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City Manager's Message



September is a busy month in Rancho Santa Margarita; the new school year is underway, and with it, increased traffic to our streets due to hectic school schedules and our kids' many activities. In this issue, you will find some safety tips to help keep our children and community safe.

This month we also set aside time to remember the events of 9/11; I hope you'll join us at our sixth annual Patriot Day Commemoration Ceremony on September 11th at the Civic Center flagpoles.

September is also National Emergency Preparedness month. It's an annual reminder to prepare for the unexpected. As part of its effort to prepare, the City urges community members to register your cell phones and other contact information at [AlertOC.com](#) to ensure you'll be notified immediately in the event of an emergency.

Finally, the term "sense of place" is often used to describe the feelings we get when we experience a sense of belonging, attachment, and comfortable familiarity in a particular place. I hope that as you travel with friends and family and enter the City of Rancho Santa Margarita at the intersection of Alicia and Santa Margarita Parkway, that the new monument sign will serve as a "welcome home" to our residents and a "welcome friends" to those who visit our City. We hope you'll find this gateway improvement project is a positive contribution to the mix of natural and cultural features in the existing landscape.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Cervantez
City Manager

Regional Community Center will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Quick Links

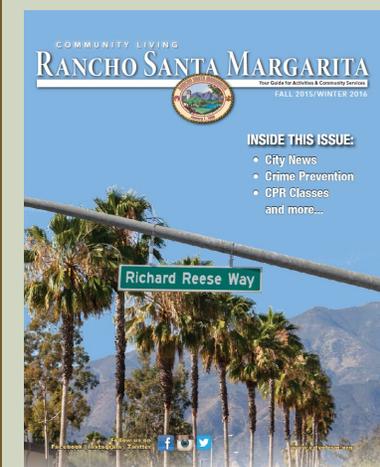
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City Council Meetings

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 today](#)
for Recreation Classes
at the Bell Tower
Regional Community Center

ZeroTrash RSM

Saturday, September 5, 2015
10:00 a.m. - noon

ZeroTrash RSM is a growing community of volunteers who meet on the first Saturday of each month to rid the city of trash, litter, stickers and graffiti. Join this collaboration of friends and neighbors of all ages in their mission to improve the appearance of the City and enhance our environment.



For more information, or to register as a volunteer, visit The Bell Tower Foundation's website at belltowerfoundation.org. Individuals and groups are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to meet at the courtyard between Cinopolis and Panera.

Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

Friday, September 11
6:00 p.m.
RSM Civic Center Flagpoles

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita invites the community to join together for a Patriot Day commemoration on Friday, September 11, 2015. This sunset ceremony will honor those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks on the United States on 9/11, and pay tribute to those who rose to service in response to the tragedy.

We hope you'll join us on this day of remembrance to celebrate our freedom in a spirit of unity and national pride.

For more information, call Community Services at (949) 216-9700.



Take Part in National Preparedness Month

Register for AlertOC
Countywide Drill Thursday, September 24

September marks National Preparedness Month, urging residents and businesses to prepare for the many hazards that threaten our daily lives and sense of normalcy - most often occurring in Southern California with little to no warning.



AlertOC, the County's mass notification system, is a critical link for residents to immediately learn of any required actions, such as evacuating their homes during an imminent fire. On September 24, more than two million Orange County residents will receive a call to test AlertOC. The drill will

simulate a large-scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called.

replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of numbers to be called simultaneously across Orange County's entire region. This is the sixth annual regional test of the system and will include 24 participating cities as well as the County's unincorporated areas.

The distinctive feature of AlertOC is the ability to register more than one contact method at a specific address. Registrations of cell phone and alternate numbers dramatically increase the ability to reach the greatest number of community members within minutes. This enables landlines, cell phones and e-mail addresses to be incorporated into a single notification system.

Residents can do their part to prepare for emergencies by registering for AlertOC. The time is now to self-register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses to be a part of the regional test. For more information or to register alternate phone numbers or e-mail addresses, visit AlertOC.com.

Crime Prevention and Safety

September is here and that means school is back in session. These simple safety rules and tips could save a child's life.



