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## **City Manager's Message**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita as an organization strives to provide a high level of internal and external customer service every day. My dedicated staff and I are excited about the many projects and programs that are now underway or will be starting soon. From the renovations at City Hall and the Bell Tower Regional Community Center to the update of the City's General Plan, improvements at our soon to be updated "Antonio Barkway" dog park, and our partnership with Mission

Viejo Animal Services, we are busier than ever as we head into summer.

I hope you'll join us for our Summer Concert Series, held on Sunday evenings starting July 10th in Central Park. Concerts are always free and are a great way to end a summer weekend in Rancho Santa Margarita, which once again, ranked especially high on the SafeWise List of Safest Cities in California. Overall, we came in second in the state to a small City with a population of under 15,000; so we can safely say that we're the safest in

California for any city with a population greater than 15,000!

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez

## **Municipal Election Information**

A General Municipal Election has been scheduled to be held in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita on November 8, 2016 for the following Officers:

## Two Members of the City Council for a Full Term of Four Years

The filing period to run for office is July 18, 2016 – August 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m. If an incumbent does not file papers, the filing deadline will be extended to August 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Amy Diaz, City Clerk, at (949) 635-1806 for additional election information.



### ZeroTrash RSM

**Saturday**, **July 2**<sup>nd</sup> is the next ZeroTrash "First Saturday" event; volunteers meet in the courtyard in front of Cinepolis at 10:00 a.m. to help beautify our city! ZeroTrash RSM 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 our community and the environment!

"Like" us on Facebook for more information.

## Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Bell Tower Regional Community Center 22232 El Paseo

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 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.



series kick-off is Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and will run for six consecutive weeks. Jumping Jack Flash, a Rolling Stones Tribute Band leads the summertime lineup and will take the stage at 6:00 p.m.

The 2016 Summer Concert lineup will include something for everybody; Classic Rock, Soul & Motown, Country Western, the 80's, Rock and Roll, and a Jimmy Buffett tribute band. The Summer Concert series has grown in its popularity and attendees are encouraged to arrive early.

Date: Sundays (7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7 and 8/14)

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Central Park, 30842 La Miranda, Rancho Santa Margarita

Seating: Bring your own blanket and lawn chairs.
Parking: Free parking is available at 22232 El Paseo

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



### **Crime Prevention**

## **Community Reminder: Fireworks Prohibited in Rancho Santa Margarita**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita and the Orange County Sheriff's Department would like to remind residents and visitors alike that fireworks are not allowed in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita appreciates our community partnership with SAMLARC and is looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July at their annual fireworks display at the lake. With the hot days of summer upon us, Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services would like to take this opportunity to remind the public of the ban on all types of fireworks in the City, including "safe and sane" fireworks. There is a good reason for this ban, as fireworks are the primary cause of thousands of fires and injuries each 4th of July. The good news is that these fires and injuries are preventable if people comply with local laws prohibiting the use of fireworks.

Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services urges you to obey the law and leave fireworks to professionals to ensure a safe Independence Day holiday. Report non-emergency violations to (949) 770-6011.

# Donations Sought for City's adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is seeking donations of "gently used" ball gowns, and small purses for spouses and significant others of the City's adopted 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines. All donations will be combined with the other battalions and open to all spouses of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment. Ladies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment will have an opportunity to "shop" at no charge for the perfect dress to wear to the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball.



Donations will be collected at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

For more information contact Wendi Redington, Community Services Supervisor at (949)216-9700 x1260, <a href="mailto:wredington@cityofrsm.org">wredington@cityofrsm.org</a> or visit <a href="www.team2five.com">www.team2five.com</a>.



Click for online registration

## **July Recreation Highlights**

#### Mad Science Secret Agent Lab

As junior secret agents, use the science of detection to analyze crime scenes. Send secret messages to your friends by learning Morse code, Braille, and flag signaling. Construct security alarms to stop burglars in their tracks and even master awesome spy tech like disappearing ink, metal detectors and motion alarms! Ages: 6-12 yrs. What to bring: \$40 cash materials fee.

Instructor: Mad Science

\$179/ 5 Classes

221058 01 M-F Jul 11 - Jul 15 9 am - 12 pm

#### Summer of Art

This art camp is filled with creative and fun projects. Explore a variety of media such as acrylics on canvas, watercolors, pastels, clay sculptures and more! Participants will enjoy summer time through art as individuals draw and paint landscapes, still-life, animals and other themes. Clay projects are glazed and fired at end of class. All art supplies and aprons provided. Ages: 6-11 yrs. What to bring: \$20 cash materials fee.

