

May 2025



City Manager's Message

As we enter a season full of activity and opportunity, we're excited to share important updates, upcoming events, and resources to help you stay connected, prepared, and up-to-date. From the opening of the Central Park Splash Pad to several Chamber-sponsored workshops and our upcoming summer camps and classes, there's something for everyone this month. Stay informed, stay engaged, and enjoy a wonderful spring here in Rancho Santa Margarita!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cervantez

Splash Pad Opening May 3rd!

Get ready for a season of fun! The Rancho Santa Margarita Splash Pad will open for the season on Saturday, May 3rd, with operating hours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

This zero-depth water park features custom sprayers, bubblers, dumping buckets, misters, shaded seating, tempered showers, and convenient onsite restrooms — all set against a beautiful mountain-themed backdrop inspired by Saddleback Mountain.

For the latest updates on Splash Pad operations, including potential closures due to weather or maintenance, visit [RSMconnect.org](https://www.rsmconnect.org).

We look forward to seeing you at Central Park for another exciting summer season!

For questions, contact Community Services at recreation@cityofrsm.org.



Emergency Management Save the Date!

Join Us for the 2025 Fire Safety & Preparedness Community Meeting!

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita and the Orange County Fire Authority invite you to a free community event focused on wildfire resilience, evacuation preparedness, fire extinguisher training, smoke detector education, and animal safety.

- ☐ **Wednesday, June 25**
- ☐ **4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**
- ☐ **Bell Tower Regional Community Center, 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita**

No registration required — stop by and get ready to protect your home and family!

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita and Orange County Fire Authority present

FIRE SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY MEETING



& READINESS EXPO



Wednesday, June 25th

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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



Wildfire Home Resilience



Evacuation Preparedness



Hands-On Fire Extinguisher Operation



Smoke Detector Education



Animal Preparedness



PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:



**MISSION VIEJO
ANIMAL SERVICES**



FREE EVENT - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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.

**E-Bike and Bicycle Safety Class
Saturday, May 24th**

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
RSM Intermediate School



E-Bike and Bicycle Safety Class

Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services
Date: Saturday, May 24
Time: 10 AM - 12:30 PM
Address: RSM Intermediate
21931 Alma Aldea



What you will learn:

- Rules and regulations pertaining to E-bikes and bicycles
- Vehicle code as it applies to riders
- Knowledge of the Do's and Don'ts of E-bike and bicycle safety
- Q&A from our Child Safety Deputy and Motor Deputy



HEROES *supporting* HEROES



Protect and serve
has a whole new meaning!
OC Sheriff and OCFA personnel
will be at YOUR service
to benefit Special Olympics
athletes in Orange County.



Thursday

05.15.25

5:00 – 9:00 PM

WOOD RANCH.

22352 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita,
CA 92688



**Special
Olympics**
Southern California

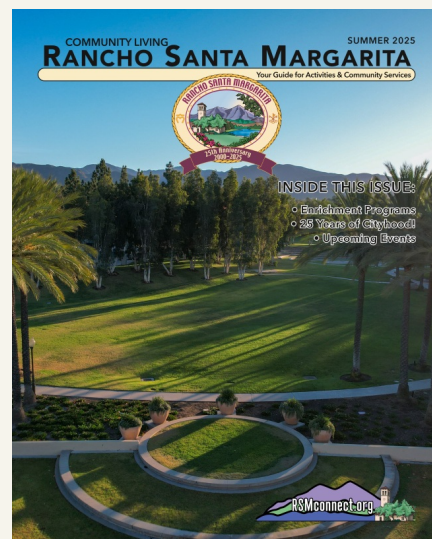


Community Services

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!**



Kids Summer Activities



Registration
now open!

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

Taught by:



- ✓ Strategic Kids
- ✓ Bionerds
- ✓ BrainStormSTEM
- ✓ Movies by Kids
- ✓ The Etiquette Factory
- ✓ Parker-Anderson Enrichment
- ✓ Sew Cool Sewing & More!

FROM JUNE TO AUGUST

Sign up at RSMconnect.org
Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo, RSM (949) 216-9700



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.*

**ENROLL
NOW**



SCAN HERE



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

CONTACT US:

 949 - 709 - 7595  jwhite@bgccapo.com



Facility Rentals

Start your rental process today!
To submit a Facility Use Inquiry,
click the image below.

