

# Heaven's Ranch

(In Spanish is Rancho Cielo)

Rancho Cielo Homeowner's Association Newsletter Supplement

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Over the past 6 weeks, I have been participating in the Rancho Santa Margarita Citizen's Academy, "a community and leadership development program designed to heighten citizen awareness and create better informed citizens who will promote a positive outlook regarding the City and community as a whole." I have some of the most interesting hand-outs from City departments and truly was able to stay awake through each and every presentation. I have pie charts and bar charts and I even have the Official N.E.R.D. Test (which I failed, thankfully). I learned that 100 hours was spent last year removing graffiti and stickers, that 4,000 tons of trash are collected each month, that 62,900 vehicles cross RSM parkway at the 241 and that was just from the Public Works department! If I could pass along just one more piece of information, it would be the city's website: [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org). There are links to all the different departments, you can download forms instead of going to City Hall to pick them up and you can find out about different events that are being planned and how you can volunteer. The City's staff are wonderful, approachable, caring people who are happy to help answer your questions. Oh, and one more thing, if you replace your water heater, you need to get the City to inspect it. Ooops.

-Sandra Spencer

Did you know the non-emergency phone number for Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services is (949) 770-6011.

## Slow Down!

"A lot of our children are growing up and learning to drive in the neighborhood. Especially on our street Via Del Lago! All of the parents want their children to learn to drive safely and to watch out for those "crazy" California drivers on the streets. The driving schools that are out there don't teach these kids how to drive but they are required to enroll in order to get their learning permit. I have found a great course that is well worth the \$\$\$. Their name is **Driving Concepts** and is run by a group of volunteers that are race car drivers who want California kids to be aware of how to control a car, avoid accidents and etc... I put my son through the course and the difference in his driving was like night and day. The name of the course is - **Teen Car Control Clinic** ... to get more information check out their website: [www.drivingconcepts.com](http://www.drivingconcepts.com). They also teach adults how to drive race cars!"

-Nancy Decker-Davidson  
(Via del Lago)

*A sandwich walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry we don't serve food in here."*

## Attention Polar Bears!

After November 1, you will need a wetsuit to go swimming in the community pool. The heater will be turned off for the season but feel free to enjoy the jacuzzi. As a reminder, glass bottles are not allowed anywhere in the pool area.

### **For Safety's Sake**

Check out [www.SafeKids.com](http://www.SafeKids.com). "Your family's guide to making the Internet and Technology fun, safe and productive." Be sure to check out the page called "Kids' Rules for Online Safety". In fact, if you have room, you should print it out and tape it up near the computer as a reminder to your little angels. Also check out [www.SafeTeens.com](http://www.SafeTeens.com). "A place for parents and teens to learn how to use the Internet safely. No preaching, just good advice."

The Orange County Fire Authority allows residents to participate in community **ride-alongs** to learn about the OCFA's activities. Call **(714) 573-6200** for details. (Yes, I've already called and I'll be writing about my ride-along next month.)

### **For Sale**

Furniture:

- \*green bakers' rack with basket drawers in perfect condition
  - \*"washed" wood, twin bed with mattress
  - \*oak desk
  - \*oak chest of drawers
- Contact Kerry @ 589-7231

### **Community Bulletin Board**

Babysitter. Contact Charlotte Cregg at 858-0969.

Home Loans. Contact Alan Neilson, ReQuest Home Loans at 888-6484 or [aneilson@requesthomeloans.com](mailto:aneilson@requesthomeloans.com)

Mortgage. Contact Doug Davidson at Special Interest Financing. 459-6214

Ornamental Iron. Contact Deby Rennon, Star Ornamental Iron Work, at 829-8810.

PartyLite Candles and Gifts. Contact The Candle Sanddal Sisters, Suzy and Sandy Sanddal at 858-7661.

Piano Lessons, Beginning and Intermediate. Contact Ctefanie (sounds like "Stephanie") Brohmer at 480-2382.

Real Estate. Contact Len Malena of Zip Realty, Inc. 949-459-6752 or [Lmalena@ziprealty.com](mailto:Lmalena@ziprealty.com) [WWW.ZIPREALTY.COM](http://WWW.ZIPREALTY.COM)

Tutor (Math). Contact Eric Lake at 589-2540 \$15.00 per hour

Treasured Moments Photography. Contact Carol Bridges at 714-321-8942 or [www.photographybytreasuredmoments.com](http://www.photographybytreasuredmoments.com)

### **Your Neighbors Recommend...**

Jim, The Installer, outdoor television and speaker installation, (949) 829-9477  
-Tammy Sorsabal (*Via Del Lago*)

Quite Cool, whole house fans, installed by Dana Stevenson Electric, (951) 492-2060  
-Carolyn Bradshaw (*Via Del Lago*)

Anthony Appliances, appliance repairs, (949) 837-4998  
- Kerry de Raad (*Via Del Lago*)

Ignacio Ramirez, interior painter, (714) 376-9699  
-Sandra Spencer (*Via Del Lago*)

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