

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

City of



Rohnert Park

Martin Avila Keeps the City's Vehicles Up and Running

As the City's Fleet Supervisor, Martin ensures the safety and reliability of the City's fleet of over 180 vehicles and specialty equipment that includes police patrol cars, fire trucks, and complex construction equipment. Behind the scenes, Martin coordinates preventative maintenance, regulatory compliance, and unexpected repairs with a friendly, upbeat attitude.



Martin started his career with the City as a Fleet Mechanic in 2007, and in 2014 was promoted to Fleet Supervisor. Martin's accomplishments include 100% compliance with all regulatory programs and implementation of a comprehensive preventative maintenance program. Recently, to improve service reliability, Martin led the selection and implementation of a fleet management software program that uses the latest technology.

Outside of work, Martin is the proud father of two daughters and a son. He is an avid Warriors and 49er fan and also enjoys riding his motorcycle through Sonoma County's picturesque landscape.

Local Alerts for Local Emergencies



The City of Rohnert Park is encouraging residents to sign-up to receive emergency notifications from SoCoAlert. This new technology allows us to keep you informed of action you need to take in case of emergencies. SoCoAlert notifications can be received by phone, e-mail, text, and are accessible on social media.

Sign-up online at SoCoAlert.com, by telephone at 565-1369 or download the free app from CodeRED and receive notifications wherever you are. For more information on the SoCoAlert notification system or registration, please contact Brandon Davidge at 588-3524 or bdavidge@rpcity.org.

13 Halloween Safety Tips

Keep your little monsters safe with these safety tips

Get Clever With Costumes

1. The brighter the better. Wear costumes that are BRIGHT, REFLECTIVE and FLAME RETARDANT.
2. Size it right. Make sure that shoes fit well and that the costume is not too long to prevent tripping.
3. Skip the masks. Avoid having obstructed eyesight and swap out masks for non-toxic makeup.
4. Light the night. Use flashlights or glow sticks.

Street Safe

5. Get in on the fun. Accompany trick-or-treaters under the age of 12.
6. Make sure your little ghoul knows to call 9-1-1 if they are lost or in danger.
7. Obey the rules of the road. Walk, don't run, stay on sidewalks, and obey traffic signals.
8. Trick-or-treat at local, familiar neighborhoods and never enter homes.
9. Inspect treats before indulging. Discard any treats that aren't sealed, have torn packaging, or look questionable.
10. Drive slowly and take extreme caution when exiting driveways, alleyways, and near intersections.

Carve safely

11. Let small children paint on pumpkin faces and leave carving to the adults (using tools specific to pumpkin carving).
12. Opt for a battery-operated candle to light up your Jack-O-Lantern.
13. Use a sturdy surface away from flammable objects to display candlelit pumpkins and never leave it unattended.

Ballot Drop Off Location

(for vote-by-mail voters only)



When: Saturdays, October 29th and November 5th
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Callinan Sports and Fitness Center
 5405 Snyder Ln, Rohnert Park

Keep an eye out for a NEW & IMPROVED white "Official Election Mail" envelope. Please call the Registrar of Voters Office at 565-6800 if you have any questions.

October 10, 2016 Voting by Mail Opens
October 24, 2016 Last Day to Register to Vote
November 8, 2016 ELECTION DAY

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Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner



The City of Rohnert Park is partnering with The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati to ensure another wonderful year of the Rohnert Park Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day,

Thursday, November 24th! Free, hot meals will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rohnert Park Senior Center, 6800 Hunter Drive, Suite A. This is a free community dinner and all are welcome including seniors, singles, families, and veterans. To stay informed, please "like" the Rotary Club's Facebook page @ Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati. If you are interested in volunteering for the dinner, please message the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati via Facebook or call the Rotary voicemail at 765-4898.

Let's Keep Our City Beautiful!

Remove Garage Sale Signs

Garage sales can be a fun way to clear the clutter and socialize with the neighbors; however, posting signs for garage sales or other events on City property (including utility or traffic light poles, trees, or in landscape medians) is prohibited. Abandoned signs can look unsightly and removing them uses unnecessary City resources. Let's work together!



Graffiti Abatement

Graffiti on public property is more than a unsightly nuisance; it invites further vandalism. If you see graffiti on City property - such as street signs, sidewalks, or park amenities - please do not paint over it; report it instead! To report an issue contact the Department of Public Works by phone at 588-3300 or visit them online at www.rpcity.org and go to the [Report an Issue 24/7](#) page. Graffiti on private property must be painted over immediately and vandalism in progress should be reported to the Public Safety Department at 584-2600.

Thank you for working with us to build a better community.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Faire

The City of Rohnert Park's annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Faire is returning for its 37th year! Don't miss the opportunity to shop local and check some names off your holiday shopping list. This event showcases all handmade items ranging from holiday home décor, beautiful clothing pieces for adults and children, knitted hats and scarfs, soaps, candles, specialty chocolates, nuts, and sauces, and unique jewelry all brought to you from local crafters and artists. The Craft Faire is free to the public, November 25 & 26, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane. For further information about the event or how to be a vendor call 588-3456 or visit the [Holiday Arts & Crafts Faire](#) page on the City's website at www.rpcity.org.



Bark After Dark Animal Shelter Fundraiser

Join your hosts, the Animal Shelter League, for the 2nd Annual Bark After Dark Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Rohnert Park Animal Shelter on Saturday, November 5, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Burton Recreation Center, 5401 Snyder Lane. Enjoy a delicious Pasta King dinner, no-host bar, and scrumptious desserts and bid on wines/winery tours, gift certificates to your favorite restaurants, a bicycle, artwork, handmade crafts and more! Las Vegas entertainer Stephen Sorrentino will be the celebrity MC and is certain to keep things lively. For tickets call the Rohnert Park Animal Shelter at 584-1582 or visit them online at www.animalshelterleague.org.



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