Instructor: Lucia Henry

\$105/ 5 Classes

221019 02 M-F Jul 18 - Jul 22 9:30 - 11:30 am

#### **ABCs with Tiny Tots**

Come experience a fun way of preparing your child for kindergarten. Using hands-on interactive learning with art, science, cooking, music and much more, your child will learn their numbers, letters and 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. This is a year round program with month-to-month registration to meet the needs of your schedule. Ages: 3-5 yrs. What to bring: Healthy snack and lunch.

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

\$198/ per month

210761 02 M,W,F Jul 11 - Jul 29 9 am - 1 pm

\$132/ per month

210761 05 T,Th Jul 12 - Jul 28 9 am - 1 pm

#### **Little Ninjas**

This class will cover basic development of skills, structure and coordination of a Karate

class. Ages: 4-5 yrs.

Instructor: Robert McDonough

\$43/ 4 Classes

210235 02 T Jul 5 - Jul 26 3:45 - 4:15 pm

#### **Jazzercise**

Do you love music? Do you love to dance? Then come check out the new Jazzercise class at the Bell Tower Community Center! It's a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping fitness program that gets you results while you dance to popular Top 40 hits. You will burn up to 600 calories in one fun and powerfully effective total body workout. Each class combines dance-based cardio with strength training to sculpt and tone muscles for a maximum fat burn. Everyone is welcome, no matter what your current fitness level is. So grab a water bottle, an exercise mat, and some hand weights and let's get dancing! Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Maureen Stewart

\$149/ 12 Classes

240243 02 T,Th Jul 12 - Aug 18 7:15 - 8:15 am

## **SMWD Directors Approve 10 Percent Reduction in Water Use**

On Friday, June 17, 2016, Santa Margarita Water
District (SMWD) Directors approved a continuation
of Stage 2 restrictions in the SMWD Water
Conservation Program Ordinance calling for a 10
percent reduction in water use between now and February 2017.

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"Santa Margarita Water District is committed to water conservation and efficient use," said SMWD Board President, Charley Wilson. "The drought is not over, so we're asking customers to continue their conservation efforts," he said.

In April of 2015, the State declared emergency drought regulations and established mandatory conservation standards for water agencies through May 2016. Over the period, the District and its customers were able to meet and exceed the State's conservation standard and reduce demand by approximately 24.3%.

In May of this year, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a new statewide water conservation approach that provides a more comprehensive water demand and supply program administered at the local level. This new approach will be in effect through January 2017, while permanent regulations are considered.

Under the new approach, water agencies must ensure a three-year supply assuming three additional dry years similar to ones experienced from 2012 to 2015. The average demand of 2013 and 2014 will be compared to the supplies available at the end of a dry three-year period. If supplies at the end year three exceed demand, then an agency can certify that it has 100% supply and a 0% conservation standard. Where an agency expects a supply shortfall at the end of year three, their mandatory conservation would be the percentage their supplies are short demand.

Santa Margarita Water District is committed to helping customers use water efficiently, and create and enjoy beautiful landscapes that accentuate their lifestyle and enrich our

community. The District offers classes on landscape design and outdoor efficiency, rebate programs, and web resources, like <a href="OCplants.org">OCplants.org</a>, to create a custom watering schedule for your landscape.

<u>Santa Margarita Water District</u> is the second-largest in Orange County, serving more than 155,000 people in Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Rancho Santa Margarita, Rancho Mission Viejo and portions of Mission Viejo and San Clemente.



# **Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Training**

## Monday, August 29 Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita in partnership with the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce and the Orange County Sheriff's Department is offering a free

training opportunity for Rancho Santa Margarita businesses.

The Active Shooter Response and Impact of Workplace Violence program is available to all businesses located in the City on a first-come, first-served basis. The program brings together advice for workers on what to do in active shooter situations, along with statistics, law enforcement tactics and common responses to trauma following incidents.

Two sessions are being offered at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center (22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita) on Monday, August 29, 2016. The morning session begins at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon session begins at 1:30 Simply select a time and register your business <a href="here">here</a> for this important training.



# Rancho Santa Margarita City Council

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