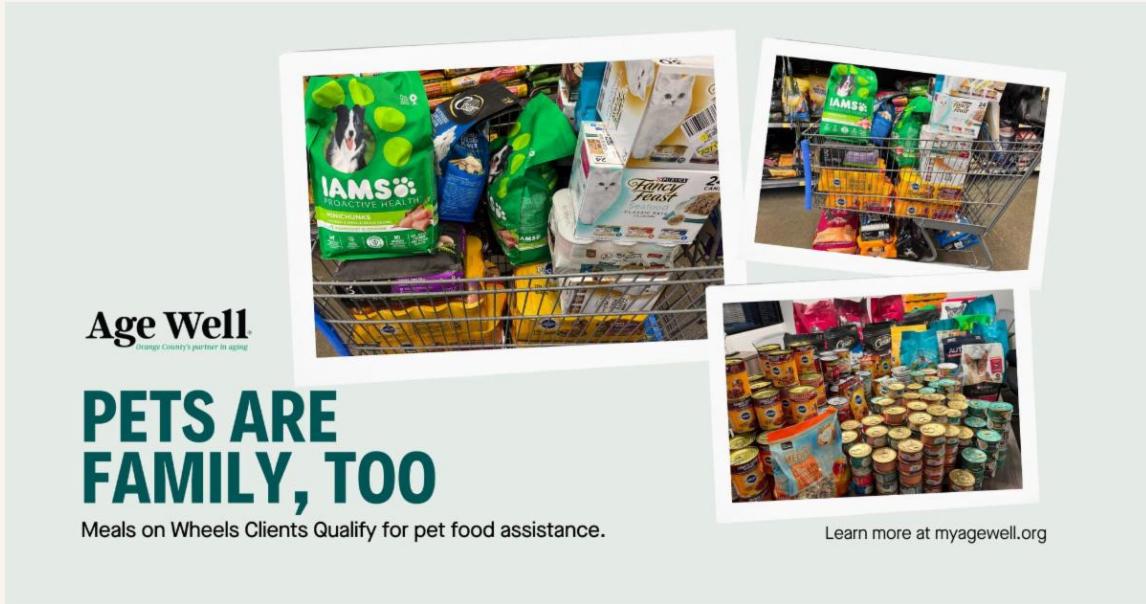
**CONTACT US**

Phone: (949) 709-7592  
Email: [rsmc1@myagewell.com](mailto:rsmc1@myagewell.com)

**Age Well Senior Services**  
Bell Tower Regional Community Center  
22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688  
(949) 709-7592

## Congregate Lunch Menu

## Meals on Wheels Menu



## Public Works Recycle From Home!

## Meals on Wheels Clients Quality for pet food assistance.

Learn more at [myagewell.org](http://myagewell.org)

Recycle From Home™ picks up and pays residents for their recyclable cans and bottles! Inspired by 13-year-old recycling superstar Ryan Hickman, this program makes it incredibly easy for Rancho Santa Margarita residents to recycle right from their driveway or doorstep! No more loading up the car with boxes or bags of cans and bottles in search of a redemption center. Collection bags and QR code tracking labels are provided to sort your CA CRV aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

Recycle From Home schedules drivers to collect your recyclables at your chosen time, ensuring that your items are recycled within 24 hours of your pick-up time. Your recycled items are weighed, and redemption is calculated based on current CA CRV rates. Your payment is then sent to you through Paypal, Venmo, or as a mailed check.

Schedule a pick-up online, put your items out for collection, and Recycle From Home™ will handle the rest.

For more information or to register, visit [www.RecycleFromHome.com](http://www.RecycleFromHome.com) or download the Recycle From Home mobile app.



## Public Works - Waste Management Organic Waste Bins available for RSM Residents

The City has a limited number of complimentary small kitchen bins available for pickup at City Hall during regular business hours. The pails, purchased with CalRecycle grant funds, are designed to assist residents in minimizing waste that goes into landfills.

Residents can stop by City Hall and pick up a free countertop organic waste pail to separate organic waste (such as food waste) from other trash and non-organic recyclables under the Organics Collection Program mandated by the State of California's SB 1383.

SB 1383 was signed into law in September 2016 by Governor Brown. It established methane emissions reduction targets statewide to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 also establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025.

