

August 2025



eNewsletter

City Manager's Message

On behalf of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the generous sponsors who make our 2025 Summer Concert Series possible. Thanks to the support of Triton Air & Plumbing, The Toll Roads of Orange County, RSM Christian School, School of Rock Rancho Santa Margarita, California Bank of Commerce, CAA, PVM, Westar Associates, Santa Margarita Ford, Woodruff Law and Ballpark Pizza Team, we can offer high-quality, family-friendly entertainment to our community all summer long. Your partnership and commitment to enhancing community life in RSM are valued, and we appreciate your help in creating musical memories in Central Park. The 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





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.

*Summer Concerts
Reminder!*

The City's Summer Concert Series runs Sundays from June 29 through August 10.

Blankets may only be placed the day of the concert—no earlier than 12:01 AM each Sunday.

Visit RSMconnect.org to review park guidelines

2025 **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

July 6 ~~~~~ Big Rockshow

July 13 ~~~~~ Flock of 80's

July 20  **The Answer**

July 27 ~~~ Redneck Rodeo

August 3 ~~~ Wayward Sons

August 10 **School of Rock Band - 4:00 PM**
Spintown - 6:00 PM

Featuring
4:00 - 8:00 PM.

Dreamers
market

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



Orange County Sheriff's Department

Crime Prevention

As students prepare to return to school in a few weeks, prioritizing their safety is crucial. Please be mindful of traffic, bus stops, and pedestrians, especially around and in school zones.

By implementing simple safety precautions, students, parents, and drivers can create a safer & more positive environment as

they head back to school.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Use extra caution and safely share roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists

- Always use a sidewalk and crosswalk when one is available.
- If there isn't a sidewalk, carefully walk on the side of the road facing incoming traffic.
- Make sure to look both directions before crossing a street.



- If riding a bike, wear a properly fitting helmet.
- Ride with traffic, on the right half of the road.
- Be seen, wear light colored clothing and reflective gear when light conditions are low.
- Use a headlight and tail light when riding at night.



Remind Teen Drivers to stay off their cellphones while driving



DRIVESAFELY



- ~ Obey school-zone speed limits ~
- ~ Use extreme caution in low light conditions ~
- ~ Stop for pedestrians ~

E-BIKE AND BICYCLE SAFETY COURSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
10:00AM - 12:30PM
BELL TOWER REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER



PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH THEIR KIDS.
IN FACT, WE ENCOURAGE IT!

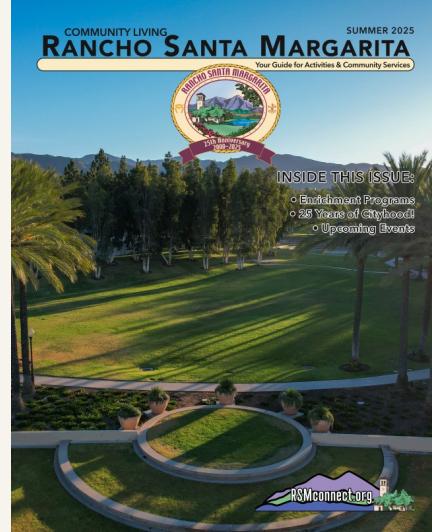
Community Services

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](#) to browse all offerings and access our online registration module.



**To view our full listing of Programs,
Activities, and Events,
click the image below!**



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.



Final Summer Concert



Sunday, August 10 | 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Bands

- ◆ School of Rock - 4:00 PM
- ◆ Spintown - 6:00 PM



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

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REMEMBER & HONOR

SEPTEMBER 11



**City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Patriot Day Commemoration
Thursday, September 11, 2025
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

22112 El Paseo Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Plaza 949-216-9700

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.

The image is a promotional graphic for 'Age Well'. It features a large, stylized 'Age Well' logo in black serif font, with 'Orange County's partner in aging' in a smaller sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a yellow bell tower with four large bells, and below the tower are three smaller windows. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. A green and yellow diagonal bar is on the left. Below the logo, a white callout box contains the text 'Provides services that promote health and well-being for seniors.' On the left, a green section lists 'Opportunities Include:' followed by a bulleted list of services. On the right, a yellow section contains contact information and a photo of two women. The bottom left has a 'CONTACT US' button with a downward arrow, and the bottom right has contact details.

