

# OUR TOWNS

## PUTTING THEIR BEST FOOD FORWARD

### ALISO VIEJO

**Bus service:** A proposal by the Orange County Transportation Authority may reduce bus service throughout the county and affect some bus routes in Aliso Viejo. The plan, available to view on the city website, [cityofaliso Viejo.com](http://cityofaliso Viejo.com), would eliminate routes 87 and 187 in October 2016. The plan goes before the OCTA board of directors today. **Christopher Yee**  
[cyee@ocregister.com](mailto:cyee@ocregister.com)



JOSH BARBER, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

**Families Forward coordinator Soledad Rivera helps Giovanni Bahena with a heavy bag containing food bound for a Thanksgiving meal while his sister Mariela Bahena waits for him Saturday at Marjorie Veeh Elementary School in Tustin. The nonprofit is distributing holiday meals to 146 Tustin-area families.**

### FOUNTAIN VALLEY

**Tree-lighting:** Fountain Valley will host its annual tree-lighting from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Sports Park, 16400 Brookhurst St. A fireworks show will follow at the free event, which includes entertainment, a visit from Santa, games and crafts. Information: 714-839-8611  
**Susan Christian Goulding**  
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### FULLERTON

**Marijuana:** The city is drafting a proposed ordinance to beef up its existing law making medical-marijuana dispensaries illegal. The new ordinance would make any form of cannabis cultivation illegal. The action is being taken in response to a new state law that gives the Department of Food and Agriculture authority to license some commercial marijuana activities. Without a local ordinance in place, state law would apply locally.  
**Lou Ponsi, 714-704-3730**

### GARDEN GROVE

**Pushcart Derby:** Cub Scout Pack 271 is asking the City Council to help with its 14th annual Pushcart Derby, scheduled for April 23. The race will require Springdale Street, south of Lampson Avenue, to be shut down from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. The council is scheduled to vote Tuesday on whether to allow the closure.  
**Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

### HUNTINGTON BEACH

**Getting crafty:** The Handy Crafters will stage a second sale of handmade sweaters, scarves, hats, and baby clothes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3, at City Hall, 2000 Main St. Proceeds benefit the Huntington Beach Senior Services Holiday Meals program. Information: 714-536-9387  
**Greg Mellon, 714-796-7964**  
[gmellen@ocregister.com](mailto:gmellen@ocregister.com)

### IRVINE

**Volunteers wanted:** The Orange County Superior Court is seeking applications from prospective grand jurors. The application period for the 2016-17 grand jury is open through Jan. 22. The term begins July 1. Get an application at [ocgrandjury.org](http://ocgrandjury.org).  
**Sarah de Crescenzo, 714-796-2221**  
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### LAGUNA BEACH

**Meeting broadcasts:** Cox Communications' transition to an all-digital signal means that television programming Channel 30 is no longer available for broadcasting city meetings. Residents can now watch City Council, Planning Commission and other city meetings on Channel 852 or at the city's website, [lagunabeachcity.net](http://lagunabeachcity.net).  
**Mark Evans**  
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### ANAHEIM

**Free turkeys:** More than 150 frozen turkeys will be given away today to shoppers who present a receipt of \$20 or more for purchases made from stores inside the Anaheim Indoor Marketplace, at 1440 S. Anaheim Blvd. Information: 714-999-0888 or [anaheimindoormarketplace.com](http://anaheimindoormarketplace.com).  
**Art Marroquin, 714-704-3769**  
[amarroquin@ocregister.com](mailto:amarroquin@ocregister.com)

### BREA

**Christmas with the Alleycats:** The Alleycats will bring their 1950s and 1960s doo wop style to Christmas classics at the Curtis Theatre on Nov. 28-29. Tickets are \$24 for children, \$28 for seniors and \$32 for adults. Shows are at 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Info: [curtistheatre.com](http://curtistheatre.com).  
**Joanna Clay, 714-704-3706**  
[jjclay@ocregister.com](mailto:jjclay@ocregister.com)

### BUENA PARK

**Sugar Plum:** The annual Sugar Plum Festival runs Dec. 2-6 at Buena Park Downtown. The festival offers an array of holiday-themed merchandise and edible delicacies as well as dips, jams, candies, breads, candied apples, soups and gourmet coffee. For hours and information: [sugarplumfestivals.com](http://sugarplumfestivals.com).  
**Lou Ponsi, 714-704-3730**  
[lponsi@ocregister.com](mailto:lponsi@ocregister.com)

### THE CANYONS, COTO DE CAZA & LADERA RANCH

**Donated:** Laura's House, South County's domestic abuse shelter in Ladera Ranch, has received \$3,000 worth of new household items, clothing, toys, books, office supplies and gift cards from the Mission Viejo Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.  
**Marie Ekberg Padilla**  
[marieek@hotmail.com](mailto:marieek@hotmail.com)

