

July 2025



City Manager's Message

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 25th Anniversary kick-off of our 2025 Summer Concert Series! From live music by Franklin Wall and Those Guys to food trucks, kids' activities, the Rec Expo, and Dreamers Market—it was a celebration to remember!

The summer fun continues every Sunday through August 10th at Central Park, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cervantez



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.



SAMLARC 4th of July Activities

SAMLARC's 2025 Star Spangled Spectacular will come to a grand finale with a dazzling fireworks show on Friday, July 4th!

If you'd like to save your space around the Lake, please keep the following rules in mind:

- The fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m., after this year's Voice of SAMLARC performance (8:45 p.m.)
- Picnic blankets and chairs can be placed beginning at 6:00 a.m. on July 3rd. Early items will be removed and held at the Beach Club for pickup on July 5th.
- Do not use plastic tarps or stakes, as these significantly damage the grass.
- Take any bricks, stones, or weights with you when you leave.
- No drones around the Lake - the show will be cancelled for public safety reasons.

Learn all about this year's festivities at SAMLARC.org/july-4th.

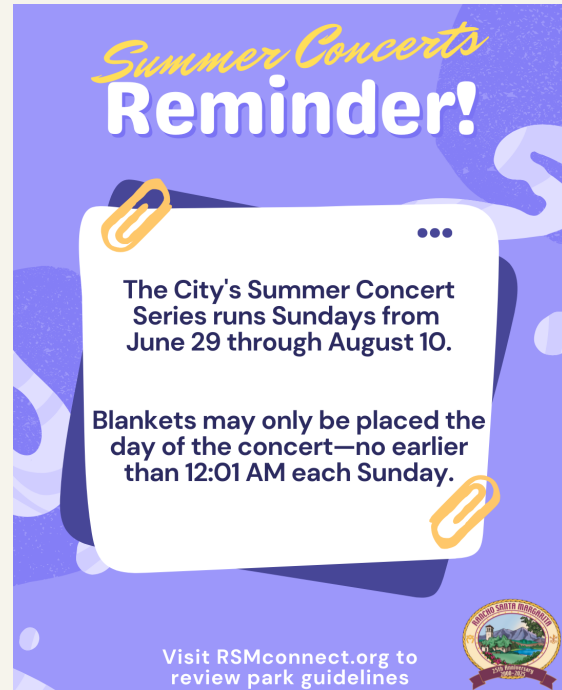
Community Services Summer Concert Series

Join the City of Rancho Santa Margarita for summer Sunday evenings of excellent musical performances! With the sunset as your backdrop, family and friends can enjoy a different genre each week.

The following are park guidelines to help make the evening enjoyable for everyone:

- Small blankets & towels can be set up on the day of the concert. PLEASE NOTE: Plastic tarps and stakes may be removed and placed on the oval area of the amphitheater as it damages the grass.
- All concerts are smoke-free.
- All concerts are alcohol-free except for purchased beer or wine inside the Rotary del Sol Beer & Wine Garden.
- To ensure a better concert viewing experience for everyone, we request that guests bring short, low-back beach chairs and refrain from using tents, canopies, and umbrellas.
- Individuals are responsible for their own personal belongings.

Thank you for your consideration of others. Your cooperation with the City of Rancho Santa Margarita and SAMLARC is greatly appreciated.



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



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.

Illegal Fireworks

RSM Police Services would like to remind everyone that fireworks are illegal in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. While fireworks may be allowed and available for purchase in neighboring cities, their use is **STRICTLY** prohibited in our town. Yes, this includes the "Safe & Sane" variety, which can also cause fire or serious injury.

Calls for service throughout the county increase dramatically on July 4th, and emergency response resources are often stretched extremely thin. *During the holiday weekend, please use 9-1-1 for EMERGENCIES ONLY.*



For a safe, family-friendly 4th of July celebration, please join us at the Santa Margarita Beach Club at 9:00 p.m. for the Star Spangled Spectacular!



Avoid being a victim!