**Please call Public Works for more information at (949) 635-1800.**



## Development Services Online Inspection Requests

Recent upgrades to the City's permit processing system now include an online customer portal for plan submittals and inspection requests.

We are currently accepting solar project applications online and will soon expand the program to accept all types of building permit applications.

**REQUEST BUILDING INSPECTIONS ONLINE**

<https://rsm.cts.city>

Online inspection requests are currently available for all project types [here](#).

## Animal Services News and Events

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is proud to contract with the City of Mission Viejo for animal care and control services. Their pro-humane shelter, coupled with stellar customer service and exemplary response times, ensures the best possible care for our City's furry residents.

All dogs over the age of four (4) months in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita are required to have and wear a current license tag. Cat licenses are recommended but not required by law. If your pet is lost, its license and proof of rabies vaccination could be vital in ensuring a safe return home.



### Mission Viejo Animal Services Drive-Through Pet Vaccine Clinics

Low-cost Vaccination/Microchip Clinics are available for residents of Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, and Rancho Santa Margarita.

#### 2025 Dates

Saturday, March 15th  
 Saturday, May 10th  
 Saturday, August 2nd  
 Saturday, October 25th

Clinics are held from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., weather permitting, at Mission Viejo Animal Services Center, 28095 Hillcrest, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Visit [cmvas.org](http://cmvas.org) or call (949) 470-3045 for information about convenient online pet licensing, volunteer opportunities, clinics and pricing, and pet adoptions.

**Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare.

Pet care clinics are held on the first Wednesday of each month on an appointment-only basis. Clinics are hosted by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. View the clinic flyer [here](#).

To schedule an appointment, please visit their website by clicking this link: [Heart4Pets.org](http://Heart4Pets.org).

**LOW-COST MOBILE PET VACCINE CLINICS**

BELL TOWER REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita

HEART, in partnership with the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, brings these services to your community!

**First WEDNESDAY of every month**  
(2024) (Some dates may vary)

**APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

Appointments are limited. Scheduling as far in advance as possible is strongly recommended. Please be courteous and notify us in advance if you are not able to keep your appointment.

To schedule an appointment: [HEART4PETS.ORG](http://HEART4PETS.ORG)

See Reverse Side or Next Page for our CLINIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

- ◆ Pets must be healthy in order to be vaccinated.
- ◆ If your pet has ever received any vaccines, please bring prior vaccine records with you.
- ◆ If proof is not provided that your pet is current on its Rabies vaccine, a Rabies vaccine will be administered at the clinic and pet owner is responsible to pay the vaccination fee.
- ◆ All dogs must be on appropriate collars & leashes; all cats must be in secured pet carriers (no cardboard).
- ◆ Please do not attend our clinic if you or your pet are experiencing any signs of illness. You will not receive services.

**DOG VACCINES**

	RABIES (Thimerosal-free 1 or 3 yr) \$10	• DHPP \$28	• ORAL BORDETELLA \$25
	H3N2 w/H3N8 Bivalent Influenza \$38	• LYME \$25	• LEPTOSPIROSIS \$27

**CAT VACCINES**

	RABIES (Purevax 1-yr) \$27	• RABIES (Purevax 3-yr) \$70	• FVRCP \$26	• FeLV \$35
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**OTHER SERVICES**

MICROCHIP (w/ lifetime enrollment) \$35 • NAIL TRIM \$20 • ANAL GLAND EXPRESSION \$20 • FECAL TEST \$38  
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL PARASITE PREVENTATIVE & TREATMENT (Ask Cashier for current pricing)

**\$20 Military Discount** per pet per visit. All active U.S. Military & Veterans are eligible. ID required.  
(This special discount is offered while funding allows - may close without prior notice).

- ◆ \$22 exam & haz mat fee is charged for each pet; however, a \$10 discount will be applied at each consecutive month's visit for pets receiving a 2 or 3-part vaccine series. Owner must present HEART's yellow vaccine certificate from the prior month at the time of the follow-up appointment to receive the discount. This offer cannot be combined with the Military Discount.
- ◆ Products are subject to availability of stock on hand. Product & service prices may change; however, they will remain locked-in at the time your appointment is made.

