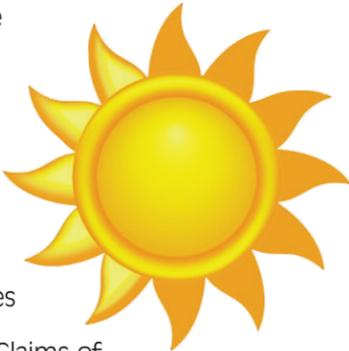




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## LET THE SUNSHINE IN!

The headlines are hard to miss and disturbing to read. State agencies and previously low-profile cities such as Bell and Vernon are on the front page of the Los Angeles Times for all the wrong reasons: Claims of deceptive salary and pension arrangements. Accusations of corruption and fraud. Fraudulent record-keeping. Secret accounts. Election abuses. Multiple California cities have slipped into bankruptcy leaving residents confused as to how this happened. With near daily reports and revelations in the media, it is no wonder that public confidence in Government is at an all time low.



Founding Father and President James Madison could have been a 21st Century blogger when he wrote over 200 years ago that "the consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." An open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes heeds the words of President Madison and takes that responsibility to its residents seriously.

The elected officials and staff of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes are committed to providing extensive access to public information. The City acts on this principle in a number of ways:

- Vigorous public outreach efforts on significant projects and programs, such as the San Ramon Canyon Storm Drain project and the Dog Beach proposal;
- Timely and thorough responses to Public Records Act requests (PRAs);
- Maintaining an informative and accessible City website;
- Posting salary and benefit information for all staff and elected officials far beyond the legal requirements;
- Establishment of dozens of email listserves on a wide range of topics;
- Ensuring that all Council, Committee, and Commission meetings are open to the public and are fully noticed, including electronically; and,
- Providing access to budget documents, financial management policies, monthly cash balance reports, and long-term financial planning strategies and documents.

The City Council adopted goals and priorities on March 20, 2012 that included "Government Efficiency, Fiscal Control and Transparency." Under that general heading, the Council approved a more focused goal to "Improve

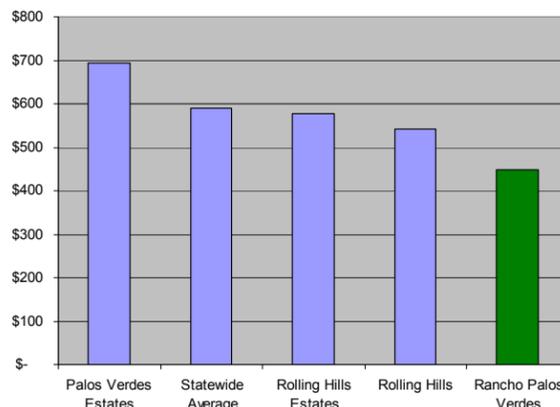
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## HOW DOES RPV COMPARE? THE CITY'S FINANCIAL STATUS

Recently, the news media has reported on a number of cities that are struggling financially from rising pension costs, excess spending practices, the end of redevelopment agencies and declining revenues. There is little doubt that almost all California cities have been impacted by the economy and the state's budget problems.

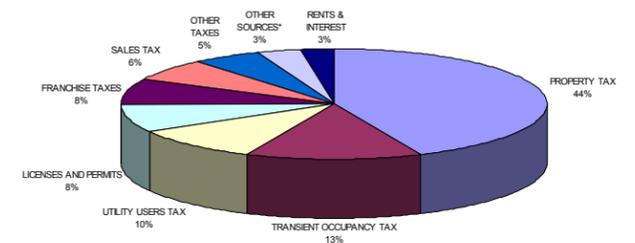
How does our city compare? For many years, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has produced a balanced operating budget, managed spending, applied for hundreds of grant opportunities, and practiced the simple concepts of living within our means and preparing for tomorrow. Even though the City of Rancho Palos Verdes receives less revenue per capita than most other cities, through conservative fiscal management our city has a strong financial position.

### REVENUE PER CAPITA COMPARISON



The City has a 2012-13 General Revenue budget of about \$24 million. Of this amount, about \$5 million has been set aside for improvements to

the City's infrastructure (roads, storm drains, parks, buildings, etc.). The City Council has established a rainy-day fund of about \$10.7 million and a reserve for future infrastructure projects anticipated to total \$8.5 million as of June 30, 2013. The City has received prestigious national awards for its financial reporting for 19 consecutive years and continues to receive clean audit opinions each year. The City Council communicates directly with the independent financial statement auditors.



