

The Ranch Roundup



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Fourth Annual St. Patty's Day Search



Rory, The Ranch Leprechaun, is back!

Our leprechaun came here again
To bring fun for all his Ranch friends
Down the greenbelts he rides, as he expertly hides
His treasures for a prize at the end

Join Rory's Challenge!

Rory the leprechaun has come back for a FOURTH time and hidden thirteen treasures in the greenbelts of The Ranch. Find any or all of his treasures from Friday, March 10th-17th, snap a selfie with at least one, and send it to district6@rhoa.org to be entered in a prize raffle! Open to ALL residents!

*The images/treasures on this page are similar to what you're looking for. Each will be tied with a gold ribbon. If you see any of Rory's coins, feel free to take one—but please leave the treasures where they are. Have fun!



2024 RANCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
EVERY SUNDAY	Fresh Produce – NEW! See page 2
March 10-17	Rory's Challenge
March 23	Color Wars – NEW!
March 30	Eggstravaganza
April 27	Wine Tasting
May 11	Spring Garage Sale
May 18	Spring Dumpster Day
May 21	MOOYAH Fundraiser
June 1	Garden Tour
June 8	Ice Cream Social
July 4 (Thursday)	July 4th Parade
October 12	Fall Garage Sale
November 9	Honoring Veterans
December 14	Caroling in the Park
December 21	Meet Santa
Week of December 9	Christmas Lights

TIME TO SPRING FORWARD!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MARCH 10, 2024 AT 2 A.M.

In addition to changing any clocks you have that need setting, it is a great reminder to replace batteries on your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

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The Ranch HOA presents...



Around the Ranch we have SO many homegrown fruits/veggies/herbs! If you have extra, drop them at 5211 Bordeaux any Sunday. Need some produce? Drop by and get some on any Sunday! Judy will donate all extras to a local food bank each Monday. Wagon will be outside for dropoff/pickup. If you need assistance picking your produce, contact your district representative.

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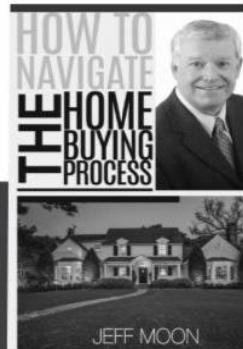
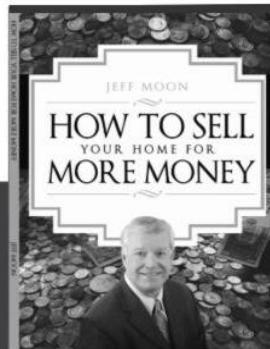
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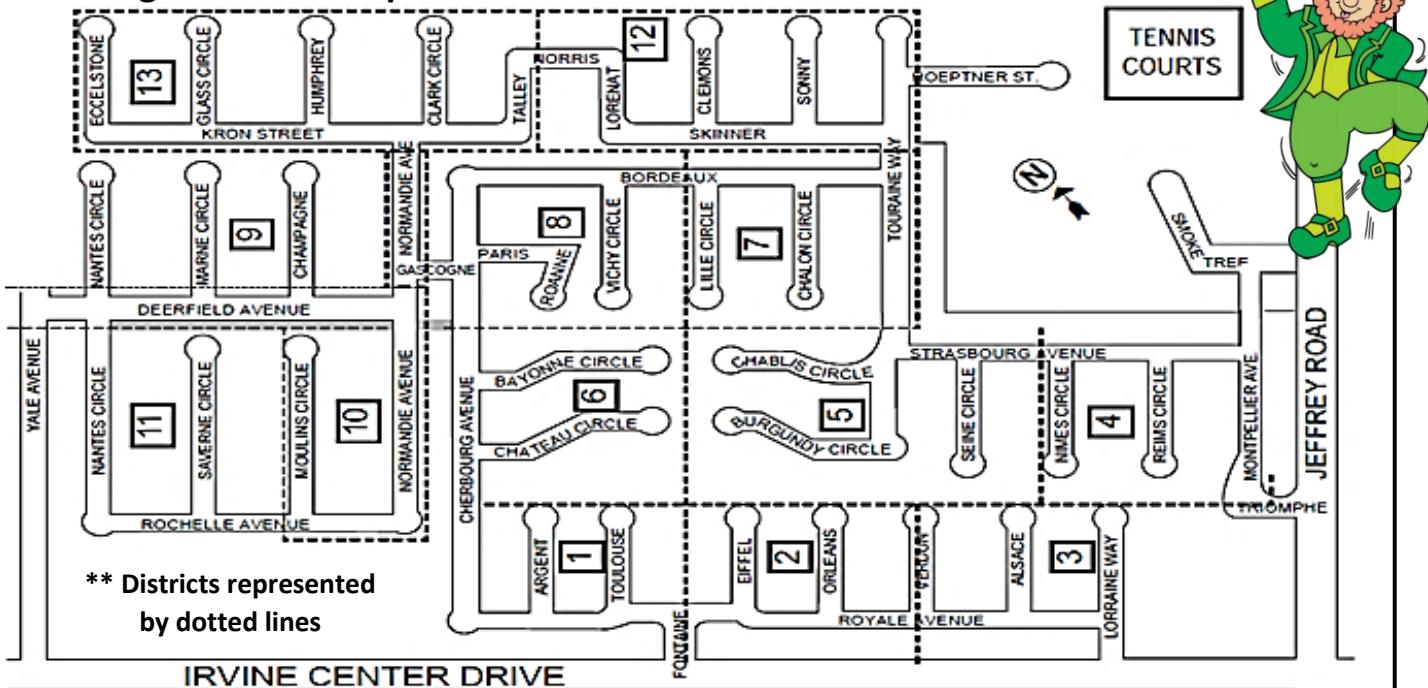
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WINE EVENT RETURNS – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Last Fall, the Ranch HOA presented its first wine tasting event. Since it was a great success, we've moved it to cooler weather and having the next wine tasting on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

