

Rancho Santa Margarita

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City Manager's Message

As the days become longer and we head into spring, staff at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center are eager to assist with class registration for new and unique classes and, believe it or not, Early Bird registration for Summer Camps. I hope you've had a chance to peruse the variety of classes and workshops in the latest issue of our Community Living Magazine. In it, you'll find our new *Kids and Tween Yoga, teaching* participants lifelong skills such as relaxation, stress management, socialization, and confidence. Archery has gained popularity in recent months; we will be offering an instructional skills class starting this month for children ages 8-13. Ageless Ballet, ABCs with Tiny Tots, Hula Dancing, Princess Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Ballet, Hip Hop Tumble, Jedi Hip Hop, Karate, Little Ninjas

and Toddler & Parent Yoga also begin this month. We hope to see you at one of the many programs for all ages offered here by the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez



Low-Cost Pet Care Clinic
Wednesday, March 1st
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.heart4pets.org

Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) provides VACCINATIONS, DE-WORMINGS, MICROCHIPPING, FLEA & TICK CONTROL, and if time allows, NAIL TRIMS. Please visit their [website](http://www.heart4pets.org) for detailed information. *Cash or credit card (\$3*

processing fee) only; checks are not accepted.

If you have a cat or have pre-paid for your vaccines, you do not need to wait in line and can go immediately to the cashier table. All others will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis (with the exception of those who are physically unable to stand in line).

Important Rabies Information

Please bring a prior Rabies Certificate and other vaccination records with you. A 3-year Rabies Certificate can only be issued if you provide a prior Rabies Certificate. Otherwise, you will receive a 1-year Rabies Certificate.

Vaccines for dogs include:

- Rabies - \$7.00
- DAP/DHPP - \$20.00
- Bordetella - \$15.00
- Lyme - \$22.00
- Microchip - \$30.00
- \$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Vaccines for cats include:

- Rabies - (killed virus) Purevax - \$20.00 (1 yr) \$48.00 (3 yr)
- FVRCP "3-in-1" - \$20.00
- FELV - \$21.00
- Purevax - \$22.00
- Microchip - \$30.00
- \$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

"HEART" (aka "SCVVC") is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare.

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



ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, March 4th is the next ZeroTrash "First Saturday" event; volunteers meet in the courtyard in front of Cinopolis 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.



Drone Safety

With the use of drones in the region on the rise, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita is encouraging drone enthusiasts to know the rules before they fly their unmanned aircraft over the City.

As part of an effort to educate the public, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita has posted detailed information [here](#) about the Federal Aviation Administration's "[Know Before You Fly](#)" campaign. The campaign is designed to inform recreational and commercial users of safe and responsible use of drones. The information includes safety guidelines such as ensuring your aircraft stays below 400 feet and does not intentionally fly over vulnerable people or moving vehicles.

The FAA also requires owners of model aircraft, small unmanned aircraft or drones weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds to register the aircraft [online](#) before taking it to the sky. Other information regarding drone operation, best practices, and safety regulations is available [here](#).



Crime Prevention - Outsmarting "Porch Pirates"

There are no statistics on the prevalence of porch piracy, but mail and law enforcement officials say parcel thefts commonly occur during normal working hours and virtually every community in our country.

To avoid becoming a victim of package theft:

- If your employer allows it, have packages delivered to your office.
- Request that the shipper hold your package at its pick-up facility so you can pick it up in person at your convenience.

- Have packages delivered to a place where they can be received in person, such as the home of a trusted neighbor, who stays home during the day, or a retired relative.
- If purchasing something from a large retailer, request your package be delivered to a local branch of the store so you can pick it up in person.
- Request a specific delivery date and time from the shipper when you know you will be home.
- Provide delivery instructions to the shipper so that packages can be left at a safe location at your home that is out of sight from the street.
- Sign up for delivery alerts (text messages or e-mails) from the shipper, then call a trusted neighbor when the packages are delivered, and ask them to take the packages inside for safekeeping until you get home.
- Request that the shipper require a signature confirmation upon delivery. This will prevent your package from being left at an unattended home.
- Take advantage of secure delivery options offered by vendors such as Amazon Lockers, UPS Access Point, and Package Guard.

If you are the victim of a package theft, call Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services non-emergency number at (949) 770-6011.

