

November 2025



eNewsletter

City Manager's Message

As we gather this month to recognize Veterans Day, I invite you to join the City of Rancho Santa Margarita in honoring the brave men and women who have served—and continue to serve—our country with courage and dedication.

Each year, our Veterans Day Recognition brings friends, families, and neighbors together to pay tribute to the heroes in our community. This annual tradition reflects the values that make Rancho Santa Margarita such a special place to call home: gratitude, service, and unity. Together, let's honor the heroes among us and show our heartfelt appreciation for their service to our nation.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cervantez, PhD

State of the City and Business Awards Ceremony Thursday, November 6, 2025

Join us for one of Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber's annual signature events — the State of the City and Business Awards Ceremony, presented by Providence Mission Hospital.

- Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Dove Canyon Golf Club, 22682 Golf Club Drive, Dove Canyon
- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. | Reception
- 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Program

Mayor Tony Beall will deliver the State of the City address, highlighting recent achievements, ongoing projects, and the vision for Rancho Santa Margarita's future. The evening will also recognize outstanding local businesses and community partners whose contributions help make RSM a safe, beautiful, and thriving city.

- Tickets:
 - \$60 Members
 - \$70 Non-Members
 - \$80 At the Door
- Please RSVP by October 31, 2025, at RSMChamber.org/Events.

This event is hosted in partnership with the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce, Providence Mission Hospital, and US Alliance Group. The State of the City Address portion of the program, to be delivered by Mayor Tony Beall, will begin at 7:15 p.m. This portion of the event is open to the public free of charge.



**HONORABLE MAYOR
Tony Beall**



STATE OF THE CITY and Business Awards Ceremony

PRESENTED BY

Providence
Mission Hospital

Thursday, November 6, 2025
5:00-5:30 pm Reception | Program 5:30-8:00 pm

Dove Canyon Golf Club

22682 Golf Club Drive, Dove Canyon, CA 92679

Please RSVP by October 31, 2025 at RSMCHAMBER.ORG/EVENTS
\$60 MEMBERS \$70 NON-MEMBERS \$80 AT THE DOOR

 22232 EL PASEO
RSM, CA 92688
INFO@RSMCHAMBER.ORG

 **USAG**
US ALLIANCE GROUP



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Community Services Veterans Day Reception and Ceremony

The City's Veterans Day Recognition is a tradition that many look forward to each year. Residents are invited to attend a reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Bell Tower

Regional Community Center, where they can enjoy light refreshments. Following the reception, they are invited to join us for the formal recognition at the City Council Meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans' photos can be submitted via email to rshah@cityofrsm.org or in person at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center before Tuesday, November 4th.

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





Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention

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.

COFFEE WITH A COP

SATURDAY, NOV 8TH

09:00AM - 11:00AM



ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION WITH YOUR
LOCAL DEPUTIES!



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. Check out our newly redesigned Community Connect mailer that lists classes and events in a convenient format.

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



This image shows the front cover of the Community Connect mailer. It features a large yellow building with a bell tower, the text 'the Bell Tower Regional Community Center', and the 'Community Connect' logo. The logo includes the text 'RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA' and 'Community Connect' with a small globe icon.

Arts & More

After-School Sewing
Ages 5-12 years
Students will learn to create a simple garment. Materials will be provided. For ages 5-10 years, the class will be taught by a professional seamstress. For ages 11-12 years, the class will be taught by a professional seamstress.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

American Doll Festivals
Decorating, dressing our own dolls and learning how to make them. This class is for children ages 5-12 years.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

Holiday
Bell Tower Regional Community Center and City Center are open for the holidays.

2025

January 1 New Year's Day

January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 19 Presidents' Day

May 25 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

Facility Rentals
Start your rental process today!
Visit [rsm.org](#) to book your facility.

Businesses
Businesses can rent the Bell Tower Regional Community Center for their business needs.

Weddings
Weddings can be held at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center.

Events
[FacilityReservations.org](#)

PERSONNEL
For more information on personnel, call 949-216-9700 or visit [rsm.org](#) and click on 'About Us' then 'City Staff'.

