

# June 2025



## City Manager's Message

Welcome to June in Rancho Santa Margarita! I hope you'll join us on Sunday, June 29, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Central Park as we celebrate 25 Years of Cityhood! This free, family-friendly event will feature extended splash pad hours, bounce houses, games, food trucks, face painting, balloon art, local vendors, and Dreamers Market merchants. Enjoy live music with *Franklin Wall* at 4:00 p.m., and *Those Guys* from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our Community partners and Bell Tower Regional Community Center instructors will host free information booths. To top it all off, birthday cupcake stations will be set up throughout the park to celebrate the City's 25th anniversary!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cervantez

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## Flag Day Ceremony Saturday, June 14, 2025 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. RSM Civic Plaza

The City's Flag Day Ceremony is a celebration of the American flag that takes place annually on June 14th, the anniversary of the flag's official adoption. This patriotic ceremony is made possible in partnership with VFW Post 6024 and local Scout units. The ceremony is held to destroy properly, by burning, worn, damaged, or otherwise unserviceable American Flags in a dignified manner in accordance with the United States Flag Code.

Worn flags can be disposed of in the flag box receptacle located in the lobby of the Bell Tower Regional Community Center during regular business hours.

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



## US Flag Retirement Ceremony

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Join the residents of Rancho Santa Margarita,  
Local Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6024 Honor Rifle Squad  
local Scout Units, and Patriots for the

Annual Rancho Santa Margarita community  
US Flag retirement ceremony.

Bring your worn unserviceable Flags and participate  
in this time-honored event.

Limited seating provided or bring a lawn chair for comfort.

**Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Plaza**

22112 El Paseo, RSM

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## **Celebrating 25 Years of Cityhood Sunday, June 29th in Central Park**

Join us in celebrating 25 Years of Cityhood with a special event on Sunday, June 29, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in beautiful Central Park.

This free, family-friendly event will feature Extended splash pad hours, Bounce houses and games, Food trucks, a Face Painter, a Balloon Artist, Local vendors, Dreamers Market merchants, and a concert featuring two bands! *Franklin Wall* takes the stage at 4:00 with country music hits, and *Those Guys* will play all kinds of favorites from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

A key highlight of the celebration is the inclusion of our community partners and Bell Tower Regional Community Center contract instructors, who will host free information booths to showcase their services.

And of course, it wouldn't be a party without cake! We plan to have birthday cupcake



stations throughout the venue in celebration of the City's milestone 25th birthday!

For more information or to be part of this celebration, please call the Bell Tower Regional Center at (949) 216-9700.

# *A Celebration of Community* *25 Years*

Families, friends, and fun—kick off the Summer Concert Series and connect with your community in the heart of Rancho Santa Margarita!

***Sunday, June 29 | 4:00 - 8:00 PM***

*Food Trucks*

*Vendors*

**Concert**

◆ **Franklin Wall**

*Kids Activities*

*Rec Expo*

*Beverage Garden*

◆ **Those Guys**

*Splash Pad*



Featuring

*Dreamers*  
market

Offering the vibrant, hand-crafted goods of Dreamers Markets, showcasing a curated collection of local makers, artists, and small businesses!

**Central Park**

**| 30842 La Miranda, RSM**





# City of Rancho Santa Margarita

## 25 Years of Community Connection & Celebration

### Plein Air Contest Information

In partnership with:



#### ENTRY

Prior to the painting sessions, Plein Air artists must complete a participation form, in order to be eligible for prizes. Form available at [RSMconnect.org](http://RSMconnect.org). For additional information, call Jim Williamson at (714) 815-4247 or Jim McLoughlin at (949) 236-9398.

#### PLEIN AIR BOUNDARIES

Each art piece must be painted in open air, “en plein air” and contain any scene or subject she/he chooses, as long as it within the specified boundaries below:

May 31 10 AM  
Civic Plaza/Central Park  
22112 El Paseo

June 28 10 AM  
Lago Santa Margarita, RSM Lake  
21472 Avenida de Los Fundadores

July 26 10 AM  
O'Neill Park  
30892 Trabuco Canyon Road

#### CASH AWARDS

1<sup>st</sup> Place      \$350  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place      \$250  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      \$150  
\*People's Choice \$350 (1 winner)

\*Will take place at Summer Concert on 8/10 from 4:00-5:00 PM.  
Winners to be announced at final concert August 10.

