
September e-newsletter



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City Manager's Message

Community pride is an essential part of the fabric that makes up Rancho Santa Margarita. This summer, through our Concert Series and the competitive spirit of our local youth sports teams, we had a chance to show visitors who we are as a community. The Santa Margarita Little League All Stars represented all of us with their performance in Williamsport, the community pride was palpable, and it was so exciting to turn on the television and see Rancho Santa Margarita emblazoned on ESPN! I hope you will join us this month for the upcoming Little League parade and our annual Patriot Day ceremony. We are also already planning our third annual Veterans Day recognition in November. At these events, we can take a moment to say hello to our neighbors, and observe for ourselves the pride and the strong sense of place that is represented in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantez



ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, September 2nd

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.



Low-Cost Pet Care Clinic

Wednesday, September 6th

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-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

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 - \$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.

Parade for the Santa Margarita Little

League National All Star Team

Saturday, September 9th

10:00 a.m.

City Hall and Central Park



A parade and rally is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the Santa Margarita Little League National All Star Team who recently returned home from the Little League World Series. The route will start at City Hall and proceed west on La Miranda and south on El Paseo to Richard Reese Way, ending at Central Park. The community is invited to celebrate the team's achievements throughout the summer and congratulate and thank them for representing Rancho Santa Margarita with pride and sportsmanship during their performance at the Little League World Series.

For more information, please contact Community Services at [\(949\) 635-1800](tel:9496351800) or visit the [SMLL Facebook page](#).



Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

Monday, September 11th

5:30 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza

Each year, the citizens of Rancho Santa Margarita come together in an annual commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. This community remembrance honors the victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, airline flight takeovers and the American military service personnel who have died in the war against terrorism while other members of the service continue to fight.

For more information, call Community Services at [\(949\) 216-9700](tel:9492169700) or visit the City's [website](#).



Antonio Parkway and Santa Margarita Parkway Pavement Rehabilitation Update

The Contractor has completed the paving portion of the contract for Antonio Parkway, and only a few final items are left (such as final striping, utility adjustments, traffic loop installation) to complete the work on Antonio Parkway. The paving operation on Santa Margarita Parkway (eastbound only from Buena Suerte to Plano Trabuco) is scheduled to take place over two weekends (9/9/17 - 9/10/17 & 9/16/17-9/17/17) in order to minimize traffic during weekday peak volumes.

Construction is anticipated to continue through late September. The contractor's activities will be limited to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily. Lane closures will be restricted to the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. A minimum of one through traffic travel lane and all turning lanes in each direction will be available during construction.

Your patience and cooperation in observing all traffic controls, parking restrictions and traffic control workers is sincerely appreciated and will help to expedite this project. The City and contractor will make every effort to minimize any inconveniences to motorists and pedestrians.

Please contact Public Works for more information at (949) 635-1800.

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.



September

- 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](#)
- Golden Age Yoga
- Meals on Wheels - [Menu](#)
- Movie Days - [Wednesday, September 6th](#) & [Friday, September 15th](#)
- 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](tel:9492169700).



Crime Prevention

Save the Date!

Coffee With A Cop

Wednesday, October 4th

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 Friday 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!

**Orange County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency (949) 770-6011
Emergency 911**



A photograph of a Starbucks coffee shop interior. A large, semi-transparent green circular graphic is overlaid on the image. Inside the circle is a black outline of a sheriff's badge. The text inside the badge reads "Coffee" in a script font, "WITH A" in a sans-serif font, and "COP" in a bold sans-serif font. Below the text is a small icon of a coffee cup with steam rising from it. In the background, a Starbucks employee in a green uniform and a customer in a red shirt are visible at the counter.

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



The Starbucks logo is positioned to the right of the event details. Below it is the official seal of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, which features a landscape with mountains, a river, and a sun, surrounded by the text "RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA" and "INCORPORATED 1966".