[www.Heart4Pets.org](http://www.Heart4Pets.org) [heart4petsappointments@gmail.com](mailto:heart4petsappointments@gmail.com) 714-993-9193



# Low-Cost Dog & Cat Vaccination Clinic

## Monthly, First Wednesday



**Bell Tower Regional Community Center Parking Lot**

**Reservations Required**

[heart4pets.org](http://heart4pets.org)



**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

AlertOC

AlertOC is a free mass notification system designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed during emergencies. Time-sensitive messages are sent to affected communities. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive messages may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones. AlertOC can send out messages to several emergency contacts. AlertOC is operated by the County of Orange in collaboration with local cities.



## Emergency Management

### Alert OC Emergency Notification System

AlertOC is a mass notification system that keeps Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate life-saving actions.

By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the county or city you live or work in may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. You can also register to enable text messages on cell phones. AlertOC is also equipped to send alerts to email accounts and TTY devices.

If you have already registered for AlertOC, please log in periodically to see a summary of your information and ensure it's up-to-date. The system uses your selections and information to reach you in the event of an emergency, including evacuation orders.

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

**CITY of RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

**Alert OC**  
STAY INFORMED

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Sign up to receive:

Evacuation Notices

Public Safety Emergencies

Disaster Notifications

Text ALERTOC to 888777

Learn more at [www.alertoc.org](http://www.alertoc.org)

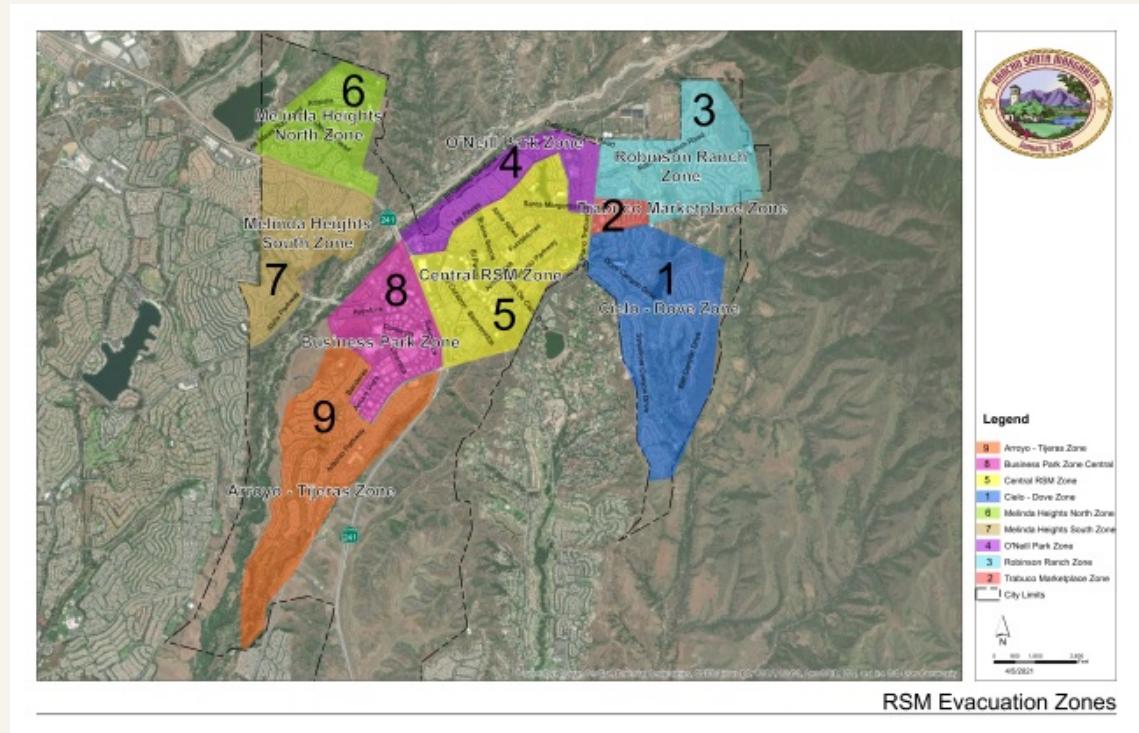
## Emergency Management

### Know your Evacuation Zone

Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can change a fire's direction and strength instantly, making it impossible for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make door-to-door announcements.

