



December has arrived!

As we return from Thanksgiving and close out the year, and my second year in a row as Chairman, I am proud of my office and the County's accomplishments over the last 12 months.

I'm looking forward to this weekend's Trout Fishing Derby, which I encourage all residents to attend. It's a free, fun opportunity for our community to get together and enjoy our beautiful Irvine Lake.

I'm also excited to host this year's Orange County Hall of Fame, inducting nine new Orange County legends to be recognized for their talents. Last year's inaugural class was a great success, and I look forward to celebrating the class of 2024!

## IN THE NEWS

### **Board of Supervisors Approves Chairman Wagner's \$115,000 Grant to Families Forward for Refurbishment for its Food Pantry**

**Orange County, CA** – Today, the Orange County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Chairman Don Wagner's \$115,000 grant of Third District Discretionary funds to support the refurbishment of the Families Forward food pantry in Irvine.

"Families Forward has been instrumental in providing meals for families in need across Orange County since 1984," said Chairman Wagner. "This grant will help this dedicated nonprofit to expand its facilities to address the growing need of Orange County's families facing food insecurities."

Chairman Wagner's grant will be allocated towards an upgrade to Families Forward's existing warehouse into a palletized storage facility with a new walk-in refrigerator and cooling fans. It will also transform its backroom, currently a volunteer workspace, into a food pantry shopping area where families can select items.

"We are so grateful to the support of Chairman Don Wagner and the Board of Supervisors to help bring our reimagined food pantry program to life, where families will have the dignity of choice to select items specific to their preferences," said Madelynn Hirneise, Families Forward CEO. "Homelessness and hunger often go hand in hand and our food pantry is one of the first touch points for a housing insecure or unhoused family. This remodeled space will be a completely new experience and has the potential to connect families with additional supportive services."

The total cost of this project is \$200,000, with Families Forward already securing \$85,000 of the funding. This allocation of \$115,000 will address the remaining funding gap for the project.

This allocation of funds underscores Chairman Wagner's ongoing commitment to supporting organizations that uplift vulnerable communities and ensure that no family in Orange County goes hungry.

## DECEMBER PRESENTATIONS

# RECOGNIZING CHRIS PREVATT'S SERVICE ON THE OCERS BOARD



At the December 3rd Board of Supervisors Meeting, the Board recognized the retirement of Chris Prevatt, the Second Member and General Board Member of the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS).

After 27 years of service to the County of Orange, Chris will be retiring, and we honored not only his service as a county employee, but his 12 years of service on the OCERS Board.

Chris has served with distinction, earning the trust of his fellow OCERS members, and bringing integrity, knowledge, and a tireless commitment to the role. He has been a champion of retirement security, not only for OCERS members but for working families across our county. His steadfast advocacy has ensured that the OCERS system remains strong, fair, and sustainable—an enduring legacy that benefits generations to come.

Chris's long-standing service embodies the very best qualities of public leadership: integrity, dedication, and advocacy. His work has left a lasting impact on this community, and we are profoundly grateful for his countless contributions.

We wish Chris the very best as he embarks on this next chapter of life. May it be filled with new adventures, personal growth, and cherished moments with his loved ones.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 2024 NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS WALK







Late last month, I joined the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk at Angel Stadium. This year's walk was the 20th anniversary of this event. Over 2,000 people participated!

I was also interviewed by Cox Cable network at the walk on its program, YURview, to discuss the important work NAMI OC is doing for mental health. NAMI Orange County does incredible work providing support, education, and resources for families and those affected by mental illness.

We are incredibly grateful for all the NAMI staff and volunteers do in the mental health space. I want to thank NAMI OC CEO Amy Durham for inviting me to be a part of this walk for mental health every year!

## OC IN FOCUS INTERVIEW ON SADDLEBACK RADIO



On November 20th, I was invited to join Karyn Bower, the host of Saddleback College's own OC in Focus radio program, where local news and issues are discussed.



We discussed a wide range of topics from public safety, the Board of Supervisors vacancy in District 1, the fentanyl epidemic and more.

The broadcast will be up soon. I'm looking forward to sharing with you all!

## ARETEEM INSTITUTE 20TH ANNIVERSARY





My District Director, Scott Voigts, and Community Outreach Director, Saga Conroy, presented a certificate of recognition to the Areteem Institute for its 20th Anniversary.