[Click here to enlarge](#)



A yellow rectangular sign with a black border. At the top, the text "KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL!" is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text are three circular icons: the Orange County Sheriff's Department seal on the left, a silhouette of a school bus with a person standing next to it in the center, and the American flag on the right. Below the icons, the text "TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES" is written in black, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the hashtags "#SAFETYFIRST" and "#DRIVESAFE" are displayed in black, sans-serif capital letters.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department reminds motorists to please be mindful of the children crossing the roadway and obey the directions of

**the crossing guards.
SLOW down for school zones and avoid distracted driving.**

Veterans Day Recognition



Wednesday, November 8th

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 would like to thank all veterans for their service, and show appreciation for their contributions to our national security. We invite the public to join us at our 3rd Annual Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony to recognize the men and women of our community for their military service.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of City Hall, where light refreshments will be served, followed by a special presentation to veterans of all branches of the armed services by the Mayor and City Council. Veterans and active duty military personnel are especially encouraged to attend.

We hope you'll join us in honoring our Veterans on this very special evening. For more information contact the Community Services Department at [\(949\) 216-9700](tel:9492169700).



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: _____

**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

[Click here to enlarge](#)

September Recreation Highlights



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, experienced teachers participating alongside and

guiding you as your child explores with art, music, story time, play and much more in preparation for the next step with confidence. Parent participation required. Ages: 2-3 yrs.

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

310772 01 T,Th Sep 5 - Sep 28 10 - 10:45 am
310772 02 T,Th Sep 5 - Sep 28 11 - 11:45 am

Budding Ballerinas

Free/ 1 Class*
\$108/ 7 Classes

Combining a perfect blend of technical steps with 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. Join us for a free trial class on September 5th. Ages: 3-5 yrs.

Instructor: West Coast Movement Project

310419 01* T Sep 5 9 - 9:45 am
310419 02 T Sep 12 - Oct 24 9 - 9:45 am

The Three Piggy Opera
\$125/ 8 Classes

Children will have fun participating in a darling production of the classic tale “The Three Piggy Opera”! Children will be taught improvisational skills, creating a story on stage, and other music, movement and drama exercises. Musical theatre helps children in so many ways – memorization skills, expressing themselves, working as a team, self-confidence, and much more. Most of all, it is FUN! Your child will be proud to display what they have learned in a performance of “The Three Piggy Opera” for family and friends on October 26th, at 6:30 p.m. All actors will receive a Tom Thumb Players t- shirt and a rehearsal CD. Ages: 3-6 yrs.

Instructor: Creative Kid Playhouse

310319 01 Th Sep 7 - Oct 26 3:45 - 4:30 pm

Academic Chess
\$104/ 8 Classes

We make chess fun by using stories! This curriculum is designed to fit the needs of all skill levels. Continuing and new students are welcome. Every chess student will receive an Academic Chess workbook according to their skill level. The class includes lessons and chess play time each week, a tournament, and prizes and trophies for the winners! Chess increases IQ and teaches children to think deeply, gain confidence, solve problems, develop patience, compete well, visualize results and strategize and plan. Ages: 5-12 yrs.

Instructor: Academic Chess Staff

320635 01 M Sep 11 - Oct 30 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Computer Coding with CodeSpeaks Labs
\$200/ 10 Classes

Students will learn an introduction to computer coding by creating their own video games, animations, and web apps! We will use the computer programming languages: Blockly, Scratch, and Javascript. Ages: 6-12 yrs.

Instructor: Code Speaks Labs

320774 01 Th Sep 7-Nov 9 3:30-4:30 pm

Floral Design
\$35/ 1 Class

In this class you will learn the tips and tricks the pros use to make gorgeous centerpieces with grocery store flowers. Each participant will take home a centerpiece they will be proud to display in their home! Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Leanna Henry

340504 01 Th	Sep 14	7 - 8:30 pm
340504 02 W	Sep 27	7 - 8:30 pm
340504 03 Th	Oct 12	7 - 8:30 pm
340504 04 W	Oct 25	7 - 8:30 pm

Introduction to Mindfulness

Mindfulness has been scientifically proven to reduce stress, decrease anxiety and improve health and well-being. In this workshop, you will learn mindfulness meditation, its benefits and how you can incorporate it into your life today.

Instructor: Amy Noelle

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

\$350/ 9 Classes

360830 01 W Sep 20 - Nov 15 9 - 11 am

Mindful Self-Compassion

\$350/ 9 Classes

360830 02 W Sep 20 - Nov 15 11:15 am - 1:15 pm

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.

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