Arts & More

Musical Theatre
Ages 12-17 years
Students will learn to sing, act and dance. Materials will be provided. For ages 12-14 years, the class will be taught by a professional actress. For ages 15-17 years, the class will be taught by a professional actress.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

Intermediate French Phrasal Gild
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

Irish Dance
Ages 8-13 years
Students will learn Irish dancing. Materials will be provided. For ages 8-10 years, the class will be taught by a professional dancer. For ages 11-13 years, the class will be taught by a professional dancer.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

Mario Together
Ages 8-12 years
Mario Together is a fun, exciting, and educational game that allows players to work together to complete levels. It's a great way to learn about teamwork and problem-solving while having fun.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

Holiday class
W: 1:30-3:30pm \$15.00 \$15.00

Drama class
W: 1:30-3:30pm \$15.00 \$15.00

Art class
W: 1:30-3:30pm \$15.00 \$15.00

Parent & Me Music
Ages 0-5 years
Music and movement activities that involve dancing, clapping, and singing. Materials will be provided. For ages 0-2 years, the class will be taught by a professional music teacher. For ages 3-5 years, the class will be taught by a professional music teacher.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
M: 9:30-10:30am \$15.00 \$15.00

Princess Ball
Ages 4-12 years
Dances will continue with their nutcracker and princess ball. Materials will be provided. For ages 4-6 years, the class will be taught by a professional dancer. For ages 7-12 years, the class will be taught by a professional dancer.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
M: 9:30-10:30am \$15.00 \$15.00

Intermediate Arts
Ages 12-17 years
Students will learn to paint, draw, and create. Materials will be provided. For ages 12-14 years, the class will be taught by a professional artist. For ages 15-17 years, the class will be taught by a professional artist.

Instructor: Sean Gold Seeling
Tu: 3:30-4:30pm \$25.00 \$25.00

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City of Rancho Santa Margarita's

New Year's Eve Event

December 31, 2025 | 5:00 to 9:00 PM



In Partnership With:
RSM CARES
Bell Tower Foundation

Art Contest

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA:

Open to all local RSM students

Entries will be judged in four grade categories:

- Kindergarten
- 1st-2nd grade
- 3rd-4th grade
- 5th-6th grade

Entries must be no larger than 18" on any side

- Paintings
- Drawings
- 2 Dimensional

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Artwork will be displayed at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center at the New Year's Eve Event

TO ENTER:

Submit artwork now
thru November 14th to:

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

Attn: Community Services Department

22232 El Paseo

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

949-216-9700

AWARDS:

Each grade category will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place recognition.

The 1st place winner of each grade category will receive a prize.

Caution will be taken with handing and hanging of artwork, yet the City is not responsible for the possible loss or damage to your artwork.

Entry form must be completed and attached to artwork. For additional information, visit [RSMconnect.org](#)



Artist or Parent/Guardian Name
(please print):

School Name:

Teacher Name:

Grade Category (circle one): K 1st-2nd 3rd-4th 5th-6th

Phone Number
(please include to qualify):

Email Address
(please include to qualify):

Title of Work / Artist Statement
(optional):



RECREATION PROGRAMS

***Fall in love
with your
community!***

**Registration for
Fall/Winter now open!**

**Explore programs &
sign up at
RSMconnect.org.**



**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.



Community Services Age Well Senior Services

Meals on Wheels (Ages 60+)

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

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

Age Well Senior Services is proud to host their Congregate Lunch program on weekdays at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Meals are catered by

Zest in a Bowl and feature Italian, Mediterranean, Western, and Asian cuisines, including meats or fish, healthy vegetables, salads, delicious soups, and dessert or fruit. All congregate lunch menu meals are low sodium and supportive of a diabetic diet. There is a suggested contribution of \$5.50, although no one eligible for the program will be turned away for inability to pay. The program offers participants an opportunity to enjoy a hot or cold meal while socializing with friends Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Senior Pet Pantry (Ages 60+)

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

Age Well Senior Services

Bell Tower Regional Community Center

22232 El Paseo, RSM 92688

(949) 709-7592

Congregate Lunch Menu

Meals on Wheels Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RSVP Required for Lunches and Special Events 949-709-7592				
*For special programs, priority is given to regular lunch participants.				
*Activities calendar subject to change without notice				
3	4	5	6	7
10:00 Total Body Fitness Video 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 BINGO	9:30 Bocce Ball 10:00 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 *Blood Pressure Clinic 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (bring own tiles) 12:30 Stay Sharp Puzzle It Out	10:00 Line Dancing w/Helen 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ *Lunch with the Law 12:30 Golden Gamers	10:00 Tai Chi Video/Nosrat 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Hula Dancing w/ Laura 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:00 Mahjong (bring own tiles) 12:45 Gentle Yoga w/Jeanette	9:30 Chair Exercise w/Simone 10:00 Coffee, Donuts & Medicare with Michael Lemus 10:30 Line Dancing w/Helen 11:00 Coffee & Conversation 11:30 Age Well Lunch 60+ 12:45 Friday Flicks 1:00 AlzOC Caregiver Support
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Happy Thanksgiving				
				
				
				

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™ – Get Paid to Recycle!

