

# April 2025



## City Manager's Message

In 2024, Rancho Santa Margarita residents responsibly recycled 14,880 pounds of electronic waste at our semi-annual events! Please join the City and our partners CR&R Environmental Services and Applied Medical at our next Electronic Waste and Document Shredding event on Saturday, April 5th. Let's keep recycling and reducing e-waste!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cervantez

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## Mayor's Round Table Luncheon

The RSM Chamber of Commerce will host the Round Table Luncheon with Mayor Tony Beall on April 23, 2025. The event will feature the latest city updates and a delicious Italian lunch at Alza Italian Kitchen. Tickets include admission and lunch.

Click [here](#) for details and registration.



## ROUND TABLE LUNCHEON

WITH  
**MAYOR  
TONY  
BEALL**

SPONSORED BY



**The Toll Roads**  
of Orange County



**APRIL 23, 2025**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**ALZA ITALIAN KITCHEN**

**22411 ANTONIO PARKWAY  
RSM, CA 92688**

**TICKETS  
\$30 MEMBERS  
\$40 NON-MEMBERS**

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### **E-Waste Disposal & Document Shredding**

**Saturday, April 5th**

**8:00 a.m - Noon**

**Applied Medical's R100 Parking Lot**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita's next electronic waste disposal and document shredding event will occur on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Applied Medical's R100 building parking lot at 29977 Avenida de Las Banderas.

Safely and responsibly dispose of obsolete electronic waste and prevent identity theft during this semi-annual event hosted by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and CR&R Environmental Services in cooperation with Applied Medical.

**For more information, call Public Works at (949) 635-1800 x6503.**



# 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.**



## Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention

Stay informed and connected by following RSM Police Services  
on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

**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).

**Message from the Chief**



I am deeply honored to step into the role as Chief of Police for Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services. It is such a privilege to serve this incredible community and work alongside the dedicated men and women who protect it every day. I am grateful for the trust and support I received from city officials and OC Sheriff leadership as I embark on this new path. I stand committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, service, and community engagement that the city deserves.

Our team is here for you. Whether through proactive crime prevention, responding to emergencies, or simply being present in the community, we are committed to keeping Rancho Santa Margarita a safe and welcoming place for everyone. We believe in the three T's—Teamwork, Trust, and Transparency—and we know that public safety is a partnership between law enforcement and the people we serve.

My experience with the Orange County Sheriff's Department includes working in custody, patrol operations, multiple investigative details, internal affairs, and supervising a proactive enforcement detail specializing in crime suppression and addressing quality of life concerns. As a lieutenant, I was the watch commander at the newly built James A. Musick Facility where I gained valuable experience managing personnel and ensuring operational efficiency. The combination of these experiences enhanced my ability to lead with confidence and think critically in challenging situations.

I look forward to strengthening partnerships with the residents, businesses, and community leaders to make Rancho Santa Margarita an even safer place to live, work, and visit.

Captain Dwayne Chapple  
Chief of Police Services

# Captain Dwayne Chapple

**SELECTED AS NEW CHIEF OF RANCHO SANTA  
MARGARITA POLICE SERVICES.**



ORANGE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT







# NATIONAL Prescription TAKE BACK DAY

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Bring unwanted, unused, and expired  
prescription medications.**

**Free and anonymous. No questions asked.**

***NO Sharps, Marijuana, Liquids or pressure  
cannisters will be accepted.***

**60% – 70% of teens report their home  
medicine cabinet as their source of drugs.  
Don't let your medicine cabinet be the  
source of drugs for anyone.**



To find additional drop off locations, visit [dea.gov/takebackday](https://dea.gov/takebackday)  
For more information call (714) 647- 4133. The event will be held rain or shine.

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

### Laguna Hills

Laguna Hills Comm. Center  
25555 Alicia Pkwy.  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

### Laguna Niguel

Laguna Niguel City Hall  
30111 Crown Valley Pkwy.  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

### Laguna Woods

Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Rd.  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

### Lake Forest

Lake Forest Civic Center  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630

### Mission Viejo

M.V. Christian Church  
27192 Jeronimo Rd.  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

### Rancho Mission Viejo

The Pavilion Park  
2 Tierno  
Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694

### RSM

RSM City Hall  
22112 El Paseo  
Rancho Santa Margarita,  
CA 92688

### Rossmoor

Rush Park  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

### San Clemente

San Clemente City Hall  
910 Calle Negocio  
San Clemente, CA 92673

### San Juan Capistrano

SJC Police Services  
32506 Paseo Adelanto  
San Juan Cap., CA 92675

### Villa Park

Villa Park City Hall  
17855 Santiago Blvd.  
Villa Park, CA 92861

### Yorba Linda

Yorba Linda Police Services  
20994 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Yorba Linda, CA 92887

