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## **City Manager's Message**

October is shaping up to be a busy month in Rancho Santa Margarita. A common theme this month in the community is the care of our beloved pets. Our newly renovated Dog Park will re-open on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. I am so pleased with the results of this project and would like to thank those of you who took the time to respond to our community survey early this year. We took your ideas and suggestions and incorporated them into a gathering place for people and pets to enjoy year-round. Speaking of pets, SAMLARC has included a category for our four-legged friends in the costume contest at the upcoming *Fall Family Fair* which will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 5 pm in Central Park. This is a collaboration between SAMLARC and the City, and I hope to see you there!

Also included in this newsletter is information about our monthly low-cost pet care and vaccination clinic held every first Wednesday at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. We're also quickly approaching the anniversary of our contract with the City of Mission Viejo for animal care and control – I hope you'll agree that the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center provides Rancho Santa Margarita with exemplary customer service and excellent care for the pets that are such an important part of our families.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantez



## **Crime Prevention**

### ***Coffee With A Cop***

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Starbucks**

**30465 Avenida De Las Flores**

Residents will have the chance to meet and interact with the city's Police Services employees over their morning coffee on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> when the city hosts its first *Coffee with a Cop* event. The event gives residents a chance to ask questions of their local deputies and police staff in a casual setting as well as giving the employees a chance to build relationships with the residents they serve.

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES!**



Join us on National Coffee Day!  
Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
Starbucks Coffee | 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
30465 Avenida De Las Flores  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688



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## Low-Cost Pet Care Clinic

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.heart4pets.org)

Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) provides vaccinations, de-worming, microchipping, flea and tick control and if time allows, nail trims. Please visit their [website](#) 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  
DHP/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 - \$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, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

ZeroTrash Rancho Santa Margarita is a volunteer group that meets on the "Zero T First Saturday" of each month to rally together to rid the community of litter. All are welcome; parents, children, students, friends, neighbors – anyone interested in keeping RSM clean!



Volunteers meet in front of Cinepolis/ Panera at 10:00 a.m. and fan out from there. ZeroTrash provides the pickers and bags; volunteers are asked to closely supervise young children at all times, stay on trails and to keep a look out for snakes! Return pickers and trash at noon behind the Bell Tower Community Center and obtain sign-offs for certification of community service hours or badge requirements.

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

## **Dog Park Grand Reopening**



**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**24328 Antonio Parkway**

The community - and their canines - are invited to the grand opening of the City's newly renovated dog park at Cañada Vista Park on Saturday, October 14, 2017, located at [24328 Antonio Parkway](#).

The park opens at 8:00 a.m. with vendors and giveaways, followed by a 9:00 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony with City officials. The grand opening is a celebration of the renovation of the dog park, which includes two separate natural turf areas for large and small dogs as well as new signage, seating and shade structures, agility equipment and reinforced snake fencing.

For more information call [\(949\) 635-1800](tel:949.635.1800)



**Relay for Life**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**



**10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Central Park**

Relay For Life is a grass roots, community-based team event. The event kicks off by celebrating everyone who's been affected by cancer. Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against the

disease.

Join us at this community event to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.

Click [here](#) for more information, to make a donation, join a team, or volunteer.

## **National Prescription Medication Take Back Day**

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**RSM City Hall**

**22112 El Paseo**



The Orange County Sheriff's Department is offering a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medication. National Prescription Medication Take Back Day is Saturday, October 28, 2017. Simply bring your medication(s) to Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall, [22112 El Paseo](#), between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and rest assured that they will be disposed of safely. No questions asked, no hassle! Sorry, sharps not accepted.

National Prescription Medication Take Back Day

# GOT DRUGS?

Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Bring unwanted, unused, and expired prescription medications  
**(NO SHARPS)**. Free and anonymous. No questions asked.

For more information call (714) 647- 4133. The event will be held rain or shine.

## Locations:

### Laguna Hills:

Laguna Hills City Hall  
24035 El Toro Rd.  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

### Laguna Woods:

Laguna Woods City Hall  
24204 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods CA 92367

### Lake Forest:

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre  
Lake Forest, CA 92630

### Mission Viejo:

Mission Viejo City Hall  
200 Civic Center  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

### RSM:

Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall  
22112 El Paseo  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

### Rossmore:

Rush Park  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmore, CA 90720

### San Juan Capistrano:

San Juan Capistrano City Hall  
32400 Paseo Adelanto  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

### Yorba Linda:

Yorba Linda Community Center  
4501 Casa Loma Ave, Yorba  
Linda, CA 92686



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## Fall Family Festival

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

2 - 5:00 p.m.

