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## Dear Valued Residents.

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I hope you are all staying safe and well. The fight against COVID-19 continues. Our governor has created a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to that fight. He has fitfully closed-then opened-then-closed-then opened beaches, one of the few reprieves for our residents in a world where most things were off-limits.

He made rules for economic reopening then overreacted when counties satisfied those rules by shutting us down again. He opened then closed youth sports when no issues or outbreaks occurred.

Now, we hear the school waivers he promised are not available for counties. The State won't set out the requirements to evaluate these waivers, which thousands of residents and hundreds of schools are waiting on. Some protests are OK. Other are forbidden. And under the governor's rules, you still can't go back to church or sing hymns.

This erratic response to COVID-19 does not give confidence to a beleaguered County.

Many of you have reached out, desperately looking for an end in sight. A blanket approach throughout a diverse State doesn't work and we should not stick with it. We must recognize the fact that COVID-19 is a deadly disease for some. But Orange

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hospitals are doing well on two most important metrics: ICU beds and available ventilators.

Most important, we have made great strides to provide for our County in need. But it has been four months with no real direction from the State as to what will make us a free society again. Meanwhile, we are seeing considerable damage being done with the closures.

I am confident we can safely find responsible ways to allow life to continue. We should work to get our kids back to school and our youth sports back in action. The science supports those efforts. After all, daycare centers and childcare facilities have been open this whole time with no significant outbreaks or harm done to employees, the kids, and their families.

We should focus our medical efforts in the communities most susceptible to the disease. One size does not fit all. Where living conditions facilitate the spread of COVID-19, we should step up our commitment to facial coverings, physical distancing, sanitation, and testing efforts. Elsewhere, we should follow the science and safely allow for individual liberty to flourish.

Let's continue to practice good hygiene and follow the recommendations outlined by the CDC. But let's also find ways to sustain living life to the fullest, responsibly.

Wishing you all health, safety, and prosperity,





Supervisor Wagner Brought Forward New Outdoor Zoning Ordinance July 28, Hall of Administration

The OC Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a new temporary outdoor zoning ordinance, offering a win-win outcome: sustaining the economy and protecting the community. Businesses located in our unincorporated areas can now operate in the great outdoors (parking lots and industrial sites) where physical distancing is possible. Click the photo above to watch his video message on his Facebook page for more.



## July 18, North Tustin

Saturday mornings used to be a time to cheer on children, neighbors, and friends at athletic events. On July 18, families and children sported masks and spirit wear and rallied at Foothill High, advocating to lift the State's seemingly unscientific ban on youth sports and practices. The governor has flipped-flopped on this issue, leaving constituents confused and frustrated for their children. Rally participants were a diverse group of school nurses, stay-at-home parents, working parents, single parents, children, and more.

A few students conveyed extra concern for their at-risk peers, stuck at home in bad situations. With no supervision, limited access to resources, or healthy outlets, at-risk youth are falling behind with no one to catch them up. Community members also referred to their pediatricians and family doctors, who they say support a return to youth sports. Before the ban, families, sports clubs, and leagues had already agreed to take a functional approach with an eye on physical distancing, extra sanitation, and facial coverings in the interim.

This community showed they know how to stay safe and also understand there are many components to staying healthy, especially during these tough times.



Supervisor Wagner and OC Soccer Club Team Up for a Blood Drive
July 29, Irvine Valley College

American Red Cross Blood Services blood drive, sponsored by Supervisor Wagner. The blood drive was at Irvine Valley College with more blood collected than expected.

The plan was to collect 56 pints of blood, but with the excellent outreach to community members and their generous participation, 63 pints of blood were donated. From this event alone, up to 189 patients lives can potentially be saved in local hospitals.

All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Please visit RedCrossBlood.or g/antibodytesting for more.



The American Red Cross offered their deepest

appreciation to the office of Supervisor Donald P. Wagner and the Orange County Soccer Club for their support and partnership.

Supervisor Wagner thanks all the volunteers, the American Red Cross, the Orange County Soccer Club, his staff and interns, and Irvine Mayor Christina Shea for supporting our community.

With such a positive experience, Supervisor Wagner and team plan to hold another blood drive this fall. Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to sign up and save a life today.



Dangling Hope: Governor Requires "Online Learning" For ALL — With One Caveat

School is out for summer, and likely fall, too. (Ironically, daycare and childcare facilities will remain open using school classrooms.)

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced only schools in counties off the State's COVID-19 watchlist for a consecutive two weeks could resume in-person instruction. The blanket decision covers private, charter, and public schools, removing any options for hybrid learning.

Newsom did admit younger students are extremely low-risk vectors for COVID-19. Because of this key data point, he mentioned a waiver option would be available but has not followed through with a process for counties to implement.

