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## City Manager's Message

The Spring issue of the Rancho Santa Margarita Community Living Magazine will arrive in your mailbox soon. In it, you'll find city news features and information about upcoming events, classes, workshops, and activities. We've gotten word that the RSM Chamber of Commerce is in the planning process for RanchoFest. We look forward to supporting our community partners and volunteers in their efforts to continue this much anticipated annual event.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantez



## ZeroTrash RSM Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</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.



## Low-Cost Pet Care Clinic

Wednesday, February 7<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](#) or click [here](#) to view a detailed flyer for more information. *Cash or credit card (\$3 additional processing fee per pet) 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.



## Crime Prevention

## Parenting in a Digital World

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Mission Hills Christian School**

**29582 Aventura, Rancho Santa Margarita**

Rancho Santa Margarita parents are invited to attend *Parenting in a Digital World* presented by former School Resource Officer Clay Cranford, one of the nation's leading law enforcement educators on social media and child safety. This is a FREE 2-hour cyber safety seminar that will prepare parents to effectively supervise their child on social media sites and protect them from online threats. Due to the very sensitive subject matter, children are not permitted.

**Due to limited seating, reservations are required by February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please click [here](#) to register.**

Follow Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services on Facebook and Instagram and Twitter:

Twitter-@OCSDRanchoSM

Facebook - @OCSDRanchoSM

Instagram - ocsdranchosm

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES!**

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



Lt. Luke South, Chief of Police Services, and his staff address child safety programs in Rancho Santa Margarita schools.

## 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.

### February

- [Afternoon Delight](#) - Valentine's Day Luncheon with Howard Rice performing Jazz and Rhythm & Blues - Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Art Club
  - [Bingo](#)
- Blood Pressure Check (Free on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- noon)
- [Bocce Ball](#)
- [Chat with Jenn](#) (Health Insurance specialist) - Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Congregate Lunch - Weekdays - 11:45 a.m. (excluding holidays) [Menu](#)
- [Golden Age Yoga](#)
- Meals on Wheels - [Menu](#)
- Movie Days - [Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>](#), and [Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

UC Irvine and Age Well Senior Services invite you to attend

***Where did I put my keys? Tales  
from the hippocampus for  
anyone over the age of 30***

**Monday, March 19, 2018  
9:30 a.m.  
Bell Tower Regional Community Center**



## Where did I put my keys? Tales from the hippocampus for anyone over the age of 30



**Craig Stark, PhD**  
Professor of Neurobiology & Behavior  
**Shauna Stark, MS**  
Research Scientist, Neurobiology & Behavior

We'll discuss how changes in the brain as we get older affect our memory and which changes are part of the normal aging process and which ones signal dementia. Then, we'll talk about the current state of treatments to improve memory, from approved medications to supplements to environmental enrichment.

**Date: Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Time: 9:30am**  
**Location: The Bell Tower Community Center**  
**22232 El Paseo, RSM, CA**



**UCI CNLM** | Center for the Neurobiology of Learning & Memory  
Ayala School of Biological Sciences

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[Click here to view flyer](#)

## February Recreation Highlights



**ABCs with Toddlers**  
**\$100/ per 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

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**Tunes & Tales**  
**\$53/ 5 Classes**



Let's get the wiggles out! Tunes & Tales is a Music and Movement class for children ages 2 to 4 years. Sing-a-longs and finger play songs start off this fun-filled class followed by musical activities using bean bags, rhythm sticks, instruments, a parachute and more. Children have a great time while developing their listening and social skills. Parent/adult participation required. Ages: 2-4 yrs.

Instructor: Vivian Stapleton

410913 02 Th Feb 22 - Mar 22 9:45-10:30 am

**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.

What to Bring: \$35 cash materials fee

Instructor: Linda Rush

420501 02 T Feb 6 - Feb 27 3:30-6 pm

**Zumba with Tania**

ZUMBA Fitness is a fusion of Latin and International music-dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. Appropriate for any fitness level. Try the first class of a session before you register. Ages: 18 yrs. & up.

Instructor: Tania Villalbazo

**\$46/ 6 Classes**

440206 06 M,W Feb 5 - Feb 28 7-8 pm

**\$25/ 3 Classes**

440206 04 M Feb 5 - Feb 26 7-8 pm

440206 05 W Feb 7 - Feb 28 7-8 pm

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



**RSM Food Pantry**  
**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

The RSM Food Pantry is every first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month from 2 to 5 pm. There are no minimum or financial qualification required. Come by and get a box for your family, or for a neighbor in need.