This time all of the wine has been procured from Hope Family Wines in Paso Robles, California. They produce multiple brands of amazing wine including Austin Hope, Treana, Liberty School, and Troublemaker.

What we love about bringing you this specially curated selection of wines is that you will see these labels from our local markets to fine dining restaurants. And our Ranch resident hosts will teach you all about it hosting the event in their backyard.

We hope you save the date and join us next month!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Let's meat at MOOYAH

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LOCATION: ALTON SQUARE, NEAR RALPHS

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

TIME: ALL DAY! 11:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

A portion of the proceeds will be donated when you mention:
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Come for lunch OR dinner

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With demand soaring compared to supply, the Expected Market Time plunged in the past couple of weeks. Indicating a very hot housing market where negotiations have lined up in the seller's favor!

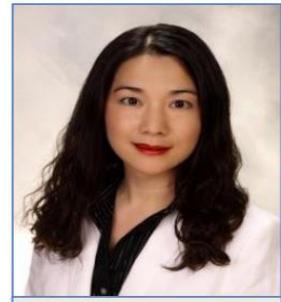
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\$1.5m-\$2m	44 Days	12%	12%	44 Days	
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RHOA MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm at the home of Paula Miller.

Director Attendance: Keith Bauer, Jay Baumler, Jennie Bolinger, Peggy Evans, Melissa Gallo, Jeff Glass, Carina Hollis, Larry Hugo, Paula Miller, Michael Walker, and Linda Wallace.

Absent: Anna Fitzpatrick. RORY'S CHALLENGE: Moving St. Patrick's décor to all greenbelts for 2024 to encourage foot traffic.

RHOA COMMUNITY BUSINESS

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES – Accepted by Peggy Evans and seconded by Paula Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jeff Glass: 2024 budget to be approved after insurance is finalized.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- Jeff Glass: Membership down 25% compared to the same time last year.

NEW BUSINESS

RHOA LIABILITY INSURANCE: Topic tabled for special zoon meeting, date TBD.

2024 EXPENSES REVIEW: Topic tabled for special zoom meeting, date TBD.

RORY'S CHALLENGE: Moving St. Patrick's décor to all greenbelts for 2024 to encourage foot traffic.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Eggs arrived. Ready for event flyer.

WINE TASTING EVENT: Event date may be on either April 20 or 27. New cost \$20 members and \$30 for non-members. No food or hors d'oeuvres.

MOOYAH FUNDRAISER: Scheduled Tuesday, May 21st. Will also do another location in the Fall.

4th OF JULY REVAMP: Reduced event may be necessary due to low membership and event volunteers. This year may only have a children's parade and games.

EXTRA PRODUCE: **NEW EVENT** to drop off excess fruit/veggies from home garden for neighbors to have. Any leftovers will go to local food bank.

COLOR WARS: **NEW EVENT** to celebrate spring on Saturday, March 23.

GARDEN TOUR: Coming up on Saturday, June 1. Look for the event flyer to sign up to have your house on the tour or be one of the guests.