- Remember that the speed limit in a school zone and adjacent residential areas is 25 mph.
- When a crossing guard is crossing traffic and holding up a "STOP" sign, no traffic may enter or pass through that crosswalk. Once the crossing guard has returned to the curb and lowered the "STOP" sign, only then may traffic proceed.
- A driver approaching a school bus with flashing red lights activated must always stop behind the bus and stay there until the flashing red lights are turned off.
- A driver approaching a school bus with flashing red lights activated from the opposite direction must also stop and stay stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off before passing the school bus unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided or multi-laned roadway (i.e. raised center median, two sets of painted double yellow lines, two or more lanes of traffic in each direction)
- A driver approaching a school bus with flashing yellow lights activated does not need to stop but should proceed with caution as children may be crossing the street or nearby streets after exiting that bus.

For more information or questions related to public safety in Rancho Santa Margarita, please call Police Services at (949) 635-1819.

The Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce presents

Fall Fest 2015

October 9 - 11

Central Park, 30842 La Miranda
Rancho Santa Margarita



Enjoy live music and inflatables all weekend with a one-time admission good for all 3 days - come and go as you please, no charge for re-entry.

Friday, October 9

6 - 10:00 p.m.

- FiveSouth
- TijuanaDogs

Saturday, October 10

Noon - 10:00 p.m.

- Cali Conscious
- Rock Hard Blues Band
- Reflexx
- Squeezebox



Sunday, October 11

Noon - 8:00 p.m.

- Entropy
- Flock of 80's
- Hollywood Blonde

Admission:

\$15.00 - Adults 18 & over, ID required

\$10.00 - Youth 13 - 17

FREE - children age 12 & under

Food & drink tickets: \$1 each

Food: 1- 4 tickets

Drinks: 7 - 9 tickets

Inflatables, food vendors, beer & wine available all weekend

Car Show Saturday & Sunday

Gates open 10 minutes before opening time

No outside food, drinks or coolers

Bring chairs and blankets

For more information, visit the Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce [website](#).



Community Emergency Preparedness Academy Offered

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita invites you to participate in our upcoming seven week Community Emergency Preparedness Academy (CEPA), which is designed to prepare participants to care for themselves, family, pets and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The course is free and open to adult residents of RSM; teenagers may attend if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The series of 7 classes will begin on Tuesday, September 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall, with the exception of two sessions which will be held off-site. Classes will continue every Tuesday evening for seven weeks, with the last class being held on November 10. Class size is limited and reservations are required.

Class topics include:

- Family Disaster Preparedness and Planning
- Earthquake Preparedness
- Fire Safety, Fire Suppression, and Wildfire Preparedness
- Orange County Sheriff's Department and Fire Authority Operations
- Tours of the County Emergency Operations Center, 911 Dispatch Center, and the Regional Fire & Operations Training Center

To register for CEPA, contact Sarah Barker, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, at sbarker@ocsd.org or (949) 635-1809. Click on these links for detailed [flyer](#) and [class schedule](#).

Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, October 3 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Capistrano Valley High School Mall

Presented by
Assemblyman Bill Brough, 73rd District
Senator Patricia Bates, 36th District

Featuring

- Mag 39 Color Guard
- Invocation
- National Anthem, CVHS Choir
- Lunch for first 500 in attendance

PLEASE JOIN
ASSEMBLYMAN BILL BROUGH (73RD)
& SENATOR PATRICIA BATES (36TH)
VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 | 11AM - 2PM
Capistrano Valley High School Mall
26301 Via Escalante, Mission Viejo

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE
Mag 39 Color Guard, Invocation, National Anthem by the CVHS Choir
Lunch will be provided to the first 500 attendees. Breakout sessions
throughout the event. Staff will be available to assist with casework.

