



December 2016

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City Manager's Message

The generous spirit of this wonderful City is evident in the contents of this month's newsletter. With so many worthwhile community organizations providing programs and services, the opportunities to assist others during this season of giving are abundant. We're collecting gifts for the members of the City's adopted Marine Battalion, serving our seniors daily lunches at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, supporting the Boys & Girls Club in their Operation Holiday Homework program. Working together with the

Chamber of Commerce, we are excited to be co-hosting a holiday party in our festively decorated Civic Center. The RSM CARES/ Bell Tower Foundation's legacy brick program will give families an opportunity to give back to the community and add their names to those whose contributions have shaped the community we know today.

I hope you'll join us on New Year's Eve for our 16th annual Celebrating Family and Friends event. This beloved community tradition continues to grow and is one of the family-friendly events that makes Rancho Santa Margarita such a unique and desirable place to call home. Best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantez



ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, December 3rd is the next ZeroTrash "First Saturday" event; volunteers meet in the courtyard in front of Cinepolis at 10:00 a.m. to help beautify our city! ZeroTrash RSM 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 our community and the environment!

"Like" ZeroTrash RSM on [Facebook](#) for more information.



Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic

Wednesday, December 7th
Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Cats only)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Dogs & Cats)

INFO: (714) 993-9193

www.scvvc.org

Bring your cat or dog for their life-saving vaccinations provided by the Society for California Veterinary & Vaccine Care (SCVVC)'s low-cost clinic. OC Animal Care will provide pet licensing services, including AVID micro identification chips (price includes registration and continuous, 24/7 lifetime monitoring).
Cash or credit card (\$3 processing fee) only; checks are not accepted.

Important Rabies Information

If you have a prior rabies vaccine certificate, license tag or license renewal notice for your pet, please bring it with you to the clinic.

Vaccines for dogs include:

Rabies - \$7.00
DAP/DHPP - \$19.00
Bordetella - \$14.00
Lyme - \$22.00
Microchip - \$28.00
\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Vaccines for cats include:

FVRCP "3-in-1" - \$18.00
FELV - \$21.00
Purevax - \$20.00
Microchip - \$28.00
\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Prices are subject to change. Clinic will cancel in the event of rain.



Council Members to be sworn in at December 14th meeting

Included on the agenda of the December 14th, 2016 regular meeting of the Rancho Santa Margarita City Council is the certification of the results of the November 8th, 2016 election. Rancho Santa Margarita voters re-elected Tony Beall and Carol Gamble to 4-year posts, according to the "unofficial" results from the Registrar of Voters. Election results are available on the Registrar of Voters website at <http://www.ocvote.com/results>.

During the meeting, Council Members will take their oath of office, and the Council will then select a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve in 2017. Current Mayor Tony Beall will be recognized for his year of leadership to the community. The City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting agendas are posted on the City's [website](#).

For more information regarding agendas and minutes, or for municipal election

information, contact Amy Diaz, City Clerk, at (949) 635-1806.



Animal Services Transition Information

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is preparing for exciting changes in our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our residents – and their pets! When the clock strikes 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2017, our new partnership with the City of Mission Viejo to provide excellent, high-quality animal care and sheltering services will officially begin. Mission Viejo Animal Services provides a pro-humane animal shelter, 24-hour response to emergency calls, pet adoption and fostering, low-cost vaccination clinics, animal licensing, volunteer opportunities, community outreach and events, and many other essential animal care services. [Read more...](#)