Rancho Santa Margarita residents can now recycle cans and bottles without leaving home, thanks to Recycle From Home™—a program inspired by 13-year-old recycling advocate Ryan Hickman.

Here's how it works:

□ Collection bags and QR code labels are provided to sort your CA CRV aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

□ Schedule a pick-up at your convenience. A driver will collect your recyclables right from your driveway or doorstep.

□ Items are weighed, and your redemption value is calculated based on current CA CRV rates.

□ Payment is sent to you via PayPal, Venmo, or mailed check—typically within 24 hours of pickup.

No more trips to redemption centers—just schedule, set your items out, and let Recycle From Home™ do the rest!

For more information or to register, visit www.RecycleFromHome.com or download the Recycle From Home mobile app.



Public Works

Residential Street Sweeping Now Twice a Month (October–April)

As autumn leaves begin to fall, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita is increasing street sweeping services to address the seasonal buildup of debris. **From October through April, residential streets will be swept twice per month.**

Service maps and annual calendars are available on the City's [website](#) to help residents stay informed about scheduled days.

To ensure effective service, please remove all items from the street—including vehicles, basketball hoops, trash cans, and toys.

Street sweeping not only keeps our community safe and beautiful but also protects local water quality by preventing contaminants from entering storm drains.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Rancho Santa Margarita clean!

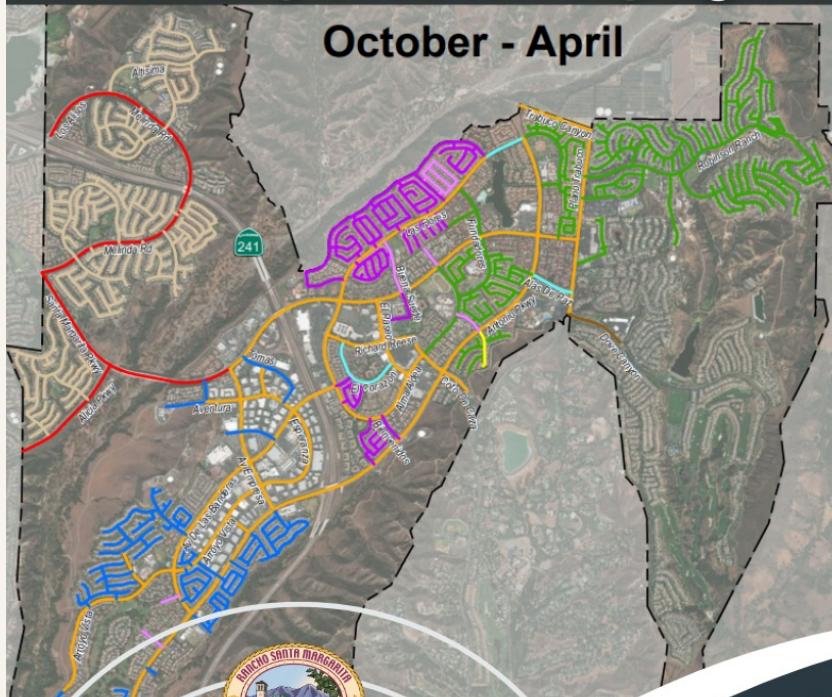
Please call 949-635-1800, ext. 6703, for more information.

City Street Sweeping

Legend

- Route 1 (2nd & 4th Monday)
- Route 2 (2nd & 4th Wed.)
- Route 3 (Every Thursday)
- Route 4 (Every Friday)
- Route 5 (1st & 3rd Friday)
- Route 6 (2nd & 4th Friday)
- Route 7 (Every Tuesday)
- Route 8 (Every Thurs. PM - Fri. AM)
- Route 9 (2nd & 4th Monday)
- Route 10 (2nd & 4th Wed.)