In a statement from Newsom's office, a <u>waiver</u> may be granted on a case by case basis:

"There is a single exception. Local health officers may grant a waiver to allow elementary



School districts to work with local public departments to offer in-person instruction in counties on the County Monitoring List

School and district leaders must initiate the request for the waiver in consultation with labor, parents and communitybased organizations.

California provided for the waiver because:

- Younger students are lower risk to be vectors of COVID-19
- Earlier return allows them to benefit from in-person instruction

schools to reopen in-person instruction if the waiver is requested by the district superintendent, in

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# Department of Public Health."

However, the State has failed to provide a waiver template for counties to follow. It has also failed to provide criteria and a timeline.

Until the State offers its guidelines, the County's hands are tied on approving schools for on-site learning options.

Because our governor and the State failed to outline a transparent process, several private and public OC schools submitted a variety of paperwork to the County (none of which is based on guidance provided by the State nor HCA). Our County Health Care Department is tracking who has submitted information to ensure schools are aware of the appropriate process when the State makes it available.

We must also not forget those who face hardship accessing alternatives to school, such as single parents, persons with disabilities, low-income families, and many others in our diverse community. How will they fare through all of this?

Supervisor Wagner understands the tremendous angst and frustration among working families and our many incredible learning institutions. The value of a good education cannot be overemphasized and we have full confidence it can be achieved in a safe and responsible manner.

Our Third District office is working diligently on this issue and will update constituents as soon as more information becomes available, hopefully in the next week.

Please also continue to check with the California Department of Health for the latest on waivers as school is fast approaching.

Thank you in advance for your grace and patience. We will get through this together.

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Closing OC's Rape Kit Backlog

Supervisor Wagner helped District Attorney Spitzer to identify sources of funding to test Orange County's remaining sexual assault kits.

The District Attorney's Office has secured a grant of \$328,305 from the California Department of Justice to implement the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Grant

upon the expiration of federal funding.

As DA Spitzer and Supervisor Don Wagner fight to close the rape-kit backlog, the State intends to release another ~8,000 convicted criminals by the end of August. This will be in addition to the~10,000 inmates our governor released since the start of the pandemic.

Releasing inmates early will reopen wounds for crime survivors. It also brings an imminent threat of danger to our community. California may be softening its stance on serious crimes, but Supervisor Wagner wants to assure OC residents he will continue to stand up for crime survivors.

Testing these kits sends a powerful message that survivors of sexual assault, and their cases, matter in Orange County.



# TCA is Working With Supervisor Wagner to Prevent Wildfires

by thetollroadsblog

With fire season upon us, the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) are taking steps to reduce the amount of potential wildfire fuels, such as dry vegetation, in roadway medians, areas surrounding toll plazas and environmental mitigation sites we protect.

While there isn't a way to completely eliminate risk, there are many steps TCA takes to prevent and mitigate wildfires. One of the ways is managing vegetation. Heavy rains earlier in the year led to the growth of vegetation along The Toll Roads and within TCA's environmental protection sites. In the summer, this vegetation dries out and can become

TCA coordinates with partner agencies including the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Natural Communities Coalition (NCC) and County of Orange Area Safety Team (COAST) to clear vegetation and create defensible spaces and buffers. Defensible spaces and buffers serve as areas for first responders to better fight wildfires when they occur.



Another way to clear dry vegetation is through grazing. Earlier this year, TCA's Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) Board of Directors approved a three -year grazing pilot program at the Live Oak Plaza Conservation Area. During the three-year period, cattle will graze the land for short durations a few times per year. Cattle grazing is a great way to reduce dry vegetation, encourage native vegetation growth, increase the use of the land by native wildlife species and limit chemicals used on the property.

TCA is also a member of the Orange County Fire Watch program. OC Fire Watch alerts the public of elevated fire dangers in or near wilderness parks and communities across Orange County. Wildfires are more likely to occur when there are "Red Flag" conditions: strong winds, low humidity and high temperatures. By increasing community awareness during "Red Flag" conditions, TCA and OC Fire Watch help prevent wildfires.

By doing our part to prevent wildfires, we are protecting our community; protecting and preserving wildlife and their native habitats; and minimizing the need for first responders.

# Irvine Ranch Conservancy and OCTA Restore Habitats in OC Park's Bee Flat Canyon

Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC), in partnership with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and OC Parks, recently completed a landscape-scale habitat restoration project in Bee Flat Canyon. The 10-year project revitalized degraded lands in the 293-acre subwatershed of the Santa Ana River.