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



Community Services **Age Well Senior Services**

Meals on Wheels (Ages 60+)

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious daily meals for seniors ages 60+ who cannot shop or prepare meals for themselves. Deliveries run Monday through Friday and include one breakfast, one hot lunch, and one frozen dinner.

Congregate Lunch at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center (Ages 60+)

Age Well Senior Services is proud to host their Congregate Lunch program on weekdays at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Meals are catered by Zest in a Bowl and feature Italian, Mediterranean, Western, and Asian cuisines, including meats or fish, healthy vegetables, salads, delicious soups, and dessert or fruit.

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

Senior Pet Pantry (Ages 60+)

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

Age Well®
Orange County's partner in aging

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

Opportunities Include:

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

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

CONTACT US ↓

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

Age Well Senior Services

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688

(949) 709-7592

Congregate Lunch Menu

South Orange County		May 2025 Menu		Age Well	
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: 60 YRS OR OLDER \$5.50 COST - 59 YEARS OR YOUNGER \$7.50 Reservations are required & must be made by 5pm 7 business days in prior to reservation date. You can RSVP by phone at 949-709-7592 or by calling 949-709-7592. No special requests or menu substitutions. Menu subject to change without notice. Our menu is not meat, average \$10 - \$15.00.		CHICKEN FAJITAS Chicken Salsa, Corn Salsa, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Cup, Milk		CHICKEN PRIMAVERA Pasta (Bolognese), Salad, Pineapple Cup, Milk	
CHICKEN FAJITAS Chicken Salsa, Corn Salsa, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Cup, Milk		BEF BOURGUIGNON Green Bean & Rusin Medley, Wheat Roll, Orange, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk		ROAST SALMON TACOS w/ CHIMICHURRI SLAW Tex Mex Vegetable Soup, Lemon Thyme Brown Rice, Carrotage, Milk	
BEF w/BEAN TACOS w/ TOMATILLO SLAW Corn Salsa, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Cup, Milk		SESAME CHICKEN Cauliflower Broccoli Soup, Ginger Brown Rice, Orange Juice, Peach Crisp, Milk		LEMON HERB CHICKEN Moroccan Carrots, Lemon Thyme Brown Rice, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Orange, Milk	
CHICKEN KEBAB Moroccan Carrots, Spinach Tomato Orzo, Orange Juice, Dandelion Raisin Cookie, Milk		CHICKEN BANH MI SANDWICH Carrot Soup, Tropical Fruit Cup, Milk		TUSCAN SALMON Balsamic Green Beans w/ Pearl Onions, White Wheat Pasta, Pineapple Cup, Milk	
CLOSED Memorial Day Observation MEMORIAL DAY		MANGO CHUTNEY CHICKEN SANDWICH Zucchini Apple Soup, Orange Juice, Cinnamon Baked Apple, Milk		BEF MEATLOAF Mashed Potatoes, Sauté Peas & Carrots, Wheat Roll, Orange, Apple Sauce, Milk	
CHICKEN TARRAGON SANDWICH Tomato Basil Soup, Orange Juice, Cinnamon Baked Apple, Milk		CHICKEN TARRAGON SANDWICH Tomato Basil Soup, Orange Juice, Cinnamon Baked Apple, Milk		CHICKEN TARRAGON SANDWICH Tomato Basil Soup, Orange Juice, Cinnamon Baked Apple, Milk	

Meals on Wheels Menu

Age Well		Home Delivered Menu	
MONDAY		TUESDAY	
CHICKEN PARMESAN SPAGHETTI, BROCCOLI, CARROT, BAKED APPLE, FRESH APPLE, SPINACH, RICE, MASHED POTATOES, APPLE SAUCE, MILK		BALEBURY STEAK & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES, CARROT, BAKED APPLE, FRESH APPLE, SPINACH, RICE, MASHED POTATOES, APPLE SAUCE, MILK	
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May Activity Calendar

Age Well May 2025					Activities Calendar	
					Bell Tower Regional Community Center 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita RSVP 949-709-7592	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
RSVP Required at 949-709-7592 Monday - Friday Age Well Lunch 60+ May 9 Mother's Day Luncheon May 15 Art for All Ages May 30 Monthly Birthday Lunch						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

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.