### COSTA MESA

**Marines donation:** Costa Mesa is seeking donations of new toys for the children of members of the 1st Battalion 5th Marine Regiment – the city's adopted unit – which is currently deployed. Donations can be dropped off in the foot locker in the lobby of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, through Dec. 11.  
**Jordan Graham, 714-796-7960**  
[jgraham@ocregister.com](mailto:jgraham@ocregister.com)

### CYPRESS

**Holiday decorations:** Residents and businesses are asked to email a photo of their holiday decorations for the city's website, [cypressrec.com](http://cypressrec.com). A photo and title of the theme can be sent to [crpd@ci.cypress.ca.us](mailto:crpd@ci.cypress.ca.us). Deadline is Dec. 21. The photos will be displayed until Dec. 31.  
**Joseph Pimentel, 714-704-3764**  
[jpimentel@ocregister.com](mailto:jpimentel@ocregister.com)

### DANA POINT

**Tourism meeting:** The Tourism Business Improvement District is scheduled to meet next on Dec. 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall, 33282 Golden Lantern. More information, including details on other upcoming city meetings, is available at [danapoint.org](http://danapoint.org).  
**Mark Evans**  
[markevans@ocregister.com](mailto:markevans@ocregister.com)

### SAN CLEMENTE

**You can help:** Family Assistance Ministries invites area residents to cook a favorite Thanksgiving dish and deliver it to FAM's Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Center between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Wednesday. The event begins at 5, open to anyone in need. Volunteer by calling 949-492-8477, ext. 115.  
**Fred Swegles, 949-492-5127**  
[fswegles@ocregister.com](mailto:fswegles@ocregister.com)

### SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

**Student honored:** Hundreds of students and staff members welcomed Ladera Ranch student Austin Brotman back to school at JSerra Catholic High School on Nov. 11 as he recovers from a diving accident. The San Juan Capistrano school has declared the "Year of Austin" to rally around him. To help with medical expenses, the family has established the Austin Gregory Brotman Special Needs Trust through Bank of America.  
**Marie Ekberg Padilla**

### SANTA ANA

**Commission meeting canceled:** The city's Planning Commission meeting scheduled for today has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at 22 Civic Center Plaza. [ci.santa-ana.ca.us](http://ci.santa-ana.ca.us).  
**Jessica Kwong, 714-796-7762**  
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### SEAL BEACH

**Tree sponsors:** The Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for its Christmas Tree Lighting, scheduled for 3-7 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Park. To sign up, contact the Chamber of Commerce at [info@sealbeachchamber.org](mailto:info@sealbeachchamber.org) or 562-430-0609.  
**Greg Mellen, 714-796-7964**  
[gmellen@ocregister.com](mailto:gmellen@ocregister.com)

### STANTON

**Donation bins:** The City Council is set to vote a second time, on Tuesday, on whether to allow donation bins back into Stanton under tight regulations. The council approved the law two weeks ago, but the panel must vote again to enact the law. Allowing the bins back in the city will let Stanton avoid a costly lawsuit with Planet Aid, which sued the city earlier in the year.  
**Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**  
[chaire@ocregister.com](mailto:chaire@ocregister.com)

### TUSTIN

**Holiday meal:** Operation Warm Wishes will host its Unity in the Community Thanksgiving Spectacular from noon to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Peppertree Park, 230 W. First St. Veterans, at-risk youths, seniors and others in need can enjoy a free dinner. 714-363-6621 or [OperationWarmWishes.com](http://OperationWarmWishes.com)  
**Brooke Edwards Staggs,**  
[bstaggs@ocregister.com](mailto:bstaggs@ocregister.com)

### VILLA PARK

**Marine Thanksgiving:** The annual U.S. Marines Thanksgiving will be held Thursday. Residents are invited to welcome the arriving Marines in the Ralphs parking lot between 9 and 10 a.m. before they are sent off to spend the day with their host families. Or you can wave farewell at the parking lot to the visiting Marines from 6 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Brooke E. Seipel, 714-704-3793**  
[bseipel@ocregister.com](mailto:bseipel@ocregister.com)

### WESTMINSTER

**City Council:** The City Council meeting on Wednesday is canceled for the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday. The City Council is scheduled to convene again at 7 p.m. Dec. 9.  
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### YORBA LINDA

**Winter Fest:** The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will host its Winter Festival concert from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 at Vineyard Church of Anaheim, 5350 E. La Palma Ave. All high school choirs and the Sinfonia Orchestra from El Dorado High School will perform. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Info: [pylusd.org](http://pylusd.org).  
**Denisse Salazar, 714-704-3709**  
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### LAGUNA HILLS

