

Rancho Cielo Homeowners Association  
November / December 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## Community Reminders

- Any projects affecting the exterior of your property require submittal of an architectural application, this includes painting the exterior of your home and appurtenances even if you are repainting everything the existing color.
- Please contact Velta Mansfield, [velta@vintagegroupre.com](mailto:velta@vintagegroupre.com) for all Community access related matters (transponders and key fobs, etc.), architectural forms and common area maintenance issues. For questions regarding your assessment account, please reach out to [AP@vintagegroupre.com](mailto:AP@vintagegroupre.com).
- Please do not place, build, plant, hangout or play on the common area slopes throughout the association. Items placed or constructed on common area will be hauled away.
- Upcoming Common are Maintenance Projects:
  - \*Asphalt mill inlay work at the main drive and gate is pending scheduling.
  - \*New street signs will be installed in the coming weeks.
  - \*Iron fencing along Plano Trabuco will see extensive repairs and painting soon.

## Emergency Management CERT Training scheduled for January-March 2025

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.



The program is regulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and standardized nationwide. Certification training consists of seven mandatory three-hour classroom sessions and a four-hour final disaster simulation exercise.

Class #3 begins on Thursday, January 23rd, and runs through Thursday, March 13th. We invite you to join our [interest list](#) to receive registration information and updates on upcoming training opportunities. RSM Residents who have completed CERT Training elsewhere and hold certification are invited to join our team. Please complete an [application](#), and we will contact you with volunteer opportunities and refresher training classes.

Call Emergency Management at (949) 709-7593 for more information.

## Vintage Group Management Team

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### NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, Please watch your email for the Posting Agenda and zoom link.

### IMPORTANT EMAIL-ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind owners that there is an Email-Alert list used by Vintage Group to communicate about association related business. We want to make sure all members are receiving these communications, so please be sure to contact management and provide your email address.

[velta@vintagegroupe.com](mailto:velta@vintagegroupe.com)



### SAFE LISTING A VEHICLE

Need to safelist a guest vehicle?  
Go to <http://ranchocielo.parkingattendant.com>

### RFID TAG/KEY FOB INFORMATION

If you need a replacement RFID tag for your vehicle or you have purchased a new vehicle, please contact [velta@vintagegroupe.com](mailto:velta@vintagegroupe.com) to obtain the Transponder Form to complete and send back along with a copy of the current registration for the vehicle. The cost for the replacement RFID tag is \$25.00 per tag.

### Important Links

Access your Community Portal account  
[https://ranchocielo.frontsteps.com/users/sign\\_in](https://ranchocielo.frontsteps.com/users/sign_in)

Community Website  
**Rancho Cielo HOA** <http://ranchocielo.org>

Please see excerpts below from the November 2024 edition of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita Newsletter. The full edition has been posted on the association's website: [Rancho Cielo HOA](http://ranchocielo.org)  
<http://ranchocielo.org>



**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation

*"Neighbors in Need"*  
At RSM Cares Food Pantry

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
At RSM PAVILIONS

**November 9th from 10am to 4pm**

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED BY DONATING  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
NEW TOYS OR NEW BLANKETS  
OR CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS  
A THANKSGIVING MEAL  
BY DONATING AS LITTLE AS \$1.00  
WE WILL HAVE TURKEY CUPCAKE DECORATING!

[www.rsmcares.org](http://www.rsmcares.org)



11th Annual Event!

SCAN ME

**RSM CARES**  
Bell Tower Foundation

*Breakfast with Santa*

**December 7, 2024!**

Purchase Tickets at [rsmcares.org](http://rsmcares.org)  
CHILDREN \$8 ADULTS \$16



**VETERANS DAY  
RECOGNITION**

**on November 13**

A special Veterans Day recognition to honor those who have served and continue to serve.

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If you have photos of a Veteran you would like to be added to our presentation, please submit a copy to the Bell Tower Regional Community Center or email photos to [rshah@cityofrsm.org](mailto:rshah@cityofrsm.org) by 11/4.

**Reception: 6:00 PM      Recognition: 7:00 PM**

Bell Tower Regional Community Center and City Hall Council Chambers  
22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita



THE CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA  
"CELEBRATING FAMILY AND FRIENDS"  
NEW YEARS EVE EVENT

**2025**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR  
25TH BIRTHDAY  
WITH AN EVENING FULL OF MUSIC, GAMES AND FUN!