School is out and the weather is warming up, which means more people will be out and about in our beautiful city. Theft from a vehicle is a recurring crime that we see often, and is often preventable with a few simple steps:

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle and make sure the windows are completely rolled up
- Remove your keys when leaving your vehicle unattended. Never leave your car running for any duration of time when you are not in it.
- Take your valuables with you. Never leave anything of value inside the vehicle, including electronics and personal items.
- Anything important to you should be removed from your vehicle before arriving at your destination. Leave nothing in clear view.
- Remember, never hide a spare key IN or ON your vehicle. Placing a key fob on your tire is NOT a secret hiding place.

In the event of a burglary or theft, please report it immediately to RSM Police Services at (949) 770-6011.

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://www.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





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. 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 is 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

1st Place \$350
2nd Place \$250
3rd 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.

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.



This image is a vertical composition of two photographs. The top photograph shows a winding asphalt road with a white curb, a red car driving on it, and a parking lot with several cars in the background. The bottom photograph shows a cloudy sky with a soft, warm light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Age Well
Orange County's partner in aging

PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO

Meals on Wheels Clients Qualify for pet food assistance.



Learn more at myagewell.org

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:

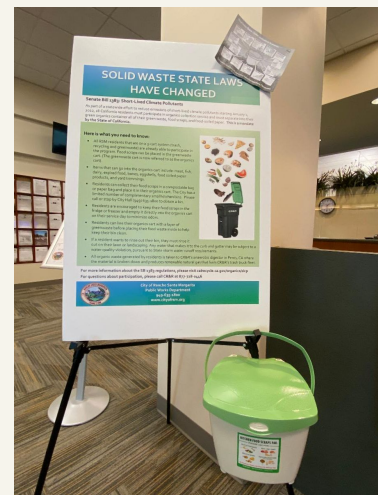
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Residential Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Commercial Service Guide](#)
- [Rancho Santa Margarita Family Recycling Guide](#)

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

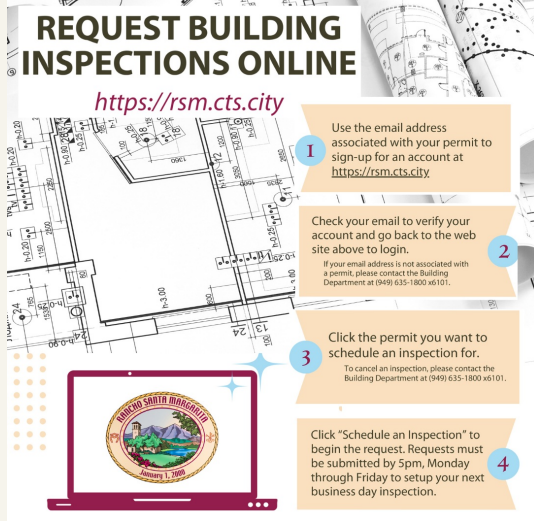
The City has a limited number of complimentary small kitchen bins available for pickup at City Hall during regular business hours. The pails, purchased with CalRecycle grant funds, are designed to assist residents in minimizing waste that goes into landfills.

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.



Development Services Online Inspection Requests and Plan Submittals

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 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, July 2, 2025**

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

Monthly, First Wednesday, Bell Tower Regional Community Center

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

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

To schedule an appointment, please visit their website at Heart4Pets.org.



LOW-COST MOBILE PET VACCINE & WELLNESS CLINICS

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



SEVERAL LOCATIONS EVERY MONTH

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



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

HEART4PETS.ORG

SCAN CODE →



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



DOG VACCINES

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



CAT VACCINES

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



OTHER SERVICES, PRODUCTS & DISCOUNTS

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

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

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

www.Heart4Pets.org

contactheart4pets@gmail.com

(714) 993-9193

Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team

Are you ready to help your family, neighbors, and community during an emergency? The City of Rancho Santa Margarita invites residents to register for the upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program—an engaging and hands-on way to learn lifesaving skills and disaster preparedness.

CERT educates and empowers volunteers to respond effectively in the critical moments following a disaster. Participants receive instruction in areas such as fire safety, emergency medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.

Fall 2025 Training Schedule:

- Thursdays – August 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9
- Time – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- Final Exercise – Saturday, October 18
- Location – Bell Tower Regional Community Center
- Cost – Free
- Eligibility – RSM residents, 18 years and older
- Requirement – Must attend all sessions

Whether you're looking to gain confidence in emergency situations or want to give back to your community, CERT is a great opportunity to get involved and be prepared.