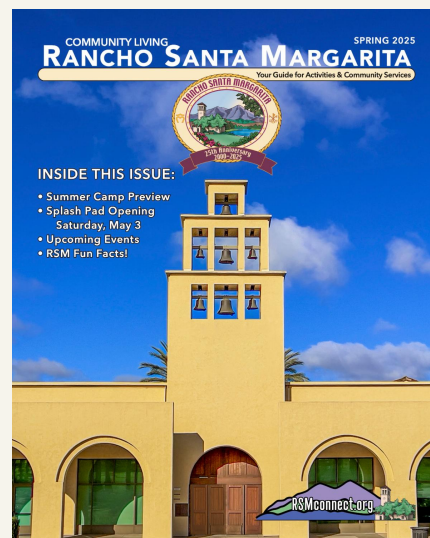
## Community Services

### 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.*

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

## CONTACT US:

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



**ENROLL  
NOW**



SCAN HERE





## 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 Senior Services

Bell Tower Regional Community Center  
22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688  
(949) 709-7592

### Congregate Lunch Menu

South Orange County		April 2025 Menu		Age Well	
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
SESAME CHICKEN Cauliflower Broccoli Soup Ginger Brown Rice Orange Juice Peach Crisp		LEMON HERB CHICKEN Moroccan Carrots Lemon Thyme Brown Rice Chocolate Chip Cookie Orange Juice Milk		BEF MEATBALLS w/ MARINARA French Bisto Salad Sagehetti Pineapple Cup Orange Juice Milk	
CHICKEN KEBAB Moroccan Carrots Spinach Tomato Oreo Orange Juice Doritos Raisin Cookie Milk		TUSCAN SALMON Green Beans w/ Peas Onions Whole Wheat Pasta Pineapple Cup Milk		CHICKEN BANH MI SANDWICH Caramelized Onion Soup Tropical Fruit Cup Orange Juice Milk	
GROUND BEEF PITA SANDWICH Steamed Green Beans Mozzarella Salad & Pita Bread Pineapple Cup Milk		BEEF MEATLOAF Mashed Potatoes Baked Peas & Carrots Wheat Roll Orange Juice Milk		MANGO CHUTNEY CHICKEN SANDWICH Zucchini Apple Soup Orange Juice Cinnamon Baked Apple Milk	
MEXICAN BEEF LASAGNA Mexican Cabbage Apple Sauce Orange Juice Milk		GREEK TURKEY BURGER w/ TZATZIKI SAUCE Greek Tomato Salad Cantaloupe Milk		CHIPOTLE CHICKEN SANDWICH Split Pea Soup Tropical Fruit Orange Juice Milk	
BEEF CHILI Roasted Potatoes Rainbow Salad Wheat Roll Cantaloupe Milk		CROISSANT Cream of Broccoli Soup Cinnamon Baked Apple Milk		ITALIAN BEEF MEATBALL SUB SANDWICH Tuscan Bean Soup Orange Juice Apple Sauce Milk	
				SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: 60 YRS OR OLDER: \$5.50 COST: 55 YRS OR YOUNGER: \$7.50 Reservations are required & must be made by 2pm 2 business days in prior to reservation date. You can RSVP in person at [redacted] or by calling [redacted] No special requests or menu substitutions. Menu subject to change without notice. Our menu is per meal, average 800 - 700 calories.	

# 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

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

**CONTACT US**

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







### Meals on Wheels Menu

Age Well		To-Go Lunch Menu	
MONDAY		TUESDAY	
Mediterranean Salad Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, Red Onion, Black Olives, Mushrooms, Feta Cheese, Garbanzo Beans and Dressing Sweet Potato Crackers Orange Juice		Roast Beef Sandwich on a Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Onion Cookies Orange Juice	
Harvest Vegetarian Salad Mixed Greens, Chopped Tomatoes, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg, Cheddar Cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice		Spinach Salad Baby Spinach, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg, Carrot Sticks, Cheddar Cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	
Caesar Salad Mixed Greens, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg, Cheddar Cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice		Turkey Sandwich on a Multigrain Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Onion Cookies Orange Juice	
Spinach Salad Baby Spinach, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg, Carrot Sticks, Cheddar Cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice		Roast Beef Sandwich on a Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Onion Cookies Orange Juice	
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### April Activity Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 10:00 Tai Chi Video 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 <b>Blood Pressure Clinic</b> 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:30 Stay Sharp Puzzle It Out	9:30 Bocce Ball 10:00 Tai Chi Video 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 <b>Blood Pressure Clinic</b> 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:30 Stay Sharp Puzzle It Out	10:00 Line Dance w/Helen 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ **Lunch with the Law  	10:00 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 Hula Dancing w/ Laura 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:45 Gentle Yoga w/Jeanette	9:30 Chair Exercise w/Simone 10:30 Line Dance w/Helen 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 Friday Flicks 1:00 AlzOC Caregiver Support
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	RSVP REQUIRED at 949-709-7592 Monday - Friday Age Well Lunch 60+ April 22 - Flower Shop Arranging (20 Max.) April 25 - Spring Fling w/Entertainment April 25 - Monthly Birthday Party Daily activities subject to change or cancellation without notice	
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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](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.