#### PRESENTATION OF ENTRY

- Artists must choose one painting per location to display in the judging event.
- All contest entries must be unsigned on the front, however please sign initials on the backside.
- Artists shall provide their own table top easel for display.
- Entries must be submitted to the Bell Tower Regional Community Center at 22232 El Paseo, RSM no later than 6 PM.

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## Emergency Management

### 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](http://www.cityofrsm.org) or visit [ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC](http://ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC).



# The safest cities in California in 2025

- #1 Rancho Santa Margarita
- #2 Danville
- #3 Aliso Viejo
- #4 Lincoln
- #5 Yorba Linda
- #6 Calexico
- #7 Laguna Niguel
- #8 Simi Valley
- #9 San Ramon
- #10 Lake Forest
- #11 Rocklin
- #12 Poway
- #13 San Marcos
- #14 Irvine
- #15 Mission Viejo
- #16 Murrieta
- #17 Elk Grove
- #18 Menifee
- #19 San Clemente
- #20 Pacifica

safewise 



*Please obey the law and leave fireworks to professionals to ensure a safe Independence Day holiday for all!*



**Fireworks are illegal in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, including those labeled "safe and sane." Fireworks are the primary cause of thousands of fires and injuries each year.**



## 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.

O u r 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](http://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](mailto:jwhite@bgccapo.com)





## Facility Rentals

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

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





# 2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Special Event**

**Sunday, June 29 4:00 - 8:00 PM**

Featuring 2 Bands

**Franklin Wall (4:00 PM)**

**Those Guys (6:00 PM)**

- Rec Expo
- Kids Activities
- Food Trucks
- Dreamers Market



**July 6**



**Big Rockshow**

**July 13**



**Flock of 80's**

**July 20**



**The Answer**

**July 27**



**Redneck Rodeo**

**August 3**



**Wayward Sons**

★ **August 10**



**Spintown**

★ Featuring  
4:00 - 8:00 PM

*Dreamers  
market*

and



**Central Park | Sundays | 6:00-8:00 PM**  
**30842 La Miranda, Rancho Santa Margarita**

## 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



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10:00 Total Body Fitness Video 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 BINGO	9:30 Bocce Ball 10:00 Tai Chi Video 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 <b>Blood Pressure Clinic</b> 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:30 Stay Sharp Puzzle It Out	CANCELLED **Lunch with the Law	10:00 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:00 Hula Dancing w/ Laura 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (drop-in) 12:45 Gentle Yoga w/Jeanette	9:30 Chair Exercise w/Simone 10:45 Line Dance w/Helen 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 Friday Flicks 1:00 AlzOC Caregiver Support
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\*\*Line Dance w/Helen FRIDAYS 10:45 a.m. only

Age Well

Orange County's partner in aging

## PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO

Meals on Wheels Clients Qualify for pet food assistance.



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

## Public Works Recycle From Home!

Recycle From Home™ picks up and pays residents for their recyclable cans and bottles! Inspired by 13-year-old recycling superstar Ryan Hickman, this program makes it incredibly easy for Rancho Santa Margarita residents to recycle right from their driveway or doorstep! No more loading up the car with boxes or bags of cans and bottles in search of a redemption center. Collection bags and QR code tracking labels are provided to sort your CA CRV aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles.





Recycle From Home schedules drivers to collect your recyclables at your chosen time, ensuring that your items are recycled within 24 hours of your pick-up time. Your recycled items are weighed, and redemption is calculated based on current CA CRV rates. Your payment is then sent to you through Paypal, Venmo, or as a mailed check.

Schedule a pick-up online, put your items out for collection, and Recycle From Home™ will handle the rest.