Public safety and City officials will send official evacuation notifications and information during an emergency through [AlertOC](#). Please ensure you and your loved ones are registered to receive critical information via text, email, or telephone.

Residents in neighborhoods near high-risk fire areas are encouraged to be ready for wildfires by practicing fire safety. Ready, Set, Go! gives you the tools to protect yourself, your family, and your property from wildfires. Firefighters train hard to prepare for wildfires—residents must do the same!



For more information on preparing for wildfires, visit the Orange County Fire Authority's Ready, Set, Go! Safety program at [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org).

## ZeroTrash RSM First Saturday, Monthly

ZeroTrash is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to ridding city streets and wilderness areas of trash, reducing waste, supporting local businesses, and taking personal responsibility for the community and the environment! It is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn the community service hours they need for graduation.

ZeroTrash meets on the first Saturday of every month in the courtyard across from City Hall and beautifies our community from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All are welcome to join in and help Pick It Up.

For more information, visit [ZeroTrash RSM on Facebook](#) or email Brad McGirr at [bmcgirr@cityofrsm.org](mailto:bmcgirr@cityofrsm.org), or check out this short [video](#) to learn more about the program.



## Orange County Fire Authority

### Lithium-ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries power many devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters. When improperly charged or damaged, these batteries can cause fast-moving fires that emit toxic gasses and destroy structures. To safeguard your home and family, please follow these lithium-ion battery safety tips:



- Purchase batteries that are listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL)
- Know the manufacturer's instructions and safety information for use, storage, charging, and maintenance
- Never overload your outlet when charging any device with a lithium-ion battery
- Keep lithium-ion batteries away from combustible materials when charging
- Be aware of warning signs such as batteries emitting an unusual odor, leaking liquid, hot to the touch, not keeping a charge, etc.

Learn more at [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org).

# LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

In today's technology driven world, lithium-ion batteries are powering electric vehicles, cell phones, e-bikes, laptops, toys, smoke alarms and power tools. These batteries can be dangerous if they overheat, and can cause a fire or explosion. Keep yourself and your family safe by following these safety tips.



According to the Data Bridge Market Research, the global lithium-ion battery market was valued at 6.70 billion in 2021 and is expected to reach 26.28 billion by 2029.



Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6200  
ocfa.org



## Lithium-Ion Battery Fires:

- Emit toxic gasses within seconds
- Burn hotter and faster than others
- Can't be smothered like other fires
- Can cause explosions within seconds
- Can reignite up to 21 days later!

## Safety Tips

- Purchase batteries that are listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL)
- Know the manufacturer instructions and safety information for use, storage, charging and maintenance
- Never overload your outlet when charging any device with a lithium-ion battery
- Never place the batteries in direct sunlight or a hot vehicle
- Store batteries in a cool, dry location

## Charging and Disposal

- Charge the device properly and only with the cords that came with the device
- Unplug the device once it is fully charged
- Do not charge batteries when the environment is below freezing (32°F) or too hot (130°F)
- Never charge the device under a pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep lithium-ion batteries away from combustible materials when charging.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash
- Contact your local recycling center or waste management department for proper disposal
- Do not put discarded batteries together in a container or pile

## Warning Signs

- Unusual odor
- Change in color
- Too hot to the touch
- Change in shape
- Not keeping a charge
- Smoking or sparking when plugging in
- Unusual Noises (popping, hissing, buzzing)
- Leaking of liquid

## If You Have a Fire From a Lithium-Ion Battery

- Leave the area immediately as the batteries emit toxic gasses and burn extremely hot, with explosions occurring in seconds
- Call 9-1-1
- DO NOT try to fight or extinguish the fire

November 2022

## Passport Acceptance Facility

### Non-renewal Applications By Appointment Only

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall



To Schedule an Appointment:

<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me/>

The City's Passport Acceptance Office accepts your passport application and forwards all forms and documents to the United States Department of State for processing. ***With families preparing for the 2025 travel season, please note that our appointment calendar is regularly booked three to four weeks in advance.***

To help increase the efficiency and convenience of booking passport appointments, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita now offers an online scheduling program connected to the Passport Acceptance Facility's calendar for scheduling future appointments.

