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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.

December has been an eventful month! With my office's successful Fourth Annual Trout Fishing Derby, the 2025 Orange County Hall of Fame, and the Board of Supervisors' Annual Christmas Open House, we are wrapping up the year with a bang.

I want to thank my family, my staff, all the employees of the County of Orange, and especially the residents of the Third District for making 2025 a very successful year! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you all in 2026!

IN THE NEWS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES SUPERVISOR WAGNER'S ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM



(Santa Ana, CA) – At the December 16th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board unanimously approved the allocation of \$75,000 from Supervisor Wagner's Third District discretionary funds to El Rodeo Rescue. This grant funds the new Orange County Animal Rescue Team (OCART). Under the Plan of Cooperation between the County of Orange and OCART, trained volunteers will be deployed to evacuate large animals during emergencies.

"In late 2023, the San Juan Capistrano Large Animal Rescue Team stopped providing resources countywide, creating a gap in a vital service for large animal evacuations," said Supervisor Wagner. "Over the past several months, my office has worked closely with the Orange County equestrian community to establish a County-supported program with dedicated volunteers willing to assist during emergencies. I am delighted to offer this resource, providing owners of large animals peace of mind in the case an evacuation is ever needed."

"I want to express my gratitude to Don Wagner for sticking with us and getting this job done," said Bill Kolvstad, Founder of El Rodeo Rescue. "We've worked hard, we've had a lot of patience, but the work is really going to start now. I'm really excited that the citizens of Orange County that are horse owners can find trust in

our organization when there is a disaster, we can be of great assistance to get them out of harm's way and let the firemen do their work and be able to take them to shelter. It's an exciting day to know that the citizens of Orange County will have a team that will be competent to get the work done that's needed."

"I am very thankful to Supervisor Don Wagner for pushing this through and making sure it finally came to fruition," said Sherry Pantaja, President of the Orange Park Association. "This is something we've been working on for many years, so that we can help all the neighborhoods throughout Orange County and make them feel like they've got somewhere to go to when there is a fire and be prepared."

"I want to thank Supervisor Wagner for making this happen for us," said Dee Dee Friedrich, President of Yorba Linda Country Riders. "We're super excited about it. Now we have a program to get the horses and other large animals to safety."

"It's very important to make sure that the animals are taken care of and to get out early, and in order to do that, we needed to have a good team in place, and now we finally have one," said Joanne Hubble, Canyon Community Representative. "Thanks to Don and his team, the hard work of Bill and Dee Dee, we got it done."

The funds approved will cover costs related to insurance, training supplies, a rescue trailer, volunteer equipment, and other necessary materials. OCART will be a trained volunteer team dedicated to assisting with large animals during emergencies, especially wildfires throughout Orange County.

Supervisor Wagner's top priority is the public safety of Orange County, and ensuring the equestrian and ranching communities have a robust, well-coordinated emergency response team is essential toward strengthening and improving the County's disaster response capabilities.

THE MORNING ANSWER



The Morning Answer

Sacramento's Losing Game with Washington Over Homeless Housing



HOSTED BY JENNIFER HORN



I joined Jennifer Horn on The Morning Answer to discuss California's failed homeless housing policy and Sacramento's lawsuits over President Trump's federal funding cuts on this issue.

You can listen to the full interview [here](#).

HOLIDAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry
Christmas

From all of us at District 3, we wish everyone in Orange County a very Merry Christmas!

HAPPY HANUKKAH



Wishing Orange County's Jewish community a very Happy Hanukkah!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

IN THE COMMUNITY

FOURTH ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY





With an estimated 1300 people in attendance, the Fourth Annual Trout Fishing Derby was an incredible success!

Hundreds of people were lined up outside gate to the lake before the sun even rose, and spent the entire day reeling in fish on a wonderful sunny day of family friendly fun.

The largest fish came in at 5.22 lbs, with second place at 5.09 lbs, and third place at 3.21 lbs.

Congratulations to the top three winners of the largest caught fish!

A big thank you to Orange County Parks and James Events for all their hard work in coordination with our office to make this happen. We couldn't have done this without you!

As a token of my appreciation to OC Parks for their partnership in this fantastic annual event, I presented OC Parks Director Pam Passow with a certificate of recognition. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.

And to everyone who came out to today's event, we hope you had a wonderful time! Until next year!