**To celebrate Earth Day, participating RSM residents and organizations will receive 100% of the redemption value throughout April!**



**Celebrate Earth Day  
By Recycling for Money**

Use Recycle From Home for a  
doorstep pickup and payment.

Through Recycle From Home, City of Rancho Santa Margarita residents can have their plastic bottles, cans and glass bottles with a CA CRV code picked up from their doorstep. The payments will then be sent directly to the resident!

In honor of Earth Day, 100% of the redemption value will go to any participating RSM resident or organization for the month of April.

Visit:  
[www.RecycleFromHome.com](http://www.RecycleFromHome.com)



## Public Works Public Education and Outreach

### Senior Rates Available

A 10% Senior Discount is available for single-family residential customers whose head of household is 65 years of age or older. Customers are not required to use smaller carts.

Please visit the links below for more information about CR&R's services available in Rancho Santa Margarita:

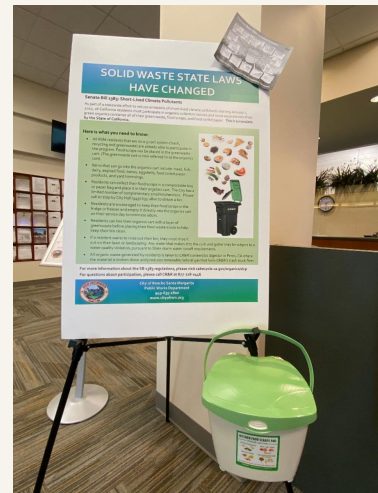
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Residential Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Commercial Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Family Recycling Guide](#)

**Please contact CR&R Customer Service at (877) 728-0446 to sign up for the senior discount.**

### 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.**


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## Development Services General Plan Circulation Element Update

The Circulation Element Update, Addendum to the City of Rancho Santa Margarita General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report for the Circulation Element, and Transportation Study Guidelines will be presented to the Planning Commission on April 2, 2025 and are available for your review and comment [here](#).



Contact Principal Planner Wendy Starks at 949-635-1807 or [wstarks@cityofrsm.org](mailto:wstarks@cityofrsm.org) with your questions/comments.



### City of Rancho Santa Margarita Circulation Element Update

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is in the process of updating the Circulation Element within its General Plan. This Fact Sheet is intended to answer commonly asked questions, provide information about the update process, and let you know how to get involved.

**What is a Circulation Element?**  
The Circulation Element is a section of the City's General Plan that reviews circulation, transportation, and mobility needs within Rancho Santa Margarita. The Circulation Element sets goals and policies associated with roadway, active transportation, transit, parking, goods movement, and access and mobility standards within the City, and is one of the factors for planning and prioritizing transportation projects and funding.

**Why is the City updating its Circulation Element?**  
Each city and county in California is required to have a Circulation Element and is encouraged to update it periodically. The last update to the Circulation Element was conducted in 2014. Updating the Circulation Element allows the opportunity to address new transportation and land use conditions in the City and throughout the region, including changes in State requirements, new transportation technologies, and recent updates to citywide plans such as the updated General Plan Housing Element.

Updating the Circulation Element will ensure that the City meets State requirements and makes Rancho Santa Margarita eligible for State grants and other funding resources. It will also provide guidance on circulation issues facing Rancho Santa Margarita residents, employees, and visitors.

**Some key features of the Circulation Element include:**  
Review of existing and future transportation conditions;  
Incorporation of relevant local, regional and statewide plans, and regulatory requirements;  
Development of goals, policies, and actions related to all modes of travel including vehicle, transit, pedestrians and bicycles;  
Assessment of traffic operations;  
Incorporation of public input and  
Review by Planning Commission and City Council.

