



THE ROUNDUP



January 2024

Message from the City Manager

Hello Sara,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holiday season with your family and friends. This January Edition of The Roundup includes important information about upcoming freeway closures and other programs and resources available for the Laguna Hills community. Be sure to read through it all and stay up-to-date with everything happening in Laguna Hills.

Warm regards,
Jarad Hildenbrand

Upcoming Events

January 2024

1/09 - 7 PM – City Council Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download [here](#).

1/15 - City Hall Closed for the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

In observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., City Hall will be closed for business on Monday, January 15, 2024. City Hall will reopen for normal business on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

1/17 - 7 PM – Traffic Commission Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download [here](#).

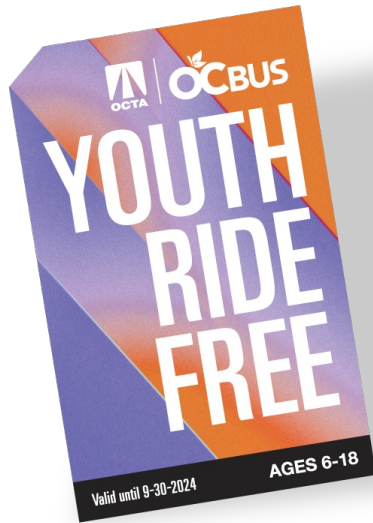
1/20 - 11 AM to 12 PM – Books and Barks at MV Animal Services Center

Practice your reading skills by reading to adoptable animals at the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center. For kids age 6 and older. More details are available [here](#).

1/23 - 7 PM – City Council Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download [here](#).

OCTA Youth Ride Free Program



The OCTA Youth Ride Free Program provides youth ages 6 to 18 with free travel on OC Bus fixed-route service to school, work, or fun on safe, clean, and reliable buses.

Youth Ride Free passes for the 2023-24 school year are now available from your child's participating Orange County school.

For more details on this program, visit OCTA's [Youth Ride Free Program website](#).

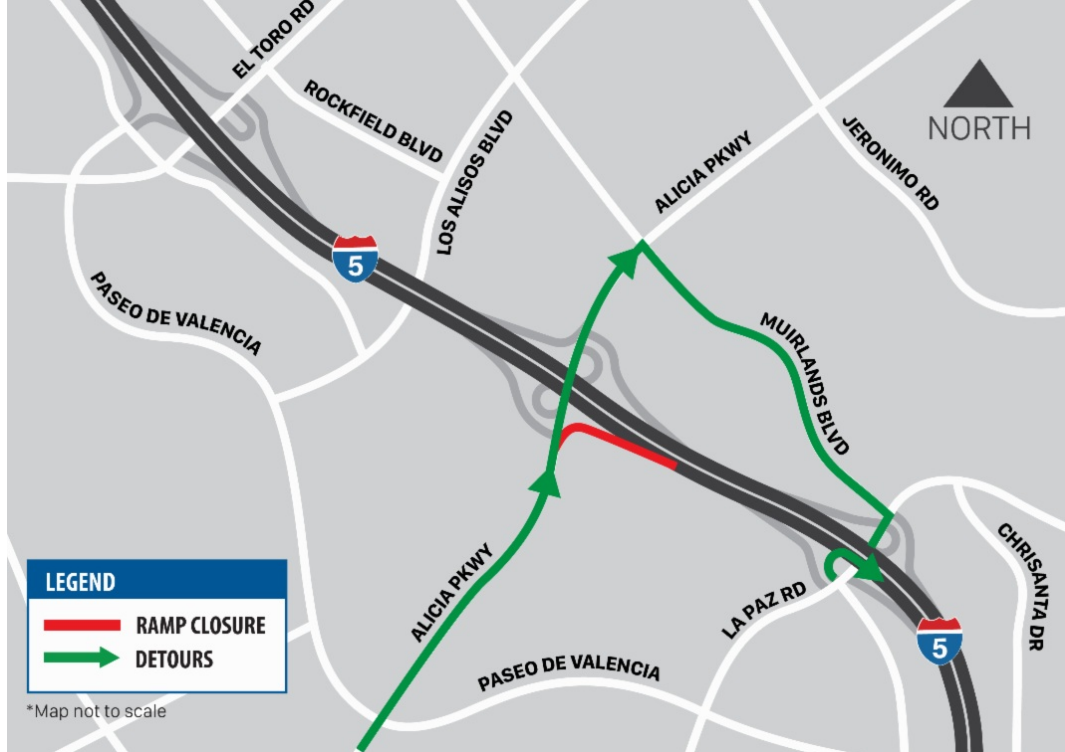
I-5 South County Improvements Project



Extended Ramp Closure - January 9th to January 13th

The I-5 Alicia Parkway straight southbound on-ramp closure has been postponed and will now close at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, for roadway reconstruction and paving. The ramp will reopen at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 13.