Register now: cityofrsm.org/675 Questions? Email CERT@cityofrsm.org

BE PREPARED. BE READY. BE TRAINED.



**FALL '25 REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**



WHAT IS CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates and trains volunteers on disaster preparedness, covering basic emergency skills to enable them to take care of themselves, their families, neighbors, and coworkers during and after a community-wide disaster.

GET TRAINED

In 8 hands-on classes delivered in 3-hour sessions, volunteers will learn about:

1. Disaster Preparedness
2. Fire Safety & Utility Controls
3. Emergency Medical Operations I
4. Emergency Medical Operations II
5. Light Search and Rescue
6. CERT Organization
7. Disaster Psychology/Terrorism
8. Disaster Simulation/Exercise



DATES: AUG 28, SEP 4, 11, 18, 25, OCT 2, 9
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18: FINAL EXERCISE
COST: FREE **TIME:** 6-9:00 P.M.
ELIGIBILITY: RSM RESIDENTS 18 YEARS/OLDER
REQUIREMENTS: ABILITY TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS

TO APPLY:

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT CITYOFRSM.ORG/675/

EMAIL: CERT@CITYOFRSM.ORG



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.

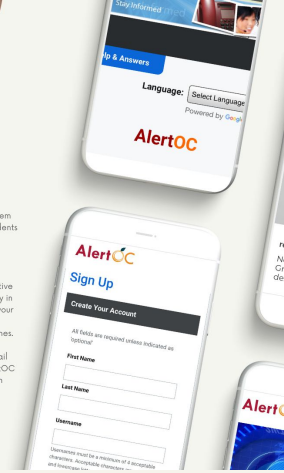
**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

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

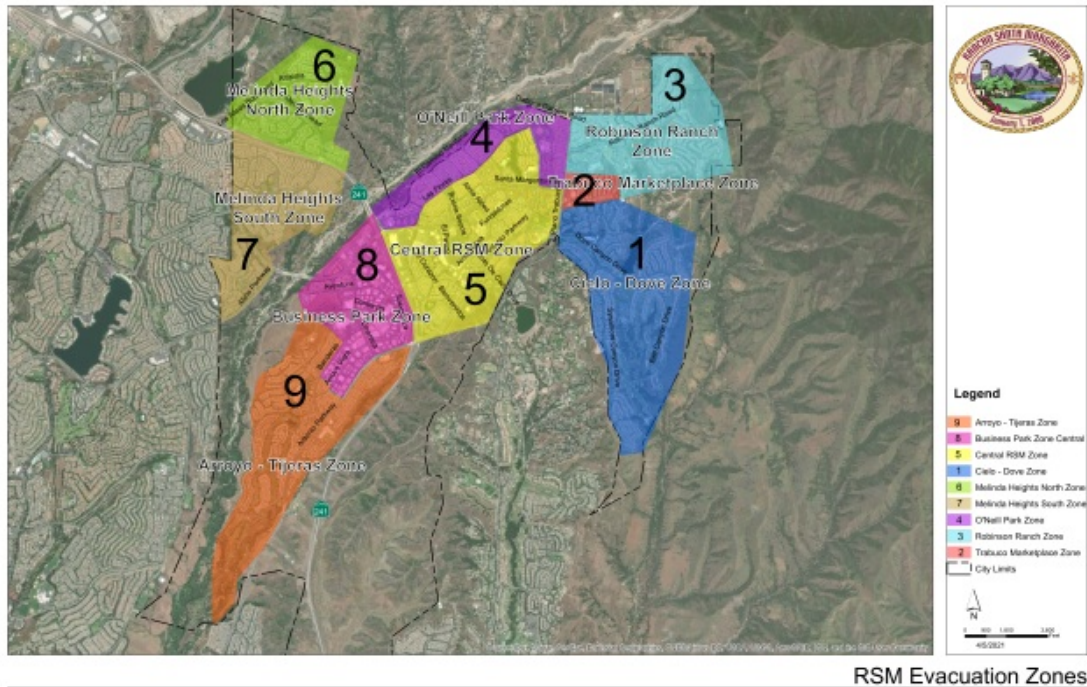
Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

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 Leave Fireworks to the Professionals!

