

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

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



APRIL 23, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

ALZA ITALIAN KITCHEN
22411 ANTONIO PARKWAY
RSM, CA 92688

TICKETS
\$30 MEMBERS
\$40 NON-MEMBERS



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
call: (949) 635-1800 x6503
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 or visit 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

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

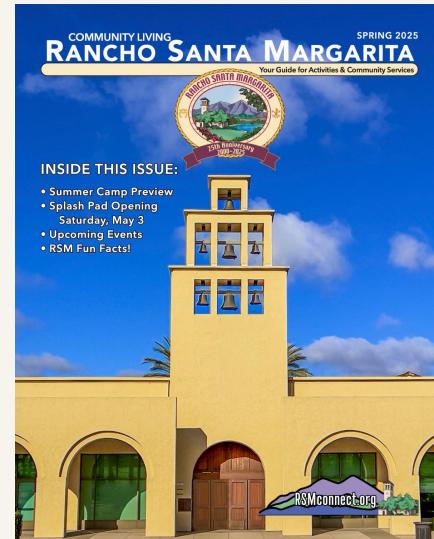
Community Services

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](http://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!**





AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT, CLUBS ARE IN

OUR PROGRAMS

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

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

ENROLL NOW



SCAN HERE

INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT: BGCCAPO.COM

CONTACT US:

949 - 709 - 7595 jwhite@bgccapo.com



Facility Rentals

Start your rental process today!

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

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



A photograph of a splash pad at a park. The pad features various water喷头 (fountains) and play structures, including a green frog-shaped sprayer. In the background, there are trees, a parking lot, and a road. To the right of the image is a promotional graphic for the splash pad.



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

Senior Pet Pantry (Ages 60+)

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



Age Well®
Orange County's partner in aging

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

Opportunities Include:

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

*Monthly Lunch Menu can be found at cityofran.org and in the City's monthly eNewsletter.

CONTACT US 

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

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



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									
		SERVING TIMES: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM									
		Age Well									
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY							
					CHRIS HERNANDEZ REN						
CHICKEN KEBAB Mozzarella Cheese Steamed Green Beans Spiraled Tomato Orzo Orange Juice Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Milk	7	SESAME CHICKEN Ginger Broccoli Soup Orange Juice Peach Crisp Milk	1	LEMON HERB CHICKEN Mozzarella Chicken Lettuce, Tomato, Brown Rice Chocolate Chip Cookie Orange Milk	2	BEEF MEATBALLS w/MARINARA Mozzarella Bistro Salad Spaghetti Pineapple Cup Milk	3	CHICKEN TARRAGON Mozzarella Roasted Potatoes Carrot Soups Orange Juice Canteloupe Milk	4		
GROUND BEEF PITA SANDWICH Mozzarella Steamed Green Beans Macaroni Salad & Pita Bread Pineapple Cup Milk	14	TUSCAN SALMON Green Beans & Whole Orzo White Wheat Festa Pineapple Cup Milk	8	CHICKEN BANH MI SANDWICH Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Tropical Fruit Cup Milk	9	CHICKEN SHAWARMA Mozzarella Salad Pita Bread Orange Pound Cake Milk	10	CHEESEBURGER Mozzarella Roasted Potatoes Carrot Soups Orange Oreo Cookies Orange Juice	11		
GROUND BEEF PITA SANDWICH Mozzarella Steamed Green Beans Macaroni Salad & Pita Bread Pineapple Cup Milk	14	BEEF MEATLOAF Mashed Potatoes Sauerkraut Whole Roll Orange Juice Pork Sausage Milk	15	MANGO CHUTNEY CHICKEN SANDWICH Mediterranean Salad Zucchini Apple Soup Orange Juice Dinner Baked Apple Milk	16	MEXICAN LIME CHICKEN SALAD Lettuce, Tomato, Orange Mandarin Cup Milk	17	CHICKEN MARSALA Mashed Potatoes Carrot Raisin Slaw Whole Wheat Roll Orange Pound Cake Milk	18		
MEXICAN BEEF LASAGNA Mexican Cole Slaw Apple Sauce Orange Juice Milk	21	GREEK TURKEY BURGER w/TZATZIKI SAUCE Greek Tomato Salad Carraboulo Milk	22	CHIPOTLE CHICKEN SANDWICH Split Pea Soup Tropical Fruit Milk	23	COCONUT SHRIMP w/ MANGO SAUCE Zucchini Apple Soup Orange Milk	24	SALISBURY BEEF STEAK Mashed Potatoes Carrot Raisin Slaw Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Pound Cake Milk	25		
BEEF CHILI Roasted Potatoes Rainbow Salad Whole Roll Canteloupe Milk	26	CHICKEN WALDORF CROISSANT Cream of Broccoli Soup Cinnamon Baked Apple Milk	29	ITALIAN BEEF MEATBALL SANDWICH Tuscan Bean Soup Dinner Apple Sauce Milk	30	SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: 60 YRS OR OLDER: \$5.50 COST: 55 YRS OR YOUNGER: \$7.50 *Meals are served in a family style setting. Please call for reservation info. *You can RSVP in person at 22232 El Paseo, RSM, or by calling 949-709-7592 to change without notice. Our menus, per meal, average \$60-700 calories.					