While the City's financial position is strong, we continue to face challenges such as funding the \$20 million San Ramon Canyon stabilization project. The City received a grant award of about \$9.5 million, and is currently strategizing the best way to fund the remaining cost. The City Council and staff work together to proactively address the City's challenges through long-term modeling and systematic infrastructure maintenance plans.

Additionally, the City Council recently took action on local pension reform by increasing employee contributions to cost-sharing.

As stewards of the public's tax money and trust, Staff supports transparency in government and is proud to provide a wealth of information on the

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## NEW CITY WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

**Scrolling through a municipal website not exactly your idea of fun? Well, you might be surprised at what's available on Rancho Palos Verdes' website that will save you time and the inconvenience of driving all the way to City Hall.**

- Looking for an upcoming City Council agenda?**
- Curious about what Recreation and Parks special events are coming up?**
- Want to download City permits and forms?**
- Interested in recent crime statistics or job opportunities?**

All this and much, much more is available on the City's revamped, user-friendly website.

The City, working with Palos Verdes on the Net, recently unveiled its redesigned website with the goal of streamlining the path to content, while improving upon the aesthetic quality of the City's main page. The website can be found at <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/>

The Main Page now highlights rotating images of the City's coastal and open space beauty that change every ten seconds. The website now includes an easy-to-scroll tool bar in the center of the Main Page so that you can quickly access popular links. Icons on the toolbar will change to reflect current, important City topics, while other perennial topics

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Organizational Efficiency" by conducting a "performance audit of City staffing and programs." The City then retained the services of Matrix Consulting Group on July 17, 2012 to perform an organization-wide performance assessment of strengths and of areas needing improvement, utilizing the previous organizational assessment performed by Management Partners in 2008.

Decades before the arrival of the internet and social media, former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis famously opined that "Sunshine is the best disinfectant." With that sentiment in mind, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes remains dedicated to the importance of shining a bright light on its public dealings and financial operations. This commitment to openness requires the diligence not only of staff and officials, but of an informed and motivated public as well. Visit our website [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv) or give the City a call at 310-377-0360 with any questions.

## NEW CITY WEBSITE

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will remain on the toolbar for quick access.

Other new features include the "Spotlight" section on the lower right corner of the Main Page, which features the City's events, recreational activities, important milestones of Council's goals and even some occasional history lessons about our City. You can scroll through the different "Spotlighted" events by clicking on the "Next" or "Previous" arrows along the green caption bar.

The Main Page will continue to scroll the City's Listserv messages now presented in the lower left corner in the City News and Events section. To read the entire message sent via the Listserv, click on the "... read more" hyperlink that is attached to each scrolling item. Use the following link to join the City's Listserv system for email or text messaging during an emergency: <http://pvalert.com/>

The Main Page continues to provide a Google Enabled Search function on the upper right hand corner of the Main Page that provides excellent navigation through the City's website. Simply type a keyword(s) that you would like to get more information on and press "Search", and a list of relevant links will appear to help you find the information that you are looking for.

Watch the Mayor's short video that highlights the key features and functionality of the site. The video is placed on the "How to Use Our Web Site" link scrolling across the center of the Main Page.

Finally, if you are excited to share the City's redesigned website with family or friends, Staff has included Facebook's "Like" feature right below the Google Enable Search bar.

So, if you haven't already done so, shuffle on over to the computer in your robe and bunny slippers any time of the day or night and click onto the new City website. You won't find the latest celebrity news or videos of cute pet tricks, but odds are you'll find out what's going on in your community and how to get the information you need with just a few clicks of the mouse.

## TAKE A HIKE! LOS SERENOS DOCENT-LED NATURE WALKS

### OCEAN TRAILS AT TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Sunday, October 28th - 3:00 p.m.

Walk the switchback trail to the beach, and learn about local geology and fall blooming habitat. Stay to watch the sunset at Founders Park! Park to the left of the Clubhouse in the public lot at the end of Ocean Trails Drive. Moderate.

