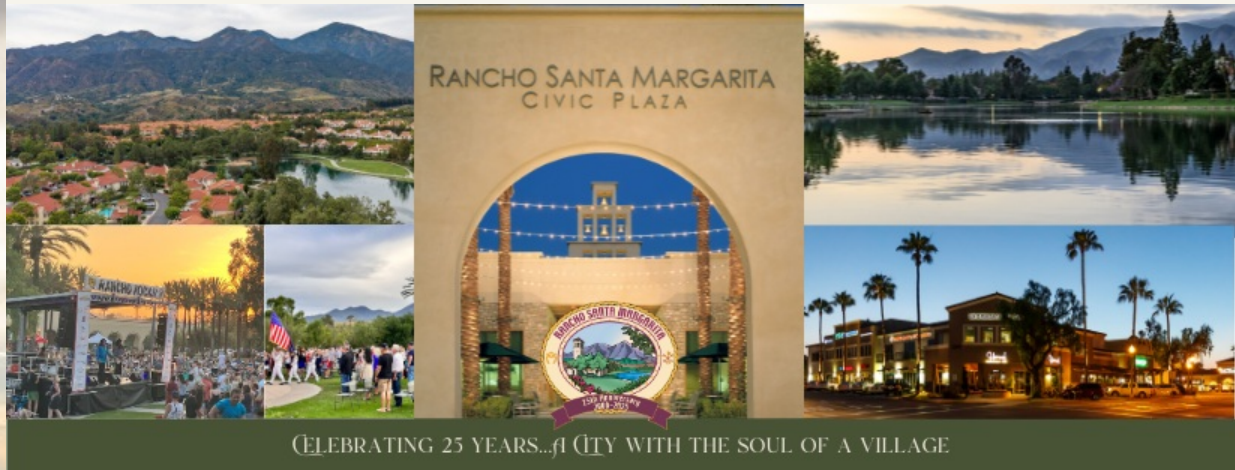


January 2025



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.

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 or visit 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 or access the application through OCSD RSM Police Services' social media pages: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).

Please direct questions to 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

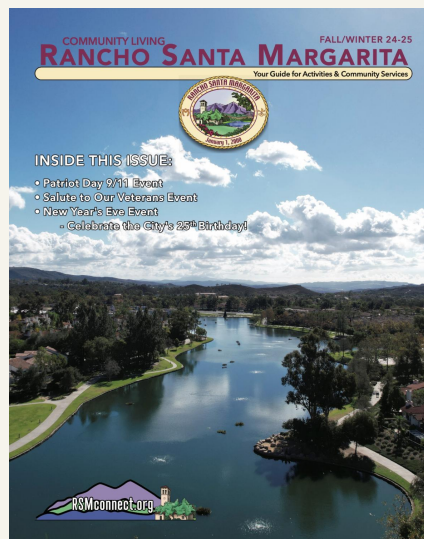
Fill out an application using the link in our bio

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](https://RSMconnect.org) to browse all offerings and access our online registration module.

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





BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CAPISTRANO VALLEY



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.*



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INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT:  [BGCCAPO.COM](https://bgccapo.com)

CONTACT US:

 949 - 709 - 7595

 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.



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.

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+)*

For activity flyers and more information about senior programs, contact Age Well Senior Services, or visit rsmconnect.org or the Bell Tower Regional Community Center at 22232 El Paseo, RSM

CONTACT US ↓

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

Age Well Senior Services

Bell Tower Regional Community Center




22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688

(949) 709-7592

An aerial photograph showing a winding asphalt road in a residential neighborhood. The road curves from the bottom left towards the top right. On the right side of the road, there is a concrete curb and a landscaped area with green trees and shrubs. A small white sign is visible in the landscaping. In the background, a parking lot filled with several cars is visible, surrounded by more trees and houses. The horizon shows rolling hills under a sky with soft, wispy clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and suburban.

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the foreground, there are large, leafy green trees. Below them, several houses with light-colored roofs and walls are visible, interspersed with more trees. A winding road with a few parked cars runs through the middle of the scene. In the background, a large, dark mountain rises against a sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

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Age Well

Orange County's partner in aging

PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO

Meals on Wheels Clients Qualify for pet food assistance.

Learn more at 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.

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

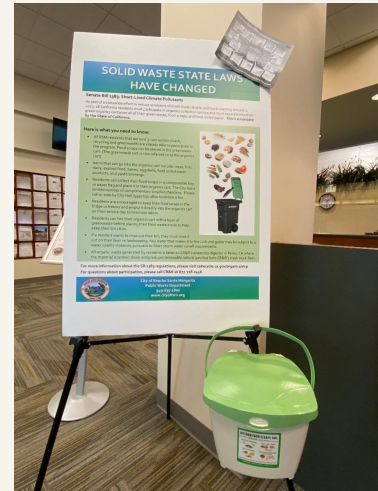
For more information or to register, visit www.RecycleFromHome.com or download the Recycle From Home mobile app.



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.

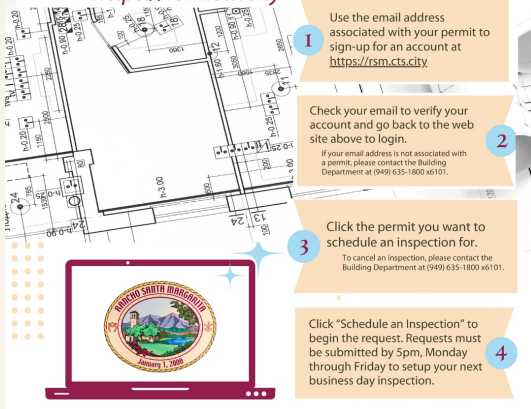
Development Services Online Inspection Requests

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 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.