Areteem Institute is an accredited, prestigious, educational organization providing opportunities for enriching academic experiences through online courses, and inspire and train talented students in Math Olympiad and Physics Olympiad.

Congratulations on providing 20 years of educational excellence to students in our community!

## REDSHIFT COFFEE GRAND OPENING







My District Director, Scott Voigts, had the distinct pleasure of being at the grand opening of Redshift Coffee on Lake Forest Drive. Redshift coffee roasts and grinds their own coffee and pastries are made fresh daily.

Congratulations on your grand opening and we wish you the best of luck in your business!

**TUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
COFFEE MOB**







The Tustin Chamber of Commerce's Coffee Mob gathered at Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii. My Field Representative, Al Tello, attended the get-together and helped spread the Aloha Spirit.

The Tustin Chamber organizes these Coffee Mob events at local restaurants and coffee houses and it is a great way for members to network before their workday starts.

Located at 17243 17th Street just off the 55 freeway, Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii proudly serves Hawaiian blends, 100% Kona coffee, espresso drinks, handcrafted energy drinks, and more. Enjoy one of their breakfast and lunch sandwiches served on King's Hawaiian® sweet bread with your new favorite signature latte featuring their famous coffee ice cubes. Next time you are in the area, swing by and say "aloha!"

## 7TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS DAY AWARDS DINNER







My District Director, Scott Voigts, was honored to attend and participate in The 7th Annual Orange County Veterans Day Awards Dinner at Orange County Rescue Mission. The keynote speaker for the night was Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez.

Scott presented a proclamation for Andre Escalante, the 2024 Orange County Rescue Mission Veteran of the Year, for his leadership, his devotion to the Lord, and his passion for the work he conducted on behalf of the Rescue Mission's men, women, children, and military veterans, and extends to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

## CANYONS ANNUAL COMMUNITY WILDFIRE AWARENESS MEETING







Canyon residents gathered at the annual Community Wildfire Awareness Meeting held at the Library of the Canyons last month.

This annual meeting has been held for many years. It is affectionately called the “fire and ice meeting” because they talk about fire and serve ice cream.

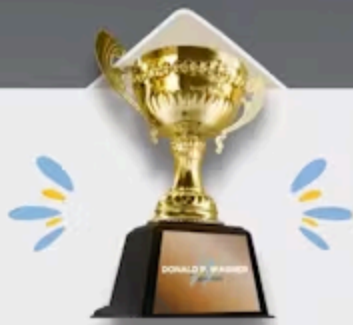
The threat of fire in the Canyons is something that cannot be overlooked. We need to remain vigilant and prepared in the event of such an emergency.

This event was co-sponsored by the Fire Safe Council, Inter-Canyon League, and Orange County Fire Authority.

Many thanks to Senior Reserve Officer Bruce Newell for his leadership in making certain that the Canyon communities are prepared for fire emergencies.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS





YOU'RE INVITED BY *CHAIRMAN DON WAGNER*

## ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY

DONALD P. WAGNER  
gov.com

Sat, December 7, 2024

FREE

6 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Irvine Lake

4621 E. SANTIAGO CANYON RD, SILVERADO, CA



REGISTRATION AT 5 AM // AWARDS GIVEN AT 1 PM ( MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN) // RAIN OR SHINE  
\$5 PARKING PER VEHICLE // PLEASE BE PREPARED TO WALK FROM LOT TO LAKE // FOOD TRUCKS  
BLIND BOGEY DRAWINGS // PRIZES // BAIT & TACKLE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE //SHORELINE FISHING ONLY



# CHRISTMAS IN THE CANYONS

A COUNTRY HOLIDAY IN  
BEAUTIFUL SILVERADO CANYON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

RAIN, SHINE, OR WIND.

10 : 00 AM 'TILL 4:00 PM



Join us for this old-fashioned holiday get-together  
neighbors, family, friends, and visitors!