Animal Care Services

One of the primary factors that the City Council considered when contracting with Mission Viejo Animal Services Center is their proven success in reuniting lost and stray animals with their owners. However, the center has noticed a recent trend where “Good Samaritans” are finding and holding on to animals rather than turning them over to the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center. To their credit, these Good Samaritans often post photos and information on social media, but pet owners may never visit those sites or even think of locating their lost pet this way. All animal stray or lost animals should be reported to:



Mission Viejo Animal Services Center
28095 Hillcrest
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(949) 470-3045
cmvas.org

While keeping the lost animal and relying on social media sites may seem like the best bet for a found pet, the truth is doing so makes the chances of reuniting the animal with its family much more difficult. When a frantic pet owner is looking for his or her lost family pet, the first thing that person often does is call or visit the shelter.

To avoid private parties from holding on to a beloved pet, local ordinance requires that ***“no person shall, without consent of the owner, hold or retain possession of any animal for more than 24 hours without first reporting the possession of such animal to the director, giving his name and address and true description of the animal, and then surrendering such animal to the shelter upon demand.”*** Animals are also considered personal property by the state of California - and it can be considered theft if a Good Samaritan holds on to a lost pet and does not do whatever is necessary to find and return the pet to its owner.

When a stray animal arrives at the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center, the animal is immediately checked for a dog license, scanned for a microchip, and its general overall health is assessed in case the animal is injured. The facility is a no-kill/pro-humane animal shelter, which means if animals are not reunited with their owners, they become available for adoption. Animals are only euthanized if they have a history of aggression and are a threat to public safety or irredeemably suffering from a medical condition that is not treatable. Staff and volunteers ensure each animal that enters the shelter receives everything it needs to remain healthy and happy during its short stay.

Please help lost pets in the best way possible by placing them in the care of the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center. For more information, call (949) 470-3045.

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. For more information about Chamber of Commerce membership and events, please contact Suzanne Singh at info@ramchamber.com or (949) 242-3660.





**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

**RANCHO FEST
3-Day Entry Pass**
4 adults for \$40.00

Redeem coupon at Ranchofest on Friday, June 9, 2017

RANCHO FEST 2017
June 9, 10 & 11



TUE
Chamber Day

Monthly & Annual Events

- Evening Mixers
- Membership Party
- Educational Forums
- Meet & Mingle
- Lunch Mixers
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Business Builders
- State of the City
- Meet the Mayor
- Modern Professionals Mixer
- Holiday Party
- Personal & Professional Development

RANCHO FEST INFO
www.RSMChamber.com

ADMISSION PRICES
Adults 18 & older \$15
Youth 13 - 17 \$10
Children 12 & under - FREE
Military personnel & their family - FREE

JOIN THE CHAMBER
RSMChamber.com

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RSM Cares

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. Visit their [website](#) for more information on events and volunteer opportunities.

Embrace. Engage. Enrich.

RSM Cares is a nonprofit organization that seeks to **enrich** the quality of life for RSM residents by inspiring local philanthropy, **engaging** stakeholders in community service and **embracing** the local nonprofit network through collaborative partnerships.

The RSM Cares "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" primary initiative helps feed local families with the RSM Food Pantry distribution of fresh produce and groceries twice a month. To find out how you can make a donation or volunteer, visit our website:

www.belltowerfoundation.org



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.



March Activities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

- [Afternoon Delight](#) - Friday, March 17th - St. Patty's Day lunch
- Art Club
- [Bingo](#)
- Blood Pressure Check (Free on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- noon)
- Bocce Ball
- Golden Age Yoga

- Congregate Lunch - Weekdays - 11:45 a.m. (excluding holidays) [Menu](#)
- [Driving Program](#)
- Meals on Wheels - [Menu](#)
- Movie Days - [March 1st](#) & [March 17th](#)
- 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.



March Recreation Highlights

Spring class registration is now open! Check out our *Summer Camp Preview* [online](#) and in the Spring edition of the Community Living Magazine.

Summer Camp registration starts Monday, April 3rd.

