

# March 2025



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

## City Manager's Message

I am proud to announce that SafeWise has recognized Rancho Santa Margarita as the #1 safest city in California in 2024! This recognition reflects the strong partnership between our partners at OCSD-RSM Police Services and the community, supported and prioritized by the City Council. This designation is certainly also earned by our residents' and businesses' commitment to safety and vigilance. Together, our efforts make Rancho Santa Margarita a safe place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cervantez



## Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention

Stay informed and connected by following RSM Police Services on your favorite social media platform!

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

## Follow us on our socials!

Following Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services on social media is an excellent way for residents to stay informed and connected with their community. By following our accounts, you'll receive timely updates on local safety tips, crime prevention strategies, community events, and emergency alerts. Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and empowered to play an active role in maintaining a secure and thriving community. Stay connected, stay safe, and stay involved—**follow us today!**

**Directions:** Open your phone's camera app, point it at the QR code, and tap the link that appears on the screen.

### Instagram



### Facebook



**SCAN ME!**



### Twitter



**SAVE THE DATE!**



# E-Waste Disposal & Document Shredding



## WHEN:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**  
**8:00 A.M. - NOON**

## WHERE:

Applied Medical's R100  
parking lot - enter from Comercio  
29977 Avenida de Las Banderas  
RSM 92688



### Electronic Waste

- Monitors
- Televisions
- Mouse/Keyboards
- LCD Monitors
- Cables & Cords
- Computers
- Printers/Hard Drives
- Shredders
- Cell Phones
- Power Supplies
- Telephones
- Laptops
- Servers
- DVDs/VCRs
- Copiers/Fax Machines
- Computer peripherals

**No sharps, appliances,  
batteries, smoke detectors, or  
fluorescent tubes accepted.**



For more information:  
email: [ahowhannesian@cityofrsm.org](mailto:ahowhannesian@cityofrsm.org)  
call: (949) 635-1800 x6503  
[cityofrsm.org](http://cityofrsm.org)

### Document Shredding

**Help the environment and protect  
yourself from identity theft!**

Please bring your paper records or documents  
in a standard-size file box (no larger than 10" x  
12" x 15") or paper grocery bag; shredding  
trucks will be on-site to shred documents at no  
cost while you watch. (No 3-ring  
binders/binder clips). **Limit ten (10) boxes per  
household/business.**

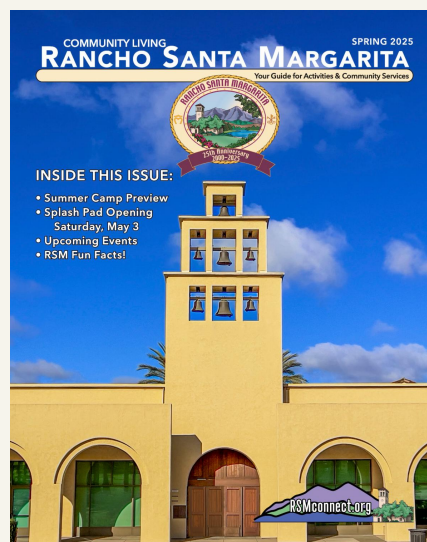


## Community Services

### 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.*



SCAN HERE



**ENROLL  
NOW**

INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT:  [BGCCAPO.COM](https://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+)\*

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

**CONTACT US** ↓

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

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

## **Age Well Senior Services**

**Bell Tower Regional Community Center**

**22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688**

**(949) 709-7592**



## A vertical collage of three images. The top image is a close-up of a road curve with a concrete curb and greenery. The middle image shows a sunset over a valley with a parking lot and houses. The bottom image is a close-up of a road curve with a concrete curb and greenery, similar to the top image.

## 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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Orange County's partner in aging

## PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO

Meals on Wheels Clients Qualify for pet food assistance.