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OLD BUSINESS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Two new benches by play structure installed. Four new concrete pads to be installed for future benches. BBQ refurbished. Round 2 of improvements hopefully in the Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, on Zoom.

All neighbors are welcome to attend. Simply email your director for the Zoom link!

UPDATE ON STATE ELECTRIC UTILITY TAX

As the Roundup reported a few months ago, California Assembly and Senate passed AB-205 with a trailer bill that would allow electric utilities to charge customers fixed fees based on income.

Not only would this make California's income-based fixed rate highest in the nation, but also the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) would have to

implement a system to access confidential income data, normally reserved for the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board.

Efforts are underway by Democrats and Republicans on both sides of California's legislature to short-circuit the plan, hastily approved in 2022 in an 11th-hour proceeding and then signed by Governor Gavin Newsom.

"Too many Californians struggle to afford their electricity bills at a time when energy is already unreliable, and yet the legislature thought it was a good idea to rip people off more," state Sen. Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita) said in a prepared release this week.

Experts have provided an array of reasons why they believe the state PUC should reject the current proposal; otherwise, efficiency and frugality would be penalized and inefficiency and waste rewarded.

"Our constituents have had enough and so have we," said Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks). "It's time to put some reasoning back into how we charge for electricity in California." . . . Stay tuned.

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The OC Free Tax Prep service is available at Harvard Community Center, 14701 Harvard Ave. in Irvine, from January 30 through April 16, Tuesdays, noon–7:30 p.m. An appointment is required; no walk-ins will be accepted. Call Orange County United Way at 888-434-8248 for more information on EITC cash-back credits, and to schedule an appointment.

Taxpayers with internet access can choose to file their own federal and state tax returns online for free, if eligible. For more information, visit OCFreeTaxPrep.com.

Part of this free filing service will include advising taxpayers on potential credits. The expanded California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), along with a similar federal credit, can provide additional funds back to workers when they file their taxes. Additionally, workers with children under age 6 may qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit, if they are working and their household income is less than \$58,000.

For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/freetaxfiling or unitedwayoc.org.

To prepare, bring copies of:

- Photo Identification for you and your spouse (if applicable).
- Social Security Card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) letter for all individuals listed on the return.
- W-2s, 1099s, and all other income-related documents for 2022.
- Form 1095-A, B, or C health insurance coverage statement for state return.
- All 1098-T and E forms for education expenses.
- Childcare provider name, address, phone number, and Tax ID number.
- Record of Middle Class Tax Refund and any other stimulus checks.
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- Copy of your last year's tax return (recommended).
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SCAM PREVENTION

Written by Shiree Lind, Irvine Police Department Community Outreach Specialist

We are inundated with information from phone calls, texts, emails, and social media. The types of scams change all the time. However, they do have recurring patterns.

Some red flags to look for include scammers often using urgency and fear by pressuring you to make quick decisions without letting you think clearly.

On the flip side they may lure you by saying you won a prize or they need help with a problem. They may impersonate your friends or family or pretend to be legitimate businesses or government agencies requesting your personal information or some form of payment.

Tech support scams lure you into clicking on malicious links or downloads to steal your information or access your computers. Romance scams are common; they build relationships and pull on your heartstrings, manipulating victims into sending gifts or money. Investment scams promise high returns with little risk in cryptocurrencies or unregulated markets. Work-from-home scams ask for money upfront.

This can be overwhelming; here are some tips to help avoid being scammed:

- Don't share your personal information unless you initiate the transaction with a verified person/business.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- Keep tabs on all of your accounts and use complex passwords.
- Talk to someone about your transactions before exchanging information or payments.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Always err on the side of caution and read the small print before providing personal information.



Here are some resources regarding scams:

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) <https://www.ftc.gov>
- Better Business Bureau (BBB) <https://www.bbb.org>
- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) <https://www.aarp.org>
- Transunion <https://www.transunion.com>
For more information, visit CrimePrevention.IrvinePD.org or contact Irvine Police Department's non-emergency line at 949-724-7000.

INVITATION: STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Irvine Mayor Farrah N. Khan will deliver the annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, March 19, at the Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine.

This City event will begin with a free public reception at 5 p.m., followed by the 2024 State of the City Address at 6 p.m., where Mayor Khan will reflect on City achievements from 2023 and share initiatives and goals for 2024.

Hosted once again at the Irvine Barclay Theatre, the event will also include performances by community organizations.

For additional information, visit cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity2024.

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2024 RANCH HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Remember, you do not have to own your home to become a member of the Ranch Homeowners' Association. Benefits of membership include the following and more:

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- The Ranch Roundup
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