With online scheduling, applicants can utilize the booking link on the City website's passport page and make an appointment at their convenience. Reminder and confirmation emails/SMS messages will also be sent before the selected appointment date and time.

Visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to learn the requirements and procedures for obtaining a passport. Additional information is available on our [website](http://cityofrsm.org).

Renewals are not processed at this facility and are accepted by the State Department via mail or using their online passport renewal system. Please visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to determine if you qualify.

**Current Processing Times**

**Routine Service - 3 to 4 weeks**

**Expedited Service - 2 to 3 weeks**

For more information, please visit [cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org).

**City of Rancho Santa Margarita  
Authorized U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility**

**Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday Noon – 5:00 p.m.**

**By Appointment Only - Please Book Here:**

**<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me>**

**Renewals Are NOT Processed At This Facility**

If you are renewing a passport that was issued less than 15 years ago and you were at least 16 years of age when the passport was issued, you MUST renew by mail. Use Form DS-82 and follow the instructions. If you do not meet these qualifications, you must complete a first-time passport application, Form DS-11, apply in person, and present the required documentation. To book a passport appointment, please use the link above or the Passport Services button on the home page at [cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org). For additional information, call (949) 635-1819. Voicemails regarding any remaining questions will be returned within 2 business days.



**[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)  
[cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org)**



**RSM Chamber of Commerce**

The mission of the RSM Chamber of Commerce is to promote and enhance the business community of Rancho Santa Margarita by assisting our members through Joining, Connecting, and Growing a vibrant local economy.

From monthly mixers, advertising, event sponsorship, and exhibition opportunities, the benefits of joining the Chamber include advocacy for local, regional, and state business interests and referrals from Chamber staff and volunteers.

**Learn more at [www.rsmchamber.org](http://www.rsmchamber.org).**

**Business Connection**

## First and Third Tuesdays, Monthly

Join RSM Chamber Business Connection Meetings for invaluable networking opportunities. Build relationships, share insights, and drive your business forward with the support of fellow chamber members.

RSM Chamber meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the large conference room at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center.

This is a free event for chamber members; non-members are welcome for one guest visit.

Register at [rsmchamber.org](http://rsmchamber.org).



**NOTE: WE ARE BACK AT RSM BELL TOWER!**

**RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BUSINESS CONNECTION  
Meeting**

JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT  
& NETWORK WITH FELLOW CHAMBER MEMBERS

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS**  
8:30am to 9:30am

**BELL TOWER REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER**  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
(LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM)

FREE EVENT FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS • NON-MEMBERS ALLOWED ONE GUEST VISIT  
**MEETING QUESTIONS: SAMIRA HURD (949)468-7929**

**RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

## RSM CARES Food Pantry Monthly, First and Third Wednesday



The RSM Cares Food Pantry is open on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome; no prequalification is required. Drive through to obtain a box of groceries for yourself, your family, or a neighbor in need!

Located in the parking lot of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de Las Flores, the pantry is supported solely by donations from generous private donors, local churches, and businesses. RSM Cares serves more than 500 families at their pantry distribution site twice each month. Anyone who stands in line receives food

with no questions asked. Everyone is welcome. Individuals will receive fresh fruits and vegetables, non-perishable canned goods, and more.

Email [rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org](mailto:rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org) for more information or to volunteer.

**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



RSM Cares Food Pantry

**CLOSED**  
New Years Day

Visit [rsmcares.org](http://rsmcares.org)  
to donate! ❤



**RSM Cares**

# Events and Activities

## RSM Arts Program

### Monthly Exhibits at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The RSM Arts Program is an initiative of RSM Cares that inspires creativity through visual arts, dance, and music. Talented local artists and students exhibit their work monthly in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center lobby on weekdays, excluding holidays.

**Follow [@rsm\\_cares\\_art\\_gallery](#) on Instagram!**

**More information at [rsmcares.org](#).**



## Rancho Santa Margarita Branch Orange County Public Library

Visit the Rancho Santa Margarita Library, located at 30902 La Promesa, for a variety of services, events, and activities.