For more information or to register, visit [www.RecycleFromHome.com](http://www.RecycleFromHome.com) or download the Recycle From Home mobile app.

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## Public Works Public Education and Outreach

### Senior Rates Available

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

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

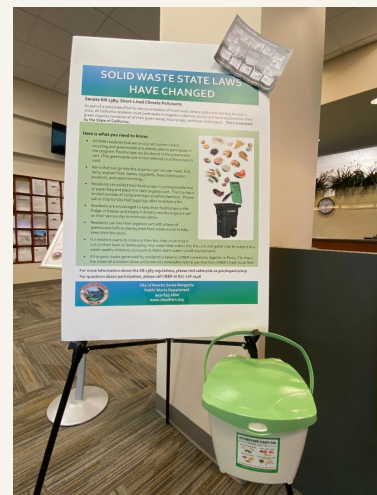
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Residential Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Commercial Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Family Recycling Guide](#)

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

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

The City has a limited number of complimentary small kitchen bins available for pickup at City Hall during regular business hours. The pails, purchased with CalRecycle grant funds, are designed to assist residents in minimizing waste that goes into landfills.

Residents can stop by City Hall and pick up a free countertop organic waste pail to separate organic waste (such as food waste) from other trash and non-organic recyclables under the Organics Collection Program mandated by the State of California's SB 1383.

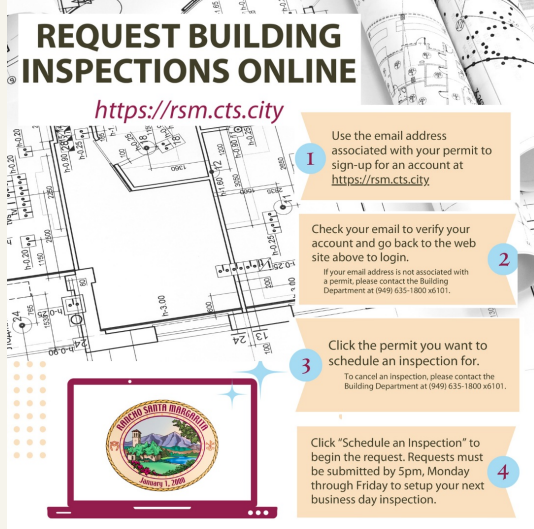


SB 1383 was signed into law in September 2016 by Governor Brown. It established methane emissions reduction targets statewide to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 also establishes targets to achieve a 75% reduction in statewide disposal of organic waste by 2025.

**Please call Public Works for more information at (949) 635-1800.**

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## Development Services 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 and microchip clinics are available for residents of Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, and Rancho Santa Margarita.

#### 2025 Dates

Saturday, March 15th

Saturday, May 10th

**Saturday, August 2nd**

Saturday, October 25th

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

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

**RSM Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**Monthly Low-Cost Mobile  
Pet Vaccine Clinics**



## Monthly, First Wednesday, Bell Tower Regional Community Center

Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare.

Pet care clinics are held on the first Wednesday of each month on an appointment-only basis. Clinics are hosted by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita in the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. View the clinic flyer [here](#).

To schedule an appointment, please visit their website at [Heart4Pets.org](http://Heart4Pets.org).





## LOW-COST MOBILE PET VACCINE & WELLNESS CLINICS

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



### SEVERAL LOCATIONS EVERY MONTH

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



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

**HEART4PETS.ORG**

SCAN CODE →



- ◆ Pets must be healthy in order to be vaccinated.
- ◆ If your pet has ever received any vaccines, please bring prior vaccine records with you.
- ◆ If proof is not provided that your pet is current on its Rabies vaccine, a Rabies vaccine will be administered at the clinic and pet owner is responsible to pay for that vaccine.
- ◆ All dogs must be on appropriate collars & leashes; all cats must be in secured pet carriers (no cardboard).
- ◆ Please do not attend our clinic if you or your pet are experiencing any signs of illness.
- ◆ We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.