For all hikes, participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat, and bring a small bottle of water. Walks are two hours long and no reservations are required. Attendance and parking are free. Nature hikes will be cancelled if it rains the night before the hike or the day of the hike. For more information about these docent-led nature walks, please visit the City's website at [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv) or call the Point Vicente Interpretive Center at (310) 377-5370.

### ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK

Saturday, November 24th - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 15th - 2:00 p.m.

Tour the tide pools teeming with fascinating marine life. Park at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park. Parking fee is waived for hike attendees. Moderate.

## GETTING GREEN FOR GOING GREEN

In an effort to encourage our residents to pursue "green" construction methods or to install energy efficient appliances, the City has been subsidizing Planning and Building application fees by 50% since 2009. For smaller and more common projects that achieve the City's goal of reducing overall energy consumption, such as the installation of energy star rated A/C units, tankless water heaters, pool/spa pumps, solar panels and skylights, the City offers an up-front subsidy on Planning applications. For larger home construction projects, the City's voluntary Green Building Program allows RPV residents to work with a recognized organization in order to receive

certification of green building construction and a rebate from the City once the project is completed. More details of this program are available by calling and speaking with a City Planner at (310) 544-5228 or by viewing the City's website at: [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv) under the Community Development Department.

In addition to opportunities for residents to save money through City Hall, the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Energy Upgrade California program, is providing a great deal of information on rebates



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and incentives for our residents. These rebates are available to homeowners who are interested in home renovation and the purchase of products and appliances that have achieved high marks in energy and resource efficiency. Upcoming homeowner workshops are noted on the SBESC website. The City would like to encourage RPV residents to contact the friendly and informative staff at the South Bay Environmental Services Center at (310) 371-7222 or at [www.sbesc.com](http://www.sbesc.com) for further details on available rebates/incentives.



## NIGHT HIKES ARE BACK!

Come explore the beautiful Palos Verdes Nature Preserve at night! Who says the sun has to be out to go for a hike? Night hikes are led by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Park Rangers. On these moderate hikes, park rangers lead participants through the Portuguese Bend Reserve by moonlight, sharing interpretive information about the Preserve and hiking safety tips. Preregistration is required. All hikes take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at 310-544-5260 or [parks@rpv.com](mailto:parks@rpv.com).

**Night Hike Dates: Nov 17th, Dec. 15th, Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th**

## FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING, E-WASTE COLLECTION AND MULCH GIVEAWAY, OH MY!

Buried in paperwork? Garage littered with beta players and computer monitors the size of small boulders? Bereft of mulch which is beneficial for your garden? Rest easy – your life is about to be simplified thrice-over.

The City, in cooperation with EDCO, is again offering RPV residents a free document-shredding event. If you have sensitive documents such as tax returns, paycheck stubs, mortgage and bank and/or credit card statements that you want shredded, come to this event on

Saturday October 20, 2012 at RPV City Hall/ City Yard, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is free and open to RPV's EDCO and UWS residential customers only. Please bring proof of RPV residency, such as a recent utility bill or your driver's license.

There will be two additional opportunities for residents that same day. 1) EDCO will collect your unwanted electronics including TVs, computer monitors, printers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, and answering machines. Absolutely no household

hazardous waste (HHW) material will be accepted. 2) For gardening enthusiasts, there is a free mulch giveaway to residents (while supplies last). This is a self-service, self-haul event, so please bring your own trashcans or sturdy yard bags, and shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle. If you plan to haul your compost in an open truck or trailer, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.

Follow all traffic signs and drive carefully. For more information check [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com).

## "SHORE" COULD USE YOUR HELP!

### California Coastal Cleanup Day Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

Saturday, September 15th, 9:00 a.m. ~ Noon

Coastal Cleanup Day is about much more than just picking up trash. It's a chance for Californians to join people around the world to express their respect for our oceans and waterways. It's an opportunity for the whole community to pitch in and keep its beaches clean and pristine. Come join your friends and neighbors and help accomplish something on behalf of our environment.

This year's event is sponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Serenos de Point Vicente and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. The cleanup will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park, located at 5907 Palos Verdes Drive South, across the street from the Wayfarer's Chapel. The parking lot will open at 8:30 a.m. and parking is free if you arrive before 9:30 a.m.