Central Park

Enjoy Spooktacular fun for the entire family at the Fall Family Festival, sponsored in partnership with SAMLARC and the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Trick-or-Treat in a fun and safe environment, enjoy multiple inflatables and bounce houses, partake in the costume contest and join the child and pet costume parade while you listen to music and play games. Capture memories at our festive photo backdrop and purchase refreshments throughout the event from local vendors.

Please visit the [SAMLARC website](#) for more information.



## 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.



## October

- [Afternoon Delight](#) - Halloween Luncheon featuring entertainment by James Wells - Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, noon.
- Art Club
  - [Bingo](#)
- Blood Pressure Check (Free on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- noon)
- [Bocce Ball](#)
- [Chat with Jenn](#) (Health Insurance Specialist)
- Congregate Lunch - Weekdays - 11:45 a.m. (excluding holidays) [Menu](#)
- [Free Flu Shots](#)



- Golden Age Yoga
- Meals on Wheels - [Menu](#)
- Movie Days - Wednesday, [October 4<sup>th</sup>](#) & Friday, [October 20<sup>th</sup>](#)
- Music Exercise Class
- [Smartphone Tutorial](#)
- Tai Chi
- Total Body Fitness

Visit our [Senior Activities webpage](#) for more information, follow [Age Well RSM](#) on [Facebook](#) or contact [Lindy Kehler](#) at [\(949\)216-9700, ext. 257](#).



## Veterans Day Recognition

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 p.m. Reception**

**7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting and  
Recognition Ceremony**

**Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall**



The City of Rancho Santa Margarita invites veterans and their families to the 3rd Annual Veterans Day recognition at City Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military - wartime or peacetime. The City of Rancho Santa Margarita would like to thank local

veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who have served in the military have sacrificed and performed a noble duty. Following the reception, a recognition ceremony will be conducted at the City Council meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.

All veterans are invited to participate in this important recognition. We hope you will join us to honor the men and women of our community for their service.

Please fill out the Veterans Information Form so that we may include you in the ceremony. Also, we are seeking photos of veterans to be included in our presentation. If you have a photo of a veteran that you would like to add to the City's collection of veterans' photos, please drop off a copy at the Bell Tower Community Center or email photos to [wredington@cityofrsm.org](mailto:wredington@cityofrsm.org). For more information, call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.



## City of Rancho Santa Margarita VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Recognition held at: City Hall ★ 22112 El Paseo  
6:30 p.m. ★ Wednesday, November 8, 2017

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST YOUR MILITARY EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Optional Contact Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form and your name  
will be announced at our recognition ceremony.**

If you have a photo of a Veteran that you would like to be added to our presentation of Veterans' photos, please drop off a copy at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
Or email photos with this form to [wredington@cityofrsm.org](mailto:wredington@cityofrsm.org)

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## October Recreation Highlights



### **Budding Ballerinas** **\$108/ 7 Classes**

Combining a perfect blend of technical steps and gentle corrections, Budding Ballerinas introduces your young dancer to the magic of classical ballet. Classes include introduction to ballet positions, stretching and basic terminology while your little ones learn to work together

as a group. Ages: 3-5 yrs.

Instructor: West Coast Movement Project

310419 03      T      Nov 7 - Dec 19      9 - 9:45 am

### **Preschool Combo Dance** **\$108/ 7 Classes**

Preschool Dance Combo celebrates the joy of movement while building confidence and self-esteem in our young students. A variety of styles are introduced including Tap, Jazz & Ballet with themes that support early learning and enhance your child's feeling of success. Ages: 3-5 yrs. No Class: 11/23

Instructor: West Coast Movement Project

310420 03      Th      Nov 2 - Dec 21      9 - 9:45 am

### **Beginning Guitar** **\$98/ 5 Classes**

Playing the guitar is an enjoyable and relaxing way to enrich your life with music. Experience interaction with fellow beginning guitarists in a supportive and small group environment. The class aims to transform the novice into a self-reliant musician. Learn to play easy chords, fun melodies, strum styles and many popular songs. Instructor Ron Gorman has enjoyed teaching this class for the city of RSM for twelve years. Have a blast and bring your own guitar to class. Ages: 10 yrs. & up. No Class: 10/31

Instructor: Ron Gorman

320901 01      T      Oct 17 - Nov 21      6 - 7 pm

### **Positive Parenting Tools** **\$79/ 4 Classes**

Are you exhausted and overwhelmed by daily power struggles with your children? Are your days full of yelling due to lack of cooperation? Are you finding that punishments and rewards don't work? If so, this fun and engaging four-week class will empower you to be the successful parent you want to be and help you build a more peaceful home. You will walk away equipped with non-punitive and respectful Positive Discipline parenting tools that are both kind and firm. Learn what is driving your children's misbehavior and how to respond in ways that build a connection with your children while at the same time teaching them important skills such as problem-solving, communication and emotional regulation. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Janell Bitton, CPC, CPDPE