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

## Public Works Recycle From Home!

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.**

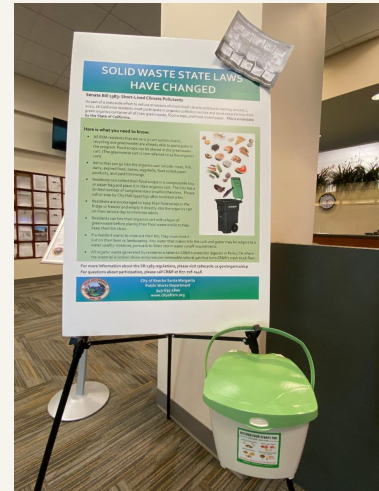




## Public Works - Waste Management Organic Waste Bins available for RSM Residents

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

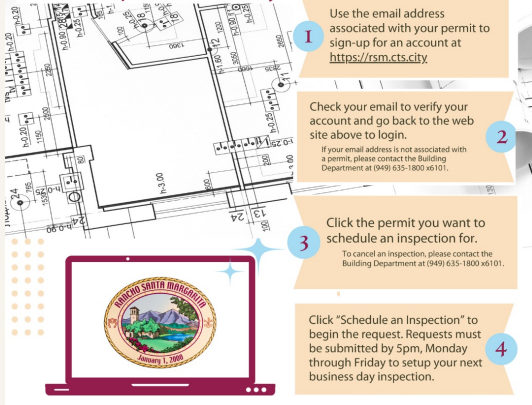
Recent upgrades to the City's permit processing system now include an online customer portal for plan submittals and inspection requests.

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





# Low-Cost Dog & Cat Vaccination Clinic Monthly, First Wednesday



Bell Tower Regional Community Center Parking Lot

**Reservations Required**

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



**Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for  
Wednesday, March 5, 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](https://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**

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

**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 selected communities.

By registering with AlertOC, you authorize voice messages from the County or City to call you on your cell or landline for 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](https://www.AlertOC.org)**





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

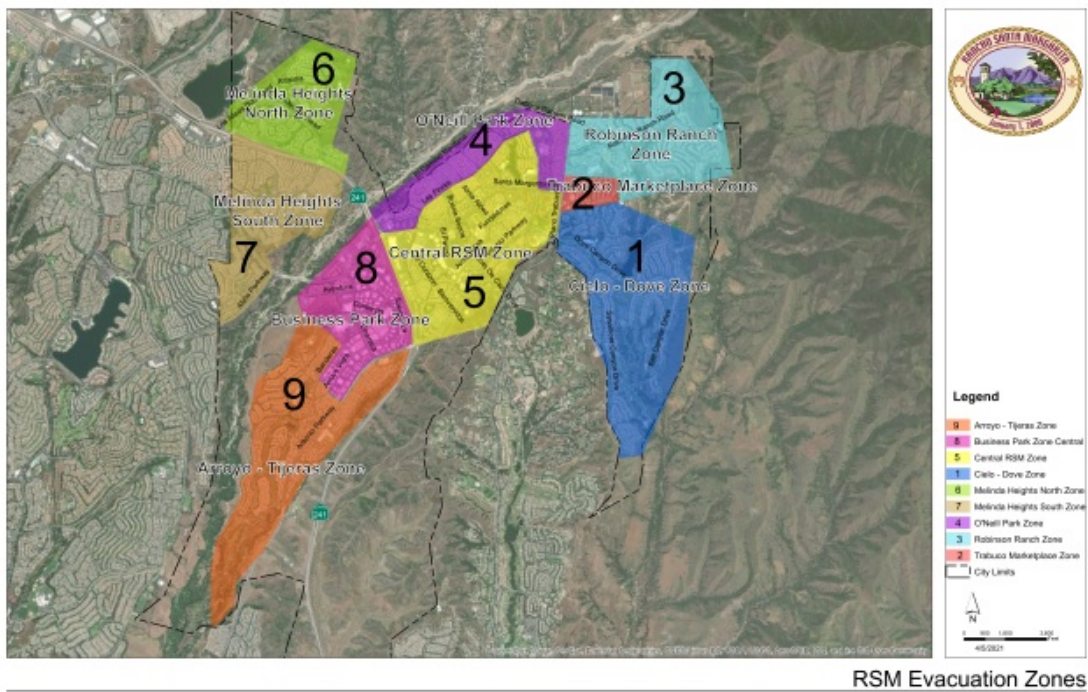
### Know your Evacuation Zone

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.





