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Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. Please share it with any of your friends who might be interested in the county and what we can do to be helpful.

This month, as we celebrated Veterans Day, we honored our veterans with a number of incredible community events, including my very own Veterans Resource Fair and Concert in Mission Viejo. We had numerous cities and veterans organizations share the services they provide to our local veteran community.

Now, with Thanksgiving around the corner, many of us will gather with family and friends to appreciate our loved ones and reflect on all that we're grateful for. As we head into the holiday season, I want to wish you and your families a safe, warm, and very Happy Thanksgiving!

# THANKSGIVING



In 1621, more than four centuries ago, the Pilgrims marked the end of their first successful harvest in the New World with a three-day gathering. In total, there were 90 members of the Wampanoag Nation and the 53 surviving passengers from the *Mayflower*.

Over two centuries later, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving as a national holiday, calling for a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

As we come together with family and friends this Thanksgiving, may we reflect on the roots of this tradition, one that unites us in gratitude and reminds us to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives.

## NOVEMBER PRESENTATIONS

## ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH



At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board recognized November as Adoption Awareness Month.

In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, 334 adoptions were finalized as a result of the efforts by the Orange County Social Services Agency.

My family knows personally of the joys and blessings of adoption.

During this month, we encourage all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, and businesses to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption, and encourage children with uncertain futures while they await permanent families.

## NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK



At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board recognized November as National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

During this month, we want to highlight the hard work that County's Office of Care Coordination, CalOptima Health, Orange County United Way, Families Forward, Latino Health Access, Pathways of Hope and the OC Hunger Alliance, and so many other organizations do to help those in need. This includes operating emergency shelters, permanent housing programs, supportive services, and food pantries to people experiencing homelessness and hunger.

We encourage everyone to recognize that many people in Orange County do not have housing, struggle with hunger and food insecurity, and need support. You can be that support through this holiday season - and year around - by working with the above groups or other non-profit service organizations doing such great work in Orange County.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

# VETERANS CONCERT AND RESOURCE FAIR





My office, along with Angel Force USA, hosted a Veterans Concert and Resource Fair at the Kershaw Garden in Mission Viejo ahead of the Veterans Day Holiday.

We were also joined by the City of Mission Viejo, City of Lake Forest, City of Rancho Santa Margarita, U.S.VETS, Patriots and Paws, and the Tierney Center for Veteran Services, who all provided materials for their Veteran services to the attendees.

The live music, food trucks, and great weather were a perfect way to celebrate our Orange County Veteran community. I am grateful to all our partners who worked to make this event happen.

## VALOR AWARD PRESENTATION





At the November 4 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board held a Veterans Day ceremony where Nick Berardino, President of the Veterans Alliance of Orange County (VALOR), and VALOR Board Member Bobby McDonald, presented awards highlighting the Board of Supervisors' accomplishments in assisting the veterans community.

We were pleasantly surprised with a three song musical number playing patriotic music.

We are immensely grateful for all the work and advocacy that VALOR does for our Veterans community, and hope everyone had a very happy Veterans Day.

MARINE CORPS 250TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION





I attended the Marine Corps' 250 birthday celebration at the Lyon Air Museum, sponsored by the Flying Leathernecks Aviation Museum, which will soon open in the Great Park in Irvine.

Former Governor Pete Wilson joined us, as keynote speaker Major General James Wellons cut the cake.

In the finest Marine Corps tradition, Governor Wilson, as the oldest Marine in attendance, shared the first piece of cake with the youngest Marine there.

Among the many guests, I was honored to introduce Mission Viejo Mayor Trish Kelley and her Marine husband to the former governor.

## OC RESCUE MISSION'S 8TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY AWARD DINNER





I joined OC Rescue Mission's 8th Annual Veterans Day Awards Dinner, where I presented a resolution to Fernando Arroyo, the recipient of this year's Veteran of the Year Award.