Wear sturdy shoes for walking on cobblestones, and bring sun block, gloves, and a hat. Plastic bags will be provided to hold the trash and recyclables.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (310) 544-5260.

## KIDS NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM!

**Friday, Sept. 21st, 6:30 p.m. to  
Saturday, September 22nd, 9:00 a.m.  
Point Vicente Interpretive Center**

Calling all girls and boys ages 7 to 12 years! Join the staff and volunteers of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center for a night of fun and fantasy. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow and pajamas. We'll enjoy snacks and movies along with a night hike, crafts and more. This program is designed to give parents the night off and kids a night out. Snacks and breakfast provided. Fee is \$49 per child. Enrollment is limited, so register today! Download a registration form at the City's web site at [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv). Call the RPV Recreation and Parks Department at (310) 544-5260 for information.

## PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE RANGER HOTLINE: 310-491-5775



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is happy to announce that the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Ranger Hotline is now in operation. The Hotline is available 24 hours per day and 7 days per week for the purpose of reporting misuse of the Nature Preserve and for accessing Preserve information. Callers speak with a hotline operator who takes down concerns and questions and forwards them directly to Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Rangers, or other appropriate agencies, such as the Lomita Sheriff's Department, California Department of Fish and Game, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, or City Hall staff.

MRCA Rangers patrol the City's 1,400-acre Preserve an average of 45 hours per week to both educate the public on Preserve use and enforce City ordinances. While the Ranger Hotline is a service to Preserve users, it will also serve as a helpful tool to increase the City's awareness of activity taking place in the Preserve. Below are concerns that are anticipated to be handled by the Ranger Hotline. If the concern or question is not handled

by MRCA Rangers, the Hotline operator will forward the concern to the appropriate agency.

- Dogs off-leash
- Dogs/horses/animals on beach
- Hikers/cyclists/equestrians off trails
- Misuse of trails (i.e. bicycles on pedestrian only trails, horses on pedestrian only trails, etc.)
- Reckless use of Preserve trails
- Paragliders in Preserve
- Motorized vehicles/aircraft
- Homeless encampments
- Removal/destruction of flora/fauna
- Removal or destruction/modification to Preserve signage
- Illegal Dumping (after the fact)
- Littering

The City looks forward to the enhanced public service resulting from the Ranger Hotline, and is committed to providing Preserve visitors with an enjoyable and safe experience. Please call the Hotline at (310) 491-5775. We look forward to hearing from you!

## LOCAL AUTHORS OFFER BOOK SIGNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Looking to do some local holiday shopping? Want to avoid the cookie-cutter gifts from the big box



stores? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, November 10th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a book signing at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. This one-day only event will feature an array of books focused on the unique beauty and history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Local authors, including Don Christy ("Up Around the Bend") and Krissi Russell ("On the Trail") are scheduled to attend. Come meet the authors, enjoy the majestic ocean views, and check a few names off your shopping list. Ho Ho Hope to see you there!

## HOW DOES RPV COMPARE?

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City's website; including employee compensation, financial management policies, long-term financial planning, monthly cash balance reports, and the City's detailed

spending plan. Have any questions or concerns? Visit our website at [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv) or give the City a call at 310-377-0360. Staff is always happy to answer questions!



## KEY DATES

★ Election Day: **November 6<sup>th</sup>** ★

Last Day to Register: **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

First and Last Day to Request to Vote By Mail: **October 8<sup>th</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>**

New Citizens Eligible to Register and Vote: **October 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**L.A. County offers multilingual assistance in 13 different languages, including Hindi, Gujarati and Bengali.**

**Online voter registration will be available in October 2012!**

[www.LAVOTE.net](http://www.LAVOTE.net)  
(800) 815-2666



## NEW DOCENT TRAINING CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> - JOIN US FOR A NEW ADVENTURE!



If you love nature, whales, hiking, and learning about the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents invite you to join their active Docent Program. The next docent training program begins on September 19th and will meet Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Membership is open to those interested in learning about the natural and cultural history of the local area. Following the training classes, Los Serenos docents then share this knowledge with the

community by leading museum tours and nature hikes, and hosting special events. As a Los Serenos docent, you will be invited to attend various docent events and social gatherings, participate in continuing-education field trips, and enjoy getting to know your fellow volunteers.

