

The Ranch Roundup



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JULY 4 AND MORE IN THE RANCH

We hope you were able to join our Ranch July 4th Parade and Picnic. The Parade has been going on since our 1982 RHOA Board thought it would be fun to get our kids and their families out on the holiday and spend some time together. We are running more photos this month, and we think you can tell they are having a fun time.

Also, we forgot to mention Ranch Realtor Emma Chu for donating to the success of our July 4th event. Thanks, Emma!

It would be great if more neighbors could join the Homeowners Association – only \$40 annual dues. Volunteers are always welcome. And we still are looking for one more director. Please contact any director listed on page 4 if you would like to raise your hand and be counted.

Next up: On September 25, the Alton Parkway California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the Ranch. Please mark your calendar and join us at CPK.

Our Fall Cleanup is just around the corner. Check out the Calendar of Events on page 5 to see how much activity remains this year alone.

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EARTHQUAKE READINESS

Recent seismic activity in Southern California has produced quite a few earthquakes over the summer. Since no one can predict earthquakes, prepare yourself and family before one hits. Everyone, especially us in Southern California, should practice earthquake safety.

Before an earthquake strikes, develop a response plan. The following are just a few suggestions:

- **Create an earthquake safety plan** for you and your loved ones, including pets.
- **Identify safe places** in each room of your home.



- **Practice Drop, Cover and Hold On** with each member of your household.
 - **Drop:** where you are, drop onto your hands and knees. This position helps keep you from being knocked down and allows you to crawl to shelter
 - **Cover:** With your arms and hands cover your head and neck. If there is a nearby desk or table, crawl under it for shelter. If there's no shelter, crawl next to an interior wall away from windows.
 - **Hold On:** If you're under shelter, hold onto it with one hand. If there's no shelter, hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.
- **Make or purchase earthquake safety kits including:**
 - Water and hydration supplies
 - First aid supplies
 - Non-perishable food and a mechanical can opener

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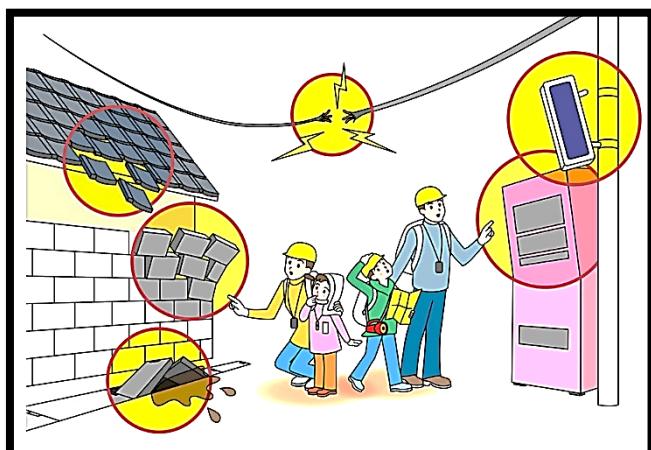
- Emergency lighting (flashlights and extra batteries)
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- Extra clothing and blankets
- Personal hygiene items
- Important medications
- Communication devices

- **Before an earthquake**, identify and fix potential earthquake hazards in your home.
- **After an earthquake**, have a professional engineer or local building official inspect the structural integrity of your home for potential damages. This should include:
 - Inspecting your chimney for unnoticed damage that could lead to fires. Even a

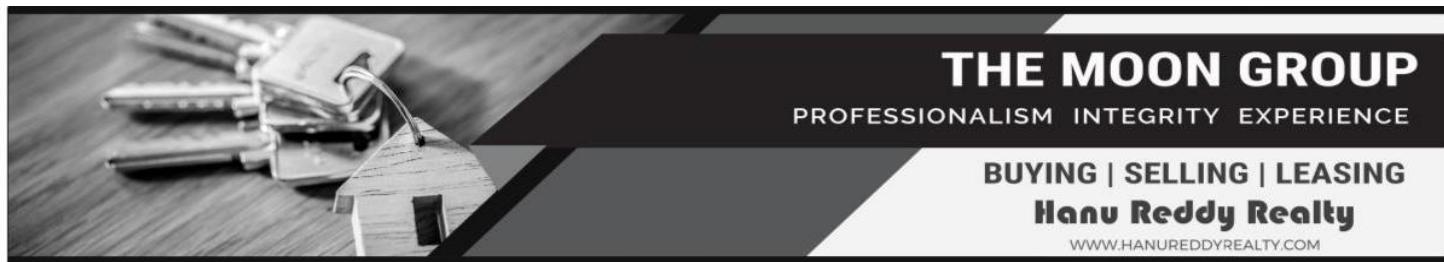


few cracks, that may not be visible at first glance, can create an unsafe condition the next time the fireplace is used.