*Meal contains sodium over 2000mg

All meals comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) 2010-2015. A dietary reference intake (DRI) for the adult population is determined by the California Dept. of Public Health. Age Well meals are not intended to be a meal plan for individual dietary needs. The right to cancel and change order is given to the California Department of Aging as directed by the Orange County Board of Aging.

Meals on Wheels Menu

Age Well To-Go Lunch Menu						
CHRIS HERNANDEZ REN Orange County's partner in aging						
AWES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE SUBSTITUTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
					CHRIS HERNANDEZ REN Orange County's partner in aging	
Roast Beef Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Pasta Pork Cake Orange Juice	1	Turkey Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Pasta Pork Cake Orange Juice	2	Cesar Salad Romaine Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg Croutons, Parmesan cheese Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	3	
Mediterranean Salad Mozzarella, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, Red Onion, Black Olives, Mediterranean Dressing, Garbanzo Beans and Dressing Sweet Potatoes and Dressing Orange Juice	4	Egg Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Pasta Pork Cake Orange Juice	5	Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks White Grain Crackers Orange Juice	6	
Harvest Vegetarian Salad Mozzarella, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, tomatoes, Red Onion, Black Olives, Mediterranean Dressing, Sweet Potatoes and Dressing Orange Juice	7	Egg Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Jicama Orange Juice	8	Cesar Salad Baby Spinach, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg Croutons, Parmesan cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	9	
Cesar Salad Romaine Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg Croutons, Parmesan cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	14	Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Jicama Orange Juice	15	Mediterranean Salad Mozzarella, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, Red Onion, Black Olives, Mediterranean Dressing, Sweet Potatoes and Dressing Orange Juice	16	
Cesar Salad Romaine Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg Croutons, Parmesan cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	21	Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Jicama Orange Juice	22	Pork Beef Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Pasta Pork Cake Orange Juice	23	
Spinach Salad Baby Spinach, Chopped Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Egg Croutons, Parmesan cheese and Dressing Whole Wheat Roll Sunflower Seeds Orange Juice	28	Tuna Salad Sandwich on Whole Grain Wheat Bread Lettuce Leaf Tomato Slice Carrot Sticks Jicama Orange Juice	29	Mediterranean Salad Mozzarella, Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, Red Onion, Black Olives, Mediterranean Dressing, Sweet Potatoes and Dressing Orange Juice	30	

April 2025

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April Activity Calendar

Age Well April 2025

Orange County's partner in aging

Activities Calendar
Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita
RSVP 949-709-7592

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	9:30 Bocce Ball 10:00 Tai Chi Video 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Blood Pressure Clinic 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 11:30 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
7	8	9	10	11
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21	22	23	24	25
10:00 Total Body Fitness Video 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 BINGO	9:30 Bocce Ball 10:00 Tai Chi Video 10:00 Flower Shop Arranging RSVP Required Sponsor: M. Lemus MyMedicarePlan 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:30 Stay Sharp Puzzle It Out	10:00 Line Dance w/Helen 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:30 Golden Gamers	10:00 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 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 Spring Fling *Special entertainer 12:20 Monthly Birthday Party Sponsored by RSM Cares 
28	29	30	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	
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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

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 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



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.