October - April



CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA



Regular residential sweeping will increase to twice per month during October - April.



PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

For every car that is on the street, two to three car lengths go unswept. Please do your part by moving vehicles on the street sweeping service days.

Your efforts are extremely impactful! Go to the City website to access service maps and the annual service calendars.

Contact The City With Any Street Sweeping Questions

 (949) 635-1800 EXT. 6503

 WWW.CITYOFRSM.ORG/536/STREET-SWEEPING

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**.



RSM Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 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

Mission Viejo Animal Services Drive-Through Pet Vaccine Clinics

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

2026 Vaccine Clinic Dates: Coming Soon

Location:

[Mission Viejo Animal Services Center](#)
28095 Hillcrest
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(949) 470-3045



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.

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



**SIGN UP FOR
ALERT OC FOR
EMERGENCY
NOTIFICATIONS.**



Learn more at www.alertoc.org

Emergency Management

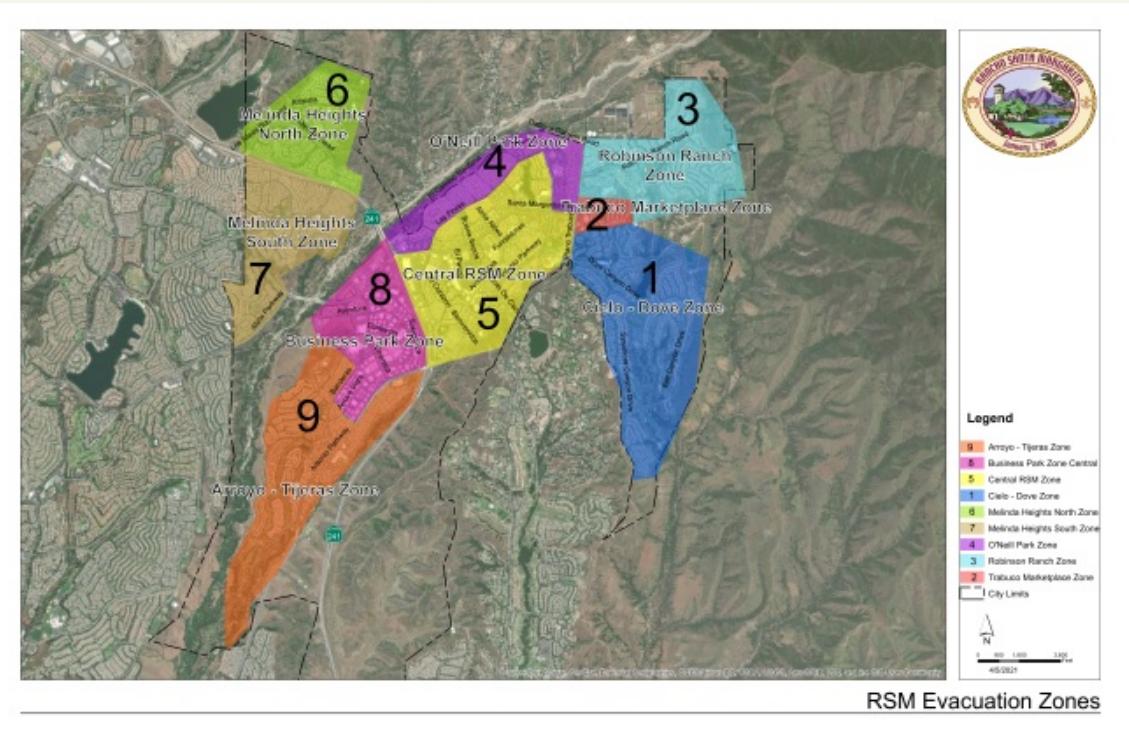
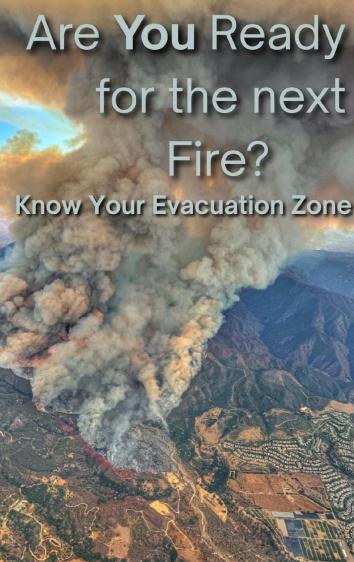
Know your Evacuation Zone

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!