## ZERO TRASH INITIATIVE

"A clean community is a proud community"

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RSM Cares, under the leadership of Brad McGirr, has created the Zero Trash Initiative to gather volunteers the first Saturday of every month to pick up trash at specific locations.

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### Orange County Fire Authority OPEN HOUSE

Join OCFA at this free, family-friendly event! Enjoy junior firefighter activities, live demos, fire engine rides, and more!

**When:** Saturday, March 15, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** 1 Fire Authority Rd., Irvine, CA 92602

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







# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY OPEN HOUSE 2025

**Saturday, March 15**  
**10 am - 3 pm**  
**1 Fire Authority Road**  
**Irvine, CA 92602**

For more information,  
please visit [ocfa.org](https://ocfa.org)  
or call (714) 573-6200

## 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](#).

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](https://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).



# RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREWING UP BUSINESS

JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT  
& NETWORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES



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



HAUTE CAFE & MARKET  
22195 El Paseo RSM  
Meeting Inside Hanna's Wine Room



MARCH 4TH SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:

**DAVE HANNA**

HANNA'S RESTAURANT AND BAR

*Join us as we learn strategic business tips from the man  
behind Hanna's and Haute Cafe!*

**\$15 ENTRY**

*Includes Coffee &  
Breakfast Pastries*

**HAUTE  
CAFE & MARKET**



FOR MEETING QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP AS AT SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:  
SAMIRA HURD (949)468-7929

## 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 CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



## **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**

**2:00 - 4:30 PM**

30605 Avenida de las Flores  
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688

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

## **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](http://rsmcares.org).



# Art Exhibition

**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



Jungyan Yu  
Class of '23

Featured Artists:



SANTA MARGARITA  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Exhibit Dates

**February - March**

Open Mon-Fri from 8am - 5pm

Location

**RSM Bell Tower**

22232 El Paseo, RSM, CA 92688

@rsm\_cares\_art\_gallery  
@rsmcares

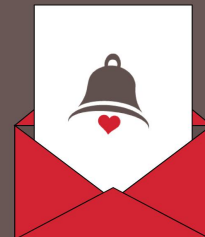
RSMCares@belltowerfoundation.org

(949) 933-6001

## RSM Cares News and Events

RSM Cares seeks to enrich the quality of life for residents of Rancho Santa Margarita by inspiring local philanthropy, engaging stakeholders in community service, and embracing the local nonprofit network through collaborative partnerships.

SUBSCRIBE to our  
newsletter



MONTHLY UPDATES  
RSM Cares

**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, ORANGE, CA 92668  
949-459-6094 OCPL.org

**March 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8
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## March Calendar

OC Public Libraries Presents

### KINDERGARTEN READINESS MONTH

Doodlebugs Presents:  
Colorful Critters Storytime

Wednesday, March 12th @ 10:30 AM | Rancho Santa Margarita  
30902 La Promesa Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668

Doodlebugs Animal Adventures is bringing us their Colorful Critters Storytime! This fun storyline investigates how animals use color in their lives with a combination of songs, artifacts, live animals and stories. Children get to use all of their senses to explore this theme.

OC Public Libraries

## Storytime

**TEEN GAME SHOW "SURVEY SAYS!"**

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY  
30902 La Promesa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668  
949-459-6094

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

Wednesday, March 19  
4:00-5:00 PM

Play against your friends in this mock game show and win glory and prizes!

Grades 7-12.  
No registration required.

OC Public Libraries

## Teen Activity

**TEEN ANIME ESCAPE ROOM**

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY  
30902 La Promesa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668  
949-459-6094

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

Wednesday, March 26  
4:00-5:00 PM

Do you have what it takes to join the Straw Hat crew?

Come test your puzzle skills! No prior anime knowledge needed.