- Possession of illegal fireworks may result in a fine of up to \$50,000 and imprisonment for up to one year. (Cal OES, 2020)
- If you start a fire (even accidentally) from fireworks, you will be held liable for the fire suppression and property damage costs. (CAL FIRE, 2020)
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. (CA FIRE, 2019)
- [2025 Fireworks Fact Sheet](#)



Learn more at ocfa.org.



PUBLIC FIREWORK DISPLAYS

Enjoy Fourth of July with friends and family at a public fireworks show conducted by trained professionals. It is the safest alternative to lighting your own.

For more information about fireworks safety and Orange County public firework displays, please visit: ocfa.org/FourthofJuly

ALISO VIEJO

**Grand Park Aliso Viejo
Community Association**
26703 Aliso Creek Road

BUENA PARK

Knott's Berry Farm
8039 Beach Boulevard

CYPRESS

Cypress College
9200 Valley View Street
*** On June 27 ***

DANA POINT

Dana Point Harbor
Dana Point Harbor Drive

Monarch Beach Resort
1 Monarch Beach Resort

EMERALD BAY

Emerald Bay Cove

IRVINE

Great Park
14800 Chinon

Woodbridge Village Association
31 Creek Road

LADERA RANCH

Founders Park
28275 Avendale Boulevard

LAGUNA HILLS

Laguna Hills High School
25401 Paseo de Valencia

LAKE FOREST

Lake Forest II Sun & Sail Club
24752 Toledo Way

LOS ALAMITOS

LAF Joint Forces Training Base
*** On July 3 ***

MISSION VIEJO

Mission Viejo Country Club
26200 Country Club Drive

Lake Mission Viejo
22056 Olympiad Road

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Lago RSM Beach Club
21472 Avenida de los Fundadores

SAN CLEMENTE

San Clemente Pier
615 Avenida Victoria

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

San Juan Sports Park
32701 Alipaz Street

SANTA ANA

Centennial Park
3000 West Edinger Avenue

SEAL BEACH

Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue
*** On June 29 ***

TUSTIN

Tustin High School
1171 El Camino Real

YORBA LINDA

Yorba Linda Middle School
4777 Casa Loma Avenue



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:

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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
&
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

RANCHO
FAMILY FEST 2025

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CENTRAL PARK: RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA / \$30 2-DAY ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, BEGINS AT 3:00 PM

FLASHBACK HEART ATTACK 6:00 PM
TIJUANA DOGS 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

REDNECK RODEO 4:00 PM
YACHTY BY NATURE 6:00 PM
FAMILY STYLE 8:00 PM

KIDS UNDER 12 ARE FREE!



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.

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ART EXHIBIT July – August 2025

Carolyn Parsons



Judy Carroll



Judy Cunningham



Olga Grun

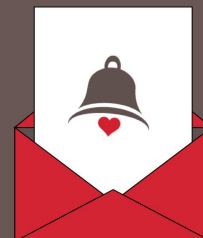


*Excluding weekends and holidays at the
RSM Cares Gallery, Bell Tower Community Center
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688*

RSM Cares News and Events

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

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**MONTHLY UPDATES
RSM Cares** ❤️

**Rancho Santa Margarita Branch
Orange County Public Library**



Visit the Rancho Santa Margarita Library, located at 30902 La Promesa, for a variety of services, events, and activities.

Come by the library until August 2 to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Fun programs for all ages! Earn prizes for reading! All ages can participate.

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.

SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY CLOSED	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM	SAURDAY 9AM - 5PM
		Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Dance Nonfiction/audiobook Presentation 5:30pm	Book Bubble Party 3:30pm	Dance Party 10:30am Teen Talent Showcase 3:30pm	CLOSED	"First Collection of Music" Performance by Joseph Yarbster 2pm
		Storytime & Craft 10:30am Screen-Free Summer 3:30pm Etc. Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Library Tech Training 12pm Penny Pinners 5:30pm	Memo Griffiths Ventriloquist 3:30pm	Dance Party 10:30am Parade! 10:30am Teen Crafts: Clay Animals 3:30pm	Teen Volunteer Orientation 10am MARCH Read to a Dog 2pm
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		Storytime & Craft 10:30am Screen-Free Summer 3:30pm Etc. Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Rancho Readers Discussion Club 5:30pm	Michael Rayner Juggling Show 3:30pm	Dance Party 10:30am Teen Summer Signs 3:30pm	Matinee Movie: Dog Man (PG, 2023) 2pm
		Storytime & Craft 10:30am Screen-Free Summer 3:30pm Etc. Casual Conversations 4pm OC Read: Adult Library Walk-In Tutoring 5pm	Storytime & Stay and Play 10:30am Gold & Silver Collectibles - Presentation and Appraisals 5:30pm	Ocean Adventure 3:30pm	Dance Party 10:30am Teen Volunteer Appreciation 3:30pm	View our events here!