I'm incredibly grateful for all the work OC Rescue Mission does and more importantly for all the sacrifices our veterans have made in the defense of our great nation.

# DINO DASH RUN FOR EDUCATION FUNDRAISER





I joined the Tustin Dino Dash and Run for Education fundraiser, hosted by the Tustin Public Schools Foundation and Tustin Unified School District.

I'm so happy to see such dedicated support for our public schools in Tustin. Over 6,000 runners participated this year!

Thank you to the Tustin Public Schools Foundation and Tustin Unified School District for organizing this wonderful event!

**FIELD OF VALOR**





The Community Foundation of Orange Annual Field of Valor celebrated its 11th year with an opening event kicking off a spectacular week.

The Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, Nov. 8th, included grant presentations, a military flag procession, a flyover by the Condor Squadron, and a BBQ held by the Orange City Firefighters.

Wonderful patriotic music was provided by the Band of the California Battalion. The guest speaker was Judge David O. Carter, First Lieutenant, US Marine Corps, Retired.

Over \$350,000 in grants from the foundation have been awarded since this annual event began 11 years ago.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Orange County Environmental Health Plan Check

# Streamlining the Plan Check Process



**Virtual or in-person options available.**

## Join us!

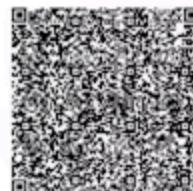
We invite you to an informational session to:

- Review the plan check process
- Discuss resources available
- Help submitters meet project deadlines

**Wednesday  
November 19, 2025  
10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Let us know if  
you can attend!**

Scan to complete  
the survey:



OC Environmental Health



DONALD P. WAGNER  
OC Supervisor

OC Public Works  
OC Waste & Recycling

## FREE SANDBAG & WATTLE GIVEAWAY

**When:** Saturday, November 22, 2025  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (or until supplies are no longer available)

**Where:** County lot at the corner of  
Santiago Canyon Road and Modjeska Canyon Road

### BE PREPARED FOR THE RAINY SEASON!

Supervisor Donald P. Wagner is partnering with OC Public Works and OC Waste & Recycling to provide more resources to canyon residents in preparation for the upcoming rainy season. Take steps now to protect your properties from storm-related damage.

Sandbags, wattles (also referred to as compost socks) and stakes will be available for unincorporated canyon area residents while supplies last.

Staff will be on hand to assist with loading.



**QUESTIONS?  
PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Supervisor Wagner's office

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(714) 715-8049

# USA 250 - OC

## THEME SONG COMPETITION

### CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH SONG

In honor of the 250th anniversary of America's founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, Orange County high school students are invited to create an original song that celebrates the spirit of freedom, unity, and democracy. This is an opportunity to showcase musical talent and lyrical creativity while paying tribute to the ideals that shaped our nation.

Compositions must be original and created for one of the below genres by an individual or a team of 2-3 students.

- Pop/Adult Contemporary
- Rock
- Hip Hop/Rap
- Country
- Jazz
- Rhythm and Blues/Soul
- Folk
- Classical

The top entry in each category will be performed at an Orange County July 4, 2026 event.

Submissions are due to Orange County Department of Education no later than **Sunday, November 30, 2025**.

[Click Here](#) for competition details and to learn more about the selection process.

<https://link.ocde.us/usa-250-oc>



Stefan Bean, Ed.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools



YOU'RE INVITED BY SUPERVISOR DON WAGNER

## ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY

DONALD P. WAGNER  
gov.com

Sat, December 6, 2025

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



## GET HELP, GIVE HELP

To receive food free of charge, please contact 211 Orange County for a list of pantries near you. Visit [www.211oc.org](http://www.211oc.org), call 2-1-1 or send a text to 898211.

To help, please consider a financial donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County at <https://feedoc.org/donate>.



# ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY



Home electrical fires are responsible for an estimated 80,000 fires and \$1.3 billion in property damage each year. Protect your family and your home by following these electrical safety tips.