Grades 7-12.  
No registration required.

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## Teen Escape Room!

OC Public Libraries Presents

### KINDERGARTEN READINESS MONTH

Craig Newton:  
Music & Dance Program

Wednesday, March 26th @ 10:30 AM | Rancho Santa Margarita  
30902 La Promesa Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668

Join us for a fun and educational sing-along music and dance program. Craig will play guitar, ukulele, banjo, djembe, flute and more to demonstrate rhythm and rhyme in a variety of songs.

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## Kindergarten Readiness

**CITRUS CANNING WORKSHOP**

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY  
30902 La Promesa  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668  
949-459-6094

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

Saturday, March 29th  
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in the Program Room for a demonstration and workshop presented by University of California Master Food Preservers of Orange County.

Learn the many ways to use and preserve different citrus varieties.

This program is geared towards adults.  
No registration required.

For more info, email:  
ocpl.rsm@occc.org

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## Citrus Canning

OC Public Libraries Presents

# Cookbook Author: **Danny Trejo**

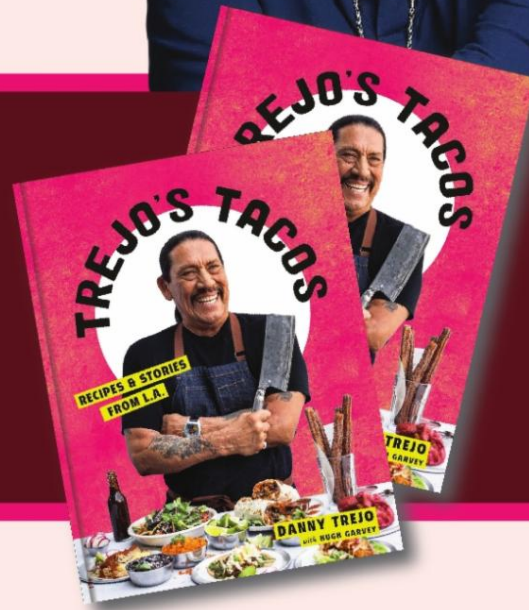
**Friday, March 21, 2025 at 11:00 am**

**Bell Tower Regional Community Center**  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Complimentary books available, while supplies last.  
Early arrival suggested.  
A sample tasting prepared by the Charlie Cart Committee.  
No registration required, all ages welcome.



Hollywood's baddest good guy shares 75 recipes that make Trejo's Tacos the Los Angeles go-to for award-winning tacos, donuts, and more. In Trejo's Tacos, Danny shares easy to make recipes -- succulent carnitas, vegan cauliflower tacos, and cinnamon-sugar lowrider donuts are some highlights. This beautifully styled and photographed book also pays homage to Danny's hometown-- from his favorite dining spots to his favorite characters.



For more information, call **714-566-3034** or email [ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com)

This project is funded in part through a grant from the California Department of Aging and administered locally by the Orange County Office on Aging.





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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](https://ocvector.org) for more vector safety and prevention tips.

# KNOW YOUR ANTS

## Red Imported Fire Ant



Color: Reddish-brown and black  
Length: 1/8" to 1/4" (mixed sizes)  
Painful bite, venomous sting, attacks in groups. OCMVCD treats for red imported fire ants (RIFA).

## Harvester Ant



Color: Orange, red or brownish-black  
Length: 1/4" to 1/2"  
Rarely bites, but sting can be painful and dangerous to people with allergic reactions to insect stings.

## Carpenter Ant



Color: Red, black or both  
Length: 5/8"  
Large ant that rarely bites but can damage wood by hollowing it out for nesting.

## Argentine Ant



Color: Light to dark brown  
Length: 1/16"  
Nuisance pest attracted to water and sugary foods. Known to bite but they do not have stingers.

## Free Income Tax Assistance

Those with a household income less than \$67,000 in 2024 may be eligible to file tax returns for free. Assistance is available by appointment in Rancho Santa Margarita.



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to taxpayers who make \$67,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their tax returns.

IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

San Francisco Solano Church, 22082 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, has provided a VITA chapter since 2013.

