



# THE ROUNDUP



December 2023

## Message from the City Manager

Hello Sara,

Happy Holidays! We have amazing events planned for the upcoming holiday season for you and your family to enjoy. Be sure to read through it all and stay up-to-date with everything happening in Laguna Hills.

Warm regards,  
Jarad Hildenbrand

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## Upcoming Events

### December 2023

We're excited to host a number of events to celebrate the upcoming holidays with you and your family. Please note, all holiday events will be held at the Laguna Hills Community Center. For events that require pre-registration, you can register [here](#).



A festive graphic for the City of Laguna Hills Holiday Events. At the top, three holiday-themed ornaments (a heart, a stocking, and a star) are hanging from white strings. The background is a dark green with scattered red starburst ornaments. The text is in a mix of white, orange, and green colors. At the bottom, there are stylized red pine branches.

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS**

# Holiday Events

## WISHING TREE

Visit the Community Center and write your wish to Santa by hanging it on the Wishing Tree! The Wishing Tree will be available all of December.

## DONATIONS

From December 2nd to December 16th, we will be accepting non-perishable food and baking ingredients to support South County Outreach! During each holiday event, we will also be accepting toy donations in support of Toys for Tots!

### 12/2: TREE LIGHTING 6P-8P

Kick off the holiday season with an evening of festive lights, carolers, refreshments, crafts, and a visit from Santa!

### 12/3 & 12/10: COOKIE DECORATING CLASS 2P-3P

Invite your friends and family for this fun cookie decorating class! Attendees will also receive a mini decorating kit to take home. \$10 per person. Pre-registration required.

### 12/8: AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY MUSIC 6:30P-9P

Enjoy a performance by the Concordia Community Handbell Ensemble and the Pollytechnic Brass Quintet with a special opening performance by the Agape Dance Lab! Dessert and light refreshments will be served.

### 12/9: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9A-11A

Join Santa for a pancake breakfast! The event will feature crafts, pictures with Santa, and a delicious breakfast. \$10 per person, children under 2 years old are free. Pre-registration is required.

### 12/16: HOLIDAY DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA 7P\*-9P

Enjoy an evening of holiday dance performances from local studios. Dessert and light refreshments will be served.  
\*Doors open at 6:30pm

### 12/15: PARENT'S NIGHT OUT 6P-8:30P

Parents, get your holiday shopping done and let the Community Services staff watch the kids (ages 6-14)! The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Dinner will be served.

All events will be held at the Laguna Hills Community Center  
25555 Alicia Pkwy  
lagunahillisca.gov  
949.707.2680

### 12/06 - 7 PM – Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available [here](#).

### 12/12 - 7 PM – City Council Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available [here](#).

## Ornament for Animals Holiday Benefit Program

You can help injured and orphaned animals at the [Mission Viejo Animal Services Center](#)

through the Dedicated Animal Welfare Group's (DAWG) 2023 Holiday Tree.

Through this unique virtual holiday tree, you can memorialize a beloved pet or give a special gift to that hard-to-buy person on your list. Visit [visufund.com/dawg-holiday-tree-2023](https://visufund.com/dawg-holiday-tree-2023) and select from a wide array of lights, baubles, bells, candle and wrapped packages to decorate the tree with donations starting at only \$10. Personalize your ornament with photos of your fur baby and share the ornament and photos with friends and family members at the click of a button.

Serving Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita, DAWG is devoted to providing extraordinary medical care and helping hands to comfort sick, injured and neglected animals that come into the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center. Please consider supporting this wonderful organization by buying an ornament on its holiday tree.



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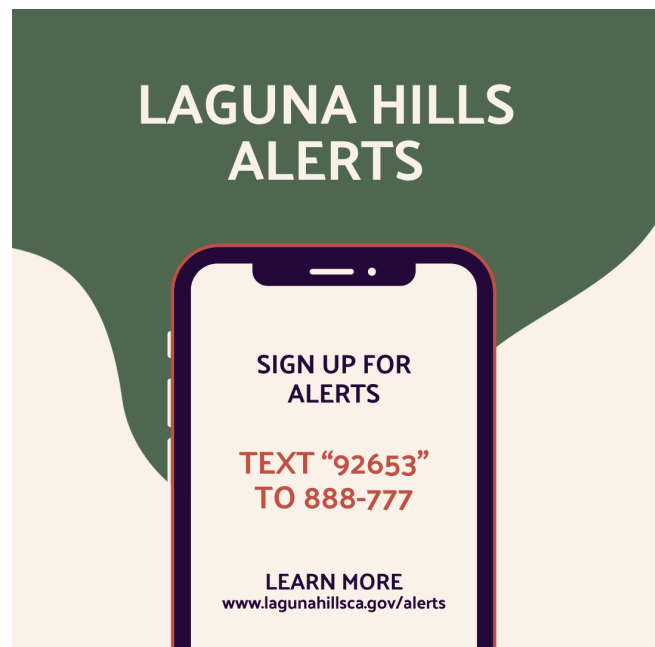
## Laguna Hills Alerts

