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City Manager's Message



Springtime is traditionally a time to clean, renew and refresh. Residents and visitors to Rancho Santa Margarita will notice various projects throughout the City as we work together with community organizations to "spruce up" our city this spring. We look forward to the installation of a monument and extensive landscape improvements at the Alicia "T" entrance to RSM, roadway median beautification and xeriscaping projects, and other infrastructure improvements. Additionally, renovations are planned at the lake by SAMLARC, and ZeroTrash RSM meets on the first Saturday of each month to remove litter, stickers, and graffiti throughout the community.

Your feedback is important to us; if you see a need for an area in the City that could use a little spring cleaning, please utilize our website, which features easy-to-use tools available for that purpose. If you have a request or feedback to share, the [RSM Community Connection](#) can be used to send your correspondence directly to staff members who can help.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Cervantez

Community Center Spring Makeover Completed

The Bell Tower Regional Community Center has undergone a transformation this spring, with new carpet installation throughout the facility. This fresh new look makes it a perfect venue for weddings, fundraising galas, Quinceneras and more. The center also has conference and meeting rooms of various sizes that can accommodate birthday parties, wedding and baby showers, board meetings and conferences and various other social and business gatherings of all sizes.

Antique wooden doors welcome guests into a private walkway decorated with stone bricks and a picturesque water fountain. The vaulted sky-lit atrium and floor to ceiling windows bring a beautiful natural light into each room. Towering palm trees, blooming bougainvillea in terracotta



pots, and the backdrop of the Saddleback Mountains make the Bell Tower Regional Community Center an ideal location for your next special event.

Visit our [website](#) for more information on facility rental opportunities at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center.



City Council Meetings

Held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

Community Living Magazine



Register Now for Recreation Classes at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center

Summer Camps at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center Early Registration Begins April 1st

Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Learning and exploring doesn't have to stop when the school year ends. Rancho Santa Margarita has over 20 fun-filled specialty camps to keep your child active this summer.



Children ages 1 1/2 through 17 years old can experience dance, art, music, engineering, film making, science, cooking, skateboarding, photography, magic, and more!

Summer camps are popular and fill up fast. Check out our [Summer Camps Preview](#) to assist in planning summer activities and ensure a spot for your child. Registration can be done online through the City's [online class registration system](#), in person at the Community Center, or by mail. For more information, visit the city's website at www.cityofrsm.org or call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.

Change Your Clock, Check Your Batteries Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8

The Orange County Fire Authority reminds us to check our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when we change our clocks. Make a habit of changing batteries while changing clocks to ensure properly functioning devices throughout your home. As a reminder, used batteries should not be disposed of in your regular trash. The City of Rancho Santa Margarita offers a receptacle for safe battery disposal at the Civic Center, located at 22112 El Paseo during regular business hours.

For information about OCFA's smoke alarm program, visit www.ocfa.org.



Try Something New This Spring For Free

"Try It Before You Buy It" Is Back!

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita's Community Services Department is once again offering its "Try It Before You Buy It" program, which allows participants to sample a class and pay for the series if they wish to continue.

Class dates and times vary; for a complete listing of classes, which range from Princess Ballet, Karate, digital publishing, and fitness classes including yoga and Zumba, visit our [website](#) or contact the Community Services Department at (949) 216-9700.



FREE CLASS!

Try it before you buy it

Looking to try something new? Attend a class for free before you commit to participate. Pre-registration is required and is available on-line at www.cityofrsm.org. Come and join the fun at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center.