To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please call (949) 546-8127



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#### What Do I Bring With Me?

- Photo Identification
- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Letter for all individuals listed on the return
- W-2s, 1099s and all other income-related documents for 2024
- Form 1095-A, B or C Health Insurance coverage statement for state return
- All 1098-E and E forms for education expenses
- Childcare provider name, address, phone number and Tax ID Number
- For joint returns, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Account and routing number if you want your refund direct deposited (Recommended)
- Copy of your last year's tax return (Recommended)

#### Maximize Your Refund With Expert Help!

Our tax professionals are here to ensure you get every dollar you deserve. Combine these tax credits and more for hundreds—or even thousands—of extra dollars in your pocket:

- California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC): Up to \$3,644
- Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): Up to \$7,630
- Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC): Up to \$1,154
- Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC): Up to \$1,154 (or \$2,308 if both taxpayers qualify)
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| <b>Abrazar, Inc.</b> ☎<br>7101 Weyburn St, Westminster, CA 92683<br>714-275-4879                                   | <b>Good Hands Foundation - Garden Grove</b> ☎<br>1875 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92646<br>714-493-2899    | <b>San Juan Capistrano Community Center</b> ☎<br>25523 Camino Del Arroyo<br>San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675<br>Phone: 211 |
| <b>Access California Services</b> ☎<br>20319 San Felipe Way, Anaheim, CA 92817<br>714-917-0440                     | <b>Good Hands Foundation - Irvine</b> ☎<br>25 Truman St, Irvine, CA 92618<br>714-493-2899                          | <b>Santiago de Compostela Church</b> ☎<br>21881 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92653<br>949-551-5591                   |
| <b>Anaheim Independence Family Resource Center</b> ☎<br>1001 Sycamore Ave<br>Anaheim, CA 92804<br>714-826-3676     | <b>Goodwill of Orange County</b> ☎<br>121 Weyburn Ave, Tustin, CA 92780<br>714-827-5386 ext. 3812                  | <b>South Orange County Family Resource Center</b> ☎<br>21881 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92653<br>949-551-5591      |
| <b>Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center</b> ☎<br>6210 Brook St, Santa Ana, CA 92701<br>Phone: 211         | <b>Harvard Community Park</b> ☎<br>14201 Harvard Ave, Irvine, CA 92602<br>Phone: 211                               | <b>Southwest Community Center</b> ☎<br>1031 W Wood St, Santa Ana, CA 92703<br>714-826-5146                              |
| <b>Bay Area Girls Club of Santa Ana</b> ☎<br>902 W Highland St, Santa Ana, CA 92703<br>714-845-5266 ext. 317       | <b>Irwin Valley College</b> ☎<br>5802 Irwin Center St, Irvine, CA 92618<br>950-752-1551                            | <b>SSA Santa Ana Regional Center</b> ☎<br>11025 S Grand Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705<br>Phone: 211                          |
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| <b>Coastline College</b> ☎<br>9400 Sycamore<br>12001 Buell St, Garden Grove, CA 92640<br>Phone: 211                | <b>Norman P. Munro Community &amp; Senior Center</b> ☎<br>25522 Vespera Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692<br>Phone: 211 | <b>University of California, Irvine</b> ☎<br>4271 Peches St, 92611 & 110, Irvine, CA 92697<br>Phone: 211                |
| <b>Downtown Anaheim Community Center</b> ☎<br>2380 Center St, Anaheim, CA 92801<br>714-765-4990                    | <b>Ponderosa Park Family Resource Center</b> ☎<br>2515 Ponderosa Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806<br>714-765-5455            | <b>West Anaheim Youth Center</b> ☎<br>333 S Beach Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92804<br>714-765-4400                               |
| <b>El Modena Family Resource Center</b> ☎<br>18815 El Center Ave, Orange, CA 92669<br>714-822-2999                 |  |   |

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An appointment is not a guarantee of service.

## Tax Prep Locations

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

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## Orange County Transportation Authority

### **OC ACCESS Service**

OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service.

### **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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