Nestled in OC Parks' Limestone Canyon, Bee Flat Canyon ranges from Limestone Meadow near Santiago Canyon Road up to Loma Ridge in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains.



such as black mustard and milk thistle, using Bobcat mowers, brush cutters, and even goats to graze the canyon's steep slopes. With weeds cleared, plant palettes were created to reflect the variety of habitats at Bee Flat including coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, chaparral, and native grasslands. Initial work was conducted during a severe The Bee Flat Canyon restoration project was funded by a grant from OCTA's Measure M Environmental Mitigation Program. The goal was to re-establish a diverse, resilient, self-sustaining ecosystem.

To learn more about Irvine Ranch Conservancy and restoration projects on the Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks visit IRConservancy.org.

## **Irvine Ranch Conservancy**

Irvine Ranch Conservancy is a non-profit, non-advocacy organization created in 2005 to help preserve and support the Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks, enhancing the public's connection to the land while helping partners and landowners with all aspects of stewardship. The Conservancy offers a variety of free, guided outdoor activities for all nature enthusiasts including hiking, mountain biking, horse-back riding and much more. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.letsgooutside.org">www.letsgooutside.org</a>.



### **Rental Assistance**

If you're having trouble paying your rent during the coronavirus pandemic, the OC Treasurer wants you to know that there are relief options and protections for many renters. Click <u>here</u> for more.



# NUTRITION GAP PROGRAM

The COVID-19 Nutrition Gap Program (NGP) is aimed at supporting nutritional needs of our most vulnerable population.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Persons who are age 60 or older.
- Persons with disabilities, regardless of age.

### Additional Requirements:

- Persons not currently receiving Local, State or Federal nutrition assistance including but not limited to: Cal Fresh, Title III-C of the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels or Grab & Go) Great Plates Delivered Program etc.
- Those residing in District 3 unincorporated areas, including;
   El Modena, North Tustin, Olive, Orange Park Acres, portions of Yorba Linda and the Canyons.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO SIGN UP

Visit myagewell.org click on NGP, or Call 949-382-6098













# VACCINE CLINICS



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Vet Services provided by H.E.A.R.T. ♥



# First Thursday evening of every month BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



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ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE (front parking lot) 1630 Victory Road, Tustin, CA

NEW PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Pets are seen by appointment only. To secure an appointment, please schedule at least one week in advance.

To schedule an appointment, please email HEART at heart4petsappointments@gmail.com and state the clinic location you wish to attend. In the event you do not have access to the internet, you may call us at (714) 993-9193; however, please contact us only one time, either by email or by phone. (Preferably by email).

For the health, safety, and overall protection of pet owners, pets, and our staff, all pets and pet owners are to remain inside of their vehicles at our clinics. HEART staff will come to your car to bring your pet to the treatment table, provide the service, then return your pet to you at your vehicle along with the Certificate of Vaccination and/or any product pre-purchased and other informational material if applicable. Please wear a mask covering your nose & mouth when our staff approaches. Please bring a muzzle to place on your dog just before transferring it to our staff if your dog is not friendly to people or if it may be fearful of other people.

At the time we schedule your appointment, we will acquire all the information needed to determine which vaccines and/or other services are needed, and you will be able to make your payment for those services in advance on line through our secured website. Once payment is received, your appointment will then be confirmed. Payments are generally non-refundable; however, we understand that situations arise, so certain extenuating circumstances may be considered for a refund.

#### PETS MUST BE HEALTHY IN ORDER TO BE VACCINATED. WE CANNOT VACCINATE A PET WHICH:

✓ Has ever had an adverse reaction to a vaccine

✓ Has shown any sign of illness in the past 2 weeks
✓ Might be pregnant

✓ Is nursing puppies or kittens

DOG VACCINES: Rabies (Thimerosal Free - 1 or 3 yr) \$7 ● DHPP \$23 ● Oral Bordetella \$18 ● Lyme \$25

CAT VACCINES: Rabies (Purevax - 1 yr) \$23 • (Purevax - 3 yr) \$49 • FVRCP \$23 • FeLV \$25

MICROCHIP: (w/AVID PetTrac Registration) \$30 • NAIL TRIM \$12 • ANAL GLAND EXPRESSION \$10

<u>DE-WORMING FOR DOGS</u>: \$15 - \$35 per dose (depends on type of medication & pet's weight)

DE-WORMING FOR CATS: Centragard \$20

FLEA & TICK CONTROL FOR DOGS: NexGard Chewable Tablets (3 mo supply - any size dog) \$54

HAZ MAT DISPOSAL FEE: \$3 (charged for each pet receiving a vaccine, microchip, or de-worming)

CONVENIENCE FEE: \$2 (charged for each on-line transaction)

www.Heart4Pets.org heart4petsappointments@gmail.com (714) 993-9193



Thanks for reading!



Supervisor Don Wagner is proud to represent nearly 600,000 diverse residents in the communities of Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, Orange, the unincorporated canyons, and Yorba Linda. Team Wagner is honored to serve you.









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