**UN-PARADE STARTS AT 9:30 AM  
SANTA ARRIVES AT 10:00 AM  
FOLLOWING THE UN-PARADE!**

- LOCAL ARTISANS SELLING HANDMADE CRAFTS
- LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC
- KIDS PHOTOS WITH SANTA
- SWEEPSTAKES EVERY HOUR - GREAT PRIZES!
- FOOD AND DRINK VENDORS
- BEER AND SEASONAL SPIRITS
- HAYRIDES
- FREE ADMITTANCE

## EVENT CONTACT INFO:

**JESSIE BULLIS - VENDOR COORDINATOR**

CHRISTMASINTHECANYONSDEC@GMAIL.COM OR 949-677-6469

**LINDA GRACE - EVENT COORDINATOR**

LINDA@KBMENT.COM OR 714-681-3999





# **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS & SENIOR SANTA AND FRIENDS NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 31**

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**Help us bring joy to Orange County's seniors,  
foster youth and children of families in need**

**To donate new, unwrapped  
gifts or to make an online  
donation, please visit:**

**[ssa.ocgov.com/DonateOSC](https://ssa.ocgov.com/DonateOSC)**  
**[ssa.ocgov.com/DonateSSF](https://ssa.ocgov.com/DonateSSF)**

**Thank you and  
Happy Holidays!**





# OPERATION SANTA CLAUS & SENIOR SANTA AND FRIENDS



Operation Santa Claus (OSC) and Senior Santa and Friends (SSF) annual gift drive begins on November 12 and ends on December 31, 2024. OSC provides gifts and toys to children who are in foster care as well as to children of families who are receiving services from the County of Orange. SSF is a similar program for low-income seniors and disabled adults.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### DONATE

Please visit [ssa.ocgov.com/operationsantaclaus/help](https://ssa.ocgov.com/operationsantaclaus/help) for more information on how to donate new unwrapped gifts.

Checks and gift cards can be mailed to:  
Operation Santa Claus  
Social Services Agency  
PO Box 1077  
Santa Ana, CA 92702-1077

Please make checks payable to either  
Operation Santa Claus or Senior Santa and Friends.



Operation Santa Claus  
[ssa.ocgov.com/DonateOSC](https://ssa.ocgov.com/DonateOSC)



Senior Santa and Friends  
[ssa.ocgov.com/DonateSSF](https://ssa.ocgov.com/DonateSSF)

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed from November through January to assist the Operation Santa Claus team.

Sign up online at: [signupgenius.com/findasignup](https://signupgenius.com/findasignup).  
Enter [operationsantaclaus@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:operationsantaclaus@ssa.ocgov.com) in the "Search for a Sign Up" field, then click on the Operation Santa Claus link.  
Note: Sign-ups begin Mid-November, volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

### COORDINATE

Give back by coordinating an Angel Tag toy/gift donation drive for children and/or seniors in need of a holiday present.

For more information, call either  
Operation Santa Claus: 714-679-2438  
Senior Santa and Friends: 714-825-3111

Questions? Contact [OperationSantaClaus@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:OperationSantaClaus@ssa.ocgov.com) or [Senior.Santa@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:Senior.Santa@ssa.ocgov.com)

Operation Santa Claus is a collaborative effort between the County of Orange Social Services Agency, Orange County (OC) Health Care Agency, OC Probation, OC Child Support Services and OC Community Resources.





# You can save a life

*Come by to learn how to reverse an opioid/fentanyl overdose and receive a free box of naloxone.*

## Anaheim

**Anaheim Alana Club**  
202 W. Broadway  
1st & 3rd Friday  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Recovery Road, Inc.**  
2370 E. Orangethorpe Ave.  
Monday & Thursday  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## Costa Mesa

**Celebrating Life Community Center**  
700 W. 19th St.  
Monday through Friday  
8:30am to 8pm  
Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Huntington Beach

**Genesis New Beginnings Behavioral Health**  
17822 Beach Blvd., Suite 278  
Monday 8:00 am to 11:00 am  
Tuesday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Friday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

## Irvine

**Celebrating Life Community Center**  
15875 Laguna Canyon Rd., Suite 250  
Monday through Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Laguna Hills

**Twin Town**  
24953 Paseo De Valencia  
Building B, Suite 1B  
Monday & Friday  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Go to Building B, take elevator on first floor to the lower level

## Mission Viejo

**Celebrating Life Community Center**  
27800 Medical Center Rd., Suite 109  
Monday through Friday  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Saturday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

## Newport Beach

**FentanylSolution.org**  
4063 Birch St., Suite 150  
Monday & Wednesday  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Located inside Whole Body Health Team

## San Juan Capistrano

**Mariposa Women and Family - San Juan Capistrano**  
29222 Rancho Viejo Rd.  
Wednesday  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Santa Ana

**Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center**  
400 W. 10th St.  
Tuesday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Parking location: 844 N Birch St.