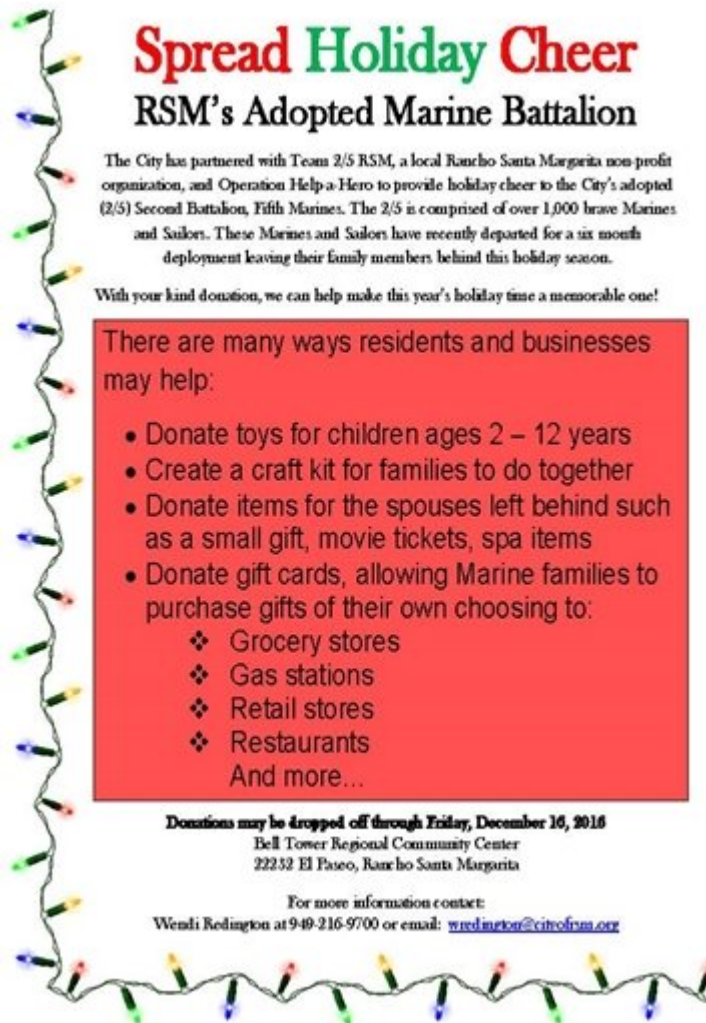
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Make Living Your Mission



Help Support the City's Adopted 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita, in partnership with Team 2/5 RSM, a local 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, and Operation Help-a-Hero are joining forces to provide holiday cheer to the City's adopted Second Battalion, Fifth Marines (2/5). The 2/5 is comprised of over 1,000 brave Marines and Sailors who have recently departed for a six-month deployment leaving their family members behind this holiday season. Visit our [2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment webpage](#) to learn more about the City's military support programs.

With your kind donation, we can help make this year's holiday time a memorable one!



Spread Holiday Cheer

RSM's Adopted Marine Battalion

The City has partnered with Team 2/5 RSM, a local Rancho Santa Margarita non-profit organization, and Operation Help a Hero to provide holiday cheer to the City's adopted (2/5) Second Battalion, Fifth Marines. The 2/5 is comprised of over 1,000 brave Marines and Sailors. These Marines and Sailors have recently departed for a six month deployment leaving their family members behind this holiday season.

With your kind donation, we can help make this year's holiday time a memorable one!

There are many ways residents and businesses may help:

- Donate toys for children ages 2 – 12 years
- Create a craft kit for families to do together
- Donate items for the spouses left behind such as a small gift, movie tickets, spa items
- Donate gift cards, allowing Marine families to purchase gifts of their own choosing to:
 - ❖ Grocery stores
 - ❖ Gas stations
 - ❖ Retail stores
 - ❖ Restaurants

And more...

Donations may be dropped off through Friday, December 16, 2016
 Bell Tower Regional Community Center
 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita

For more information contact:
 Wendi Redington at 949-216-9700 or email: wredington@cirofrsa.org

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New Year's Eve *Celebrating Family & Friends*

Saturday, December 31
5 - 9 p.m.

Civic Plaza
22232 El Paseo

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is proud to present our 16th annual New Year's Eve *Celebrating Family and Friends* event! This festive evening of celebration provides a safe and fun opportunity for the community to gather in celebration of the New Year in an alcohol-free setting. [Read on...](#)

FREE!

16th Annual
Celebrating Family and Friends
New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31
5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- ★ Free Admission
- ★ Children's Art Contest
- ★ Activities for All Ages
- ★ Live Musical Entertainment
- ★ Inflatables and Bounce Houses
- ★ Delicious Food and Treats
- ★ Face Painting

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16th Annual "Celebrating Family & Friends" New Year's Eve Event Art Contest

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all local students

Entries will be judged in four grade categories:

- K-2nd grade
- 3rd-5th grade
- 6th-8th grade
- 9-12th grade

Entries will be on display beginning December 27th and at the "Celebrating Family & Friends" event on December 31st.

CRITERIA:

Entries must be no larger than 3'x3'

Artwork will be grouped into the following categories:

- Collages (ex: paper, fabric, string, noodles, beads, tissue)
- Drawings (ex: pencil, charcoal, chalk, ink, crayon, pastels)
- Fiber-work (ex: needlework, sewn designs, leather)
- Digital photography

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

TO ENTER:

Entry form must be complete and attached to back of artwork.

DEADLINE: December 22nd. at 4:00pm

Submit your entry to:

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Attn: Community Services Dept.
22232 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

For additional information: 949.216.9700

AWARDS:

The three schools with the most entries will receive an award toward their art program. The 1st place winner in each grade category will receive a prize.