**Health care awards:** Truven Health Analytics has named Saddleback Memorial hospital one of the nation's top cardiovascular hospitals. Saddleback is one of five California hospitals recognized in Truven's annual review. The list includes 50 hospitals that scored highest on heart attack and heart failure treatments, and coronary bypass and angioplasty surgeries. For more information, visit [truvenhealth.com](http://truvenhealth.com).  
**Scott Bosco**  
[sbosco@ocregister.com](mailto:sbosco@ocregister.com)

### LAGUNA NIGUEL

**Tree-lighting:** The city will light the Christmas tree at City Hall, 30111 Crown Valley Parkway, at an event from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 5. The event will feature refreshments, roaming carolers, Santa Claus and more. Information: 949-362-4351 or [cityoflagunaniguel.org](http://cityoflagunaniguel.org).  
**Christopher Yee**  
[cyee@ocregister.com](mailto:cyee@ocregister.com)

### LAGUNA WOODS

**Thanksgiving schedule:** Some community facilities, including the village's administrative offices, will be closed on both Thursday and Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. You can check on the complete schedule at [lagunawoodsvillage.com](http://lagunawoodsvillage.com).  
**Jennifer Karmarkar**  
[jkarmarkar@ocregister.com](mailto:jkarmarkar@ocregister.com)

### LA HABRA

**Rates up:** Effective Jan. 1, water rates will go up 4 percent, which will be an increase of \$2.48 a month for the average user, who spends about \$60 a month. Another 4 percent increase will come in 2017. The increased rates will offset growing water and infrastructure costs. Staffers said if the average user uses 18 units and cuts back one unit, he or she won't see a change in their bill.  
**Joanna Clay, 714-704-3706**  
[jclay@ocregister.com](mailto:jclay@ocregister.com)

### LAKE FOREST

**Student art:** A wide selection of student art, including ceramics, sculpture, paintings, prints and jewelry, will be for sale during the 37th annual Holiday Student Art Sale in the Saddleback College Art Gallery, Room 20L, on Dec. 4-8. Proceeds from the sale will fund student scholarships in the arts and master classes by known artists. Admission is free. Saddleback College is at 28000 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo.  
**Marie Ekberg Padilla**

### LA PALMA

**City manager:** Laurie Murray, the new city manager, has worked for La Palma since 2006, when she began by serving as administrative-services manager. She was then promoted to administrative-services director and oversaw the consolidation of the finance and administrative departments.  
**Lou Ponsi, 714-704-3730**  
[lponsi@ocregister.com](mailto:lponsi@ocregister.com)

### LOS ALAMITOS

**Holiday Home Tour:** The 28th annual Rossmoor Women's Club Holiday Home Tour is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6, starting at the Tea Room at the Ayres Hotel, 12850 Seal Beach Blvd. A raffle, a silent auction and refreshments are included. Tickets are \$21. For more information, visit [rossmoorwomensclub.com](http://rossmoorwomensclub.com).  
**Susan Christian Goulding**  
[sgoulding@ocregister.com](mailto:sgoulding@ocregister.com)

### MISSION VIEJO

**Toy drive:** The city is asking those attending Santa's Arrival on Sunday to bring a new unwrapped toy as gift for the children of Marines. The family event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. at Santa's Village in the Civic Center Plaza. Donated toys will be distributed to the city's adopted Marines and sailors just before the holidays. 949-470-3061  
**Tomoya Shimura**  
[tshimura@ocregister.com](mailto:tshimura@ocregister.com)

### NEWPORT BEACH

**City Council:** The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss funding two affordable-housing projects and an audit of the Civic Center project. The meeting will be in council chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive.  
**Megan Nicolai, 714-796-7990**  
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### ORANGE

**Blood drive:** A blood drive will be hosted by the city from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Orange Public Library and History Center, 407 E. Chapman Ave. Those interested in donating can sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with the sponsor code: coo. Walkups will also be accepted.  
**Brooke E. Seipel, 714-704-3793**  
[bseipel@ocregister.com](mailto:bseipel@ocregister.com)

### PLACENTIA

**Report it:** The city has ended its contract with Clean City, which provided graffiti removal and dead-animal pickup. City staffers have been assigned to take over those services in addition to ensuring that all bus stops are kept clean. To report graffiti or a dead animal: 714-993-8279.  
**Denisse Salazar, 714-704-3709**  
[desalazar@ocregister.com](mailto:desalazar@ocregister.com)

### RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

**Fund raised:** More than 550 supporters of Santa Margarita Catholic High School raised more than \$214,000 during the second annual Blue and Gold fundraiser. Of the proceeds, \$123,000 will go toward tuition assistance, with the rest of the funds benefiting arts, academics and athletic programs.  
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