December 31 ★ 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Bell Tower Regional Community Center  
22232 El Paseo

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



## Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention

### Home Burglary Prevention Tips for the End of Daylight Savings Time

With daylight savings ending and nights arriving earlier, burglars may find more opportunities under the cover of darkness. Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services offers these tips to help keep your home secure during this season:

1. **Enhance Your Lighting:** Keep the outside of your home well-lit, especially around doors and windows. Motion-sensor lights and smart bulbs on timers can help deter unwanted activity.
2. **Be Mindful of Deliveries:** Packages left outside your home signal that no one is present. Schedule deliveries when someone is home or use a secure pick-up location.
3. **Lock It Up:** Always lock doors and windows, even if you're only stepping out briefly. This simple step often deters burglars looking for an easy target.
4. **Maintain Landscaping:** Trim trees and bushes around entry points to reduce hiding spots. Clear sightlines make it easier for neighbors to spot suspicious activity.
5. **Keep Valuables Out of Sight:** Avoid leaving valuables, including electronics and packages, visible from outside. Use curtains or blinds, especially in rooms with large windows.
6. **Avoid Posting Your Plans Online:** Sharing your travel or holiday plans on social media can make your home a target. Wait until you're back to share those moments.
7. **Install Security Cameras:** Visible cameras serve as a deterrent and can provide valuable footage if a crime occurs. Many smart cameras even alert you to unusual activity.
8. **Get to Know Your Neighbors:** Trusted neighbors can monitor each other's homes and report suspicious behavior. Consider joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch group.

Stay vigilant and help keep Rancho Santa Margarita safe! If you see any suspicious activity, report it to our non-emergency line, or dial 911 in an emergency.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Emma Peters at (949) 635-1830 or email [RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov](mailto:RSMCrimePrevention@ocsheriff.gov).

Emergency 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency (949) 770-6011

For more information, visit Police Services on the City of RSM website at [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org) or visit [ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC](http://ocsheriff.gov/StaySafeOC).

### **IMPORTANT ENCLOSURES** **Alert OC – Stay Informed**

Orange Counties Emergency Notification System Be  
sure to register today.

### **READY, SET, GO HOME ASSESSMENT**

A Wildfire home assessment with a Fire Department Representative who will give you tips on how to better protect your property from a wildfire.



**STAY ONE STEP AHEAD  
OF EMERGENCIES**

## **AlertOC IS AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

It keeps Orange County communities and community members informed of immediate life-threatening events, including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, pandemic, flooding, gas or chemical leaks, and more.

Alert OC is operated by the County in collaboration with local cities.



# **REGISTER TODAY**



A Wildfire Home Assessment is a meeting at your home with a Fire Department representative, who will give you tips on how to better protect your home from a wildfire.



Don't wait.  
Set up a  
FREE Home  
Assessment to  
protect your  
home today.



Orange County  
Fire Authority  
[www.ocfa.org/RSG](http://www.ocfa.org/RSG)

Experts can't tell you when the next wildfire will happen, but they do know that wildfires can happen at any time in Southern California. Many residents have not taken the most basic steps to protect their families, homes and neighborhoods from Orange County's #1 fire risk.

During your FREE Wildfire Home Assessment, the outside of your home and property, along with other risk factors, will be evaluated. Then, you'll be given specific steps you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability to wildfire.

Many proven tips to help your home survive a wildfire are available 24/7 at [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org) including:

Landscaping	Construction	Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant Selection</li> <li>Spacing</li> <li>Separation</li> <li>Dead &amp; Dying Plants</li> <li>Fuel Modification</li> <li>Creating Defensible Space</li> <li>Vegetation Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balconies &amp; Decks</li> <li>Chimneys</li> <li>Fences</li> <li>Garages</li> <li>Patio Covers</li> <li>Rain Gutters</li> <li>Roofs, Eaves, &amp; Vents</li> <li>Walls and Siding</li> <li>Windows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ember Awareness</li> <li>As Wildfire Approaches</li> <li>Wildfire Evacuation</li> <li>If You Get Trapped</li> <li>Disaster Kits &amp; Go! Bags</li> <li>Red Flag Warnings</li> </ul>

Homes survive wildfires because of what you do to prepare for them ahead of time, not by fate or luck. No matter where you live, or how much money you can spend, there are things that you can do right now to help protect your home.

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a wildfire home assessment.