**Celebrating Life Community Center**  
1444 S. Main St.  
Monday through Friday  
9:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**MECCA - Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies**  
The Village Shared Spaces  
1505 E. 17th St.  
Every Wednesday  
4:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Call for a different day or time

**Orangewood Foundation**  
1575 E. 17th St.  
Monday & Wednesday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30 am to 7:00 pm  
Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Tustin

**The Purpose of Recovery**  
131 N. Tustin Ave., Suite 100  
Every Tuesday  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Training offered in Spanish too



Get naloxone

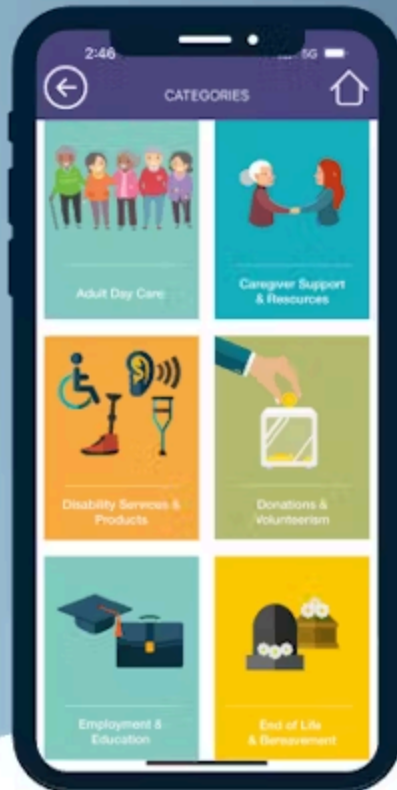
**OC health**  
CARE AGENCY

Be aware, be informed. Be safe.  
[www.FentanylIsForeverOC.org](http://www.FentanylIsForeverOC.org)

**FENTANYL  
IS FOREVER**

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## DOWNLOAD THE OFFICE ON AGING'S FREE MOBILE APP

Search "OC Senior Resources"  
in the App Store or Google  
Play to download the app.



### SCAN THE QR CODES TO DOWNLOAD THE APP



Download on the  
App Store



GET IT ON  
Google Play



#### SEARCH BY CATEGORIES & KEYWORDS

Search the directory of services  
available to older adults and their  
families living in Orange County.



#### ACCESS OLDER ADULT SERVICES & RESOURCES

Easily access information related to  
disability services, caregiver support,  
employment, education, financial  
assistance, insurance, and more.



#### GET MAPS & DIRECTIONS

View what programs and facilities  
are located near you.

For more information, call (714) 480-6450 or  
visit [officeonaging.ocgov.com](http://officeonaging.ocgov.com)





[ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com)

# Daily Adoption Options

## Adoption Visits



Daily  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Scheduled Adoption Visits available for the convenience of adopters
- Walk-in Adoption Visits welcome and provided next available time slot
- To pre-schedule a visit, call 714-935-6848
- Phone line open daily from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Viewing Hours



Daily  
2 - 5 p.m.

- OC Animal Care is open daily for visitors to drop by to walk through
- Visitors can view ready-to-go-home dogs and cats during Viewing Hours

At OC Animal Care, we know how important it is to get to know a pet before you make the final decision to adopt. That's why one-on-one "meet-and-greets" are a critical part of the OCAC adoption process.

*OC Animal Care's mission is to provide refuge and care for animals, foster the human-animal bond, and promote safety in our community.*

**OC Animal Care | 1630 Victory Rd. Tustin, CA 92782 | 714-935-6848**



## PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Badger



## UPCOMING EVENTS

CLICK FOR MORE

CITY OF ANAHEIM  
CITY OF IRVINE  
CITY OF LAKE FOREST  
CITY OF MISSION VIEJO  
CITY OF ORANGE  
CITY OF TUSTIN  
CITY OF RANCHO SANTA  
MARGARITA  
CITY OF VILLA PARK  
CITY OF YORBA LINDA  
SILVERADO MODJESKA CANYON

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL OC RESOURCES?

AIRPAWS PROGRAM JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT  
OC BUDGET  
CLERK-RECORDER HOURS + LOCATIONS  
OC ANIMAL CARE PET OF THE WEEK  
OC SHERIFF DISASTER PREP  
OC JOB SEEKER SERVICES  
OC RECYCLE GUIDE  
ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

*Chairman Wagner is proud to serve approximately 630,000 residents at the Board of Supervisors in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Tustin, North Tustin, Orange, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, the Unincorporated Canyon areas.*

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