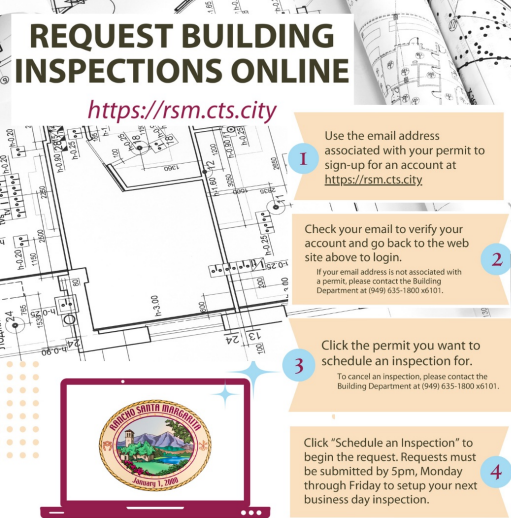
The Circulation Element is a policy document that identifies goals, policies, and programs that the City uses to direct and guide actions related to circulation.

[www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org) Wendy Starks, Principal Planner | [wstarks@cityofrsm.org](mailto:wstarks@cityofrsm.org)

### REQUEST BUILDING INSPECTIONS ONLINE

<https://rsm.cts.city>

- 1 Use the email address associated with your permit to sign-up for an account at <https://rsm.cts.city>
- 2 Check your email to verify your account and go back to the web site above to login.  
If your email address is not associated with a permit, please contact the Building Department at (949) 635-1800 x6101.
- 3 Click the permit you want to schedule an inspection for.  
To cancel an inspection, please contact the Building Department at (949) 635-1800 x6101.
- 4 Click "Schedule an Inspection" to begin the request. Requests must be submitted by 5pm, Monday through Friday to setup your next business day inspection.



## 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.

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.

## **RSM Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

### **Monthly Low-Cost Mobile Pet Vaccine Clinics Monthly, First Wednesday, Bell Tower Regional Community Center**

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 at [Heart4Pets.org](http://Heart4Pets.org).**





# LOW-COST MOBILE PET VACCINE & WELLNESS CLINICS

♥ HEART, in partnership with many cities, brings these convenient & affordable services to your community ♥



## SEVERAL LOCATIONS EVERY MONTH

Visit our Calendar to see which Clinics  
require Reservations or are on a Walk-Up basis



To view our Calendar, Pricing, Participation Requirements & Other Information about our Non-Profit Organization's Services or to Schedule a Reservation, go to our website:

**HEART4PETS.ORG**

SCAN CODE →



- ◆ 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 for that vaccine.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.



### DOG VACCINES

RABIES (Thimerosal-free 1 or 3 yr) • DHPP (DA2PP) • DHLPP (DA2PP with Lepto)  
LEPTOSPIROSIS • ORAL BORDETELLA • H3N2 INFLUENZA • LYME



### CAT VACCINES

RABIES (Purevax 1-yr) • RABIES (Purevax 3-yr) • FVRCP • FELV



### OTHER SERVICES, PRODUCTS & DISCOUNTS

MICROCHIP (w / lifetime enrollment) • FECAL TEST • NAIL TRIM (if time allows) • ANAL GLAND EXPRESSION  
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL PARASITE PREVENTATIVE & TREATMENT • DOUXO S3 CALM SHAMPOO & MOUSSE

Military Discounts Offered to All Veterans & Active U.S. Military. ID required.

A cursory exam fee of \$22 which also includes a haz mat disposal fee will be charged for each pet. • Discounts are provided at each following consecutive visit for pets in the process of completing their vaccine booster series and for those pets returning for an additional vaccine based on the recommendation of our staff to separate the administration of the vaccines. Owners must present their yellow copy of the vaccine certificate from the prior month to receive these discounts. • Products are subject to availability of stock on hand. Products, services, prices and discounts may change. Please note that our website always contains our most current prices. • In the event a veterinarian is not present at a clinic, a specially trained and highly qualified Registered Veterinary Technician shall lawfully act as agent for the veterinarian.

[www.Heart4Pets.org](http://www.Heart4Pets.org)

[contactheart4pets@gmail.com](mailto:contactheart4pets@gmail.com)

(714) 993-9193



# SOUTH COUNTY PET EXPO

☮️ "ALL THEY NEED IS LOVE" ☮️

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH 10AM-2PM**

**LAKE FOREST SPORTS PARK & RECREATION CENTER  
(28000 RANCHO PKWY, LAKE FOREST, CA 92630)**



- ♥️ A WIDE VARIETY OF ADOPTABLE PETS FROM MULTIPLE RESCUES
- 🐾 AN ARRAY OF PET PRODUCTS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND INFO
- ⊕ VETERINARIANS, VACCINE CLINIC, AND PET-RELATED SERVICES
- 🍴 SILENT AUCTION, FOOD TRUCKS, GIVEAWAYS, AND FAMILY FUN
- ☮️ BRING YOUR WELL SOCIALIZED/VACCINATED/PEOPLE-FRIENDLY DOG

*All dogs must be leashed and you may be asked to leave the event if your dog is not friendly*

