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Status Update: MemorialCare expanding to Rancho Mission Viejo

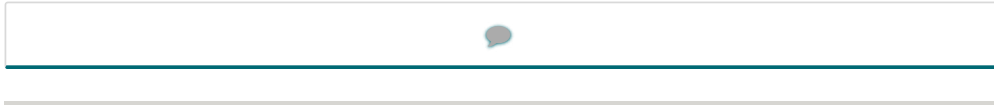


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Services will offer a wide range of primary care and specialty care, including mammography, cardiology, X-ray and lab services. During construction, patients can use an interim office and nearby urgent care center. Other primary care and walk-in services are available at the hospital's temporary office next to Gelson's in the Sendero Marketplace. Address: 30707 Gateway Place, Suite A-2.

"Rancho Mission Viejo and MemorialCare share a common love — family — which is why we are proud to be the exclusive medical provider for this community," said Mark Schafer, CEO, of MemorialCare Medical Foundation.

The nearby San Juan Capistrano Urgent Care is open seven days a week. For more information, call 949-661-9600 or go to MemorialCare.org.

Gas prices dip

The average price of a gallon of self-serve is on a 27-day streak of decreases in the Orange County, according to figures from the AAA and Oil Price Information Service.

On Wednesday, the price fell to \$3.61. The average price dropped 21.4 cents during the streak to its lowest amount since Sept. 8. The county average gallon of gas is 4.2 cents less than one week ago and 21.3 cents lower than one month ago.

Before you get too excited, the price is still 41 cents more than a year ago. Prices have risen nearly 50 cents since the start of 2018.

The streak of decreases was the longest in Orange County since a 37-day run from Nov. 15-Dec. 21, 2017.

If you buy gas in Los Angeles, we're sorry. That commute is horrendous.

But prices in our neighbor to the north are on a 29-day streak decreases, according to AAA.

The average LA price has dropped 21.9 cents over the past 29 days, including nearly a cent on Tuesday. LA also is off from a year ago, when prices were some 40 cents higher.

The streak of decreases is the longest in Los Angeles County since a 33-day run from Sept. 12-Oct. 14, 2017.

Pump prices in the West Coast region remain among the highest in the nation, AAA reports, with six of the region's states landing on the nation's top 10 most expensive list. Hawaii (\$3.83) is the nation's most expensive market, followed by California (\$3.64), Washington (\$3.41), Alaska (\$3.30), Oregon (\$3.22), Nevada (\$3.23) and Arizona (\$2.87).

Grants

Bank of America has given \$375,000 in economic development grants to 19 local nonprofits across Orange County. The nonprofits provide services ranging from affordable housing and community development resources to small business support, access to the arts, and environmental sustainability. Grants recipients are the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Aids Services Foundation Orange County; Art-A-Fair Foundation; Arts Orange County; Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles; Chapman University; Discovery Science Center of Orange County; Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach; Habitat for Humanity of Orange County; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County Education Foundation; Jamboree Housing Corp.; Kennedy Commission; Latino Center for Prevention & Action in Health & Welfare; Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center; OneOC; Opportunity Fund Community Development; Pacific Symphony; Sawdust Festival Corp., Segerstrom Center for the Arts; and South Coast Repertory.

Orange Coast College received a five-year, \$2.75 million grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions program. The money will go toward increasing the rate of students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math fields. The Title V grant also aims to increase the pipeline of future STEM teachers for elementary and secondary schools.

Good works

More than 5,000 walkers joined Orange County's largest movement for Alzheimer's, Walk4ALZ, held Saturday, Nov. 10 at Angel Stadium of Anaheim. The event raised nearly \$500,000. Fundraising continues through Dec. 31. There are more than 84,000 Orange County residents living with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. Alzheimer's Orange County is located at 2515 McCabe, Suite 200, Irvine, 92614. More information can be found at alzoc.org.

The 2018 KidWorks' Foundation for Success luncheon, held Thursday, Nov. 8, raised more than \$750,000 to help fund afterschool education and leadership development programs conducted by the nonprofit in Santa Ana. The annual event raises the majority of the afterschool program's budget for academic enrichment, tutoring, leadership development, and college readiness programs at the KidWorks Dan Donahue Center. The 2018 Dan Donahue Leadership Award was presented to Steven L. Craig, president and CEO of Craig Realty Group, which operates 14 outlet centers in nine states.

On board

Beatriz "Betty" Valencia has been appointed to Santiago Canyon College Foundation's board. The foundation, a registered nonprofit raises funds to support Santiago Canyon College and its students.

Coming up

SCORE will host a free "Hiring Made Easy" workshop that will help teach employers the questions to ask and what they cannot ask and how to find the best applicants. The workshop is from 6-8:45 p.m. today (Monday, Nov. 26) at the Orange Public Library. For more information, go to the SCORE Website, score114.org

Housing newsletter

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The Home Stretch is a new housing-focused email newsletter, where each week you can get an insider's look at the Southern California market, stretching from our coastal counties to the Inland Empire. The region offers one of the most expensive and exasperating housing markets, depending on your budget.

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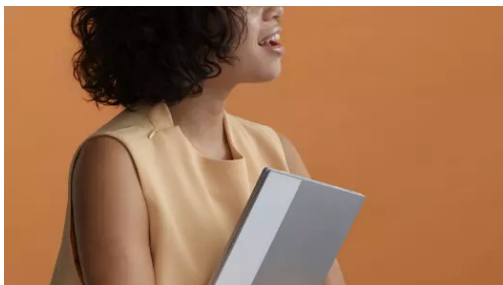
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