### DOG VACCINES

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



### CAT VACCINES

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



### OTHER SERVICES, PRODUCTS & DISCOUNTS

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

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

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

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

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

(714) 993-9193

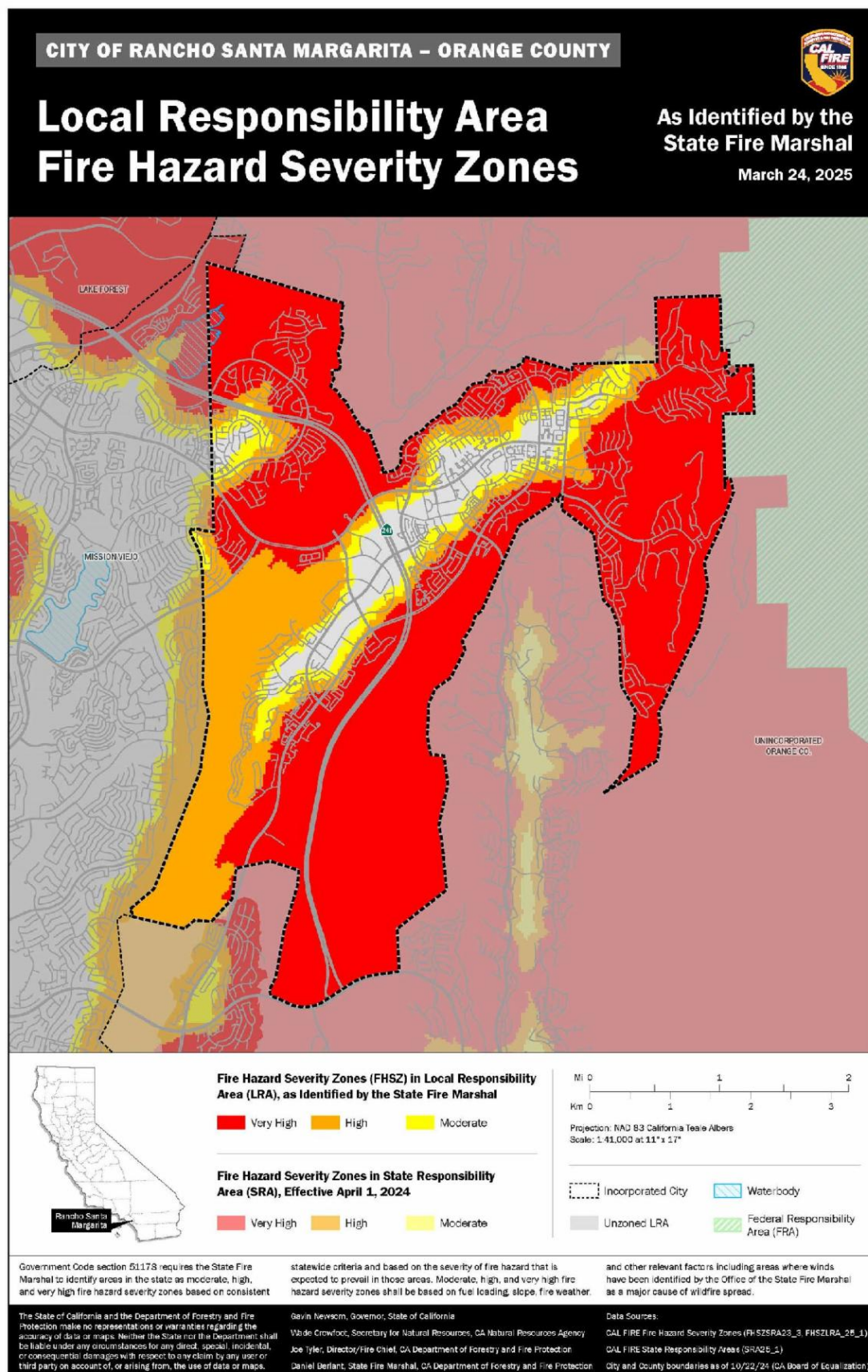
## Emergency Management 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Update

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

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

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





Emergency Management

Alert OC Emergency Notification



# System

AlertOC is a mass notification system that keeps Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate life-saving actions.