PRESCHOOL Ages: 1.5-6 yrs.			
Little Ninjas Tuesday, March 3 3:45-4:15 pm 510235 01	Princess Ballet Wednesday, March 18 3:30-4:15 pm 510402 01	Tap, Jazz, Ballet Combo Wednesday, March 18 4:20-5:05 pm 510403 01	
ABC's with Tiny Tots (Open House) Friday, March 27 9 am-12 pm 510761 02	Friday, May 1 9 am-12 pm 510761 03	Tunes & Tales Thursday, May 14 9:30-10:10 am 510913 01 (Ages: 1.5-2.5 yrs.)	Thursday, May 14 10:15-11:10 am 510913 02 (Ages: 2.5-4 yrs.)
YOUTH Ages: 6-17 yrs.			
Karate Monday, March 2 4:15-5 pm 520202 01	Hip Hop Sing & Dance Pop Star Wednesday, March 18 5:15-6 pm 520410 01	Beginning Guitar Tuesday, April 28 7-8 pm 520901 01	Beginning Ukulele Tuesday, April 28 6-7 pm 520916 01
ADULT Ages: 18 yrs. & up.			
Zumba with Tania Monday, March 2 7-8 pm 540206 01	Healthy Fit Tuesday, March 3 5:45-7 pm 540205 01	Zumba Gold Tuesday, March 3 9-10 am 540227 01	Family Blogging with Catherine Keefe Tuesday, March 3 9:15-10:45 am 540817 01
Family Cookbook with Catherine Keefe Tuesday, March 3 11 am-12:30 pm 540818 01	Your Family Story with Catherine Keefe Tuesday, March 3 6:30-8 pm 540819 01	Let's Shimmy! Belly Dance for Fitness Tuesday, March 10 7-8 pm 560416 01	Country Line Dancing Tuesday, March 24 6:30-7:15 pm 540409 01
Country Two Step Tuesday, March 24 7:15-8 pm 540414 01	Salsa Tuesday, March 24 8-8:45 pm 540407 01	PM Yoga with Roz Tuesday, April 7 6-7 pm 540212 01	Restorative Yoga with Roz Tuesday, April 7 7-8 pm 540221 01

For more information, call 949-216-9700

www.cityofrsm.org

United States Flag Disposal Site Available in RSM



Retire damaged and faded American flags by utilizing the U.S. flag retirement box located at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center. The box (pictured left) is located in the lobby, located at 22232 El Paseo. The flags will be collected on a regular basis and disposed of properly.

The box was provided to the community by RSM Eagle Scout Candidate Parker Clements, and provides a dignified and appropriate way for flags that are tattered, torn, or otherwise in need of disposal to be stored.

For more information, call the Bell Tower Regional Community Center at (949) 216-9700.

Home Fire Prevention

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- 3 out of 5 home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than 1/3 (37 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Here are 3 simple steps to keep your home safe from fire:

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors:

- Ensure there is one smoke alarm on every level of the home.
- Ensure there is one smoke alarm inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Change smoke alarm batteries as needed. Never remove smoke alarm batteries without replacing them.
- Ensure your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

2. Make an escape plan and practice:

- Ensure all members of your family know where to meet once evacuated.
- Ensure kids know what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear it.
- Conduct evacuation drills with your family.

3. Complete the [FEMA Home Fire Safety Checklist](#) to ensure your home is safe from fire.

For more information about emergency preparedness, contact Sarah Barker, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator at (949) 635-1800 x6812

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch (949) 770-6011

Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services (949) 635-1819 (for general questions)



Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinics

1st Wednesday of the month
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.webs.com



Bring your cat or dog for low cost vaccinations from the Society for California Veterinary Vaccine Care and pet licensing from OC Animal Care. Cash or credit card (\$3 processing fee) is the only forms of payment accepted. AVID micro identification chips are also available which includes the registration and continuous, 24/7 lifetime monitoring.

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
Lyme	\$22.00
Microchip	\$28.00

\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

Prices are subject to change.

March Recreation Highlights

To register for these and other classes, visit Community Services on the City's website at www.cityofrsm.org/classregistration.

ABCs with Tiny Tots

\$183 per month

Come join a fun way of preparing your child for kindergarten. With hands on interactive learning using art, science, cooking, music and much more, your child will learn their numbers, letters, shapes, learn to write their name as well as developing social skills of patience, listening, cooperation and sharing. No parent participation needed. Children must be fully potty

trained.