The RSM Food Pantry is located in the parking lot behind The Bridge Church. 30162 Tomas, Rancho Santa Margarita. Contact [RSM Cares](#) to learn about how you can volunteer time or donate to this great program. The RSM Food Bank is now registered with [211OC](#).



Support RSM Food Pantry  
Donate Online at [www.BellTowerFoundation.Org](http://www.BellTowerFoundation.Org)

## Military Support

### Donations needed for Adopted Marine Battalion's Family Easter Celebration

Donations of candy, Easter items, plastic eggs, and gift cards are being collected through the month of March at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center during regular business hours. Your donations will assist the Family Readiness Officer in making the celebration extra special for the members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines. Suggested gift card amounts are \$5 to \$50 increments for groceries, gasoline, and other daily essentials. Letters and handwritten notes of appreciation are also encouraged.



For more information, call or email [Wendi Redington](mailto:Wendi.Redington@belltowerfoundation.org) at (949) 216-9700.



## Blood Drive

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shepherd of the Hills United  
Methodist Church

30605 Avenida de Las Flores

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church invites the community's participation in their upcoming blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. The event will be held in the sanctuary at 30605 Avenida de Las Flores on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00- 7:00 p.m. (Childcare is available from 3:00- 5:00 p.m.)

To schedule your appointment, or for more information, contact [Avis French](#) or [Mary Beth McGowan](#). Appointments may also be made online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) using sponsor code: shepherdhills.

## Income Tax Preparation Assistance

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is now into its 4th year in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Tax preparation is done for lower-income individuals (threshold \$60,000) under the auspices of the United Way of Orange County and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). While the primary sponsor is San Francisco Solano Catholic Church and the majority of trained volunteer tax preparers are members of the parish, the services being provided serve all members of the community, regardless of religious



affiliation, at no cost to the individuals. The program is periodically audited by the IRS as well as the United Way.

Tax preparation will continue on Saturdays (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) and on Tuesdays (6 -9 p.m.) from January 27 to approximately the first week of April.

Please call (949) 589-7767 for more information.



**GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE** **OC FREE TAX PREP** LET'S TALK TAXES

If your household income was less than \$60,000 in 2017, you may be eligible to file your taxes for free!

**IT'S SIMPLE!**

- File your own taxes at MyFreeTaxes.com.
- Or, schedule an appointment at a free tax preparation site. Call one of the locations on the back of this flyer.

If you worked in 2017 and your household earned income was less than \$54,000, you may qualify to receive over \$6,000 cash back from the federal and newly expanded California Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). You must file your taxes to claim the credits!

**WHAT DO I BRING WITH ME?**

- Picture Identification
- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Letter for all individuals listed on the return
- W-2s, 1099s and all other tax-related documents for 2017
- Form 1095-A, B or C health insurance coverage statement
- All 1098-E and T forms for educational expenses
- Childcare provider name, address, phone number and Tax ID Number
- Voided check if using direct deposit for refund
- Copy of your 2016 income tax return
- For joint returns, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms

**HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR EITC?**

- Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien for all of 2017
- Have a social security number valid for employment
- Earned income during 2017
- Cannot use "Married Filing Separately" filing status
- Cannot be claimed as a qualifying child
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (relating to foreign earned income)

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA  
San Francisco Solano Church  
22082 Antonio Parkway  
RSM 92688  
(949)589-7767**

United Way, citi, EITC, IRS, myfree taxes

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**Relay for Life**

**Save the Date!**



**June 9-10**

**Oso Viejo Community Park**

**Join the kick-off celebration on February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Five South County communities (Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, Ladera Ranch, Lake Forest, and San Juan Capistrano) have teamed up to host Relay For Life of South Orange County June 9-10 at Oso Viejo Community Park in neighboring Mission Viejo.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs. The event offers something for everyone – from the newly diagnosed and caregivers to friends and long-term cancer survivors.

The Relay For Life of South Orange County "Kick-off Celebration" will take place on Sunday, February 11. The celebration is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Audi Mission Viejo, [28451 Marguerite Pkwy](#).

To RSVP for the kick-off celebration, contact [socrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:socrelayforlife@gmail.com). For more information about Relay or to register a team, visit <http://socrfl.org>.




## **Rancho Santa Margarita City Council**

**Michael Vaughn, Mayor**  
**Jerry Holloway, Mayor Pro Tempore**  
**L. Anthony Beall, Council Member**  
**Carol Gamble, Council Member**  
**Brad McGirr, Council Member**

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