- **Checking for gas, electrical, sewer and water line damages** to avoid fire and hazardous leaks.



On page 10 is an Earthquake Guide with great information on what to do before, during and after. A little knowledge and some simple precautions can help you prepare for the unexpected.



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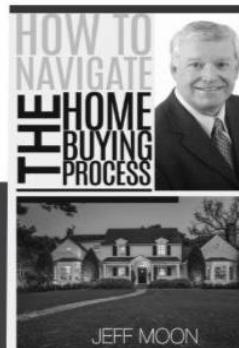
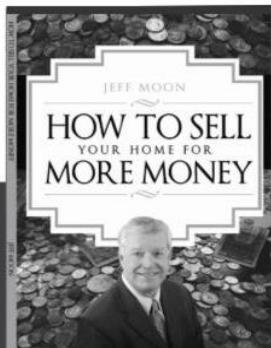
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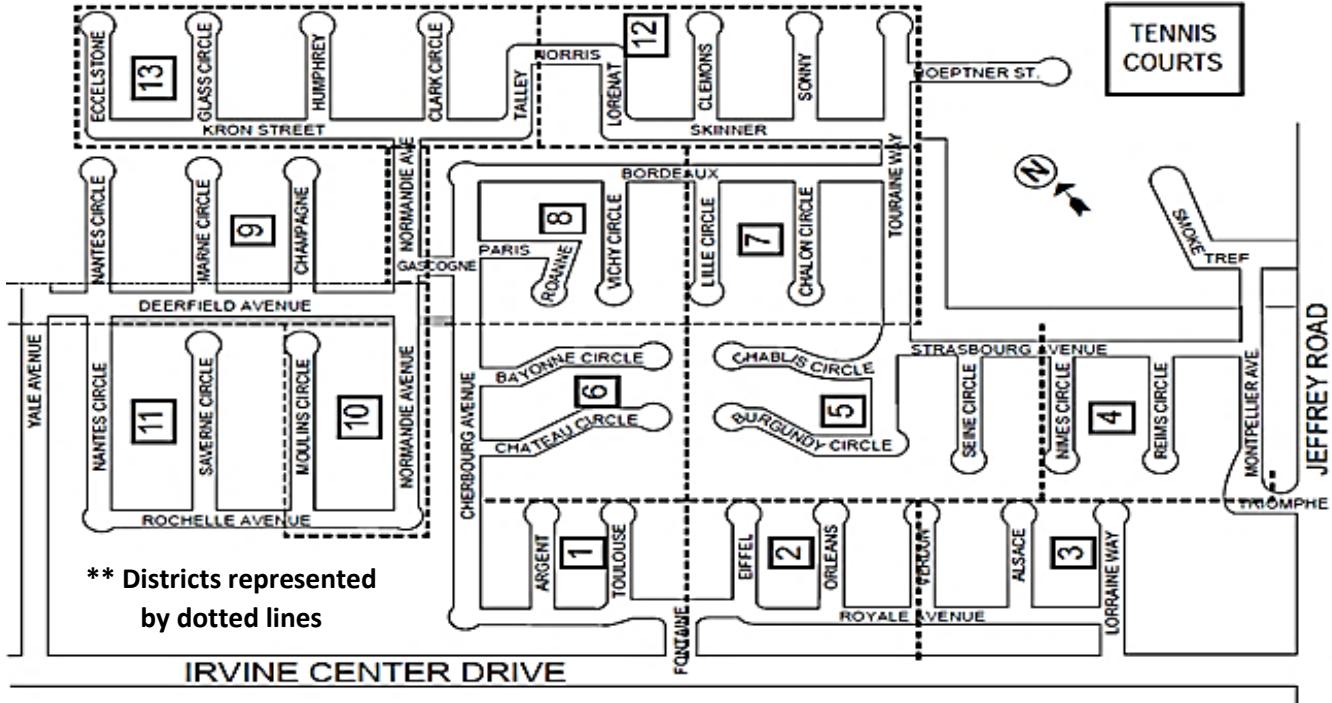
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Date*	Event
Wednesday, September 25	SAVE THE DATE! Ranch Fundraiser at CPK!
October 12	Fall Garage Sale
October 19	Fall Dumpster Day
October 19	Trunk or Treat
November 9	Honoring Veterans
December 14	Caroling in the Park
December 21	Meet Santa
Week of Dec. 9	Christmas Lights

