

OUR TOWNS

RUNNING TO A NEW YEAR



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Members of the RunStrong Running Club of Santa Ana work out in the morning at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley on Monday.

ALISO VIEJO

Tree collection: The city's waste hauler, CR&R, is collecting Christmas trees through the first week of January. The city advises that if a discarded tree is taller than 6 feet, it must be cut in half and placed it at the curb; small trees can be put inside green waste carts. Christmas trees are considered organic waste, meaning they can be composted, mulched or converted into fuel. For more information, contact Moy Yahya at 949-425-2538.

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ANAHEIM

Public art: The Anaheim Arts Council recognized five pieces of "Art In Public Places" around town: ARTIC, Paul Revere Park, San Antonio Catholic Church, Anaheim Regional Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente.

Information:
anaheimartscouncil.com.
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BREA

Holiday trees: Holiday tree pick-up will continue through Jan. 8. It must be put out before 6 a.m. on the parkway or to the side of the containers. Trees larger than 6 feet tall must be cut in half. Flocked trees need to have a scheduled pickup through Republic Services. Info: 866-238-2444.

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BUENA PARK

Volleyball: Co-ed drop-in volleyball games are being held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Jan. 26, and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays from Feb. 1 to March 7, at the Buena Park Community Gymnasium, 6931 Orangethorpe Ave. The cost is \$2 per person per visit for players 18 and older. Information: 714-562-3860.

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THE CANYONS, COTO DE CAZA & LADERA RANCH

Grand jury: Residents interested in serving on the next grand jury must apply by Jan. 22. The 19-member panel investigates local agencies and decides on indictments for criminal cases. The one-year term begins July 1. Candidates must be 18 or older, a U.S. citizen and a county resident. More information at ocgrandjury.org or 657-622-6747

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COSTA MESA

Halal Guys: The popular New York City food cart turned Costa Mesa brick-and-mortar restaurant, Halal Guys, has been so busy since its October debut that the owners were recently granted a three-month trial run by the city to stay open until 1 a.m. The restaurant, located at 3033 Bristol St., has been open until 11 p.m.

Jordan Graham, 714-796-7960

CYPRESS

Holiday tree pick up: Valley Vista Services will provide a free holiday tree pickup on your normal trash day until Jan. 8. The tree must not have any ornaments or stand. For tall trees, cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet. 714-380-5450.

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DANA POINT

Water board: The South Coast Water District's board of directors will meet Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Dana Point City Council chambers, 33282 Golden Lantern. The public is invited to attend. Meetings also are broadcast online or on Cox Cable Television live on Channel 30 in Dana Point. More information at scwd.org.

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY

Free bus rides: Plan ahead for a safe and fun New Year's Eve at octa.net, which lists celebrations open to the public and bus routes between you and your destination. Orange County Transportation Authority offers free rides 6 p.m. Thursday through 2:30 a.m. Friday. Information: 714-636-7433.

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FULLERTON

Diabetes workshop: A free diabetes-education class is being offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays from Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 at the Community Center. Topics include causes, symptoms, prevention and management. Preregistration is required. Info: 714-738-6305.

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GARDEN GROVE

Director vacancy: The city is still looking for a new director for the Community and Economic Development Department, a position that has been vacant since Susan Emery left Garden Grove in early September to work for the city of Irvine. Garden Grove is undergoing a national search to replace Emery, who worked for the city for 21 years.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707



HUNTINGTON BEACH

Take a dip: The 16th annual Surf City Splash to benefit the International Surfing Museum is 9 a.m. to noon Friday at 405 Pacific Coast Highway. Event begins with a pancake breakfast, followed by an ocean swim at noon. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 714-698-9837 or visit hbsurfcityspash.com.

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IRVINE

Giveaway: Today is the last day to nominate your favorite non-profit organization to win a \$100 gift card from Stonefire Grill. The eatery will pick 25 winners on Wednesday from among organizations nominated at facebook.com/StonefireGrill. Nominators should say what organization they're nominating and why it's deserving.

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LAGUNA BEACH

Spirit of Laguna: The Chamber of Commerce will hold its Spirit of Laguna awards ceremony and 2016 board of directors installation event from 6 to 10 p.m. Jan. 29 at Seven-Degrees, 891 Laguna Canyon Road. The cost is \$75 for chamber members and \$85 for nonmembers. More information at lagunabeachchamber.org.

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LAGUNA HILLS

Free rides: The Orange County Transportation Authority is offering free bus rides on New Year's Eve. The window for free rides is from 6 p.m. Thursday to 2:30 a.m. Friday with extended times depending on route. For help planning your trip ahead or for more information, use the online trip planner at octa.net or call 714-636-7433.

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LAGUNA NIGUEL

Eagle Scouts: Four Boy Scouts from Troop 772 in Laguna Niguel have been recognized by the Laguna Niguel City Council for earning their Eagle Scout Award. The Scouts are Thomas Coppinger, 16; Blake Vom Steeg, 17; Dillon Paige, 14; and Alex Troy, 17. Among their completed Eagle Scout projects were the creation of a 12-foot surfboard for children with special needs and a 40-foot portable storage unit for American Legion Post 28L.