To learn more about this rewarding program, stop by the Docent Open House on Wednesday, September 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Los Serenos de Point Vicente is a nonprofit volunteer organization that assists the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. For more information, visit [www.losserenos.org](http://www.losserenos.org) or [facebook.com/LosSerenos](https://www.facebook.com/LosSerenos) or call the City's Docent Coordinator at (310) 544-5265.

## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

The City maintains a regular citywide street-sweeping schedule. All residential streets within the City are swept once a month. The City would like to remind residents to please make sure all vehicles are removed from the curb on your area's designated street sweeping day. This improves the efficiency of the sweeping of your street.

designated Friday, while residential streets East of Crenshaw Boulevard are swept once a month on a designated Tuesday. For an enlarged map of the areas and your area's specific sweeping day, check the Public Works section of the City's website and click "Street Sweeping."

For monthly street sweeping purposes, the City has been divided into separate areas. Residential streets West of Crenshaw Boulevard are swept once a month on a



## HO! HO! HO! TO "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" WE GO!

**Saturday, December 15th • 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Fred Hesse Community Park**

This special annual event is a fundraiser for the City's REACH Program, providing recreation opportunities for young adults with developmental disabilities.

Mark your calendars for some special holiday fun with Santa! Breakfast, Jim Gamble puppets, PV Strings, carols, and photo ops with Santa await children of all ages...bring your camera!

Children & adults, \$15 each.

Registration forms available online at [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv).

Call (310) 544-5260 for more information.

Hop on your sleigh...Santa's on his way!



## FOAM, SWEET FOAM: POLYSTYRENE RECYCLING PROGRAM

In an effort to help preserve the environment and expand their recycling efforts, EDCO and UWS are now both accepting polystyrene, commonly known as Styrofoam™, as part of their curbside recycling programs.

Polystyrene is commonly used in packing material, food containers and in a wide variety of other products, and is typically marked with a "#6." Recycled foam can be made into many different products

including picture frames, crown molding, base boards, garden pots and auto accessories.

To participate, RPV residents (EDCO and UWS customers) can simply place eligible material into their blue recycling containers. However, please clean food containers thoroughly prior to placing them in recycling containers. Note: Polystyrene packing peanuts are not eligible for the program at this time.

## HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EDCO (310) 540-2977 and Universal Waste Systems (800) 631-7016

**October 2012** ~ No changes.

**November 2012** ~ No service on Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

**December 2012** ~ No service on Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day. Services for the Tuesday to Friday routes will be delayed by one day. There will be no delay for the Monday route.

Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day, and remove empty containers by no later than 8:00 p.m. on collection day.  
**Empty carts should not be left on the street overnight.**

## NO FUSS FALL BRUSH CLEARANCE DAYS

EDCO's Citywide Brush Clearance Days are right around the corner. The fall season's free excess green waste collection event allows property owners to remove excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trim trees in their backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on their property without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for hauling the green waste material away.

Find your regular collection day below and then note your brush clearance day. Plan to complete your brush clearing before your designated day.

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, October 13, 2012
Tuesday	Saturday, October 20, 2012
Wednesday	Saturday, October 27, 2012
Thursday	Saturday, November 3, 2012
Friday	Saturday, November 10, 2012

You will receive more information from EDCO in late September. If you have any questions, call EDCO at (310) 540-2977 or check [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com). Brush Clearance Days are not available to UWS customers.

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City Manager's Office	(310) 544-5207
City Clerk's Office	(310) 544-5217
Finance and Information Technology	(310) 377-0360
Community Development	(310) 544-5228
Public Works	(310) 544-5252
Recreation and Parks	(310) 544-5260
Building & Safety Division	(310) 265-7800

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## RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT RPV COMMUNITY CENTERS

**FALL FOR FUN AND ADVENTURE...  
CALL THE INSTRUCTOR & REGISTER TODAY!**

CHECK OUT THE CITY'S ONLINE ACTIVITY GUIDE AT  
[WWW.PALOSVERDES.COM/RPV](http://WWW.PALOSVERDES.COM/RPV)