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](#)

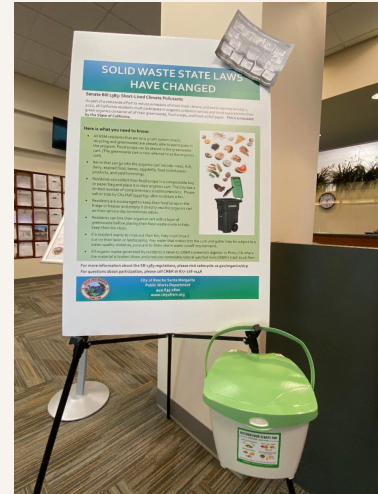
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Commercial Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Family Recycling Guide](#)

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.

Public Works Compost Giveaway

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is excited to host its very first free compost giveaway! This nutrient-rich compost is ideal for enriching your garden soil and promoting sustainable practices.

Who Can Participate?

All residents and local businesses are welcome to take part.

Where & When:

Visit the City Hall parking lot at 22112 El Paseo, May 16 - 18, to collect your free compost. The compost will be available as a loose, self-serve pile; **please bring your own shovels and containers—no staff will be on site to assist.**

Need ADA Assistance?

For ADA accommodations or more information, you can contact the County by emailing sb1383@ocwr.ocgov.com to coordinate pickup at their landfill sites.

For additional information, please contact Public Works at (949) 635-1800 x6503.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS - FREE COMPOST EVENT

WHEN: May 16th-18th

WHERE: City Hall Lot (22112 El Paseo)

Come pickup FREE compost in the City's first compost giveaway event. All residents, businesses and landscaping teams welcome!



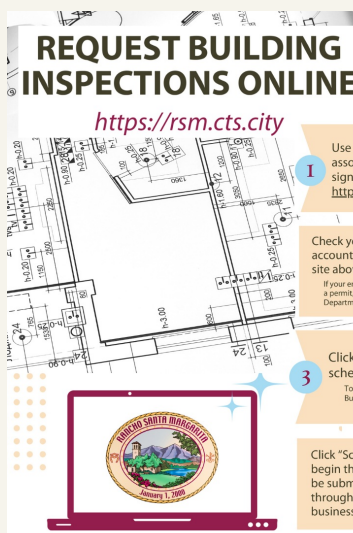
Please note that the compost giveaway is self-service and will require you to bring your own tools and containers to load your material (shovels, buckets, bags, etc.).



For those needing additional assistance, visit the OC Waste & Recycling site and reach out to sb1383@ocwr.ocgov.com.



<https://www.cityofrsm.org/693/Composting>



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 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, May 7, 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

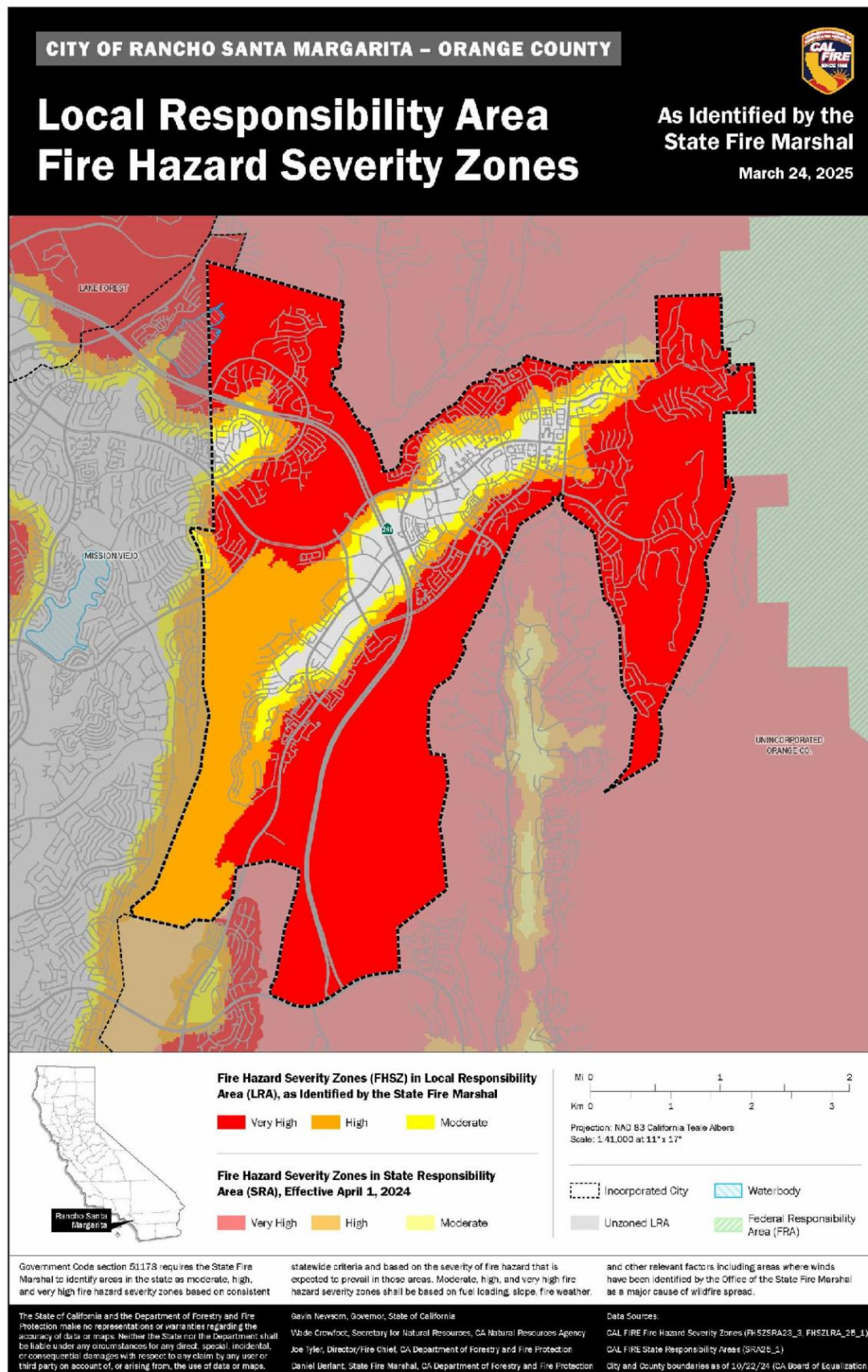
Emergency Management 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Update