By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the county or city you live or work in may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. You can also register to enable text messages on cell phones. AlertOC is also equipped to send alerts to email accounts and TTY devices.

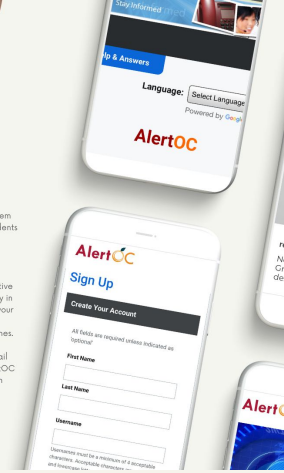
**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

## AlertOC

AlertOC is a free mass notification system designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed during emergencies by providing real-time information to affected communities.

By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the County or City in which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones.

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



If you have already registered for AlertOC, please log in periodically to see a summary of your information and ensure it's up-to-date. The system uses your selections and information to reach you in the event of an emergency, including evacuation orders.

**[www.AlertOC.org](http://www.AlertOC.org)**

CITY of RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

# AlertOC

STAY INFORMED



**Sign up to receive:**

- Evacuation Notices
- Public Safety Emergencies
- Disaster Notifications

**Text ALERTOC to 888777**

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

## Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

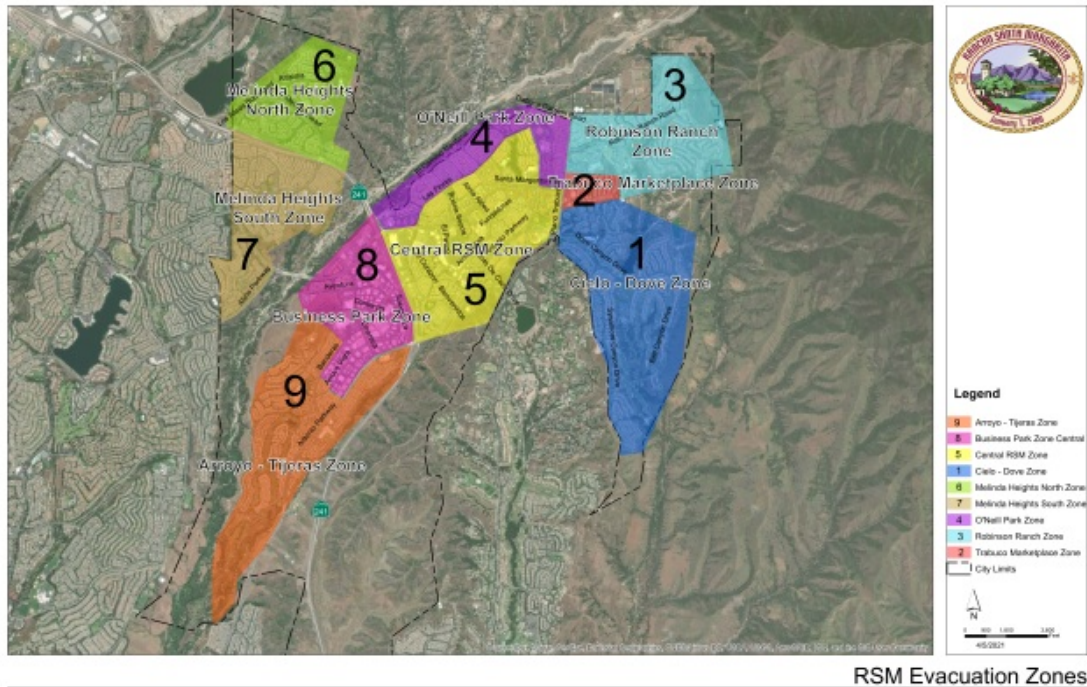
Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can change a fire's direction and strength



instantly, making it important for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make door-to-door announcements.