340773 01      T      Oct 3 - Oct 24      6:30 - 8:30 pm  
340773 02      Th      Oct 26 - Nov 16      9:30 - 11:30 am

## Adult Beginning Tap 1 \$63/ 5 Classes

Enjoy a beginner level tap class catering to adults that explore this original American Dance form in a non-competitive environment. Tap shoes recommended by the second class meeting. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Mia Alicea

340421 02          F                  Oct 6-Nov 3    9:30 - 10:30 am

Click [here](#) to access the City's online registration system.

## Report Abandoned Shopping Carts

Abandoned shopping carts in the public right-of-ways constitute a nuisance, create safety hazards, cause blight, and interfere with pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the City of Rancho Santa Margarita.

You can help reduce these hazards by reporting abandoned shopping carts in the public right-of-way.

To report abandoned carts:



1. **Website reporting:** Click on the following link to report shopping carts <http://www.cartretrieval.net/index.asp>.
2. **Via your Smartphone:** Use your My RSM smart phone app and click on the "Shopping Cart Pickup" icon that will direct you to the RSM website.
3. **Toll-free phone line:** Call the toll free number at **(800) 252-4613**.

**Thank you for helping keep Rancho Santa Margarita safe and beautiful!**



## Passport Services Available at City Hall

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall is an authorized United States Passport Acceptance Facility. We accept your application for a passport and forward all forms and documents to the United States Department of State, where your passport will be processed.

A current, valid passport is the most important travel document a United States citizen can possess. It is required to travel by air, land or sea to any foreign country. The wallet-size passport card is a travel document that can be used to re-enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. The card cannot be

used for international air travel. *Due to unanticipated demand, hours are by appointment only until further notice.*

## **By Appointment**

**Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Please visit the City's Passport Acceptance Facility webpage or call (949) 635-1819 for more information or to schedule an appointment.**

## **TIP of Orange County**

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita is proud to support TIP. TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) is a group of specially trained volunteers who provide emotional aid and practical support to victims of traumatic events and their families in the first few hours following a tragedy.

TIP Volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are called by police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and hospital personnel to assist family members and friends following a natural or unexpected death; victims of violent crime including rape, assault, robbery, or burglary; victims of fire; disoriented or lonely elderly persons; people involved in motor vehicle accidents; people who are distraught and seeking immediate support; and survivors of suicide. Click [here](#) to view a list of the 2017 Heroes with Heart honorees, and learn about the TIP volunteer program by clicking on the image below.



Is 2018 the year  
you become a  
TIP Volunteer?

Now recruiting  
Orange County residents.

**Bilingual a Plus!**  
**All languages needed.**



**TIP**

### Put Your Compassion Into Action

Trauma Intervention Programs of Orange County is looking for caring people who want to be part of a team of volunteers who provide emotional first aid and practical support to survivors of traumatic events. TIP Volunteers are called to emergency scenes by police officers, firefighters and paramedics to:

- Comfort family members after a sudden death.
- Provide caring support after a suicide.
- Help witnesses after a traumatic event.
- Be there for those emotionally shaken after traffic accidents.
- Assist tourists/travelers when tragedy strikes when they are far from home.

#### TIP Volunteer Training Academy Schedule: January 2018

**No experience is necessary, but completion of TIP Training Academy is required.**

Thursday, January 18 - 6:30 to 10:00 pm	Tuesday, January 23 - 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Friday, January 19 - 7:00 to 10:00 pm	Thursday, January 25 - 6:30 to 10:00 pm
Saturday, January 20 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Friday, January 26 - 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Sunday, January 21 - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	

Wednesday, February 14, Mandatory CE Meeting - 6:30 to 9:30 pm \*

Wednesday, March 7, Policies & Procedures Review - 6:30 to 9:30 pm

**GRADUATION**, Wednesday, April 25 - 7:00 pm

\*The mandatory continuing education meetings are always on the second Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendar!

For info or to register call 714.314.0744 or email: [tipincco@aol.com](mailto:tipincco@aol.com)  
[www.tiporangecounty.org/become\\_volunteer.php](http://www.tiporangecounty.org/become_volunteer.php)

[tiporangecounty.org](http://tiporangecounty.org)

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## Rancho Santa Margarita City Council

**Carol Gamble, Mayor**

**Michael Vaughn, Mayor Pro Tempore**

**L. Anthony Beall, Council Member**

**Jerry Holloway, Council Member**

**Brad McGirr, Council Member**

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