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](#).



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.

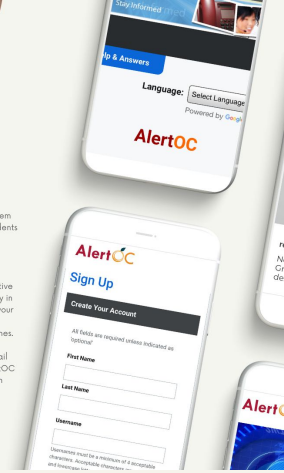
**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

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



Sign up to receive:

- Evacuation Notices
- Public Safety Emergencies
- Disaster Notifications

Text ALERTOC to 888777

Learn more at www.alertoc.org

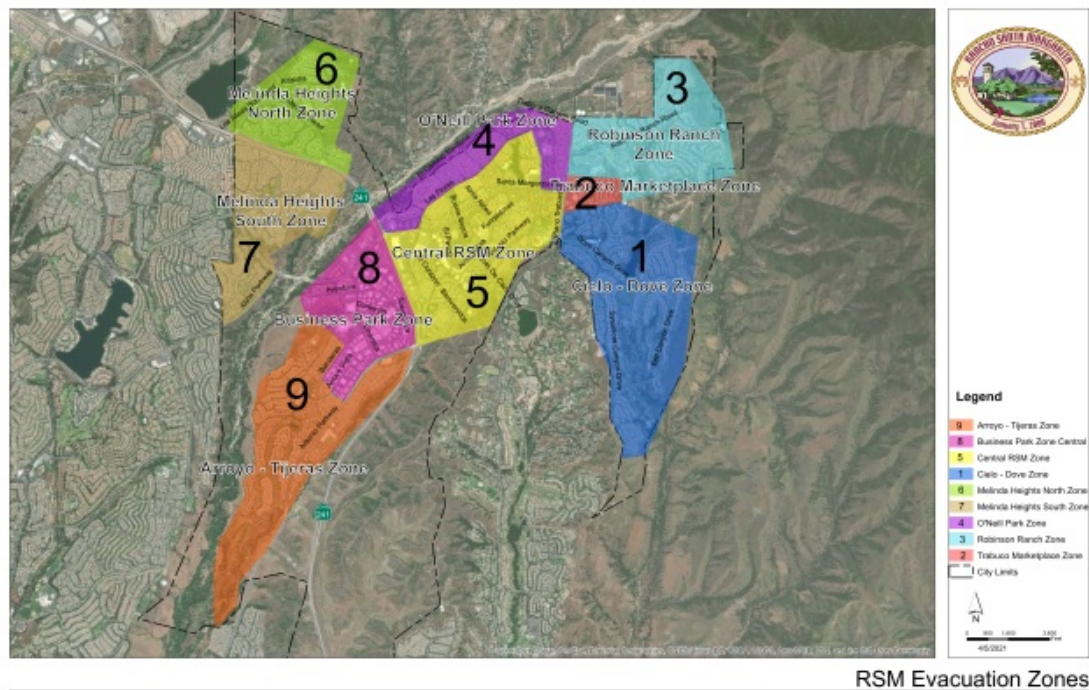
Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