### Sign Up for Alerts and Notifications

Sign up for Laguna Hills City-wide emergency alerts and other notifications. This subscription is through Everbridge Nixel.

Visit [www.lagunahillssca.gov/alerts](https://www.lagunahillssca.gov/alerts) to learn more about emergency alerts and notifications and to manage your subscription.

To subscribe,  
text **92653** to **888-777**



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## I-5 South County Improvements Project



## Lane Reductions and Closures from Nov. 23 - Dec. 3

Expect overnight freeway lane reductions and closures, ramp closures, and street closures on the northbound I-5, southbound I-5, and the ramps of Avery Parkway, Crown Valley Parkway, Oso Parkway, Alicia Parkway, and El Toro Road.

Plan for additional travel time through the area. Detours signs will be in place to assist motorists.

## General Project Information and Contacts

OCTA, in cooperation with Caltrans, is constructing the I-5 Freeway Improvement Project between State Route 73 (SR-73) and El Toro Road. The project will improve 6.5 miles of I-5 through the cities of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, and Laguna Niguel.

Visit the [I-5 South County Improvements website](#) for the latest information about road work and road closures. You can also email [i5southcounty@octa.net](mailto:i5southcounty@octa.net) or call (949) 614-0202 for more details.



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## Safety Message From Laguna Hills Police Services

We hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season that is upon us. Before you turn in for the night, take a few minutes and complete the 9 p.m. routine that is listed below. Let's lock it up!

- Remove valuables from your car
- Lock your vehicle
- Lock your house and windows
- Close and lock garage doors

- Turn on exterior lights
- Collect your mail



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## OCFA Fire Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

The holidays should be enjoyable. To ensure your holiday celebrations are fire safe and injury free, follow these safety tips from the OCFA. Visit [ocfa.org](https://ocfa.org) for more fire safety tips and other safety programs available to the community.

# HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



*The holidays should be enjoyable. To ensure your holiday celebrations are fire safe and injury free, follow these safety tips.*



*Holiday decorations are responsible for more than \$11 million in home fire damages each year.*



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

**(714) 573-6200**  
[ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org)



## **Candles**

- Consider using flameless candles and flame-resistant candleholders to reduce fire risk.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from flammable materials and place them on heat-resistant surfaces.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Extinguish all candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.

## **Lighting and Decorations**

- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before using.
- Replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulb.
- Don't overload electrical outlets with too many lights or decorations and make sure all extension cords are marked for proper use.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.

## **Christmas Trees**

- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, heater vents, air ducts, and other heat sources.
- Make sure the tree is out of the way of day-to-day traffic and doesn't block doorways.
- Ornaments and other holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame-resistant.
- Remove your tree promptly from your home after the holidays. An ignited tree can be totally consumed by fire in 3-5 seconds, and generate over 2,000 degrees of radiant heat.

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## MNWD Rebates

Moulton Niguel Water District offers many programs to help customers save water and money. Explore these [programs and resources](#) to help save water – and save



yourself money!

- [Residential Rebates](#)
- [Commercial Rebates](#)
- [Outdoor Watering Tips](#)
- [Indoor Water-Savings Tips](#)



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## CR&R Holiday Schedule Reminder

### Holiday Schedule for Christmas 2023

CR&R will observe Christmas on Monday, December 25, 2023. As a result, there will be alterations to recycling and trash collection for residential and commercial customers. Please visit the [CR&R website](#) for more information.

### Commercial Schedule

Since Christmas is on Monday, collection services for the remainder of that week may be postponed by one day.

### Residential Schedule

Since Christmas is on Monday, collection for the remainder of the week will be postponed by one day. For example, if the 4th of July falls on a Monday, and your normal collection day is on Thursday, your pickup for that week will be on Friday.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	HOLIDAY					
	No Collection	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day	Collection Day

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