2025 ORANGE COUNTY HALL OF FAME





The Orange County Board of Supervisors held its Third Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. A big congratulations to all of the Class of 2025's inductees:

- James Cameron – Music, Arts & Entertainment
- Eddie Sheldrake – Sports
- Henry & Susan Samueli – Philanthropy
- Carl St. Clair – Music, Arts & Entertainment
- Robert August – Music, Arts & Entertainment
- Ed Laird – Philanthropy
- Ed Caruthers – Sports
- Sammy Lee – Sports
- James Irvine I – Philanthropy
- Gaddi Vasquez – Civics

We thank all of our inductees for their impact on Orange County and look forward to celebrating next year's class!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE





The Board of Supervisors held its annual Holiday Open House, offering the community a chance to visit all the board offices.

It was a fun and spirited event, and a great opportunity to meet all the stakeholders in the community before Christmas and the New Year!

TUSTIN & ORANGE MENORAH LIGHTING





On Sunday night, I joined with the Tustin Jewish community and Rabbi Shuey Eliezrie of the Tustin Chabad in the Menorah lighting for the first night of Hanukkah. That same evening, my Field Representative, Al Tello, participated with Orange Mayor Dan Slater in a Menorah lighting with the Orange Jewish community.

Sunday's terrorist attack at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, cast a pall over the ceremonies. Good people of all religions, or no religion, must condemn these killings. I especially wanted to be with our friends in the Jewish community on this night, in the shadow of Bondi Beach, to celebrate the Festival of Lights, lights that hopefully will drive away those shadows.

Despite the backdrop, the celebrations were joyous, filled with friends and family, love and laughter, and lots of latkes! I thank Rabbi Eliezrie for the chance to share the evening with him and wish all of our Jewish neighbors in Orange County a very happy Hanukkah.

FALCK HEALTH INSTITUTE GRAND OPENING



My Field Representative, Pat Buttress, presented a proclamation to the Falck Health Institute at its ribbon cutting on November 14.

The Falck administrators, current students, educators, and graduates were present for the dedication of this new Emergency Medical Services school. The facility occupies a large warehouse, converted to meeting, class, and assembly rooms.

Congratulations on your grand opening!

GOODWILL OF ORANGE COUNTY FOOTHILL RANCH GRAND OPENING



My District Director, Scott Voigts, and Community Outreach Director, Saga Conroy, presented a certificate of recognition to Goodwill of Orange County for its Grand Opening Celebration of its new Foothill Ranch Store and Donation Center.

This marks another exciting milestone of Goodwill as it expands its footprint in Orange County.

Congratulations on your grand opening!

2025 YOUNG CIVIC LEADERS ACADEMY



My Field Representative, Pat Buttress, presented certificates to the 20 City of Yorba Linda students who completed the Fall 2025 Young Civic Leaders Academy.

All of these students enjoyed the program, which allowed them to understand civic engagement and the need for all residents to get involved in their local government. This program was started by Councilmember Tara Campbell during her first year as Mayor.

Congratulations to all these young people completing this program, and for their interest local government affairs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS & SENIOR SANTA AND FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 - JANUARY 2, 2026



Operation Santa Claus (OSC) brings smiles year-round by providing new toys and gifts to children in foster care and those receiving services through the County of Orange.

Senior Santa and Friends (SSF) brings cheer to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities, ensuring they feel remembered and are cared for during the holidays and beyond.

Together, these programs brighten the lives of thousands of vulnerable children, seniors, and adults throughout Orange County, thanks to the generosity of donors like you. Below are ways you can help these vulnerable populations:

DONATE

Please visit ssa.ocgov.com/operationsantaclaus/help for more information on how to donate new unwrapped gifts.

DONATE ONLINE AT:

Checks and gift cards can be mailed to:

Operation Santa Claus
Social Services Agency
PO Box 1077
Santa Ana, CA 92702-1077



Operation Santa Claus
ssa.ocgov.com/DonateOSC



Senior Santa and Friends
ssa.ocgov.com/DonateSSF

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

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed November through January to help the OSC team bring holiday joy to children, seniors, and adults with disabilities in Orange County.

- ★ Sign ups begin mid-November online at: signupgenius.com/findasignup.
- ★ Enter operationsantaclaus@ssa.ocgov.com in the "Search for a Sign Up" field
- ★ Click on the "Operation Santa Claus" link.

COORDINATE

Give back by coordinating a toy/gift donation drive for children and/or seniors in need.

- ★ Angel tags are available for gift suggestions

For more information give us a call at:

Operation Santa Claus: 714-679-2438

Senior Santa and Friends: 714-825-3111



Questions? Contact OperationSantaClaus@ssa.ocgov.com or 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



Be aware, be informed. Be safe.
www.FentanylIsForeverOC.org



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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



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
11 a.m. - 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.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Dylan

UPCOMING EVENTS

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