Age Well Senior Services

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688

(949) 709-7592

Congregate Lunch Menu

South Orange County		August 2025 Menu				Age Well			
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY			
FRIDAY									
SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: 60 YRS OR OLDER: \$5.50 COST - 59 YEARS OR YOUNGER: \$7.50 Reservations are required and must be made 2 days in advance of your reservation date. Please call 714-536-1234 or toll-free 800-334-1234. No special requests or menu substitutions. Minor changes to what's offered on menus, per meal, average \$0 - 700 calories.									
BEEF w/BEAN TACOS w/ Tomato & Cilantro Slaw Pico de Gallo Spanish Rice Tropical Fruit Milk	4	CHICKEN SHAWARMA Pita Bread Orange Pineapple	5	CHICKEN POT PIE French Salad Tropical Fruit Pineapple	6	BEEF MEATBALLS HAMBURGER French Salad Spaghetti Pineapple Cup	7	ROAST SALMON TACOS w/ Chimichurri SLAW French Fries Lemon Thyme Brown Rice Cantaloupe	1
CHICKEN KEBAB Mozzarella Carrabba's Squash Tomato Orzo Orange Juice Pineapple Milk	11	SESAME CHICKEN Cashew Butter Sesame Ginger Brown Rice Orange Juice General Tso Chip Cookie	12	TUSCAN SALMON Butter Green Beans Whole Wheat Pasta Peach Crisp	13	CHICKEN BANH MI SANDWICH Carrot Salad Tropical Fruit Cup	14	CHICKEN TARRAGON SANDWICH Tomato Basil Soup Orange Juice Cantaloupe	8
BEEF STRANOGANOFF Zucchini Apple Sausage Whole Wheat Penne Pasta Mandarin Cup Milk	18	CILANTRO LIME CHICKEN Mediterranean Salad Lemon Thyme Brown Rice Orange General Raisin Cookie	19	BEEF MEATLOAF Sauerkraut Pasta Orange Apple & Milk	20	CHICKEN MARSALA Rainbow Salad Tomato Rice & Bell Pepper Mandarin Cup	21	BBQ CHICKEN SLIDER Butter Green Beans Orange Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	22
MEXICAN BEF LASAGNA Mexican Colesterol Apple Sausage Orange Juice Milk	25	LEMON BUTTER SHRIMP Ranch Salad Linguine Orange General Raisin Cookie	26	CHIPOTLE CHICKEN SANDWICH Tomato Basil Soup Tropical Fruit	27	BUFFALO CHICKEN Honey Glazed Chicken Clementine Lime Brown Rice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	28	SALISBURY BEEF STEAK Garlic Marsh Potatoes Carrot Risotto Slaw Orange Milk	29

Meals on Wheels Menu

August Activity Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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RSVP Required at 949-709-7592 Mon - Fri Age Well Lunch 60+ August 19 Flower Shop Arranging August 22 Summer Luncheon 60+ *Please note - for special programs, priority is given to regular lunch participants.				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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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.

Senior Rates Available For Residents 65-Years and Older

A 10% discount is available for single-family residential customers where the head of the household is sixty-five years of age and above. Discount valid with existing carts - no downsizing required. Call Customer Service to sign up for the senior discount at **(877) 728-0446**.

Bulky Item Collection

Each single-family residential customer is entitled to four (4) bulky item pick-ups free-of-charge per calendar year. A bulky item service may include a combination of large items, appliances, or electronic waste.



Residential Cart Exchange

Single-family residents may request a cart exchange once per calendar year at no charge.

Contact Customer Service at **(877) 728-0446**.



Public Works Save the Date!

Free E-Waste & Document Shredding Event

Clean out the clutter and protect your identity! Join us for the City of Rancho Santa Margarita's free E-Waste and Document Shredding event on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Applied Medical (R100 building), 29977 Avenida de Las Banderas.

Safely dispose of old electronics and shred sensitive documents onsite. Hosted in partnership with CR&R Environmental Services and Applied Medical, this is your chance to clear space and recycle responsibly.

- Location: Applied Medical – R100 lot
- Date: Saturday, October 11
- Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Questions? Call (949) 635-1800 x6503

For more information, view the event flyer [here](#).



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.