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 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 your questions and 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 addresses circulation, transportation, and mobility needs within Rancho Santa Margarita. The Circulation Element sets goals and policies associated with roadways, active transportation, transit, and non-motorized transportation modes 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 in its General Plan or update it periodically. The last update to the Circulation Element was conducted in 2010. The 2010 Circulation Element was developed to address new transportation and land use conditions in the City and throughout the region, including changes in State Housing Law. The update to the Circulation Element includes 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 meets 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 transportation elements;

Development of goals, policies, and actions related to active transportation and travel including vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycling;

Assessment of traffic operations;

Incorporation of public input; and

Review by Planning Commission and City Council.

The Circulation Element is an update to the General Plan that identifies goals, policies, and programs that the City will use to direct and guide actions related to circulation.

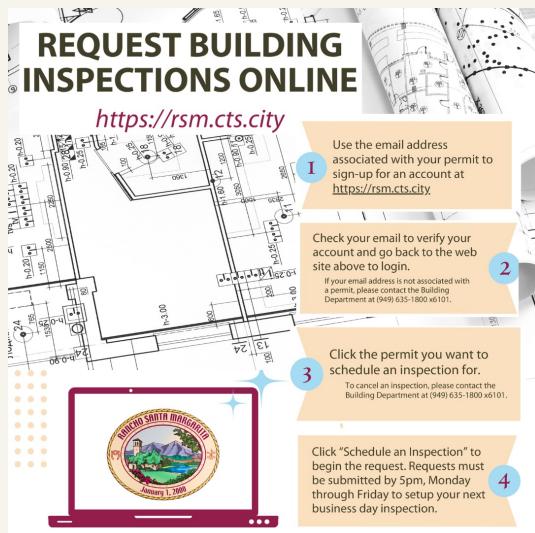
www.cityofrsm.org | Wendy.Starks@cityofrsm.org

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**

Mission Viejo Animal Services Drive-Through Pet Vaccine Clinics

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

2025 Dates

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

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

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

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.



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

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



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

PHONE: (949) 273-6978

EMAIL: sponsor@adoptcpets.org



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**NEW THIS YEAR!
PET FOOD DONATION DRIVE
(MORE INFO ON BACK)**



RSM CARES FOOD PANTRY

1ST & 3RD

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 or adoptcpets.org for other donations

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



TO LEARN MORE VISIT RSMCARES.ORG | ADOPTOPETS.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.

Additional information is available on the CalFire Fire Hazard Severity Zones website.