ABCs with Toddlers \$100/ month

Is your child ready for more social interaction but not ready for preschool? ABCs with Toddlers will introduce you and your child to a taste of ABCs with Tiny Tots with loving and experienced teachers participating alongside and guiding you as your child explores art, music, story time, play and much more in preparation for the next step with confidence. Parent participation required. Older siblings who are not enrolled in ABCs with Tiny Tots may attend for an additional \$5 to be paid per class cash only, adult supervision provided by staff in adjoining room. Older siblings who are enrolled in ABCs with Tiny Tots may attend toddler class no charge. Ages: 2-3 yrs. No Class: 4/11 & 4/13

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

110772 01	T,Th	Mar 28 - Apr 27	10 - 10:45 am
110772 02	T,Th	Mar 28 - Apr 27	11 - 11:45 am
110772 03	T,Th	May 2 - May 25	10 - 10:45 am
110772 04	T,Th	May 2 - May 25	11 - 11:45 am

Hip Hop Tumble \$99/ 7 Classes

In this fun, energetic class, dancers learn beginning jazz, hip hop and basic tumbling that are incorporated into dance combinations. A small performance is held at last class. Suitable for boys and girls. Sneakers or dance shoes required. Optional dance recital in June available to those signed up in both sessions of Hip Hop Tumble. Nominal costume fee applies. Ages: 3-6 yrs. No Class: 4/12

Instructor: OC Dance Productions

120419 01	W	Mar 1 - Apr 19	5:10 - 5:55 pm
120419 02	W	Apr 26 - Jun 7	5:10 - 5:55 pm

Archery Champs \$150/ 8 Classes

Archery Champs provides a fun and exciting opportunity to try a unique sport under the supervision of qualified and talented instructors. Each week you will learn a new archery skill and play a fun game that will challenge and test your archery skills! Ages: 8-13 yrs.
No Class: 4/11

Instructor: Archery Champs

120827 01 T Mar 21 - May 16 4 - 5:30 pm

Ageless Ballet
\$63/ 6 Classes

Ageless Ballet is a dance program developed with the mature adult in mind. We believe that we never outgrow our love for movement and joy that brings the mind, body, and soul. Our approach reduces the impact on the joints & helps participants increase strength, flexibility, and mobility in a judgment-free class. Ages: 50 yrs. & up.

Instructor: West Coast Movement

140244 02 M Mar 6 - Apr 10 8:45 - 9:45 am
140244 03 M Apr 17 - May 22 8:45 - 9:45 am

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

Senator Pat Bates & Assemblyman Bill Brough

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

South Orange County SENIOR DAY 2017

FEATURING EXPERT DOCTORS FROM UCI MIND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ON HEALTHY BRAIN AGING

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

Norman P. Murray Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo

8 AM registration and breakfast
(provided by Colleen Importers of Dana Point Harbor)

9 AM - 12 PM program, breakout sessions,
resource fair and lunch (provided by
Powers Bread immediately following)

All are welcome, but space is limited. RSVP by calling 949.598.5850 or 949.347.7301 or by visiting WWW.SENIORDAYOC.COM



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 1 Senior Safety and Self Defense
Lt. Gary Strachan, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Ret.)
- 2 How to Prevent Being a Victim of Fraud
Department of Insurance
- 3 Tablet and Smartphone Training
AIGT

FREE MEDICAL SCREENINGS by UCI Nursing

INFORMATIVE RESOURCE BOOTHS by
Age Well Senior Services / Alzheimer's Orange County
Automobile Club of Southern California
California Highway Patrol / CalOptima / Medicare
Orange County Council on Aging / Social Security

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Senator Pat Bates and Assemblyman Bill Brough present South OC
Senior Day
Saturday, March 10, 2017

A promotional poster for a Veterans Resource Fair and Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team event. The background features a softball player in a camouflage uniform. On the left, there is a logo for the team and a photo of three players. The text provides details about the event, including the date, time, location, and contact information.

**Veterans Resource Fair and
Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team**
Hosted by Assemblyman William Brough and Senator Patricia Bates
Saturday, March 25, 2017
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Gates open at 11 am • Game starts at Noon
Saddleback College Baseball Stadium
28000 Marguerite Pkwy., Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Refreshments • Souvenirs • Free Family Event
Your RSVP is appreciated, call 949-347-7301

Save the Date!
MARCH 25

Veterans Resource Fair and Wounded Warrior Softball Team
Saturday, March 25, 2017



Relay for Life RSM Saturday, May 20, 2017

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life - Rancho Santa Margarita, will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Central Park from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.


Contact Community Manager Danielle Ruiz at danielle.ruiz@cancer.org or (949) 567-0610 to find out how you can make a difference in the fight against cancer. Whether you want to start a team, volunteer, donate or sponsor, there are many ways the entire community can join the fight. Visit the official [webpage](#) for more information.




Rancho Santa Margarita City Council

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