* All Saturdays, except as noted

SEEKING NEW DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT 5!

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★ Meetings ★ Events ★ Deliver Roundups ★
If interested, email any RHOA Director (see page 4).

OC Real Estate Update: Hot Seller's Market to a Balanced Market

An unbelievable 54% of all homes on the active listing inventory have been exposed to the market for at least 30 days. Nearly a third, 29%, of the inventory, has been on the market for over two months. The Expected Market Time is at 66 days today, compared to 37 days at the end of March.

Sitting On the Market

Current Actives	30+ Days on Market	Percent 30+ Days	60+ Days on Market	Percent 60+ Days	Market Time
O.C. \$0-\$750k	560	285	51%	146	26%
O.C. \$750k-\$1m	478	209	44%	110	23%
O.C. \$1m-\$1.25m	346	144	42%	56	16%
O.C. \$1.25m-\$1.5m	357	149	42%	65	18%
O.C. \$1.5m-\$2m	515	254	49%	107	21%
O.C. \$2m-\$4m	698	428	61%	241	35%
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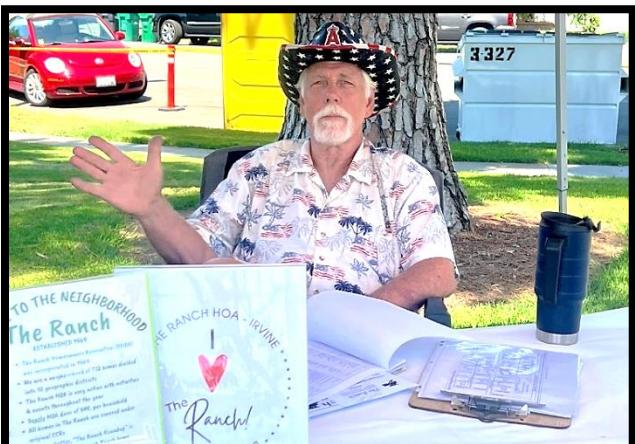


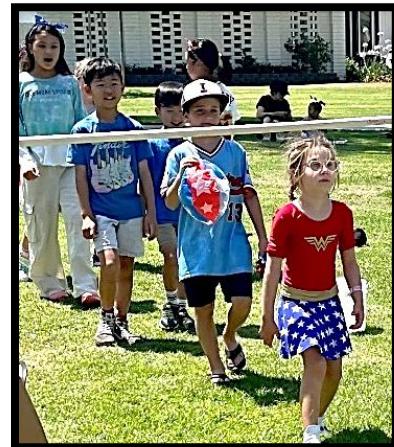


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- JOIN the Homeowners Association – only \$40 per year
- VOLUNTEER – help us run our great events
- Stretch your Volunteer muscles – BECOME A DIRECTOR today
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DISTRACTION THEFTS

Written by Shiree Lind, Irvine Police Department Community Outreach Specialist

A “distraction theft” is a type of crime where the perpetrator distracts the victim to steal their valuables. This technique often involves one or more individuals working together to divert the victim's attention while the theft occurs. Some common tactics used in distraction thefts:

1. Conversations: Engaging the victim in a conversation to distract them while an accomplice steals from them.

This happens in the grocery store before your wallet is stolen.

2. Asking for Help: Pretending to need assistance, such as asking for directions or help with a task, to divert the victim's attention.

We see this tactic used before jewelry theft from victims taking a walk.



3. Spilling Something: Spilling a liquid or dropping items on the victim to create a distraction.

We are seeing things spilled on cars used as a reason to have someone pull over.