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 Wildfire Preparedness

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) reminds all residents and visitors to remain aware of current fire danger levels, especially during peak wildfire season. By staying informed and taking preventative measures, we can work together to protect lives, property, and natural resources.

For daily fire danger ratings and essential safety information, visit:
<https://ocfa.org/SafetyPrograms/FireDanger.aspx>.



Let us all remain vigilant and proactive in reducing wildfire risks in our community!

Learn more at ocfa.org.

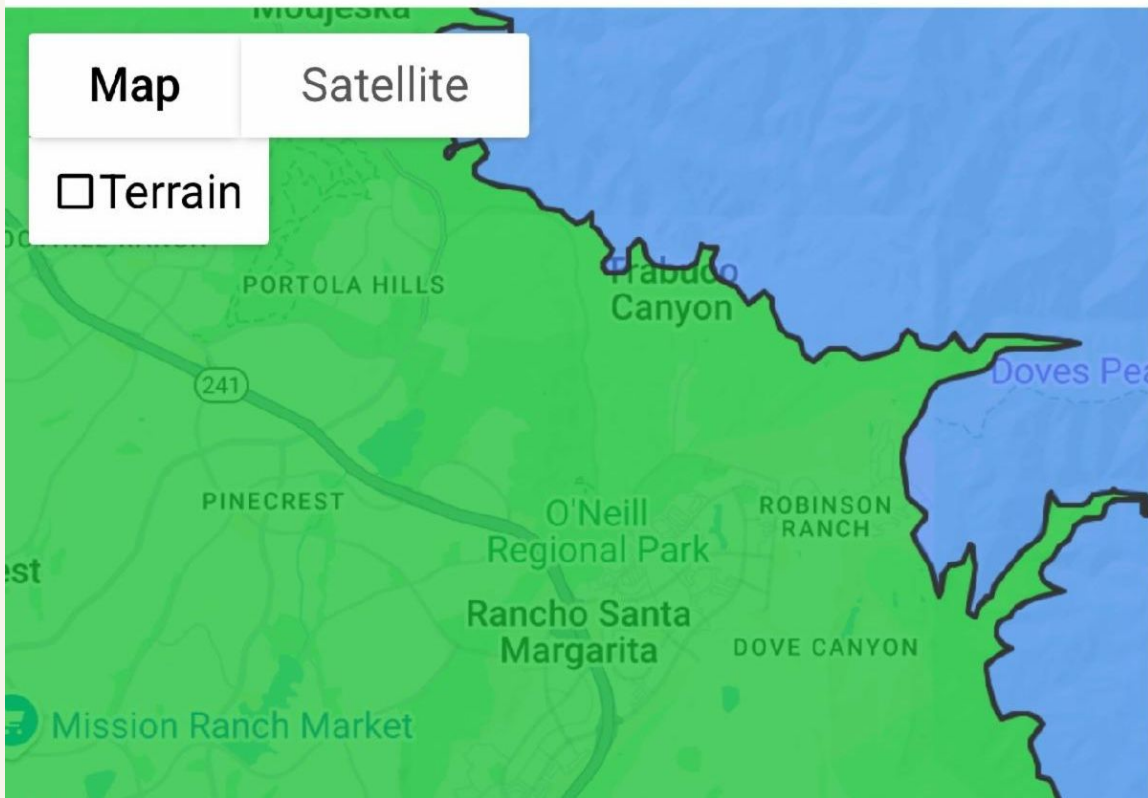


Fire Danger



Orange County Fire Authority

— TODAY'S FIRE RATING : MON 4/28/25 —



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.

Brewing Up Business

First and Third Tuesdays, Monthly

Join RSM Chamber Brewing Up Business 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. at Haute Cafe & Market. The \$15 entry includes coffee and breakfast pastries.

Register at rsmchamber.org.