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

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
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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 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

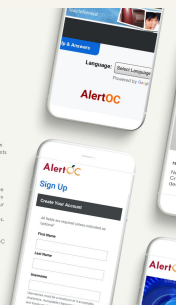




**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

AlertOC

AlertOC is a free mass notification system designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed during emergencies by providing real-time information to affected communities. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the County or City in which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones. AlertOC can send text messages to email accounts and TTY devices as well. 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

CITY of RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

AlertOC

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

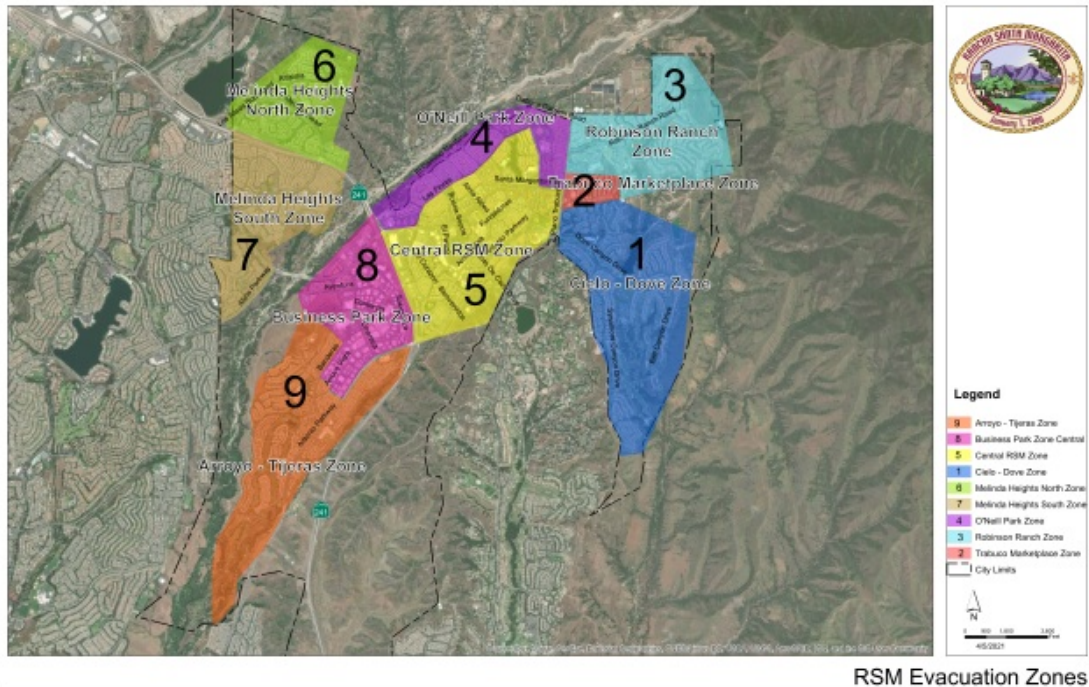
Emergency Management

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.

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, 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](https://www.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 to learn the requirements and procedures for obtaining a passport. Additional information is available on our [website](#).

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 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.

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. For additional information, call (949) 635-1819. Voicemails regarding any remaining questions will be returned within 2 business days.



travel.state.gov
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.

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.

A promotional poster for the RSM Chamber of Commerce Business Connection Meeting. The background is a scenic view of a lake with large rocks in the foreground and houses in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, in red, it says "NOTE: WE ARE BACK AT RSM BELL TOWER!". Below that, the RSM logo (a green house icon with an upward arrow) is followed by "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" in white. The main title "BUSINESS CONNECTION" is in large white letters, and "Meeting" is written in a large, elegant cursive script. Below the title, it says "JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT & NETWORK WITH FELLOW CHAMBER MEMBERS". At the bottom, there is a black box with white text that reads: "FREE EVENT FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS • NON-MEMBERS ALLOWED ONE GUEST VISIT MEETING QUESTIONS: SAMIRA HURD (949)468-7929". To the left of this box, there are icons for a calendar and a location pin, with text indicating the schedule and location.

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
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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 for more information or to volunteer.



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](https://www.instagram.com/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						
January 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	9AM - 5PM	9AM - 5PM
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Storytime & Craft 10:30am Monday Funday 3pm ESL Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read! Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am	Teen Volunteer Orientation 5pm	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help & Read to a Dog 4pm		BARB! Read to a Dog 2pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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January Calendar

LEARN CHESS IN ONE HOUR!

**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

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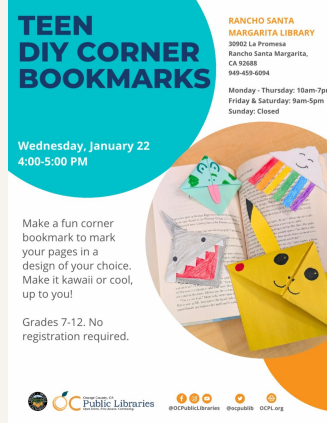
Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: Closed



Chess Lessons



Gardening



Teen Craft



Teen Craft

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 for more vector safety and prevention tips.

DUMP &



DRAIN!



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 Health Care Agency
OC Navigator**



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. 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](https://occta.net).

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