Artist's Name (please print):		M/F (circle one):	Age:
		M F	
School Name:	Teacher Name:		
***Home Phone # (must be included to qualify):	**Email Address (must be included to qualify):		
Grade Category (circle one):	Artwork Category (circle one):		
K-2nd 3rd-5th 6th-8th 9th-12th	Drawing Collage Fiberwork		
Title of Work:			
Artist Statement: (What this work means to you)			

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Crime Prevention - Holiday Shopping Safety

Shopping in Stores

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.

- Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
- Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.

Walking to and From Your Car

- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

Shopping with Small Children

When shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other.

- Select a central meeting place.
- Teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

Shopping Online

- Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software. Everyone's computer should have anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam software, as well as a good firewall, installed.
- Keep your personal information private, and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to "verify" your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Beware of "bargains" from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or "https" in the URL address.
- Shop with companies you know and trust. Check for background information if you plan to buy from a new or unfamiliar company.

Click [here](#) to read more about law enforcement services in Rancho Santa Margarita, or

call Police Services at (949) 635-1830.



Chamber of Commerce News

The RSM Chamber is committed to supporting business growth by providing trusted resources, networking opportunities and local connections. The RSM Chamber takes great pride in being a strength and support for the business community by organizing monthly mixers, educational forums and community events to promote commerce throughout Rancho Santa Margarita and the surrounding area.

December Events

Holiday Party/Evening Networking Mixer

December 06, 2016 5:30 PM
The Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo

Modern Professionals Networking Mixer

December 13, 2016 5:30 PM
Cinepolis - 30632 Santa Margarita Pkwy

Guest & New RSM Chamber Member Orientation

December 20, 2016 5:45 PM
RSM Chamber Office 30162 Tomas, Suite 202

December Ribbon Cuttings

Paul's Pizza and Grill

Monday December 5th 4:30 Event time, Official Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 pm
22411 Antonio Parkway C170 949-709-2927

Tutto Fresco

Thursday December 8th 4:30 Event time, Official Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 pm
22332 El Paseo 949-858-3360

For more information about RSM Chamber programs visit rsmchamber.com



Employee of the Year Award

City associates voted on Election Day this week for the City's Employee of the Year Award. Lisa Cookston, Linda Brown, Derek Bingham and Judi Russi are the candidates for this year's recognition as they each earned the Employee of the Quarter Award during the 2015/16 fiscal year. The Employee of the Year will be revealed at our upcoming employee Holiday Fest, scheduled for Thursday, December 15th. Congratulations to these very deserving nominees!



RSM CARES Gift-a-Brick Fundraiser

You are invited to become a special part of Rancho Santa Margarita's Civic Plaza and Regional Community Center by sponsoring a commemorative, engraved brick. Located in the heart of RSM, bricks will be placed in the East walkway with the original legacy bricks. The RSM Cares/Bell Tower Foundation Gift-a-Brick fundraiser is a great way to highlight your business or organization, honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, anniversary or graduation. Anticipated installation is spring 2017 to coincide with the completion of the Civic Center remodel project. Proceeds will support RSM Cares | Bell Tower Foundation programs.

Bricks are available in 2 sizes:

4" x 8" brick with 3 lines of text \$150.00

8" x 8" brick with 6 lines of text \$300.00

Give the Gift of a Legacy This Holiday Season

RSM Cares Gift-a-Brick Fundraiser



A unique opportunity to give a gift that is timeless. Order a commemorative, engraved brick that will be displayed in the Legacy Walkway at the RSM Civic Center in the spring of 2017.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE to place your order:
www.belltowerfoundation.org/gift-a-brick

PERSONALIZED BRICKS:
4" x 8" Brick \$150 | 8" x 8" Brick \$300

FOLLOW US on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheBellTowerFoundation>



*All orders must be submitted and paid for by January 15, 2017. Bricks to be installed spring of 2017 at RSM Civic Plaza and Bell Tower Regional Community Center. RSM Cares Bell Tower Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID: 33-1778723

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December Recreation Highlights

ABCs with Tiny Tots

Come experience a fun way of preparing your child for kindergarten. Using hands-on interactive learning with art, science, cooking, music and much more, your child will learn their numbers, letters and shapes and learn to write their name as well as develop social skills of patience, listening, cooperation and sharing. No parent participation needed. Children must be fully potty trained. This is a year round program with month-to-month registration to meet the needs of your schedule.

Ages: 3-5 yrs. What to bring: Healthy snack & lunch.