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

The holidays are a joyous time for gathering with loved ones and sharing meals, but they are also the peak season for home cooking fires. The Orange County Fire Authority shares holiday cooking tips as we head into Thanksgiving.

Learn more at ocfa.org.



HOLIDAY COOKING FIRE SAFETY



More cooking fires are reported on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year, followed by Christmas and Christmas Eve. Help protect your family and your home by practicing cooking safety this holiday season.



There are more than 3x as many home cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day, a 250% increase over the daily average.

Holiday Cooking Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Check food often while cooking. If you are entertaining guests, use a kitchen timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Wear short, fitted, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Keep cooking areas clear. Pot holders, paper towels, wooden utensils, and even cookbooks can be fire hazards if left too close to the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliances.
- Clean cooking surfaces regularly to prevent grease buildup.
- Make sure children and pets stay at least three feet from the oven or stove.
- Test your smoke alarms and never disable them while cooking.

What to do if there is a Fire

- If the fire is on the stove, cover the pan with a lid and turn off the stove. Never try to move the pan to the sink and NEVER pour water on a grease fire.
- If the fire is in the oven or microwave, keep the door closed and turn off the appliance.
- A multipurpose ABC fire extinguisher can also be used on a small cooking fire. An extinguisher should only be used if the fire is not spreading, smoke and heat have not filled the area, and you have a clear escape path.



Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6200
ocfa.org



May 2020

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

**ONLINE
PASSPORT
RENEWAL**

OPEN 24/7

travel.state.gov/renewonline

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 at the time the passport was issued, you MUST renew by mail using Form DS-82 or online by selecting the U.S. Department of State website link [here](#). Select U.S. Passports, Renew or Replace a Passport, Renew Online, and follow the instructions. If you do not meet these qualifications, you will need to complete a first-time passport application, Form DS-11, apply in person, and present the required documentation.

For official passport and travel information, or to download passport forms, please visit the [US State Department website](#).

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
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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.

Shop • Dine • Win in Rancho Santa Margarita!
Support local businesses this holiday season and get

rewarded for it!

Here's how it works:

- Shop or dine at any RSM business between November 3rd and December 14th
- Upload your receipts weekly at RSMShopDine.com
- Be entered to win weekly \$50 gift cards and a \$300 Grand Prize on Dec 20th

It's that simple! Shop local, dine local, and you could win big while supporting our business community.

Brought to you by the RSM Chamber of Commerce with support from our local sponsors.

Disclaimer: This giveaway is hosted by the RSM Chamber of Commerce and is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Facebook or Instagram. Winners will be contacted directly by the Chamber.

Learn more at www.rsmchamber.org.



RSM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SHOP • DINE • WIN
Rancho Santa Margarita

SHOP OR DINE LOCAL + UPLOAD YOUR RECEIPT = CHANCE TO WIN
WEEKLY \$50 GIVEAWAYS PLUS FINAL \$300 GRAND PRIZE.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SHOP LOCAL NOV 3RD TO DEC 14TH!

SHOP OR DINE AT ANY RSM BUSINESS
UPLOAD YOUR RECEIPTS WEEKLY ON RSMShopDine.com

One weekly winner receives a \$50 gift card to their favorite RSM business
All entries submitted to final \$300 gift card Grand Prize Drawing on Dec 20th

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING SPONSORS:

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SERVICES

DOCTOR JUNK REMOVAL

HAUTE CAFE & MARKET

LIGHTER THAN AIR BALLOONS
EVERY EVENT NEEDS BALLOONS





RSM Cares. Bell Tower Foundation

@RSMCares · Nonprofit Organization

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! ❤



12th Annual Event!

SCAN ME



RSM CARES
Bell Tower Foundation



Breakfast with Santa

December 6, 2025

Purchase Tickets at rsmcares.org

CHILDREN \$8 ADULTS \$16.

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!](https://www.instagram.com/rsm_cares_art_gallery)

More information at rsmcares.org.