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

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



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

## ZeroTrash RSM First Saturday, Monthly

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

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

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







## ZERO TRASH INITIATIVE

"A clean community is a proud community"

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

### Orange County Fire Authority Swim Season is Here!

Even good swimmers can drown. In California, there are approximately 400 drowning deaths and over 1,000 hospitalizations due to non-fatal drowning incidents every year. Adults over the age of 50 and children under the age of 5 are the highest risk groups in Orange County. [There are steps you can take to prevent drowning](#), including never swimming alone and following the tips in OCFA's [ABCs of Water Safety flyer](#).



- **Install and maintain multiple barriers, including fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.**
- **Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.**
- **Remove items, such as chairs or tables, that a child could use to climb over a pool fence.**
- **Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.**



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



## Passport Acceptance Facility

### Non-renewal Applications By Appointment Only

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall



**To Schedule an Appointment:**  
<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me/>

The City's Passport Acceptance Office accepts your passport application and forwards all forms and documents to the United States Department of State for processing. ***With families preparing for the 2025 travel season, please note that our appointment calendar is regularly booked three to four weeks in advance.***

To help increase the efficiency and convenience of booking passport appointments, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita now offers an online scheduling program connected to the Passport Acceptance Facility's calendar for scheduling future appointments.

With online scheduling, applicants can utilize the booking link on the City website's passport page and make an appointment at their convenience. Reminder and confirmation emails/SMS messages will also be sent before the selected appointment date and time.

Visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to learn the requirements and procedures for obtaining a passport. Additional information is available on our [website](#).

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

**Current Processing Times**  
**Routine Service - 4 to 6 weeks**



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

## City of Rancho Santa Margarita Authorized U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday Noon – 5:00 p.m.

By Appointment Only - Please Book Here:

<https://cityofrsmpassport.youcanbook.me>

### Renewals Are NOT Processed At This Facility

If you are renewing a passport that was issued less than 15 years ago and you were at least 16 years of age when the passport was issued, you MUST renew by mail. Use Form DS-82 and follow the instructions. If you do not meet these qualifications, you must complete a first-time passport application, Form DS-11, apply in person, and present the required documentation. To book a passport appointment, please use the link above or the Passport Services button on the home page at [cityofrsm.org](https://cityofrsm.org). For additional information, call (949) 635-1819. Voicemails regarding any remaining questions will be returned within 2 business days.



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



### RSM Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the RSM Chamber of Commerce is to promote and enhance the business community of Rancho Santa Margarita by assisting our members through Joining, Connecting, and Growing a vibrant local economy.

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



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

## **Spotlight Speaker Luncheon**

### **June 3rd, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

### **Haute Café & Market, Hanna's Wine Room**

Join the RSM Chamber for an engaging and informative luncheon featuring Wayne T. Neale, MBA, founder of Truscott Benefits.

With over 30 years of experience and an MBA from Pepperdine, Wayne offers insurance and retirement solutions tailored to small and mid-sized businesses, as well as individuals. He is a Covered California-certified agent and a leader in the USC Marshall Alumni Network, specializing in health benefits, PEO strategies, and helping clients become informed consumers.

**Location:** Haute Café & Market, 22195 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Meeting held inside Hanna's Wine Room

**Cost:** \$15 per person (includes coffee and breakfast pastries)

**Networking Opportunity:** Connect with fellow local business professionals

Non-chamber members are welcome to register for their first meeting before joining; email questions to [info@rsmchamber.org](mailto:info@rsmchamber.org).

**Register here:** <https://www.rsmchamber.org/event-6206064>.



# 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



JUNE 3RD SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:

**WAYNE T. NEALE, MBA**

FOUNDER OF TRUSCOTT BENEFITS

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**HAUTE  
CAFE & MARKET**

**\$15 ENTRY**

*Includes Coffee &  
Breakfast Pastries*



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

## Spotlight Workshop

### Understanding Your Payment Processing Statement

June 17th, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

**Haute Café & Market, Hanna's Wine Room**

Are you paying more than you should for payment processing? Learn how to read your statement, identify hidden fees, and take control of your costs with clarity and confidence. Join the RSM Chamber for a spotlight presentation by Florian DeVitis, Vice President of Sales at US Alliance Group. This workshop will break down the fine print, allowing you to spot savings and avoid unnecessary charges.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a printed copy of their payment processing statement for review.