Inspections by qualified electricians reduce fire risk and are required by many home insurance policies.



Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6200  
ocfa.org



## Appliances

- Always plug major appliances directly into wall outlets.
- Unplug small appliances when they are not in use.
- Check electrical cords on all appliances regularly. Replace any cracked, damaged, or loose cords. Never try to fix them yourself.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.
- Always use bulbs that match the recommended wattage for each lamp or fixture.

## Outlets

- Never overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.

## Extension Cords, Power Strips, and Surge Protectors

- Replace worn, old, or damaged extension cords right away.
- Only use extension cords for a short period of time.
- Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use surge protectors, not power strips, with electrical devices that require a lot of electricity to operate.

## Electrical Fire Warning Signs

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
- Flickering lights
- Sparks from an outlet

May 2020

# LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



In today's technology driven world, lithium-ion batteries are powering electric vehicles, cell phones, e-bikes, laptops, toys, smoke alarms and power tools. These batteries can be dangerous if they overheat, and can cause a fire or explosion. Keep yourself and your family safe by following these safety tips.



According to the Data Bridge Market Research, the global lithium-ion battery market was valued at 6.70 billion in 2021 and is expected to reach 26.28 billion by 2029.



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## Lithium-Ion Battery Fires:

- Emit toxic gasses within seconds
- Burn hotter and faster than others
- Can't be smothered like other fires
- Can cause explosions within seconds
- Can reignite up to 21 days later!

## Safety Tips

- Purchase batteries that are listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL)
- Know the manufacturer instructions and safety information for use, storage, charging and maintenance
- Never overload your outlet when charging any device with a lithium-ion battery
- Never place the batteries in direct sunlight or a hot vehicle
- Store batteries in a cool, dry location

## Charging and Disposal

- Charge the device properly and only with the cords that came with the device
- Unplug the device once it is fully charged
- Do not charge batteries when the environment is below freezing (32°F) or too hot (130°F)
- Never charge the device under a pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep lithium-ion batteries away from combustible materials when charging.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash
- Contact your local recycling center or waste management department for proper disposal
- Do not put discarded batteries together in a container or pile

## Warning Signs

- Unusual odor
- Change in color
- Too hot to the touch
- Change in shape
- Not keeping a charge
- Smoking or sparking when plugging in
- Unusual Noises (popping, hissing, buzzing)
- Leaking of liquid

## If You Have a Fire From a Lithium-Ion Battery

- Leave the area immediately as the batteries emit toxic gasses and burn extremely hot, with explosions occurring in seconds
- Call 9-1-1
- DO NOT try to fight or extinguish the fire

November 2022

# 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



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



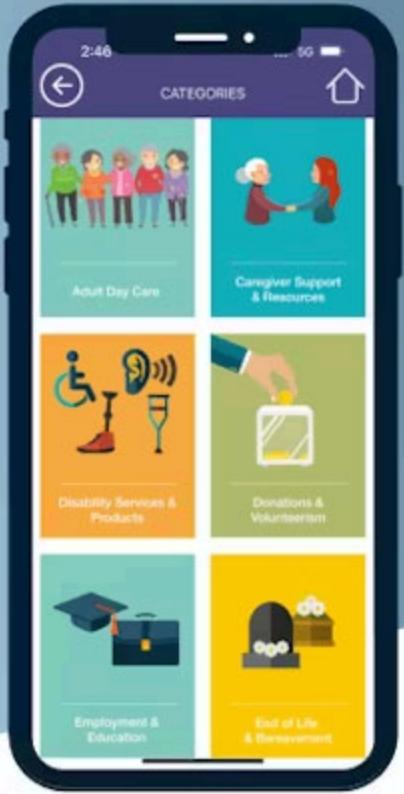
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## DOWNLOAD THE OFFICE ON AGING'S FREE MOBILE APP

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 Noble



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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