The poster features a dark grey background with white and blue text. At the top, the RSM Chamber of Commerce logo is displayed, followed by the event title 'BREWING UP BUSINESS'. Below this, a subtitle reads 'JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT & NETWORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES'. The event details are presented in two columns: 'FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS 8:30am to 9:30am' with a calendar icon, and 'HAUTE CAFE & MARKET 22195 El Paseo RSM Meeting Inside Hanna's Wine Room' with a location pin icon. A circular portrait of Jeff Bott, External Affairs Manager, is shown next to his name and title, with 'Toll Roads Update' listed as the topic. The entry fee '\$15 ENTRY' is prominently displayed, along with the text 'Includes Coffee & Breakfast Pastries'. The Haute Cafe & Market logo is featured in blue and white, and a photo of a coffee cup is shown at the bottom right. The bottom of the poster contains contact information for meeting questions or sign-ups: 'FOR MEETING QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP AS AT SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER: SAMIRA HURD (949)468-7929'.

RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BREWING UP BUSINESS

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

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

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

 **MAY 20TH SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:**
JEFF BOTT
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER
Toll Roads Update

\$15 ENTRY
Includes Coffee & Breakfast Pastries

HAUTE
CAFE & MARKET



FOR MEETING QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP AS AT SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:
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RSM Chamber Partnership Operation Revenue Growth 2025

Operation Revenue Growth through Digital Marketing and AI Tools is a free six-month opportunity for one-on-one consulting with executives specializing in revenue generation through AI in various industries. Businesses must generate a minimum of \$100,000 in annual revenue to be eligible. Seating is limited - [apply today!](#)

GROW YOUR BUSINESS IN 2025

Increase Your Revenue with Digital Marketing & AI Tools

AMERICA'S
SBDC
CALIFORNIA
ORANGE COUNTY / INLAND EMPIRE



Join this **high-impact, no-cost program** to drive your revenue growth!

The OCIE SBDC Marketing Center, with the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce, is offering a six-month program to help established businesses grow revenue through advanced marketing strategies.

To be eligible, your business must:

- Be generating \$100,000+ annually
- Operate in Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino counties
- Be ready to implement new strategies

IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH:



Grow your revenue by 10 – 20% or more!

By joining this program, you will gain:

- A full assessment of your current strategy
- A team of expert consultants who will work with you 1-on-1 to implement your new plan
- Regular follow-up to maximize continued improvement and revenue growth



READY TO GET STARTED?
Scan to schedule an appointment now.

Questions? Email roger.lloyd@ociesbdc.org.



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RSM Chamber AI Business Workshops

The RSM Chamber is offering a unique opportunity to learn about AI from Pepperdine University Professors Frederick Heim and Dr. Virginia Green. Workshops are held in person at the Bell Tower Community Center.

Even if you missed the first workshop, "Content Creation & Communication with AI," you can still register for the May 6th workshop: AI for Social Media & Customer Engagement and/or the May 13th workshop: AI Agents, Deep Research, & Automation.

Learn more about the speakers and register [here](#).



AI BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

April 29th, May 6th, May 13th, 2025

Maximize your Knowledge & SAVE by Attending all THREE Workshops!
\$10 ADMISSION/WORKSHOP OR \$25 FOR THREE



Frederick Heim
Professor, MBA
Pepperdine University



Dr. Virginia Green
Professor
Pepperdine University

April 29: Content Creation & Communications with AI

May 6: AI for Social Media & Customer Engagement

May 13: AI Agents, Deep Research, & Automation



April 29: Key Discussions & Insights

- Rapidly generate emails, social posts, and blogs to save valuable hours each week.
- Maintain a consistent brand tone that builds trust and improves customer perception.
- Increase customer satisfaction with personalized responses to inquiries and reviews.



29 April 2025
from 8:30 - 9:30 am

**BELL TOWER COMMUNITY CENTER
TECHNOLOGY LOUNGE
22232 EL PASEO
RSM, CA 92688**



More information
info@rsmchamber.org



RSVP Required



RSM CARES
Bell Tower Foundation



Food Pantry **Monthly, First and Third Wednesday**

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

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

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

RSM CARES
Bell Tower Foundation

RSM Cares Food Pantry
2:00 - 4:30 PM
30605 Avenida de las Flores
Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688
Visit rsmcares.org
to donate! ❤️

RSM Arts Program Monthly Exhibits at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The RSM Arts Program is an initiative of RSM Cares that inspires creativity through visual arts, dance, and music. Talented local artists and students exhibit their work monthly in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center lobby on weekdays, excluding holidays.