Detour Map for I-5 Alicia Parkway Straight Southbound On-Ramp



Upcoming Nine-Day Closure - January 8th to January 17th

The I-5 El Toro Road southbound hook on-ramp (via Ave De La Carlota) will be closed for roadway reconstruction starting January 8 at 12:01 a.m. The ramp will be closed for nine days and will reopen Wednesday, January 17 at 5 p.m.

Detour Map for I-5 El Toro Road Southbound Hook On-Ramp



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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 or call (949) 614-0202 for more details.

Mission Viejo Animal Services Center

Cat Found on I-5 Freeway Saved and Up for Adoption Soon

Three Caltrans employees while working on the I-5 freeway spotted an orange ball of fur by the wall in the middle of the road. Suspecting it was a deceased animal, they were surprised to discover the cat was alive. The employees carefully scooped up the cat with whatever clothing they had in their trucks and drove her to the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center for care.

Named Callie in honor of her rescuers, the cat appeared to be in poor condition, so she was immediately transported to local veterinarian Dr. Cyrus Fahrtash. He discovered her paws and nails had severe road rash probably from running in a panicky state. She also has a limp on her left rear leg, burn on her back, and scratch on her nose. Dr. Fahrtash had to sedate her to properly treat her injured feet, which were thoroughly cleaned, medicated, and wrapped to ensure proper healing.

Thankfully, the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center's nonprofit DAWG paid for all of her excellent care, so once she is completely healed and spayed, [she will be available for adoption](#).

"Sometimes it takes a village to help homeless pets in our community, and this is certainly the case with Callie," said Animal Care Supervisor Brynn Lavison. "We appreciate the compassion of the Caltrans employees, the hard work of Dr. Fahrtash, and the generosity of DAWG for helping to save Callie's life."



Drive-Through Pet Vaccine Clinics for 2024

The Mission Viejo Animal Services Center will be hosting numerous low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics throughout the year for residents of Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita.

Currently, the 2024 vaccine clinic dates are scheduled on the following dates:

- Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Saturday, August 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Saturday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All pet vaccine clinics will take place at the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center. For more information, please [visit this website](#).

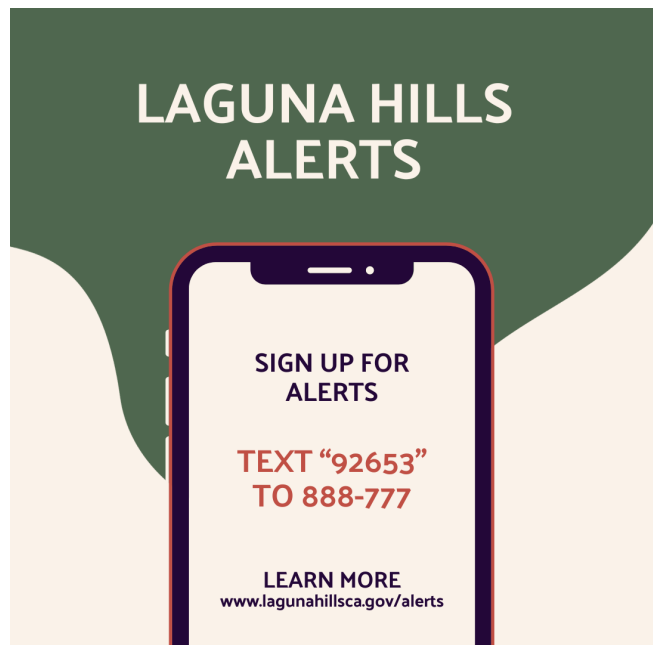
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Safety Message From Laguna Hills Police Services