4. Using Children: Sometimes, children play on the victim's sympathy or create a more believable distraction.

We see this in shopping centers and intersections when children are used while suspects ask for money and may also get close enough to take your jewelry.

Distraction thefts can happen in various settings, including public places like streets, shopping centers, restaurants, and public transportation.

The main goal is to take advantage of the victim's diverted attention to steal their valuables, such as wallets, purses, mobile phones, or other personal items.

To prevent distraction thefts, stay vigilant and let people know you are uncomfortable if they are getting too close to you. Keep your valuables secure and trust your instincts. Be cautious about engaging in conversations with strangers who approach you unexpectedly.

Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 949-724-7000; in an emergency call 911.

WEST NILE VIRUS DETECTED IN IRVINE

The mosquitoes bearing West Nile Virus have been detected in Irvine. The affected area borders Von Karman, Barranca, Culver and the I-405 freeway. OC Mosquito and Vector Control are actively monitoring the area to find and eliminate potential breeding sites and reduce risk.

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WHAT TO DO

PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY NOW

- Have an earthquake survival kit on hand.
- All family members should know how to turn off gas, water, and electricity.
- Plan family emergency procedures, and make plans for reuniting your family.
- Know emergency telephone numbers (doctor, hospital, police, 911, etc)
- Anchor heavy objects to walls (bookcases, wall units, mirrors, cabinets, etc.) Never place heavy objects over beds, and keep heavy objects lower than head height of shortest member of family.

DURING AN EARTHQUAKE STAY CALM

- Inside, stand in doorway, or crouch under a desk or table, well away from windows or glass dividers.
- Outside, stand away from buildings, trees, telephones and electrical lines. On the road, drive away from underpasses and overpasses; stop in safe area; stay in vehicle.

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

- Check for injuries-provide first aid.
- Check for safety-check for gas, water, sewage breaks; check for downed power lines and shorts; turn off appropriate utilities.
- Check for building damage and potential problems during aftershocks.
- Clean up dangerous spills.
- Wear shoes
- Turn on the radio and listen for instructions from public safety agencies.
- **Use telephone for emergencies, only.**

Mini Survival Kit for Automobile

- Non-perishable food-store in coffee cans • Boiled water • First aid kit & manual Fire extinguisher • Blanket • Sealable plastic bags • Flashlight-spare batteries & bulb • Critical medication, extra eyeglasses • Tools-screwdriver, pliers, wire, knife, short rubber hose • Pre-moistened towelettes Feminine supplies • Sturdy shoes & gloves

Your emergency supplies should be adequate for at least 72 hours (3 days). A 10-day supply of water, food, and medicine is recommended.

Earthquake Survival Kits

SURVIVAL SUPPLIES:

- Water-2 quarts to 1 gallon per person, per day.
- First Aid Kit-ample, and freshly stocked.
- First Aid Manual-know how to use it.
- Food-canned or individually packaged; pre-cooked, requiring minimum heat and water. Consider infants, pets, and special dietary needs.
- Critical medication, eyeglasses, contact cases and supplies.
- Can opener
- Blankets
- Radio-portable battery operated, spare batteries
- Fire Extinguisher-dry chemical, type ABC
- Flashlight-spare batteries and bulbs
- Watch or clock-battery or spring wound.

COOKING:

- BBQ-use outdoors ONLY-charcoal and lighter, or Sterno stove
- Plastic bags-various sizes, sealable
- Pots-at least two
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, and paper towels

SANITATION

- Large plastic trash bags-for trash, waste, water protection
- Ground cloth
- Large trash cans
- Hand soap, liquid detergent, shampoo
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss
- Toilet paper, deodorant, feminine supplies
- Infant supplies
- Powdered chlorinated lime-to add to sewage to disinfect and keep away insects.
- Newspapers-to wrap waste, garbage; may also be used for warmth.

SAFETY

- Heavy shoes for every family member
- Heavy gloves for every person cleaning debris
- Candles and matches-dipped in wax and kept in waterproof container
- Knife-sharp, or razor blades
- Garden hose-for siphoning and fire fighting
- Clothes-complete change kept dry

TOOLS

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3. AMOUNT: \$40
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- The Fourth of July Celebration
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