Follow [@rsm_cares_art_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/rsm_cares_art_gallery) on Instagram!

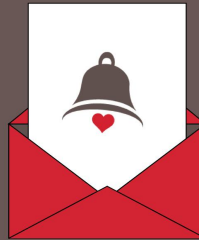
More information at rsmcares.org.

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 92668 949-459-6094 OCFL.ORG							May 2025
SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10AM - 7PM	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM	
				Dance Party 10:30am	1 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale 10am-4pm	2 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale 9am-4pm	3
4 ESL Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	5 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Music Appreciation Workshop Chinese Zither 3:30pm	6 Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation 5pm	7 Dance Party 10:30am	8	9	10 Gardening Workshop: Post Central 2pm	
11 Storytime & Craft 10:30am Monday Funday 2pm ESL Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Literacy Walk-In Tutoring 5pm Declutter & Organize Your Home with Joy 5:30pm	12 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Library Tech Training 12pm Puppy Pioneers 5:30pm	13 Teen Advisory Board 4pm	14 Dance Party 10:30am Teen & Adult Resume Workshop 5pm	15	16	17 BARK! Read to a Dog 2pm	
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25 CLOSED	26 Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Rancho Readers Discussion Club 5:30pm	27 Teen RSM Games 3:30pm Open House Jigsaw Puzzles for Older Adults 5:00pm	28 Dance Party 10:30am Teen & Adult Interview Workshop 5pm	29	30	31 LEGO Build Day 2pm	

May Activity Calendar

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS

Music Appreciation Series



Join us for a music appreciation series. Music lovers of all ages are invited to visit the library and enjoy a performance by one of the world's premier guzheng (Chinese zither) musicians, Bei Bei.

No registration required. All ages welcome.

Mon. May 5 at 5:00pm Los Alamitos-Rossmore Library 12700 Montecito Road Seal Beach, CA 90740	Tue. May 6 at 5:30pm Rancho Santa Margarita Library 30902 La Promesa Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92668	Wed. May 7 at 5:30pm Westminster Library 5185 13th Street Westminster, CA 92683
Mon. May 12 at 11:00am Brea Library 1 Civic Center Circle Brea, CA 92821	Wed. May 14 at 5:00pm Costa Mesa Mesa Verde Library 2969 Mesa Verde Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	

For more information, call 714-566-3834 or email enq1.programs@ocpl.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.

Music Appreciation

MASTER GARDENERS OF ORANGE COUNTY WORKSHOP

Managing Pests in Your Garden

Saturday, May 10th
2:00-3:30 PM

You can't get rid of all the insects in your yard... but you can learn to manage them so that your plants will thrive. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will teach you how to "outsmart" the bad insects and attract the beneficial ones. They will give you tips on prevention, avoidance, suppression and responsible pest control.

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY
30902 La Promesa
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
949-459-6094
Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: Closed



This adult level program is free with no registration required. Gardening giveaways available while supplies last! Generously sponsored by the Rancho Santa Margarita Friends of the Library.

OC Public Libraries
OCPL.org

DECLUTTER & ORGANIZE YOUR HOME WITH JOY


BROUGHT TO YOU BY OC READ AND MINIMALEE

Two-Part Series
Monday, May 12 & May 19
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join Certified KonMari Consultant and Professional Organizer Stacy Lee to learn more about the KonMari Method® and organizing techniques that will inspire you to release clutter and clear room for what matters most.

No registration required. For more information call OC Read at 714-968-3070. Books to build home libraries available while supplies last. This program is for ages 16+.

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Fri - Sat: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



OC Read is the literacy division of OC Public Libraries.


OC Public Libraries
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OC Public Libraries Presents

Resume Development & Interview Skills Workshop Series

Are you ready to take the next step in your career? Whether you're a teen entering the workforce for the first time, an adult looking for a career change, or someone aiming for a promotion - this workshop series is for you!

In these interactive workshops, you'll get hands-on experience in creating strong resumes and acing interviews. We'll guide you through what makes a resume stand out to employers, as well as the key skills and strategies to help you shine in interviews. All ages welcome - from teens to adults. No registration is required.