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**Register here:** <https://www.rsmchamber.org/event-6207466>.

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JUNE 17TH SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER:

**FLORIAN DEVITIS**

US ALLIANCE GROUP, VP OF SALES

*Understanding Your Payment Processing Statement*

*Learn how to read your payment processing statement, identify hidden fees, and take control of your costs with clarity and confidence. This workshop breaks down the fine print so you can spot savings and avoid overpaying. A reminder for those who will attend to bring a printed copy of their payment processing statement to be reviewed.*

**HAUTE**  
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**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation





## Food Pantry

### Monthly, First and Third Wednesday

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

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

Email [rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org](mailto:rsmcares@belltowerfoundation.org) for more information or to volunteer.

**RSM CARES**   
Bell Tower Foundation

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

## RSM Arts Program

### Monthly Exhibits at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

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



Follow [@rsm\\_cares\\_art\\_gallery](#) on Instagram!

More information at [rsmcares.org](http://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.



## 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.



Public Libraries  
of Rancho Santa Margarita

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY  
30902 La Promesa, RSM 92688  
949-459-6094 OCLD/OLG

June 2025

SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 16!

SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10AM - 7PM	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
1	<p>Storytime &amp; Craft 10:30am ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm</p>	<p>Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30am</p>	<p>Teen Volunteer Orientation 5pm</p>	<p>Dance Party 10:30am</p>		<p>Quilling for Beginners 2pm</p>
8	<p>Storytime &amp; Craft 10:30am ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm</p>	<p>Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30am Library Tech Training 2pm Potty Planners 5:30pm</p>	<p>Dance Party 10:30am</p>	<p>Dance Party 10:30am</p>		<p>Teen Volunteer Orientation 10am BASIC Read to a Dog 2pm</p>
15	<p>Storytime &amp; Craft 10:30am Summer Reading Kickoff Party! 2:30pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm</p>	<p>Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30am Croch Adults 5:30pm</p>	<p>Read to a Dog 11am Bibb Benders Raggs Show 3:30pm</p>	<p>Dance Party 10:30am Teen Band Crafts 3:30pm</p>	<p>Gardening Workshop: Water Butter, Not Water! 2pm</p>	<p>21</p>
22	<p>Storytime &amp; Craft 10:30am Screen-Free Summer 3:30pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm</p>	<p>Storytime &amp; Stay and Play 10:30am Rancho Readers Discussion Club 5:30pm</p>	<p>Draw Along with Katie 3:30pm</p>	<p>Dance Party 10:30am 2nd Annual Drawing Workshop for Teens 3:30pm</p>		<p>28</p>
29	<p>Storytime &amp; Craft 10:30am Screen-Free 3:30pm ESL, Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm</p>	<p>30</p>				<p>View our events here!</p> 

### June Activity Calendar

## QUILLING FOR BEGINNERS

**Saturday, June 7th  
2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Have you ever wanted to try the art of rolled paper designs? Try out a new hobby and make a simple project to take home with this introduction to quilling. Welcome to everyone from newbies to experts!

All materials provided.  
This Program is for Adults.

For more info, email:  
[ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com)

@OCPublicLibraries @ocpublib OCPL.org

A colorful quilling art piece of a fish, made from rolled paper in various colors like red, orange, yellow, and green.

### Adult Crafting



# Crafty Adults

## Sharpie Coaster

Tuesday, June 17th, 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 [ocplrsm@occcr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocplrsm@occcr.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 Crafting



## Kickoff Party!

Balloon Storyteller Annie Banannie

MONDAY, JUNE 16 3:30-5:30PM

Rancho Santa Margarita Library  
30902 La Promesa, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
(949) 459-6094

Join us to celebrate the official kickoff to this year's Summer Reading Program! Festivities will include crafts, face painting, a performance by balloon storyteller Annie Banannie, and more. You won't want to miss it!