 **FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @SOUTHCOUNTYPETEXPO**

FOR EVENT INFORMATION (INCLUDING VENDOR & SPONSOR INFO): CONTACT KEVIN FERNANDEZ

PHONE: (949) 273-6978

EMAIL: [sponsor@adoptocpets.org](mailto:sponsor@adoptocpets.org)



**DONALD P. WAGNER**  
gov.com



**NEW THIS YEAR!  
PET FOOD DONATION DRIVE**

(MORE INFO ON BACK)





RSM CARES FOOD PANTRY  
**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
OF EVERY MONTH  
**2:00 – 4:30PM**  
30605 AVENIDA DE LAS FLORES, RSM, CA 92688

**DONATE**  
TO THE  
**PET FOOD PANTRY**

**Bring donations to the PAC booth at the Pet Expo or visit [rsmcares.org](https://rsmcares.org) or [adoptocpets.org](https://adoptocpets.org) for other donations**

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**RSMCARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



**TO LEARN MORE VISIT [RSMCARES.ORG](https://RSMCARES.ORG) | [ADOPTOCPETS.ORG](https://ADOPTOCPETS.ORG)**

## Emergency Management

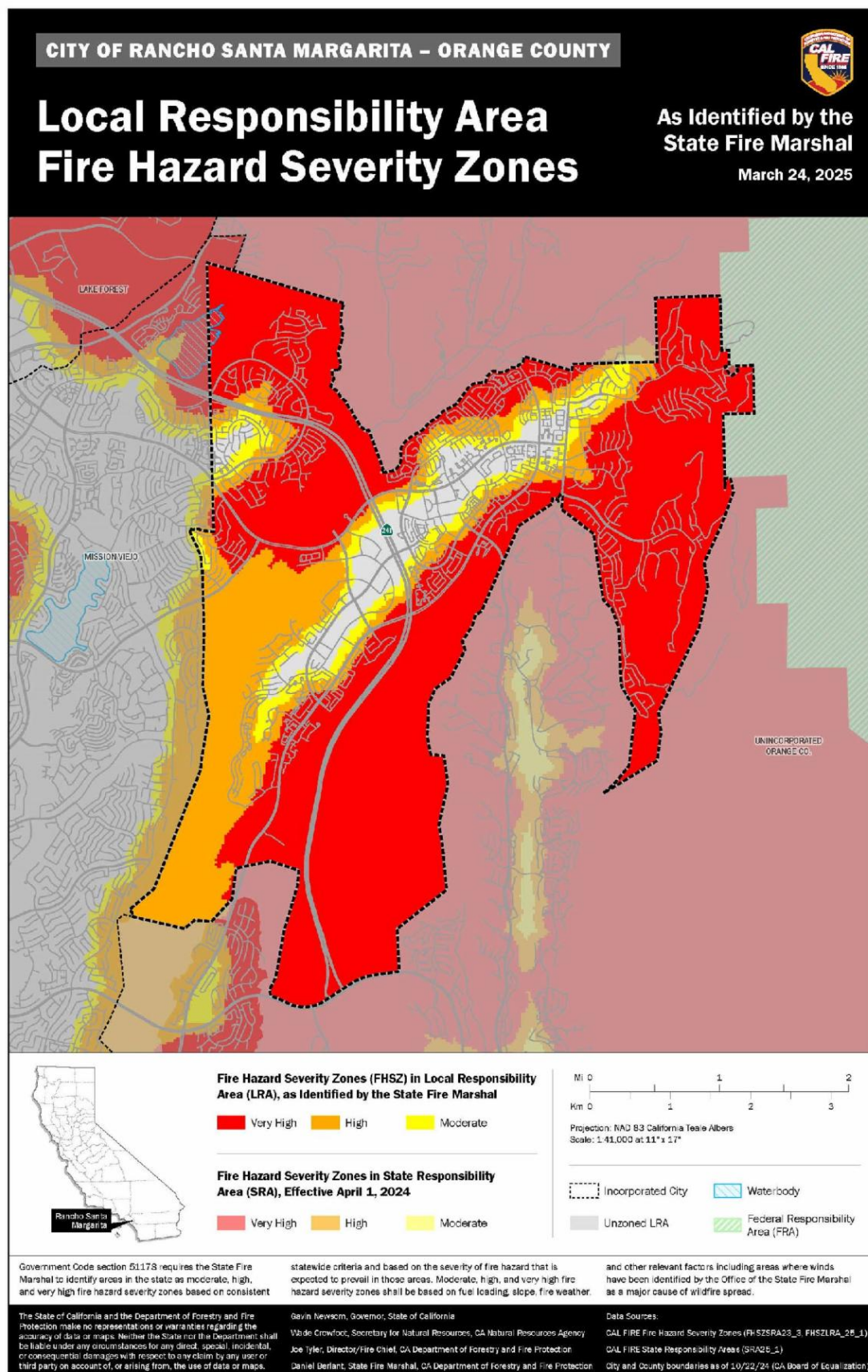
### 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Update

On March 24, 2025, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) released the 2025 Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for Southern California.