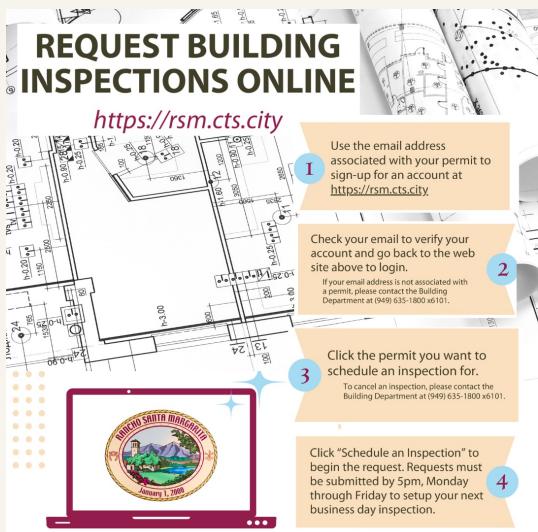
Residents can stop by City Hall and pick up a free countertop organic waste pail to separate organic waste (such as food waste) from other trash and non-organic recyclables under the Organics Collection Program mandated by the State of California's SB 1383.

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, August 6, 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) • DHLPP (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

- 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.



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

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Sign up to receive:

Evacuation Notices

Public Safety Emergencies

Disaster Notifications

Text ALERTOC to 888777

Learn more at www.alertoc.org

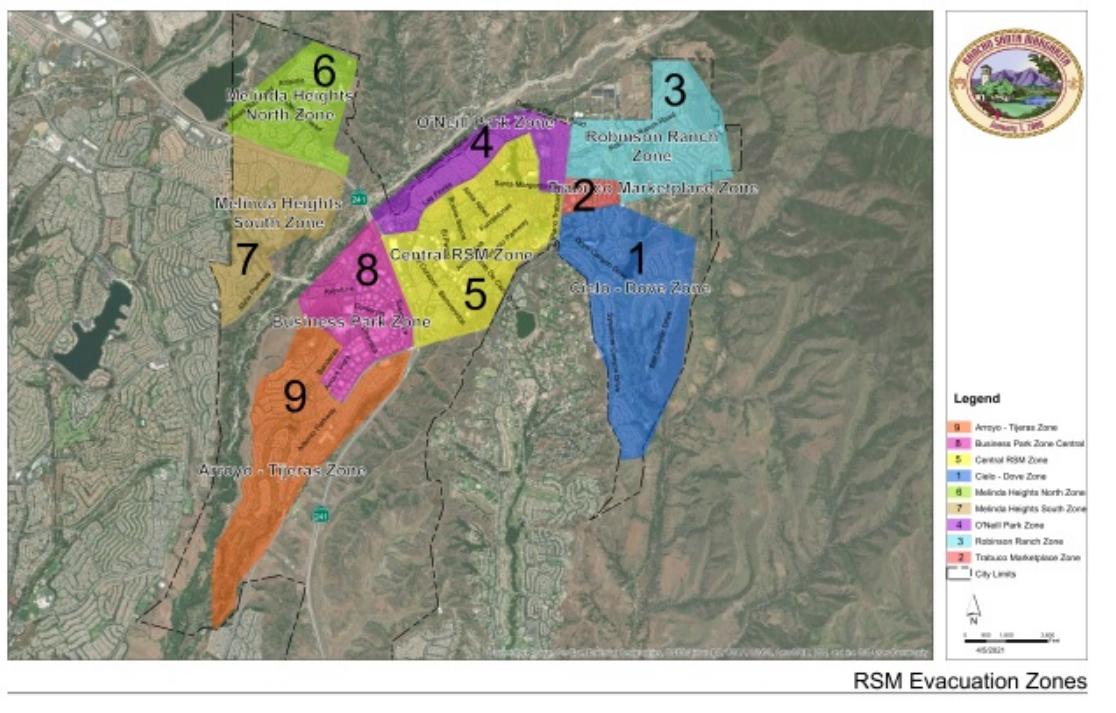
Emergency Management Know your Evacuation Zone

Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can instantly

change a fire's direction and strength, 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!



Fire Prevention and Preparedness Event Videos Available

The City, in partnership with the Office of Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez, hosted a Fire Prevention and Preparedness Event at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Presentations are now available on the City's YouTube channel.