Marie Ekberg Padilla

LAGUNA WOODS

New CEO: Village Management Services Inc. last week announced it has hired Bradley Hudson as its new chief executive officer/general manager effective immediately. Most recently, Hudson was county executive officer for Sacramento County. Prior to that he was the city manager for Riverside.

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LA HABRA

Lunar New Year: The Children's Museum is celebrating Lunar New Year 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There will be Chinese cultural dancers, Jung Lee Korean dancers and Japanese taiko drummers. Also, there will be the Spectacular Silk & Thunder Show. The free event is sponsored by Target.

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LAKE FOREST

New business: The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce is celebrating new member Servpro at 23182 Alcalde in Laguna Hills with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. on Jan. 22. The company, which has more than 1,650 franchises across the nation, restores and clean up commercial and residential properties after disasters.

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LA PALMA

Driver's ed: A city-sponsored online driver's education class for youngsters ages 14 to 18 takes place from Friday to April 30. The cost is \$40. The coursework can be done anytime of the day or night. A certificate of completion, which is accepted by the Department of Motor Vehicles, is given after finishing the course.

Information: 714-690-3350.
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LOS ALAMITOS

Chamber breakfast: Meet the new Chamber of Commerce board of directors at its inaugural breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Jan. 8, at Griffin's Grill, 11272 Los Alamitos Blvd. Cost is \$20 for members and military or \$25 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 562-598-6659.

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MISSION VIEJO

Winners: The Mission Viejo Nadadores won the KMSC Pro-Am Classic in Lewisville, Texas with a score of 1207, nearly doubling the score of the second-place team. The Nadadores also won the men's and women's team competitions by a similar margin, scoring 731 for the men and 476 for the women.

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NEWPORT BEACH

New Year's Eve: The Newport Dunes Resort, 1131 Back Bay Drive, will host a New Year's Eve party beginning 8 p.m., Dec. 31, that will feature performers like the Jimmy Hopper Band. Tickets start at \$89. Call 949-729-3800 or visit nyenb.com.

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ORANGE

Mystery location: Businesses in Orange interested in being a mystery location in the city's social media contests planned for 2016 are invited to email the city at askorange@cityoforange.org by Jan 12. The contests were recently started on the City of Orange Facebook page. During the contest, people are invited to identify the "mystery location" of a photo. The first 10 to respond correctly win a small prize.

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PLACENTIA

Shuttle service: A free shuttle is available to and from the Placentia Certified Farmers Market, which is held from 4 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Placentia Town Center, 130 E. Yorba Linda Blvd. The shuttle has stops at five locations. Information: placentia.org/farmersmarket or 714-993-8204.

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RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Reopening: The Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the reopening of Platinum Dental on 22521 Avenida Empresa, with a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 14. The office is reopening after a sprinkler valve burst and flooded the office, forcing them to re-paint the walls and replace the floor.

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SAN CLEMENTE

No sweep: Due to a closure of city offices from Dec. 24 through Jan. 3, the city isn't doing public street-sweeping this week. Scheduled sweeping will resume Jan. 4, the city announced. To sign up for street-sweeping reminders, visit san-clemente.org/sweep.

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

City Council Meeting: The City Council has reinstated its meeting for 5 p.m. Jan. 5 in City Hall. The meeting will include discussion of the Ortega Highway widening project and an amendment to meeting rules and procedures, among other topics.

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SANTA ANA

Health insurance assistance: Representatives from Covered California will be at the Santa Ana Public Library behind the reference desk to provide enrollment assistance, 3-7 p.m. today at 26 Civic Center Plaza. Bring tax return or recent pay stubs, proof of residence and citizenship, copy of Social Security number. 714-647-5250

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SEAL BEACH

Take a walk: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust kicks off the new year with its regular Heron Hike 8-10 a.m. Saturday, starting at 1st Street and Pacific Coast Highway. The walk begins with an orientation followed by hikes. Closed shoes required. For more information, email elizabeth@lcwlandtrust.org.

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STANTON

Sandbags: Stanton has sandbags available for residents and local businesses to help protect against flooding during El Niño. Each resident or business is limited to 10 sandbags. Identification must be shown. The sandbags are available from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays at the Stanton Corporate Yard, 10970 Pacific St. Info: 714-890-4205.

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TUSTIN

Holidays: In recognition of the holiday season, City Hall and other local government facilities are closed through Sunday. City Hall is scheduled to reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday. For the full city calendar, visit tustinca.org.

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VILLA PARK

Board of Education: The Orange Unified School District has posted the schedule for all of its board meetings for the 2016 school year on its website. The first meeting for the new year is Jan. 21. Those interested in checking meeting dates, agendas and minutes can find them at orangeusd.k12.ca.us.

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WESTMINSTER

Homework help: The Westminster Library's Homework Help program begins at 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and offers tutoring to students who need assistance with schoolwork. Students do not need to register for the free tutoring. The only weekdays the help isn't available are when the library, at 8180 13th St., is closed.

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YORBA LINDA

Letters of hope: Help write letters for families living at the Ronald McDonald House from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 13 at the Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave. It's an opportunity to offer words of encouragement to families affected by illness. Refreshments will be served. Information: 714-961-7181.

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