Resume Workshop
Thursday, May 7 @ 5-7 PM
Cypress Library
1227 Douglas Road
Cypress, CA 90630

Interview Skills Workshop
Thursday, May 7 @ 5-7 PM
Cypress Library
1227 Douglas Road
Cypress, CA 90630

Resume Workshop
Thursday, May 11 @ 5-7 PM
Rancho Santa Margarita Library
30902 La Promesa
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Interview Skills Workshop
Thursday, May 11 @ 5-7 PM
Rancho Santa Margarita Library
30902 La Promesa
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Resume Workshop
Thursday, May 20 @ 5-7 PM
Los Alamitos-Rosemead Library
12700 Rosemead
Los Alamitos, CA 90603

Interview Skills Workshop
Thursday, May 20 @ 5-7 PM
Los Alamitos-Rosemead Library
12700 Rosemead
Los Alamitos, CA 90603

To learn more, please contact the hosting branch or visit ocpl.org. This project is funded in part through a grant from the California Department of Aging and administered locally by the Orange County Office of Aging.

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Gardening

Adult Interest

Career Building



Mark Your Calendar Now for the RSM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 2 10AM - 4PM | SATURDAY, MAY 3 9AM - 4PM

Members only preview sale Friday 9am - 10am!

Friends of the Library Book Store

30902 La Promesa
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
949-459-6094
ramfol.org

THOUSANDS OF BOOKS IN MANY CATEGORIES!

Children's Books

- ♦ Pristine Picture Books
- ♦ Gorgeous Boxed Sets
- ♦ Beautiful Classics
- ♦ Chapter Books
- ♦ Readers
- ♦ Young Adult
- ♦ Educational DVDs, Tools & Books for all ages

Non-Fiction

- ♦ Biographies
- ♦ Cookbooks
- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Hobbies
- ♦ Photography
- ♦ History
- ♦ Philosophy
- ♦ Psychology
- ♦ Religion
- ♦ Foreign Language
- ♦ Science
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Current Affairs
- ♦ Sports
- ♦ Travel
- ♦ Art / Music
- ♦ Old and Rare
- ♦ Coffee Table Books

PLUS! Lots of Puzzles, Games, CDs, and DVDs!

FOL memberships available for purchase in the bookstore or at the door.
Individual: \$20 | Family: \$25

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

\$5 minimum for credit purchases.



Book Sale Specials!

These great deals are available for 2 days only!

- ♦ All audio books only \$2 each
- ♦ All DVDs Buy 2 Get 1 Free!

REGULAR BOOK STORE HOURS

Monday | Wednesday | Thursday
10am - 6pm
Tuesday | Saturday
10am - 4pm
Sunday
Closed

Support Your Local Library!

Follow Us on Instagram!

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



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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! If you detect mosquitoes, please visit the district's [website](#) to request an inspection.

Visit ocvector.org for more vector safety and prevention tips.





SATURDAY, JUNE 7
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



SMWD.com/Festival

Free Income Tax Assistance

Those with a household income less than \$67,000 in 2024 may be eligible to file tax returns for free.



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, located at 22082 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, has offered a VITA chapter since 2013. **Post-season tax assistance (for late filing, amended returns, and inquiries with the IRS and Franchise Tax Board) is available on the third Thursday of each month from May through September.**

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

The Lifeline & 988

Crisis Support

Callers to 988 are connected to trained counselors who provide free and confidential emotional support and crisis counseling and connect them to the appropriate resources. These services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, across the United States. Special support services are available to veterans, and Tele-Interpreters support more than 240 languages.

For more information, visit <https://988lifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/>.

What is 988?

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE



OC Health Care Agency OC Navigator

OC Navigator is part of the Orange County Behavioral Health System Transformation Innovation Project. The project seeks to help people find and connect with the supportive resources they need in different areas of their lives, including health and well-being, as well as other services.

Some services are available 24/7, such as suicide prevention and domestic violence assistance. Users can also suggest resources they would like to see featured on OC Navigator.

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



Orange County Transportation Authority

OC 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](https://octa.net).



OCTA | TEEN COUNCIL

▼ **WE'RE LOOKING FOR LEADERS LIKE YOU**

APPLY TODAY!

Join the OCTA Teen Council to Make a Difference

As part of the Teen Council, you will have the opportunity to:

- Gain leadership and professional development skills
- Enhance your knowledge of transportation-related topics
- Engage in discussions, exchange ideas, and take part in projects
- Participate in community service

octa.net/teencouncil



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