The popular Friends of the Library bookstore is stocked with books, games, puzzles, and DVDs; proceeds from sales support library services. Please call the library for current hours and volunteer information.

**View the events calendar or call (949) 459-6094 for more information on library programs and events.**

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY 30902 La Promesa, RSM 92688 949-459-6094 OCPL.org						
SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10am - 7pm	TUESDAY 10am - 7pm	WEDNESDAY 10am - 7pm	THURSDAY 10am - 7pm	FRIDAY 9am - 7pm	SATURDAY 9am - 5pm
			CLOSED			
				Dance Party 10:30am		
5	Storytime & Craft 10:30am Story & Sing 3pm Etc. Casual Conversations OC Read! Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am 12pm	Teen Volunteer Orientation 5pm	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help & Read to a Dog 4pm		
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### January Calendar

**LEARN CHESS IN ONE HOUR!**

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY**  
30902 La Promesa  
Rancho Santa Margarita,  
CA 92688  
949-459-6094

Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Saturday, January 4th  
2:00 - 3:00 pm**

"Check" off a New Year's resolution of learning how to play chess! Already know how to play? Enjoy a quick refresher lesson or get in some practice, discuss your favorite chess openings and strategies, and otherwise connect with others interested in this 'king of all games' or 'gymnasium for the mind.'

This program is intended for adults. For more information, or to express your interest in our offering chess-playing hours throughout the year, email [ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com)

For more info, email: [ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com)  
           

[View our events here!](#) 

### Chess Lessons

**MASTER GARDENERS  
OF ORANGE COUNTY  
WORKSHOP**

**Busy Gardening  
Month-by-Month**

Saturday, January 18th  
2:00-3:30 PM

If you're busy and like to garden, this class is for you! This presentation will give you a list of top garden jobs for each area of your garden month-by-month.

OC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss how to get ahead of the "garden game," allowing you to get your garden off to a good start with better results. Higher yields with less effort. It also gives you more time for other things in your life! From turt to tomatoes, there are tips for everyone.

This adult-level program is free with no registration required. Gardening gear and supplies will be provided by the Rancho Santa Margarita Friends of the Library.



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2025

Garden

PLANNER

**TEEN  
DIY CORNER  
BOOKMARKS**

Wednesday, January 22  
4:00-5:00 PM

Make a fun corner bookmark to mark your pages in a design of your choice. Make it kawaii or cool, up to you!

Grades 7-12. No registration required.



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**TEEN LUNAR  
NEW YEAR  
KEEPSAKE  
BOX**

Wednesday, January 29  
4:00-5:00 PM

Celebrate Lunar New Year and come decorate your own keepsake box.

Grades 7-12. No registration required.



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## Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District provides services for:

- Mosquitoes
- Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA)
- Rats
- Mosquito Fish Drop-off

Submit a service request [here](#) to OCMVCD.

Check your yard periodically for standing water to ensure you stop mosquitoes in their tracks!

Visit [ocvector.org](http://ocvector.org) for more vector safety and prevention tips.



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## The Lifeline & 988

### Crisis Support

Callers to 988 are connected to trained counselors who provide free and confidential emotional support and crisis counseling and connect them to the appropriate resources. These services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, across the United States. Special support services are available to veterans, and Tele-Interpreters support more than 240 languages.

For more information, visit  
<https://988lifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/>.

### What is 988?

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE



OC Navigator is part of the Orange County Behavioral Health System Transformation Innovation Project. The project seeks to help people find and connect with the supportive resources they need in different areas of their lives, including health and well-being, as well as other services.

Some services are available 24/7, such as suicide prevention and domestic violence assistance. Users can also suggest resources they would like to see featured on OC Navigator.

Learn more at [ocnavigator.org](http://ocnavigator.org). Resources are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, Khmer, or Tagalog.



## Orange County Transportation Authority

### OC Bus - Youth Ride Free

The OCTA Youth Ride Free Program provides youth ages 6 to 18 with free travel on OC Bus fixed-route service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

### OC Bus - Community College Pass

The OCTA Community College Pass Program provides students at all of the nine OC community colleges with free travel on the OC Bus service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

### Senior & Disabled Fares

Fares are valid for persons 60 and older, persons with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders.

For more information, visit [OCTA.net](http://OCTA.net).

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