Kick off your new year and keep safety in mind! The City of Laguna Hills contains main roadways that the public uses on a regular basis. Our roadways make it easy to gain access to surrounding cities and the highway. Keep the following in mind while operating a vehicle:

1. Check that you are not exceeding the posted speed limit. Areas are marked with the appropriate speed limit for your and fellow drivers' safety. If you are operating a vehicle and exceed the speed limit, you could be pulled over. California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22350 – UNSAFE SPEED: No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.
2. Stay alert and remain focused. Do not operate your cellphone while driving. Not using a hands-free device while operating a vehicle diverts your attention away from the roadway. If you are operating a vehicle while texting, you could be pulled over. CVC 23123.5(a) – OPERATING AN CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING: A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or an electronic wireless communications device unless the wireless telephone or electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation, and it is used in that manner while driving.
3. Obey signage. Not only do stop signs control traffic conflicts at intersections, but they also improve safety. If you are operating a vehicle and fail to obey stop signs, you could be pulled over. CVC 22450(a) – FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN: The driver of any vehicle approaching a stop sign at the entrance to, or within, an intersection shall stop at a limit line, if marked, otherwise before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection.



OCFA Safety Campaign

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Safety

Did you know that smoke alarm warnings can cut the risk of dying from a fire in your home by almost half? Install and inspect smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and follow the safety tips included in our smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms flyers and social media posts.

Working smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%. Protect your family by installing smoke alarms, inspecting them regularly, and practicing home fire drills. For more information on smoke alarms, visit ocfa.org.

Carbon monoxide is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas. Protect your family by installing carbon monoxide alarms, inspecting them regularly, and having your fuel-burning devices and appliances serviced.



SMOKE ALARMS

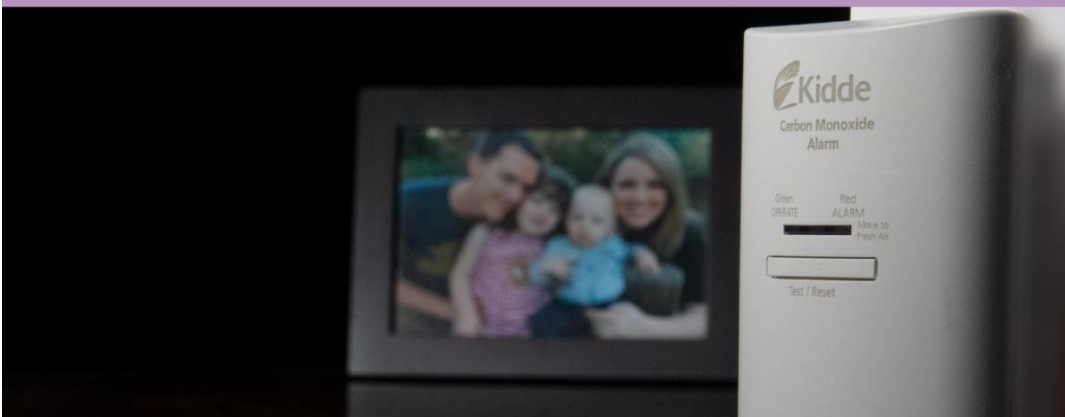


- **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS**
- **INSPECT** them monthly
- **PROTECT** your family and **PRACTICE** your HOME ESCAPE PLAN

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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



- **INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**
- **INSPECT** them monthly
- **PREVENT** carbon monoxide poisoning and have your fuel-burning devices and appliances serviced regularly

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OC Waste and Recycling

Free Compost and Mulch Available at OC Landfills

Looking for STA Certified compost and/or mulch in Orange County? Compost and mulch are currently **free** from Bee Canyon Greenery at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill in Irvine and

Capistrano Greenery at Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano. OC Waste & Recycling is accepting requests for compost and/or mulch from Orange County residents, commercial businesses, local cities and government agencies. Compost and mulch is available to residents in a self-serve area; shovels and containers are not provided so please bring your own. For more information and to fill out a request form, visit [here](#).



OC Recycle Guide

Welcome to the OC Recycle Guide. Need to get rid of it but not sure where it goes? Search an A-Z list of recycling options for Orange County residents. Visit <https://ocrecycleguide.com> to figure out all of your recycling needs.

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