GOLD & SILVER COLLECTIBLES

Lecture and appraisals

Tuesday, July 29th
5:30 - 6:30pm

What is the current value of your coin collections or old gold jewelry? Join us for a presentation by Dave Ekstrom, a lifelong coin collector and member of the American Numismatic Association, as he explains how the value of coins and gold and silver items are determined. Afterwards, attendees will be invited to have some of their coins, currency and gold or silver items appraised for free!

This adult-level program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Rancho Santa Margarita Library.
For more information, email: ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com

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

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

OC Public Libraries
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July Activity Calendar

OCPL TEEN

Teens Grades 7-12
OC Public Libraries Presents

TEEN PROGRAMS

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY

Teen Crafts: Clay Animals
Thursday July 10 3:30 PM

Come craft a cute clay pet to take home.
Limited seats. First come, first served.
No registration required.

Quest Party
Thursday July 17 3:30 PM

Adventurers wanted. Create your own character and role-play adventures together.

Summer Sips
Thursday July 24 3:30 PM

Come relax and create your own summer refresher!

Teen Volunteer Appreciation
Thursday July 31 3:30 PM

We are thankful for our teen volunteers! Come celebrate you at our pizza party.

LEVEL UP!
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
JUNE 14, 2025 - AUGUST 3, 2025

Fun for Teens

Adult Workshop

OC Public Libraries Presents

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY

Marc Griffiths Ventriloquist
Wed, July 9 at 3:30pm

Award-winning ventriloquist Marc Griffiths is bringing us a hilarious show, full of fun for the whole family!

Wild Wonders
Wed, July 16 at 3:30pm

Animals and science will come ALIVE in the library this summer! Come meet animal ambassadors from around the world and learn about their important roles in nature.

Michael Rayner Juggling
Wed, July 23 at 3:30pm

Michael's juggling show is a combination of hilarious tricks and stunts, with uproarious stand-up comedy throughout.

Ocean Adventure
Wed, July 30 at 3:30pm

The Ocean Adventure is a marine science program, entertaining and educational for the whole family. They will bring the excitement, beauty, and wonder of the sea to share with the audience!

LEVEL UP!
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
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Wednesday Children's Events

Saturday, July 5th
2:00 - 3:00pm

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



This adult-level program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rancho Santa Margarita Library. For more information, email: ocpl.rsm@occr.ocgov.com



Classical Guitar Performance

Saturday, July 19th
2:00 - 3:00pm

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



This adult-level event will feature a brief interactive workshop to ignite your writing journey and help you find your unique voice. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a master storyteller!



Memoir Writing Talk & Workshop

Tuesday, July 15th
5:30 - 6:30pm

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



The first five attendees will receive a free, autographed copy of *Dissection*, first in the Miner & Mulville series. This adult-level program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rancho Santa Margarita Library. For more info, email: ocplrsm@occr.ocgov.com



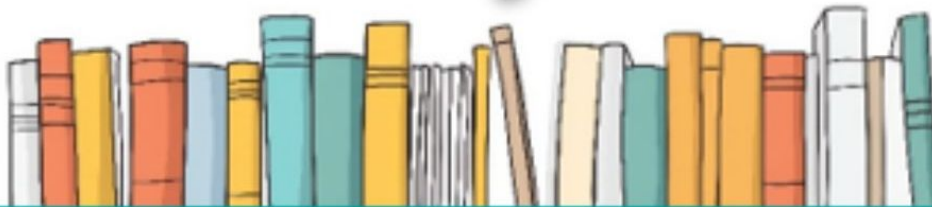
Book Talk & Signing

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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.



You're never too cool to dump out mosquito larvae! Even these sunglass-wearing wigglers know the party's over...always dump and drain standing water!

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



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.**

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://www.octa.net).

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