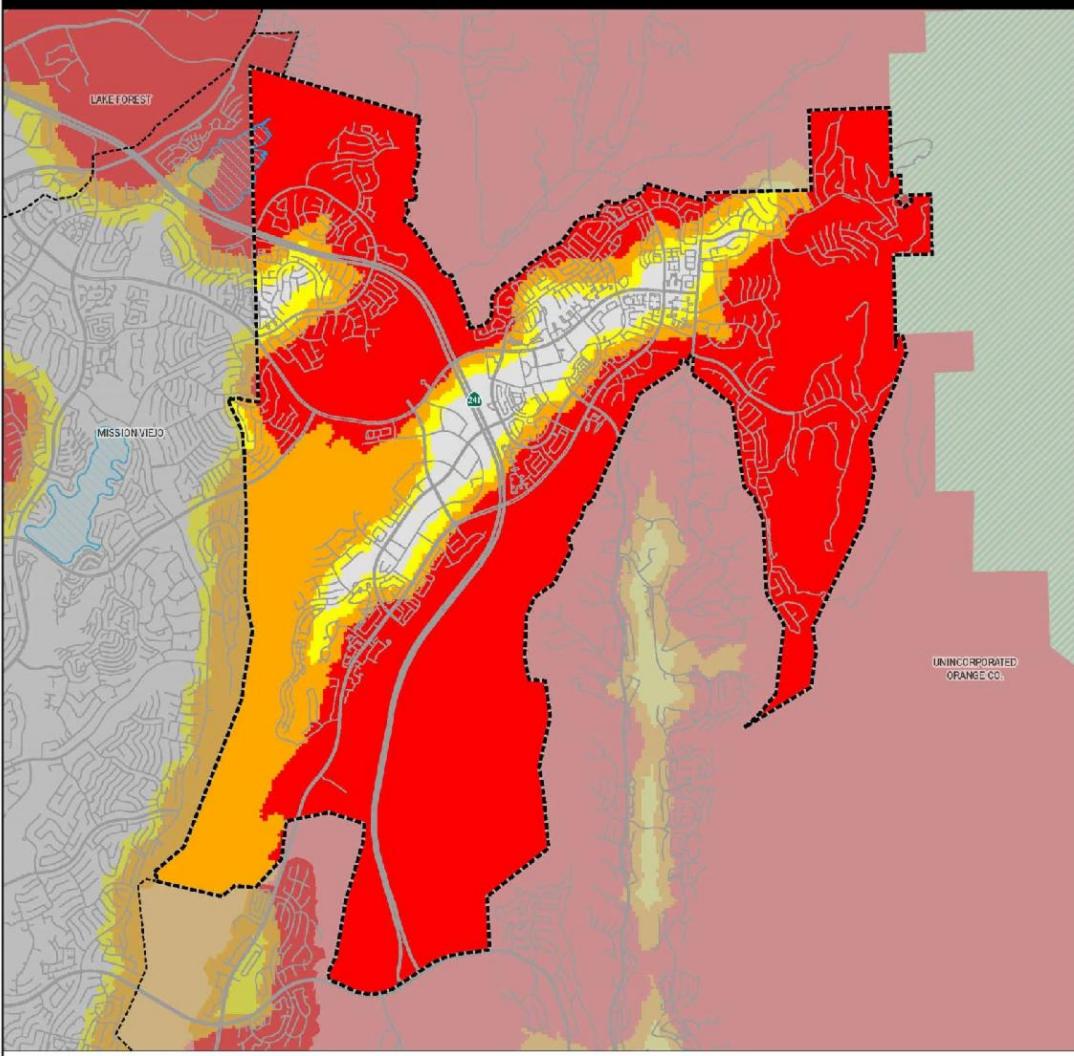
CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA – ORANGE COUNTY



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 2025



Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High Moderate



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Projection: NAD 83 California Trans Albers
Scale: 1:41,000 at 11° x 17°

Incorporated City Waterbody
Unzoned LRA Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51173 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Mike Cervone, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Bernant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) SRA23_3_FHSZLRA_25_1
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25_1)
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)

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

CITY of RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

AlertOC
STAY INFORMED

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Sign up to receive:

Evacuation Notices

Public Safety Emergencies

Disaster Notifications

Text ALERTOC to 888777

Learn more at www.alertoc.org

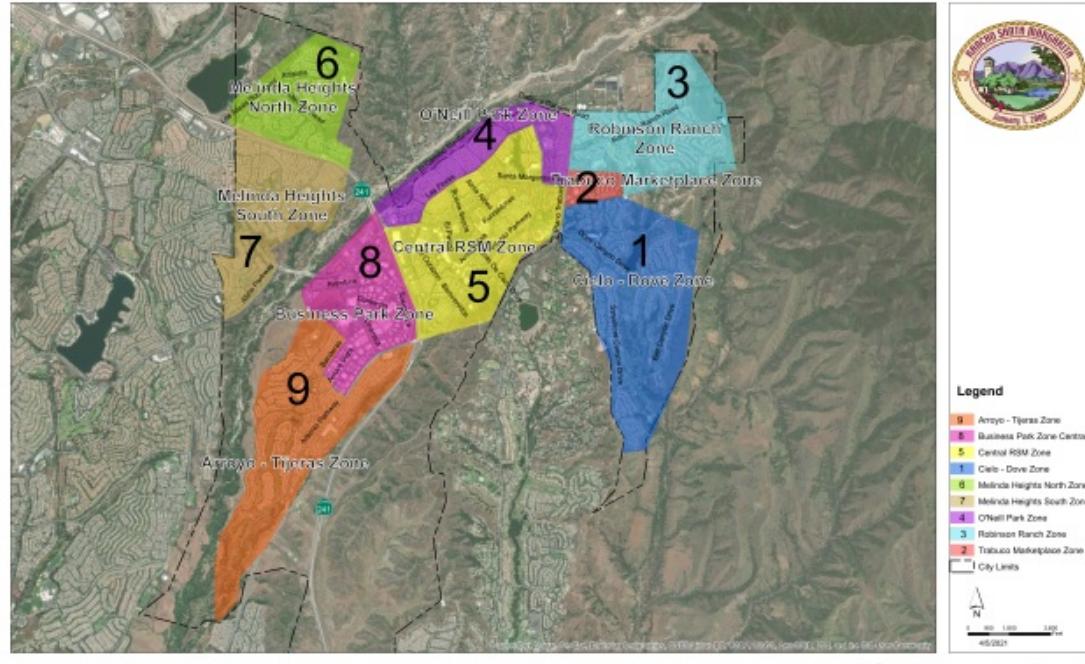
Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

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

door-to-door announcements.

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

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



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

ZeroTrash RSM First Saturday, Monthly

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



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

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



ZERO TRASH INITIATIVE

"A clean community is a proud community"

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.

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

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

Current Processing Times
Routine Service - 4 to 6 weeks
Expedited Service - 2 to 3 weeks

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



travel.state.gov
cityofrsm.org



RSM Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the RSM Chamber of Commerce is to promote and enhance the business community



of Rancho Santa Margarita by assisting our members through Joining, Connecting, and Growing a vibrant local economy.

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

Learn more at www.rsmchamber.org.

Business Connection

First and Third Tuesdays, Monthly

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

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

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

Register at rsmchamber.org.



NOTE: WE ARE BACK AT RSM BELL TOWER!

RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS CONNECTION

Meeting

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

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

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

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

RSM
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Food Pantry Monthly, First and Third Wednesday

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

Located in the parking lot of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de Las Flores, the pantry is supported solely by donations from generous private donors, local churches, and businesses. RSM Cares serves more than 500 families at their pantry distribution site twice each month. Anyone who stands in line receives food with no questions asked. Everyone is welcome. Individuals will receive fresh fruits and vegetables, non-perishable canned goods, and more.

Email rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org for more information or to volunteer.



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.

Art Exhibition



Featured Artists:



 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@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.

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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 OCPL.ORG						
SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10AM - 7PM	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
		Storytime & Stay 10:30am	1	Teen Volunteer Registration 4pm	2	
6	Storytime & Craft 10:30am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	3	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm	4	LEGO Build Day 2pm
7	Monday Funday 9am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	5			
8	ESL Casual Conversations 4pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	6	Teen Advisory Registration 4pm	7	
9	OC Read- Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	8		9	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm
10		Storytime & Stay 10:30am	10		11	Gardening Workshop & Bee Pollinators 2pm
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13	Storytime & Craft 10:30am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	13		14	
14	Monday Funday 9am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	15		16	
15	ESL Casual Conversations 4pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	16	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm	17	
16	OC Read- Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	18		19	BASIC Read to a Dog 2pm
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20	Storytime & Craft 10:30am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	21			
21	Monday Funday 9am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	22	Self-Portrait Art Classes for Teens 4pm	23	
22	ESL Casual Conversations 4pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	24	Dance Party 10:30am Homework Help 4pm	25	
23	OC Read- Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	26	Watercolor Doodle Workshop 2pm		
24			27			
25			28			
26			29			
27	Storytime & Craft 10:30am	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	30	Team Block Art 4pm		
28	Monday Funday 9am					
29	ESL Casual Conversations 4pm					
30	OC Read- Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm					

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 ocpl.rsm@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.