Information on the following federal, state, and local resources for veterans includes:

HEALTH VA Legions: 1811 Clinic Long Beach: VA	VETERAN GROUPS CVV VFW Post 9984 American Legion Post 281 County of Orange Veterans Service Office
COMMUNITY SUPPORT Veteran Service Organizations Veterans Legal Institute Mission Car Wash South Orange County Veterans Center New Hope Veterans and Staff Pride and Paws OC Rescue Mission	EDUCATION-VETERAN RESOURCE CENTERS Saddleback College Vanguard University JCIrvine CSU Fullerton Sierra Auto College Orange Valley College
HOUSING Volunteers of America Veterans Fund	FINANCIAL PLANNING Society for Financial Planning (SOFPA) Employment Development Department

(PHOTO: OC RESOURCES)

For additional information, please contact Assemblyman Bill Brough's District Office at (949) 347-7301.
Thank you to general sponsors: County of Orange, Orange County, California, Veterans Affairs, Orange County, CVHS, Veterans and a 501(c)(3).
This event is open to the general public.

Click [here](#) for flyer

- Breakout sessions
- Casework assistance

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, September 2

Bell Tower Regional Community Center
22232 El Paseo

1st Wednesday of each 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) are 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
Microchip	\$28.00

\$2.00 hazardous materials disposal fee per pet

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

RSM Graffiti Hotline
(949) 635-1825



Please report any graffiti to the

City's Graffiti Hotline at (949) 635-1825. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We strive to remove all graffiti within 48 hours from the time we receive your call, and are committed to promptly removing graffiti from public areas. Experience has shown that removing graffiti as soon as it occurs is the best prevention against future graffiti; rapid removal demonstrates to vandals that people care about their place of business and neighborhood and that their efforts to deface property has little chance of being seen.

Remember, your safety comes first! When witnessing graffiti or vandalism taking place, call 911; please do not attempt to intervene.

September Recreation Highlights

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

Tunes & Tales

\$48/ 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 music 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.

Instructor: Vivian Stapleton

310913 01 Th Sep 17-Oct 15 9:45-10:30 am

Stretch & Grow

\$100/ 8 Classes

In this class children will learn the importance of exercise while having fun! Each week participants will learn sports skills, yoga, endurance, flexibility, aerobic fitness and about their bones, muscles and nutrition. Each participant will receive a free t-shirt.

Instructor: Jen Audet

Ages: 3-4 yrs.

310242 01 W Sep 9-Oct 28 9-9:30 am

Ages: 4-5 yrs.

310242 02 W Sep 9-Oct 28 9:45-10:15 am

Beginning Group Violin Class

\$178/ 8 Classes

No prior experience needed. Come have fun learning traditional classical favorites, fiddle and movie tunes. Studies show that students who study classical violin perform better in the

classroom in areas such as math, science, reading comprehension, and standardized tests. This is an ongoing class for first year students in which students continually enroll and learn first year material at their own pace. A limited number of violins are available on a first come first served basis for rent for the duration of each 6-8 week class you are enrolled in. To check availability for renting an instrument, email instructor at admillervln@yahoo.com. Open to beginning violin students with less than 1 years playing experience. Ages: 7-10 yrs.

No Class: 10/13

Instructor: Adrienne Miller

320921 01 T Sep 15-Nov 10 4:45-5:30 pm

Scratch Computer Programming

\$123/ 8 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. *Students must complete level 1 prior to enrolling in level 2. Ages: 7-12 yrs.

Instructor: Savoy Academy

320764 01 T Sep 15-Nov 3 3:30-4:30 pm

Web Development Coding using HTML/CSS

\$135/ 8 Classes

Students will learn the fundamentals of website building by coding in the industry standard languages of Hypertext Markup Language and Cascading Style Sheets. When finished, students will have an understanding of the language of the internet while using their creativity to design their own sites. Ages: 9-17 yrs.

Instructor: Savoy Academy

320767 01 T Sep 15-Nov 3 4:45-5:45 pm

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, older siblings are encouraged to enroll. Ages: 1.5-5 yrs.

No Class: 11/24 & 11/26

What to bring: \$20 cash materials fee

Instructor: Wendy Rault

310302 01	T	Sep 15-Oct 20	10-10:45 am
310302 02	Th	Sep 17-Oct 22	10-10:45 am
310302 03	T	Oct 27-Dec 8	10-10:45 am
310302 04	Th	Oct 29-Dec 10	10-10:45 am



Rancho Santa Margarita Civic and Community Center