RSM Cares News and Events

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

SUBSCRIBE to our newsletter



MONTHLY UPDATES

RSM Cares



Rancho Santa Margarita Branch Orange County Public Library

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

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

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

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY 30902 La Promesa, RSM 92688 949-459-6094 OCPL.ORG						
SUNDAY CLOSED	MONDAY 10AM - 7PM	TUESDAY 10AM - 7PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 10AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
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2 Vote Center 8am-5pm ESL: Casual Conversations 1pm OC Read: Adult Literacy/Writing Tutoring Open	3 Vote Center 8am-5pm	4	5	6 Friends of the Library Book Sale 10am-4pm	7 Friends of the Library Book Sale 8am-5pm Friends of the Library Book Sale 10am-4pm FireSide Lounge Programs and Games for Adults 2pm	
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View our events here!

November Activity Calendar

PAINT BY NUMBER
Adult Mixer

**Saturday, November 22
2:00 - 3:30pm**

Back by popular demand, another opportunity to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of chatting with other adults, listening to 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.org

Paint By Number

**DANCE PARTY PRESENTS:
DINO DANCE!**
Thursday, November 13
10:30am

Join some prehistoric pals for a fossil fiesta! Dance Party is a celebration of music and movement, perfect for active children. Practice basic movement skills, creative expression, coordination, and self-control while dancing to a selection of children's songs. Fun for the whole family!

Supported in part by the Friends of the Rancho Santa Margarita Library

Dino Dance Party

JINGLE MINGLE
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday
December 3rd
3:30-5:30 PM**

Gather together at the library to celebrate the closing of the year with crafts, refreshments, face painting, music by harpist Tiffany Wu, and winter warmth for all ages.

All are welcome!

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Jingle Mingle

SPECIAL EVENT - SAVE THE DATE! Wild Wing & Narwhal Creator at the Library!

Join the OCPL RSM branch for a fun Winter Reading Kickoff on **Monday, December 8th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- **Meet Wild Wing:** The Anaheim Ducks mascot will be on site for photos and engaging hockey experiences.
- **Meet Ben Clanton:** A special talk and book signing with the bestselling author of the hilarious *Narwhal and Jelly* series.

Start the winter season right—with books, hockey, and fun at this OCPL special event!



Saturday, October 4 – Saturday, November 15, 2025

**Read 5 books or 300 minutes and earn a free
hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out.**

Ask the librarian for details.



IT'S OUR BIGGEST SALE EVER!

RSM FOL

Fall Book Sale

FRIDAY, NOV 7

10AM - 4PM

MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW SALE 9 - 10AM

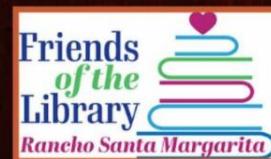
SATURDAY, NOV 8

9AM - 4PM

**THOUSANDS OF BOOKS, GAMES,
PUZZLES, DVDS AND MORE!**

VISIT RSMFOL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA LIBRARY
30902 LA PROMESA, RSM, CA 92688**



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



Got mosquitoes? Don't ignore them! OCMVCD recently detected West Nile virus in the Cities of Garden Grove and Anaheim. Now is the time to be proactive. Request a FREE inspection if you suspect a mosquito breeding problem near you!

Submit a service request [here](#) to OCMVCD.

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

GOT MOSQUITOES?

REQUEST AN INSPECTION AT OCVECTOR.ORG/REPORT-AN-ISSUE



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



Mandarin, Khmer, or Tagalog.

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.