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

\$198/ per month

310761 04 M,W,F Dec 5 - Dec 23 9 am - 1 pm

\$131/ per month

310761 08 T,Th Dec 6 - Dec 22 9 am - 1 pm

After School Sewing for Kids & Teens

\$148/ 4 Classes

Learn sewing basics, fabric selection, how to follow a pattern and complete amazing projects in class. No prior experience is needed. All fabric, notions and sewing machines are supplied. Ages: 7.5-17 yrs.

Instructor: Linda Rush

420501 01 T Jan 10 - Jan 31 3:30 - 6 pm

American Doll Fashions**\$148/ 4 Classes****\$112/ 3 Classes***

Design, plan and create your very own doll fashions. Students will select fabrics and learn to follow a pattern while mastering basic sewing skills and will work on a complete outfit for an 18" doll (includes American Girl Dolls). Girls are encouraged to bring their doll to class for the fittings and fashion show. No experience is necessary. All fabric, notions and sewing machines supplied. Ages: 7.5-14 yrs.

Instructor: Linda Rush

420506 01 Th Jan 12 - Feb 2 3:30 - 6 pm

AM Yoga with Roz

This class provides a safe, supportive environment to explore the practice of yoga. You will build strength, flexibility and balance while exploring the various postures. Connecting breath and movement brings calmness of mind, stress release and enables us to function better both on and off the mat. This is a great way to start your day; you will experience better clarity and ease. Ages: 18 yrs. & up. No class on 1/16 & 2/20.

Instructor: Roz Maissy

\$145/ 13 Classes

440211 02 W Jan 4 - Mar 29 9:15 - 10:15 am

440211 03 F Jan 6 - Mar 31 9:15 - 10:15 am

\$115/ 10 Classes

440211 01 M Jan 9 - Mar 27 9:15 - 10:15 am

Jazzercise

Do you love music? Do you love to dance? Then come check out the new Jazzercise! It's a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping fitness program that gets you results while you dance to popular Top 40 hits. You'll burn up to 800 calories in one fun and powerfully effective total body workout. Each class combines dance-based cardio with strength training to sculpt and tone muscles for a maximum fat burn. Everyone is welcome, no matter what your current fitness level is. So grab a water bottle, an exercise mat and some hand weights and let's get dancing! Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Maureen Stewart

\$95/ 10 Classes

340243 04 T,W,Th Dec 1 - Dec 22 7:15 - 8:15 am

\$120/ 13 Classes

440243 01 T,W,Th Jan 3 - Jan 31 7:15 - 8:15 am

\$87/ 7 Classes

340243 08 T,Th Dec 1 - Dec 22 7:15 - 8:15 am

\$111/ 9 Classes

440243 04 T,Th Jan 3-Jan 31 7:15 - 8:15 am

Zumba with Tania

ZUMBA fitness is a fusion of Latin and international music-dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system that is appropriate for any fitness level. Try the first class free before you register. Ages: 18 yrs. & up. No class 1/16 & 1/18.

\$35/ 3 Classes

440206 01 M Jan 9 - Jan 30 7 - 8 pm

440206 02 W Jan 11 - Feb 1 7 - 8 pm

\$75/ 8 Classes

440206 03 M,W Jan 9 - Feb 1 7 - 8 pm

Click [here](#) to access our online registration system.



Senior Activities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

The mission of Age Well Senior Services is to promote and improve the quality of life and independence of the senior community.

December Activities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

- [A Special Cookie & Carols Holiday Luncheon](#) - Friday, December 9th
- [Afternoon Delight](#) - Friday, December 16th - Christmas Luncheon
- Art Club
- Bingo
- Blood Pressure Check (Free on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- noon)
- Bocce Ball
- Medicare Made Simple Seminars

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- Golden Age Yoga
- Congregate Lunch - Weekdays - 11:45 a.m. (excluding holidays)
- Meals on Wheels
- Movie Days
- Music Exercise Class
- Smartphone Tutorial
- Tai Chi
- Total Body Fitness

Visit our [Senior Activities webpage](#) for more information or contact **Lindy Kehler at 949-216-9700, ext. 257.**





Operation Holiday Homework Underway at the RSM Boys & Girls Club

Help make the holidays brighter for youth in our community by supporting the Rancho Santa Margarita Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley's [Operation Holiday Homework program](#).

The annual program rewards club members for putting education first. Children earn points by remaining productive during the club's daily homework hour. Points can then be used to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families. For some families, these gifts are the only presents under the tree.


Community members can help by dropping off a new, unwrapped gift or gift card for kids and adults at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. Click [here](#) for a list of gift ideas and detailed program information, including ways to volunteer.


For more information, contact Rancho Santa Margarita Branch Director Christina Wolbert at cwolbert@bgccapo.com or 949-216-9700 x*1280.




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