Adult Crafts

SELF-PORTRAIT ART CLASS FOR TEENS

Wednesday, April 23
4:00-5:30 PM

Join us for a class hosted by Claudia's Art Therapy that will teach you how to draw a self-portrait! All supplies provided.

Grades 7-12.
No registration required.



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WATERCOLOR DOODLE ART

Saturday, April 26th
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Unleash your inner artist! We will draw a face and then add an abstract watercolor background to make a stunning piece of art for your home.

All materials provided.
This Program is for Adults.

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

OCPL.org



TEEN BLOCK ART

Wednesday, April 30
4:00-5:00 PM

Create Minecraft-inspired block art or make your own design!

Grades 7-12. No registration required.



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY
10001 E. Paseo de la Margarita
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
949-459-6094

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

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 for more vector safety and prevention tips.



Are You Raising Mosquitoes In Your Backyard?

Standing Water Checklist

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

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



Get Started Today at OCFreeTaxPrep.com or call 211

What Do I Bring With Me?

- Photo ID
- 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
- Form 1095-A, B or C health insurance coverage statement for state return
- All 1098-T or E forms for education expenses
- Childcare provider name, address, phone 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 tax credit available. From state tax credits and more for hundreds—or even thousands—of extra dollars in your pocket!

- California Standard Income Tax Credit (CalEITC): Up to \$5,644
- 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!

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Tax Prep Information

2025 FREE TAX PREP LOCATIONS

Before you call or visit a site, please check the most current list online at OCFreeTaxPrep.com/locations.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 220241 Tors Rd, Lake Forest, CA 92630 949.451.2400 Phone: 211
Altraz, Inc. 7701 Wyoming St, Westminster, CA 92683 714.895.1501
Access California Service Center 1000 E. Katella Ave., Suite 100, Garden Grove, CA 92844 714.430.2389
Asian Americans Independence Family Resource Center 1201 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 714.917.1200
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center 1000 E. Katella Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92701 Phone: 211
Asian Pacific Islander Girls Club of Santa Ana 950 W Highland St, Santa Ana, CA 92705 714.517.1200
California Community Foundation, Inc. 15000 Brookhurst St, Ste C-1000, Westminster, CA 92683 Phone: 211
California State University, Fullerton 800 N State College Boulevard, Fullerton, CA 92634
Coastline College 12901 Eustis St, Garden Grove, CA 92843
Downtown Anaheim Community Center 12901 Eustis St, Garden Grove, CA 92843 714.763.4300
El Modena Family Resource Center 9300 El Modena Ave, El Modena, CA 92842 714.532.3395

Foster Greatness 9272 Jamboree Rd, Ste 105, Irvine, CA 92618 949.546.8127
Good Number Foundation – Garden Grove 1881 S. Katella Ave., Suite 100, Garden Grove, CA 92844 714.430.2389
Good Number Foundation – Irvine 2311 University St, Irvine, CA 92606 714.430.2389
Good Number Foundation – Orange County 1201 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 714.547.4306 or 2100
Harvest Community Park 14701 Harvard Ave, Irvine, CA 92606 Phone: 211
Irvine Valley College 5300 Irvine Center Dr, Irvine, CA 92618 949.826.3000 Phone: 211
Meilinda Hoag Smith Center 1000 E. Katella Ave., Westminster, CA 92663 Phone: 211
Miramonte Park & Family Resource Center 3211 Placentia Ave., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 714.951.3402
Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center 24952 Warner Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692 714.763.5462
Ponderosa Park Family Resource Center 3211 Placentia Ave., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 714.763.5462





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



OC Navigator
Find help in Orange County by connecting with resources for health, wellness, and more.

Assistance icons: location, cross, house, plus, fork/spoon, dollar, bus, person, wheelchair, dollar, book.



assistance. Users can also suggest resources they would like to see featured on OC Navigator.

Learn more at ocnavigator.org. Resources are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, Khmer, or Tagalog.



Orange County Transportation Authority

OC 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.

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