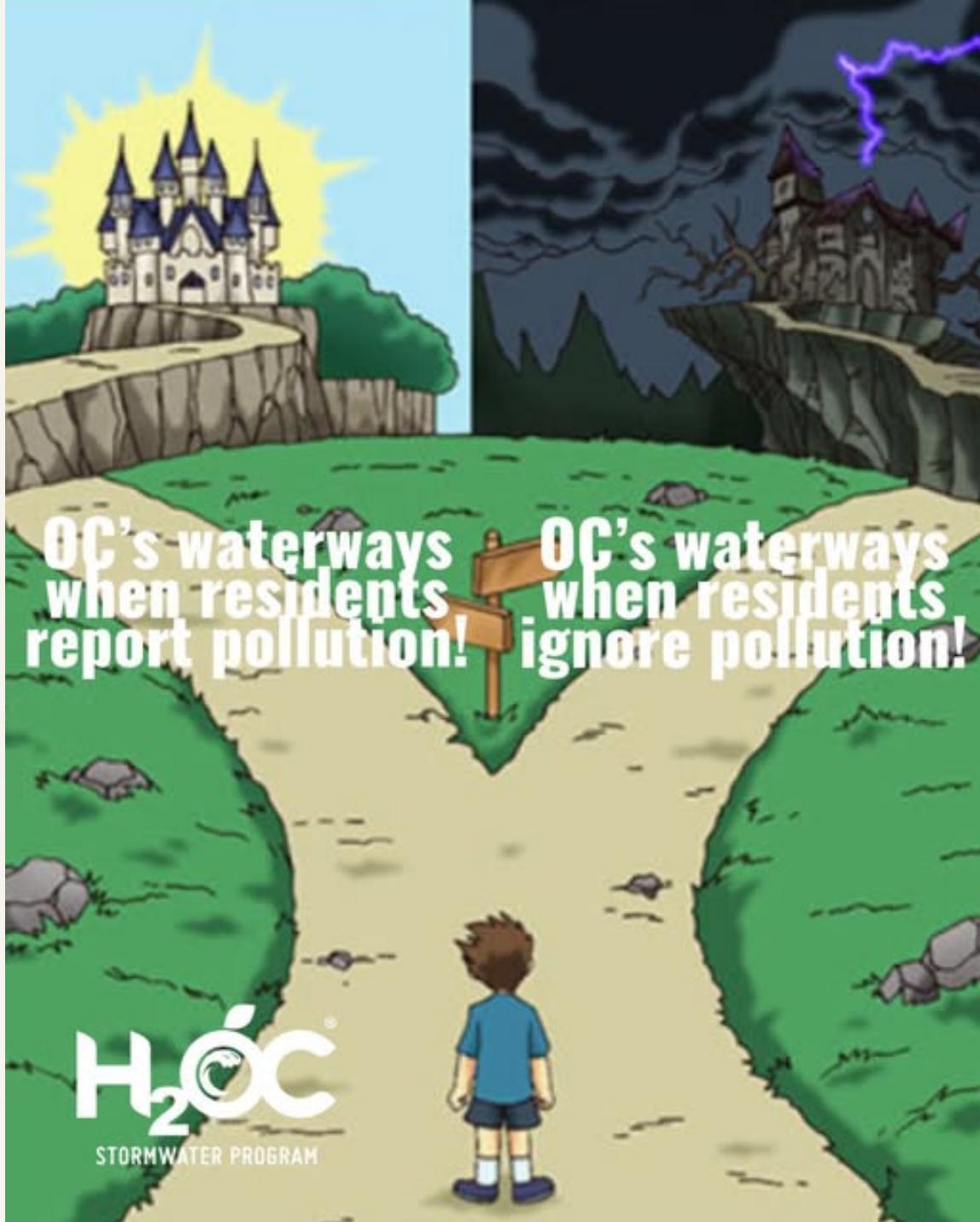
Learn more at ocnavigator.org. Resources are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic, Farsi,

Runoff Pollution

OC residents are the solution to runoff pollution—make a difference by reporting pollution [online](#), submitting a water pollution service request, or calling the 24-hour pollution reporting hotline at 1-877-89-SPILL (77455). Together, we can help our water bodies thrive for future generations!

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





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.

Broadway in RSM!

San Francisco Solano Parish presents *Opera Girl*

Opera Girl is the story of Maria Monteverde, a gifted young singer who discovers her voice carries an ancient and mystical power. Haunted by a past performance that nearly turned deadly, she retreats from music, that is, until a chance encounter draws her back into a battle she was born to fight. As she uncovers her family's secret legacy and the truth about a shadowy society called Harmonia, Maria must embrace who she really is. With only her voice as a weapon, Opera Girl must confront — and even reclaim — her lineage and awaken a world that has forgotten how to listen.

Aimed at Young Adults and General Audiences. Opera Girl combines classical and original contemporary melodies, each piece woven with depth and diversity to captivate all audiences.

Tickets and more information [here](#).

Broadway In Rancho Santa Margarita!

Opera Girl



Opera Girl is a must see — a Broadway-style musical event in Rancho Santa Margarita! Follow the journey of Maria, a gifted young singer who discovers the mystical song of St. Cecilia, a melody powerful enough to battle the forces of darkness to defeat The Maestro. With 26 songs including some classics performed by a stellar professional cast, this one-night show blends sweeping Broadway storytelling with operatic brilliance for an uplifting evening. Tickets are limited, so get yours before they sell out!

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 7:00 pm



San Francisco Solano Parish Hall

Tickets: theoperagirl.com/solanotickets

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