The event brought together local and regional experts to provide residents with essential resources, updates, and guidance on how to stay safe during fire season. Mayor Tony Beall opened the evening by welcoming attendees and emphasizing the importance of wildfire readiness. A series of speakers provided valuable information, including:

- OCFA Division Chief Cheyne Maule shared insights on home hardening and fire safety.
- Captain Dwayne Chapple, the City's Chief of Police Services, discussed evacuation readiness and public safety.
- Brenda Caloca from the California Department of Insurance addressed current



issues affecting the insurance market in California.

- Tara Campbell, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Don Wagner, gave an update on O'Neill Park and the surrounding canyon areas.
- Lieutenant Kyle Werner from Mission Viejo Animal Services provided essential tips on preparing pets for emergency evacuations.

Resource tables were available throughout the evening, featuring representatives from OCFA, OCSD Crime Prevention, OC Fire Watch, RSM CERT, Southern California Edison, BeFireSafe.org, Mission Viejo Animal Services, SAMLARC, the County of Orange, and more.

This 4th annual event was a successful collaboration dedicated to empowering the community with the tools and knowledge needed to stay prepared and protected during wildfire season. Stay tuned for information on our 2026 event!



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 Drowning Prevention

Playing in and around water can be a fun family activity, but it can also be deadly. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for young children. Help reduce childhood drowning by being aware of the potential risks and preventing unsupervised access to bodies of water. Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility, and you can play a crucial role. OCFA encourages you to never swim alone.

Learn more at ocfa.org.





FOLLOW THE ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY



A



B



C

- Never swim alone
- Actively supervise children in or near water - no phone calls, texting, reading, napping, or other distracting activity
- Isolate pool/spa from home and play areas
- Install multiple barriers and maintain regularly
- Learn to swim
- Learn CPR, first aid, and rescue techniques
- Make sure anyone responsible for your child is prepared to respond to an emergency

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.

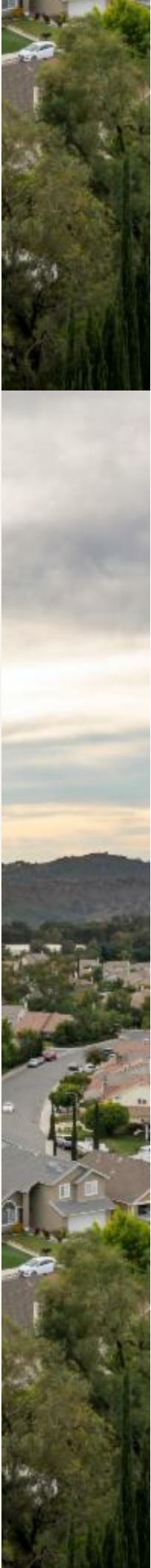


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RSM Chamber of Commerce

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



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

Learn more at www.rsmchamber.org.

Business Workshop

Outsmart the Competition: Strategies for Staying Ahead

Ready to sharpen your edge in a crowded market? Join the RSM Chamber on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, for a high-impact session designed to help you stand out, stay agile, and lead with confidence.

Explore essential strategies, including:

- Understanding your competitive landscape
- Defining what truly sets you apart
- Staying flexible, forward-thinking, and ahead of the curve

Walk away with actionable insights and real-world tools to help your business rise above the noise.

More information/register [here](#).



BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

How to Navigate Your Competition

\$15 ADMISSION



Gisele Hasman
Business Consultant

~~June 24: VIP Customers
How to Recruit and Retain Them~~

August 26: How to Navigate Your Competition

September 23: Small Businesses:
Ways to Access Capital

October 28: Ways to Prepare for the Holidays

August 26 Key Discussions & Insights

- Know Your Competitive Landscape
- Clarify Your Unique Value Proposition (UVP)
- Monitor, Adapt, and Lead



BELL TOWER COMMUNITY CENTER
BALLROOM
22232 EL PASEO
RSM, CA 92688

26 August 2025
from 8:30 - 10:00 am



More information
info@rsmchamber.org



RSVP Required



Rancho Family Fest 2025 Save the Date!

Rancho Family Fest will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2025.

Tickets available soon!

Follow Rancho Family Fest on [Facebook](#)!

Follow Rancho Family Fest on [Instagram](#)!