The maps are currently available for public review and comment. Please use this [form](#) to comment on the Rancho Santa Margarita Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.

The City is required to adopt the map by ordinance within 120 days, or by August 21, 2025. The City Council will consider an ordinance to adopt the map within the coming months. Updates on the process are available on the City's [website](#), including an [Interactive Map Viewer](#), where you can enter your address and check which zone your property is in.





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.

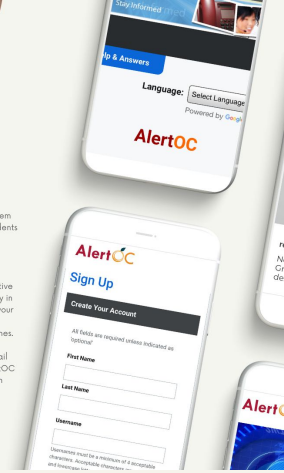
**Sign Up  
TODAY!**

## 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 out messages to email accounts and TTY devices as well. AlertOC is operated by the County of Orange in collaboration with local cities.



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**

# AlertOC

STAY INFORMED



**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

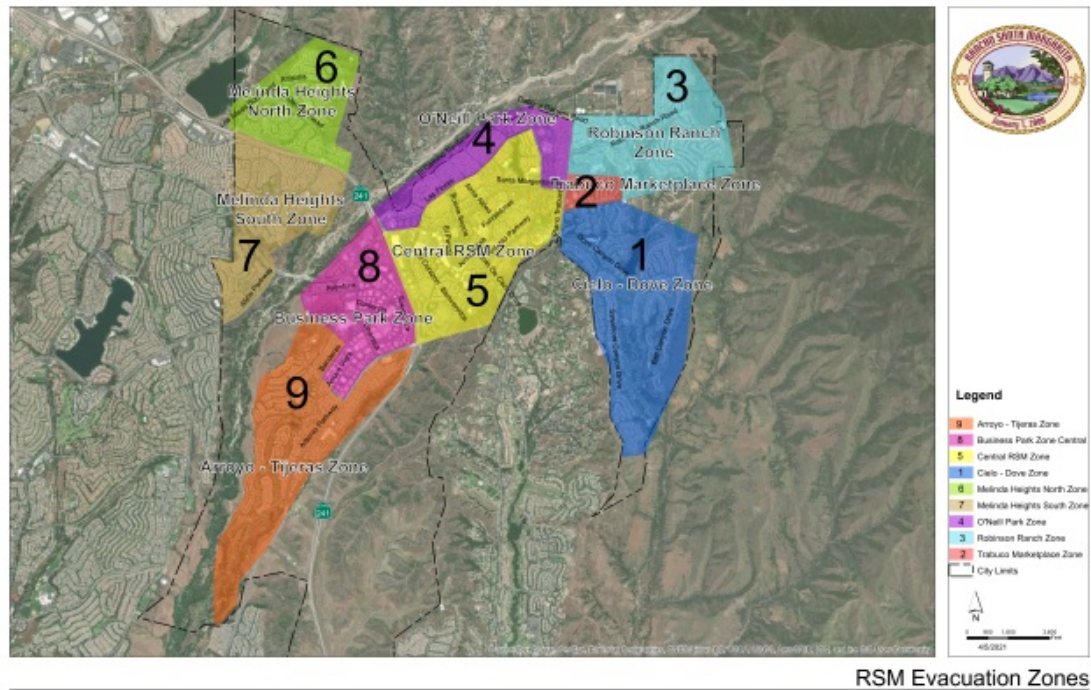
Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can change a fire's direction and strength instantly, making it impossible for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make



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.

### Orange County Fire Authority TEXT TO 9-1-1

Mobile users in Orange County can send text messages to 9-1-1 when faced with an emergency situation. As a reminder, location services must be enabled to ensure an accurate response. Watch this short [video](#) to learn more.

- If you can, always contact 911 by making a voice call: "Call if you can...text if you can't."
- If you are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled and Text-to-911 is not available, use a TTY or telecommunications relay service, if available.
- Location accuracy varies by carrier and should not be relied upon. Be prepared to give your location.
- Text-to-911 service will not be available if the wireless carrier cannot ascertain the location of the device sending the message.





- Text-to-911 is not available if you are roaming.
- A text or data plan is required to place a text to 911.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911. They cannot be received at the 911 call center at this time.
- Text-to-911 can only be sent to one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 911.
- The text must be in English. No language interpretation is currently available; it remains in development.

-Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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

# TEXT TO 9-1-1

ORANGE COUNTY

CALL IF YOU CAN,  
TEXT IF YOU CAN'T



## 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 - 4 to 6 weeks**  
**Expedited Service - 2 to 3 weeks**

For more information, please visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).

**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](https://cityofrsm.org). For additional information, call (949) 635-1819. Voicemails regarding any remaining questions will be returned within 2 business days.



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



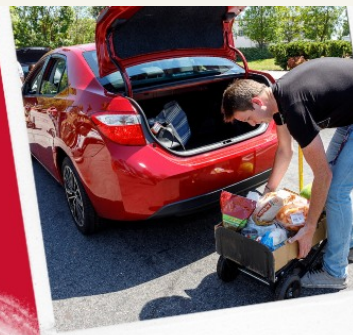


## Food Pantry Monthly, First and Third Wednesday

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 Food Pantry

2:00 - 4:30 PM

30605 Avenida de las Flores  
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688

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





# 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](https://rsmcares.org).

## Art Exhibition

**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation



Featured Artists:



**RSM** Rancho Santa Margarita  
Intermediate School

Exhibit Dates

**April 1st - May 23rd**

Open Mon-Fri from 8am - 5pm

Location

**RSM Bell Tower**

22232 El Paseo, RSM, CA 92688



**Art Reception**

**April 21, 2025**

**6pm - 8pm**

 [@rsm\\_cares\\_art\\_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/rsm_cares_art_gallery)  
[@rsmcares](https://www.instagram.com/rsmcares)

 [RSMCares@belltowerfoundation.org](mailto:RSMCares@belltowerfoundation.org)

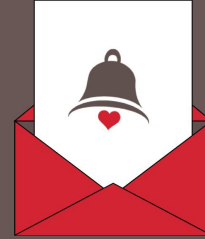
 (949) 933-6001

## 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, RSM 92688 949-459-6094   OCTPL.ORG						
April 2025						
SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10AM - 7PM	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am	1 Teen Volunteer Orientation 4pm	2 Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help & Read to a Dog 4pm			LEGO Build Day 2pm
6 Storytime & Craft 10:30am Monday Funday 3pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read! Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	7 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Library Tech Training 12pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read! Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	8 Teen Advisory Board 4pm	9 Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm	10	11	12 Gardening Workshop: Bases & Potpourri 2pm
13 Storytime & Craft 10:30am Monday Funday 3pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read! Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	14 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Crafty Adults 5:30pm	15	16 Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm	17	18	19 BARD! Read to a Dog 2pm
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27 Storytime & Craft 10:30am Monday Funday 3pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read! Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	28 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am	29 Teen Book Art 4pm	30			View our events here! 

[April Calendar](#)

## Crafty Adults

### Pressed Flower Lantern

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 @ 5:30 pm | RSM Library

Join us in the Program Room for fun and engaging crafts. Although all ages are welcome, each craft is intended for an adult audience and skill level.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet new friends and make social connections while getting creative! All supplies will be provided.

For more information call **949-459-6094** or email [ocplrm@occr.org](mailto:ocplrm@occr.org)

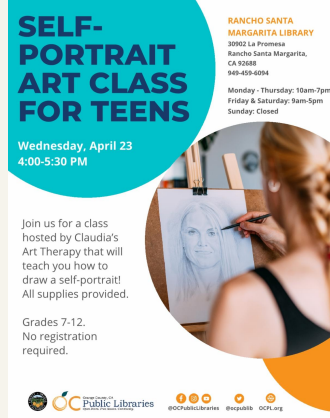


This project is funded in part through a grant from the California Department of Aging and administered locally by the Orange County Office on Aging.



[Adult Crafts](#)





Teen Art



Adult Art



Teen Art



## Celebrating RSM Friends of the Library!

The Rancho Santa Margarita Friends of the Library was recognized last month for its outstanding contributions to our community.

Through the dedication of its volunteers and the success of its bookstore and semi-annual book sales, this incredible nonprofit raises over \$100,000 annually to support library programs, craft materials, guest speakers, reading incentives, and more!

Thank you to the volunteers who make it all possible—your efforts enrich our library and bring knowledge, creativity, and connection to RSM.