Ages: 3 - 5 years. No class: 4/6-4/10

Instructor: SoCal Tiny Tots

110761 01

M,W,F Mar 2 - Mar 27 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

110761 02

M,W,F Mar 30 - May 1 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Stone Soup - Theater for Children

\$99/ 9 Classes

Musical Theater for young children! Join Miss Jennifer weekly to learn and rehearse an age-appropriate musical. Then perform it with costumes and sets for your friends and family! Kids come away from our programs having had a fun, accomplishment filled experience. Costume and Cast t-shirt are included in the price.

Ages: 3 - 7 years.

Instructor: Creative Kid Playhouse

110325 01 M Mar 9 - May 4 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Paint, Paste and More!

\$78/ 6 Classes

Encourage your child's creativity and imagination through hands-on exploration of a wide variety of manipulative and sensory materials. Different activities are introduced each week, so come for fun and dress for a mess. All activities are amendable to suit all ages.

Ages 1.5 - 5 years.

\$20 cash materials fee due at first class session

Instructor: Wendy Rault

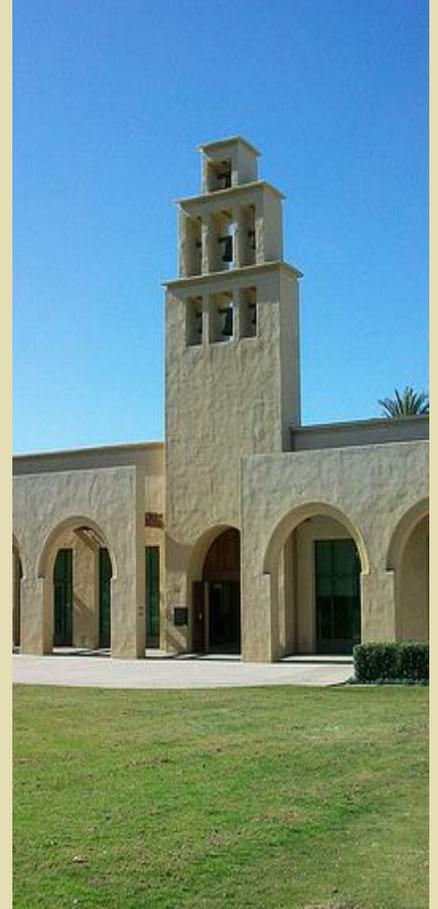
110302 01 T Mar 31 - May 12 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Tap, Jazz, Ballet Combo

\$75/ 6 Classes

Dancers will be introduced to the world of beginning tap, jazz and ballet movements and terminology. Class also includes developing spatial awareness, rhythm and listening skills. Suitable for those new to dance; ballet and tap shoes are required.

Ages: 3-6 years. No class: 4/15



City Hall & Bell Tower Regional
Community Center

Instructor: OC Dance Productions

110403 01 W Mar 18 - Apr 29 4:20 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.

Scratch Computer Programming

\$123/ 9 Classes

Students will learn fundamental programming concepts using a visual programming language developed at MIT. Students will create their own games, animations, and various interactive projects using block-like puzzle pieces. Computation and math concepts such as sequences, loops, conditionals, variables, operators, x/y axis, coordinates, testing and debugging are covered. Educational fun while learning more about computers.

Ages: 7-12 years.

Instructor: Savoy Academy

120764 01 T Mar 24 - May 19 3:30 p.m - 4:30 p.m.

Family Blogging with Professor Keefe

\$60/ 4 Classes

Do you want to digitally share photos and stories with your extended family but you don't want to post everything to Facebook? Why not set up a family blog to record milestones and memories with a private audience? In four weeks you will learn how to set up and maintain a blog; how to post photos, stories and upload video content. You will also learn how to categorize entries for easy reference, how to link your blog to others in your family and how to hand select your private audience.

Ages: 18 years & up.

Instructor: Professor Catherine Keefe

140817 01 T Mar 3 - Mar 24 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.