Become a Volunteer or Vendor: ranchofamilyfestinfo@gmail.com.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

&
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

2025 TITLE SPONSOR



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



LIVE MUSIC FEATURING:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, BEGINS AT 3:00 PM

TYPICAL GYPSYS 3:30 PM

FLASHBACK HEART ATTACK 5:30 PM

TIJUANA DOGS 8:00 PM

KIDS
UNDER 12 ARE
FREE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

REDNECK RODEO 4:00 PM

YACHTY BY NATURE 6:00 PM

FAMILY STYLE 8:00 PM



Please Visit: www.rsmchamber.org
or scan the QR code today!





RANCHO
FAMILY FEST 2025

Dancing

Live Music

NEW for 2025!
Fine Art Fair

Photo-credited Artist - Ferial Nassirzadeh

- Live Music & Entertainment
- Free Kid Fun Zone
- Beer & Wine Garden
- Dining Area with Televised Sports
- Multiple Food Booths
- SHOP Local Business & Artisan Vendors



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 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.



ART EXHIBIT

July – August 2025

Carolyn Parsons



Judy Carroll



Judy Cunningham



Olga Grun

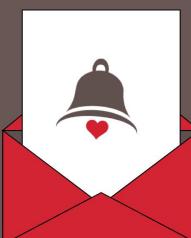


Excluding weekends and holidays at the
RSM Cares Gallery, Bell Tower Community Center
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

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.

SUBSCRIBE to our newsletter



MONTHLY UPDATES
RSM Cares

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

The popular Friends of the Library bookstore is stocked with books, games, puzzles, and DVDs; proceeds from sales support library services. Please call the library for current hours and volunteer information.

View the events calendar or call (949) 459-6094 for more information on library programs and events.

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY
30902 La Promesa, RSM 92688
949-459-6094 OCPL.ORG

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Closed	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	10AM - 7PM	9AM - 5PM	8AM - 5PM
3	Storytime & Craft 10:30am Teen Lounge 10:30am ESL Casual Meetings 4pm Agri Read: Adult Literacy Walk-in Meetings 5pm	4	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	5	6	7
10	Storytime & Craft 10:30am Teen Lounge 10:30am ESL Casual Meetings 4pm Agri Read: Adult Literacy Walk-in Meetings 5pm	11	Storytime & Stay 10:30am	12	13	14
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View our events here 

August Activity Calendar



RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY
30902 La Promesa
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
949-459-6094
Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: Closed

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Dropoff: August 12
Pickup: August 14

Your stuffed animal friends are invited to a slumber party at the library! What kind of fun mischief will they get into when the library is closed? Drop them off and find out!

Drop off on August 12th.

Pick up on August 14th.

Join us for the movie *Toy Story 3* at 3pm!



 **OC Public Libraries**  

Stuffed Animal Sleepover



BRAIN-EXERCISING GAMES FOR ADULTS

Saturday, August 16
2:00 - 3:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of puzzle-solving (jigsaw, Sudoku, crosswords, etc.) or some casual chess, backgammon/"Acey-deucey," Scrabble, and other games that are a great form of brain exercise!

Beginner-level instruction will be available for adults who want to learn.

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

Brain-Exercising Games for Adults



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TEEN CRAFTS

Thursday, August 28
3:30-4:30 PM

Teens, join us for an afternoon of crafts!

Grades 7-12
No registration required.

 **OC Public Libraries**  

Teen Crafts

SPECIAL SCREENING

Dangal (2016)

Wednesday, August 27
3:00 - 6:30pm



Join us for a special screening of Dangal (2016), as part of our new Hindi series of programs.

Based on the life of wrestler, coach, and politician Mahavir Singh Phogat, this sports drama won multiple awards and remains India's highest-grossing film.

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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PAINT BY NUMBER

Saturday, August 30
2:00 - 3:30pm



Enjoy a super relaxing afternoon of chatting with other adults, listening to meditative music, and painting by number; ... the hobby that allows anyone to feel like a talented artist!

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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Film Screening: "Dangal"

Paint by Number

RSM Friends of the Library

BACK TO SCHOOL

Book Bonanza!

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

10am - 4:30pm

Outside the RSM FOL Bookstore

Stock up for a smart start!
Discover tons of fun non-fiction books
for curious kids of all ages!

Come Shop
After
Storytime!

Friends
of the
Library
Rancho Santa
Margarita
Bookstore

For more information:

rsmfol.org | 949-459-9064



Follow Us on Instagram!