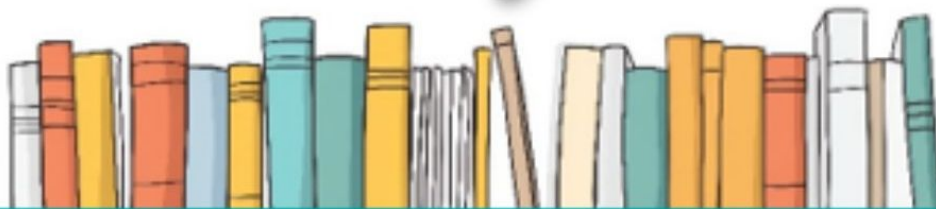
- ☐ **Mark your calendar for the next FOL Booksale on May 2nd and 3rd!**

# Follow Us on Instagram!

Be the first to know about  
RSM FOL events, sales, and  
new additions to the bookstore!



Scan me



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



# Are You Raising Mosquitoes In Your Backyard?

## Standing Water Checklist

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ornamental Pond</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rain Gutters</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flower Pot Saucer</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wheelbarrow</b>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plastic Wading Pool</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Boats/Boat Covers</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unfiltered Swimming Pool</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tarps</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Animal Watering Trough</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Containers</b>  |

*Any water standing for a week can allow mosquitoes to develop!*  
**#DumpandDrain #MosquitoControl #WNV #OCVector**

## 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 through the first week in April.



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. **Post-season tax assistance (late filing, amended returns, IRS and Franchise Tax Board Inquiries) is available on the third Thursday**



of the month during May through September.

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

GET YOUR TAXES  
DONE FOR **FREE**

OC FREE  
TAX PREP  
LET'S TALK TAXES

Did you make less  
than \$67,000 in 2024?

☒ File your taxes for FREE  
☒ Claim cash-back credits

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-T 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 \$7,830
- 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)
- And More!

NEED ITIN APPLICATION ASSISTANCE? WE CAN HELP.

Visit [ocfreetaxprep.com/itina](https://ocfreetaxprep.com/itina)

OC FREE TAX PREP

See Started Today at [OCFreeTaxPrep.com](https://OCFreeTaxPrep.com) or call 211

United Way

UNITED FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY™

IT'S YOUR MONEY GET IT!

IRS

## Tax Prep Information

2025 FREE TAX PREP LOCATIONS

OC FREE TAX PREP LET'S TALK TAXES

Before you call or visit a site, please check the most current list online at [OCFreeTaxPrep.com/Locations](https://OCFreeTaxPrep.com/Locations).

<b>Abiding Senior Lutheran Church</b> ② 2020 E. 1st St., Lake Forest, CA 92653 440.666.6666	<b>Foster Greathouse</b> ② 8271 Jamboree Rd., Ste. 105, Irvine, CA 92618 949.468.8883	<b>San Francisco Solano Catholic Church</b> ② 22001 Avenida Pico, Santa Monica, CA 90406 310.346.6127
<b>Alvarez, Inc.</b> ② 2100 Westinghouse Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683 714.676.8179	<b>Good Hands Foundation - Garden Grove</b> ② 8979 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92646 714.482.2889	<b>San Juan Capistrano Community Center</b> ② 2555 S. Lincoln Ave., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Phone: 211
<b>Assessor California Services</b> ② 300 W. Center Way, Anaheim, CA 92801 714.677.0485	<b>Good Hands Foundation - Irvine</b> ② 22100 Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA 92618 714.482.2889	<b>Santiago de Compostela Church</b> ② 7150 Jamboree Rd., Lake Forest, CA 92653 949.955.8593
<b>Anaheim Independence Family Resource Center</b> ② 1801 E. 1st St., Anaheim, CA 92804 714.625.3075	<b>Goodwill of Orange County</b> ② 1201 N. Harbor Ave., Tustin, CA 92680 714.441.0300 ext. 3012	<b>South Orange County Family Resource Center</b> ② 21000 Jamboree Rd., Lake Forest, CA 92653 Phone: 211
<b>Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center</b> ② 880 N. Birch St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 Phone: 211	<b>Harvard Community Park</b> ② 14201 Harvard Ave., Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: 211	<b>Southwest Community Center</b> ② 1011 W. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92705 714.425.5156
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Santa Ana</b> ② 920 W. Highland St., Santa Ana, CA 92703 714.945.5545 ext. 317	<b>Irvine Valley College</b> ② 18871 Via Santa Fe, Irvine, CA 92618 949.251.1211	<b>USA Santa Ana Regional Center</b> ② 1020 E. 1st St., Santa Ana, CA 92705 Phone: 211
<b>California International Bank, N.A.</b> ② 10000 Buena Vista Blvd., Suite C-2, Westminster, CA 92683 Phone: 211	<b>Madrid Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living</b> ② 20100 Jamboree Rd., Lake Forest, CA 92653 Phone: 211	<b>St. Kilian Church</b> ② 3801 E. 1st St., Santa Ana, CA 92705 949.441.3483
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## 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](https://ocnavigator.org). Resources are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, Khmer, or Tagalog.



## 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.

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