Supported in part by the Friends of the Rancho Santa Margarita Library  
Learn more at [ocpl.org/summer-reading-2025](http://ocpl.org/summer-reading-2025)



## Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party

OC Public Libraries Presents

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY

**Summer Kickoff Party!**  
Mon, June 16 at 3:30pm

Join us to celebrate the official kickoff to this year's Summer Reading Program! Festivities will include crafts, face painting, a performance by balloon storyteller Annie Banannie, and more.

**Billy Bonkers Magic Show**  
Wed, June 18 at 3:30pm

At the Billy Bonkers magic show, the kids are the stars! Join us for a show full of amazing magic, comedy, and audience participation.

**Draw Along with Kyle**  
Wed, June 25 at 3:30pm

Children and their families will complete refrigerator-ready drawings during this fun, interactive show featuring artist Kyle Tieman. All supplies included.

**Best Bubble Party**  
Wed, July 2 at 3:30pm

Bubbles are fun, magical, and also full of science! Watch bubbles do what you never thought possible!

**LEVEL UP!**  
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE  
JUNE 16, 2025 - AUGUST 5, 2025

## Wednesday Children's Events

OC Public Libraries Presents

## TEEN PROGRAMS

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY

**Volunteer at the library**  
Earn service hours and help out at the library. Attend any orientation below.

Wednesday May 7	5-6:30 PM
Wednesday June 4	5-6:30 PM
Saturday June 14	10-11:30 AM
Saturday July 12	10-11:30 AM

**Teen Crafts:**  
**Happy Bead Day**  
Thursday June 19 3:30 PM

Come design your own beaded bracelet, pen, or keychain.

**Zentangle Drawing Workshop**  
Thursday June 26 3:30

This class is an introduction to Zentangle, a meditative drawing method where simple patterns and repetition are used to create designs.

Limited seats. First come, first served.  
No registration required.

**Donut Apple Slices**  
Thursday July 3 3:30 PM

Enjoy a light snack. Come make your own apple "donuts"!

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## Thursday Teen Events

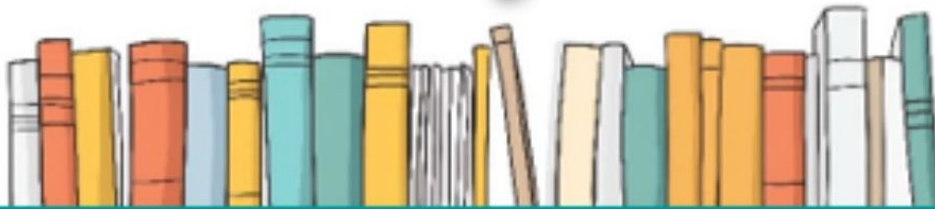


# Follow Us on Instagram!

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.



**E-Alert Signup:** Join the OCMVCD's mailing list to receive e-alerts or personal updates on vector control activity.

Visit [ocvector.org](http://ocvector.org) for more vector safety and prevention tips.



The graphic is a dark-themed promotional image for 'E-Alerts 2025'. On the right, a smartphone screen displays a close-up of a mosquito with its legs and wings visible. The text 'FIGHT BACK OC!' is overlaid on the screen in large, bold, white and orange letters, with the website 'MOSQUITOESSUCK.ORG' below it. On the left, the text 'E-Alerts 2025' is prominently displayed in white, with an orange vertical bar to its left. Below this, two bullet points list the topics: 'Vector Control Tips and Tricks' and 'Vector-Borne Diseases and Activity in Your City'. At the bottom left, it says 'Monthly Newsletter' followed by an orange arrow icon. The background features faint, white, wavy lines.

# E-Alerts 2025

- Vector Control Tips and Tricks
- Vector-Borne Diseases and Activity in Your City

Monthly Newsletter ➔

**FIGHT BACK OC!**  
MOSQUITOESSUCK.ORG





# SATURDAY, JUNE 7

## 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM



[SMWD.com/Festival](http://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](http://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://www.octa.net).**

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