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



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.

Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes



Heavy rainfall earlier this year has established substantial mosquito breeding areas throughout Orange County. Mosquitoes are responsible for more human deaths than any other animal in the world. In California, two species of concern are the Culex and Aedes mosquitoes. Both have the potential to transmit diseases to humans and animals. Please be proactive and dump or drain any sources of standing water.

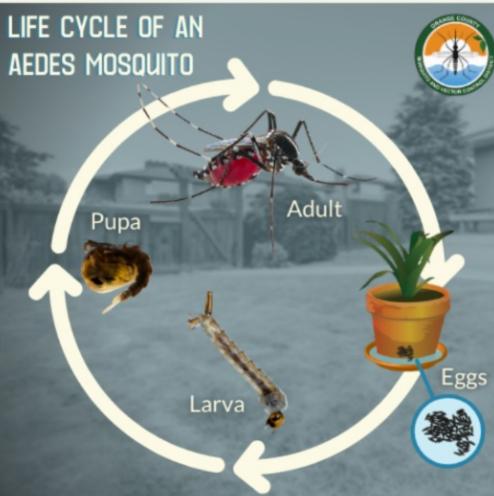
Tips to prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient, such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535, to exposed skin according to the label instructions.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants, especially if outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes that can spread West Nile virus are most active.
- Install screens on windows and doors, and keep them in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, old tires, buckets, pet dishes, and trash cans. Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in very small amounts of standing water.
- Repair leaking faucets and broken sprinklers that can contribute to standing water around your home.
- Clean rain gutters clogged with leaves.
- Report neglected swimming pools and day-biting mosquitoes.

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

MOSQUITO SEASON

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District
ocvector.org



MAINTAIN YOUR DRAIN

It's crucial to keep your yard drain well-maintained if you want to avoid breeding Aedes mosquitoes in it. These mosquitoes are known for their ability to lay eggs in even the smallest water sources, and a clogged or neglected drain can easily become a breeding ground for them.

In addition to yard drains, other sources such as bird baths, flower pots and gutters should also be regularly cleaned and maintained.



MOSQUITOES IN ORANGE COUNTY

Are you tired of getting bitten by mosquitoes while enjoying a nice walk or relaxing on your porch with a cup of coffee? This mosquito is known as the ankle biter, also known as the *Aedes* mosquito. These black and white striped mosquitoes are known for biting during the daytime and can be found in every city in Orange County.

While the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District conducts wide area treatments, smaller sources of water around your patio, yard or indoor space can also attract mosquitoes. These insects only need a small amount of water to complete their life cycle, so it is important for every resident to take an active role in mosquito control.



RESOURCES

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVD) provides a range of resources to help residents take an active role in mosquito control.

One of the resources offered is the DIY page. This page provides step-by-step instructions on how to control mosquitoes in your yard. You can learn how to identify mosquito breeding sources, eliminate stagnant water and use insecticides safely and effectively. Visit ocvector.org for more information.

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



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

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.

MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT



Do you have any unused or expired marine flares?
Safely dispose of them at no cost.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
7 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

24650 DANA POINT HARBOR DR.
DANA POINT, CA

For information on hazardous waste disposal,
visit **OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste**.

Report Pollution

In South Orange County, landscape irrigation runoff is prohibited.

To report pollution, please either visit myOCeServices.ocgov.com to submit a Service Request under Water Pollution, or call the 24-Hour pollution reporting hotline at 1-877-89-SPILL (77455).

Both options allow you to request service updates or to report anonymously. If this is an emergency, call 911. Any report submitted through MyOCeServices will notify the pollution response team via email.

To learn more about the work Orange County is doing to prevent harmful runoff, visit h2oc.org.





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**24-Hour reporting website:
<https://myOCeServices.ocgov.com>**



Orange County Transportation Authority

OC ACCESS Service

OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service.

OC Bus - Youth Ride Free

The OCTA Youth Ride Free Program provides youth ages 6 to 18 with free travel on OC Bus fixed-route service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

OC Bus - Community College Pass

The OCTA Community College Pass Program provides students at all of the nine OC community colleges with free travel on the OC Bus service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

Senior & Disabled Fares

Fares are valid for persons 60 and older, persons with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders.

For more information, visit OCTA.net.

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