**Class Locations:** CH = City Hall; HP = Hesse Park;  
LL = Ladera Linda; RP = Ryan Park;

### Tot Classes

- Parent & Tot Signing Classes (Ages 6 mos.-3 yrs.) **RP**  
My Smart Hands/Teri Screen [teri@mysmarthands.com](mailto:teri@mysmarthands.com)
- Crafts, Coloring & Coffee Klatch (Ages 14 mos. - 5 yrs) **LL**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Mommy & Me (Birth - 16 mo. & 16 mo.- 3 yrs) **HP & LL**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- The Painted Elephant: Children's Play & Exploration Class **LL**  
(Ages 18 mos.-3 yrs with Parent or Adult)  
Shelby Kovac (310) 513-3916
- Parent Participation Preschool (Ages 2 ½ - 5) **HP**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Early Childhood Music Classes (Birth - Kindergarten) **HP**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- PV Amiguitos: A Bilingual Playgroup (Ages 3-5) **HP**  
Mercedes Seraphim (310) 507-4652
- Suika Preschool (Ages 10 mos.- 3 yrs & 3-5 yrs) **HP & RP**  
Suika Education, Inc. (310) 323-5221

### Tot & Youth Dance & Sports

- Mommy & Me Ballet, Acrobatics, Ballet, Point, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, & Stretch Dance (Ages 18 mo.- 12 yrs.) **LL**  
Elite Dance Studio/Dyan Lopez-Fiamengo (310) 413-6535
- Toddler Tappers Dance (Ages 2-3) **LL**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Preschool Prancers Dance (Ages 4-5) **LL**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Kuk Sool: Traditional Korean Martial Arts (Ages 6-12) **HP**  
Darius Ghaffari (310) 377-2755
- Quickstart Tennis for Tots (Ages 2- 5) **CH**  
Brian More (310) 621-7693

### Youth Classes

- Cooking for Kids Classes (Ages 6-10 & 11-13) **HP**  
Gayle Corwin & Elaine Adam (310) 378-3311
- Music Classes – Prep. Piano; Piano (Ages 4 & older) **HP**  
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Palos Verdes Strings Music Classes - Free Instruction **HP**  
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone (310) 750-6866

### Teen/Adult Health & Fitness

- Mommy & Me Ballet, Acrobatics, Ballet, Point, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, & Stretch Dance (Ages 13 yrs. - Adults) **LL**  
Elite Dance Studio/Dyan Lopez-Fiamengo (310) 413-6535
- J. S. Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact **HP**  
Sandi Erickson (310) 514-1494
- Bones for Life – Exercises to Prevent Osteoporosis **HP**  
Move To Health/Sachiye Nakano (310) 326-6831
- Tai Chi Chuan - Yang Style (Long Form) **HP**  
Jensu Mark (310) 397-6275
- Tennis Classes & Private Lessons – All Levels **CH**  
Brian More (310) 621-7693

### Teen/Adult Classes

- Basics of Fine Arts – Drawing/Painting (Ages 16-Adult) **HP**  
Kevin McCants (818) 753-8477
- FCC Technician's License - Ham Radio Classes **HP**  
PV Amateur Radio Club/Walt Ordway (310) 541-4007
- Piano, Guitar, Voice Lessons (Teen-Adult) **HP & LL**  
Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
- Palos Verdes Strings Music Classes – Free Instruction **HP**  
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone (310) 750-6866
- Learn Self-Hypnosis (Sub-Conscious Mind Control) **HP**  
Tooley Transformation/Duncan Tooley (310) 832-0830

### INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS?

CALL THE RECREATION SUPERVISOR AT (310) 544-5268.

## RPV CITY PARK HOURS

### SCHOOL YEAR PARK HOURS

### SUMMER PARK HOURS

#### Abalone Cove Shoreline Park ~ (310) 377-1222

Mon.-Fri. ~ 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Daily ~ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. ~ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park ~ (310) 541-8114

Mon.-Fri. ~ 9:00 a.m.-dusk Same hours year round  
Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-dusk

#### Ladera Linda Community Center ~ (310) 541-7073

Mon., Wed., Fri. ~ 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. ~ 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Point Vicente Interpretive Center ~ (310) 377-5370

Daily ~ 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Same hours year round

#### Robert E. Ryan Community Park ~ (310) 377-2290

Mon.-Fri. ~ 12:00 noon-dusk Daily ~ 10:00 a.m.-dusk  
Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-dusk

All park grounds in the City may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk. Park facilities will be closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 & 25, and January 1. The leash law is enforced in all City parks.



## PADDLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT BY THE SEA



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is holding its third annual paddle tennis tournament on Saturday, September 29th at the Ladera Linda Community Center. The tournament will be open to A (advanced) and B (intermediate) men's and women's doubles players and teams. "A" level games will begin at 8 a.m. and "B" level games will begin at 11:30 a.m. If paddle tennis is your racket, come compete in this double elimination tournament and "net" the Rancho Palos Verdes Paddle Tennis Trophy!

Last year we had a full house, so this year we are limiting registration to a total of 15 teams. Tournament includes lively competition, an event t-shirt, and FUN! Don't delay, sign up today. Participants must be 18 years or older, and the price is \$40 per doubles team. Pre-registration is required. To register, please complete a registration form available on the City's webpage: [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv) or for more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 310-544-5260.

## PUTTING LEFTOVERS TO GOOD USE!

Food Finders is a hunger relief nonprofit that serves many parts of Los Angeles, including the South Bay. Food that is donated from local grocers, produce marts, bakeries and more is delivered the same day to missions, shelters, senior centers and others who serve the less fortunate and low-income residents in our communities. Helping Food Finders is a win-win situation. A business' excess food goes to a

good cause (rather than being discarded) and the business may be eligible for a tax deduction. Food Finders, with your generosity, helps the needy, and the City reduces the amount of food waste taken to landfills. If you'd like to learn how to become a food donor, or a volunteer and/or supporter, please call 562-598-3003, or go online at [www.foodfinders.org](http://www.foodfinders.org).



## WHALE FOR SALE!

Whale census watchers observed robust numbers of whales this past migration season, but whale plaque opportunities are dwindling. There are only ten bronze whale plaque spaces left in the gray whale migration exhibit at the entry way to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC). These attractive commemorative plaques trace the Pacific gray whale's legendary annual migration route from the frigid Arctic waters to Baja California and back. When the last whale is sold,

the outdoor migration exhibit will be complete and no additional plaques will be available. Each 13" x 5" whale-shaped bronze plaque may be personalized with up to three lines of text and is available for a donation of \$2,500. Your donation supports museum exhibits at the Interpretive Center. If you would like to be part of this unique outdoor exhibit, please call Holly Starr at (310) 544-5264 or send an email to [PVICexhibits@RPV.com](mailto:PVICexhibits@RPV.com).

## SAFETY TIPS FROM YOUR BUILDING INSPECTOR

Did you know that Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) are now required by the California Electrical Code to supply most new 125v dwelling unit receptacle outlets?

These devices provide additional protection from arcing which can cause fires. Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and emergency escape ladders are all proven methods for making a quick and safe escape from a fire in the home. However, in addition to these measures, proven technology exists to prevent fires from starting in the first place. Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) are one such life-saving tool that should be considered by homeowners and homebuilders alike. Many prominent experts in the electrical and home-building community believe this expanded requirement will have a significant, positive impact on homeowner safety, and decrease the number of lives lost and injuries that occur in home electrical fires.



Common household items, such as a motor-driven vacuum cleaner and the motor in a furnace, naturally create arcs when they are operating. These conditions are considered normal arcs, which can also occur when a light switch is turned on and off. Arc faults, however, occur from damaged wiring, overheated or stressed electrical cords, worn electrical insulation, wires and/or cords in contact with vibrating metal, damaged electrical appliances and more. This potentially dangerous condition creates high-intensity heat- which may exceed 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit- resulting in

burning particles that can easily ignite surrounding material. AFCIs are designed to recognize when arc faults occur and automatically shut the circuit down before it becomes a fire hazard.

For additional information, contact the City's Building and Safety Division at (310) 265-7800.

## THANK YOU, GIFTS FOR PARKS DONORS!

The Gifts for Parks program provides a means for individuals, organizations, and/or businesses to contribute funds and merchandise for the enhancement of the City's Recreation and Parks facilities and programs. The City sincerely thanks the following generous contributors. These donations were received May 2012 through July 2012.

### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION DONATIONS

- EDCO Disposal Corporation: \$1,500
- Hardy and Harper, Inc.: \$99
- Maneri Sign Company, Inc.: \$50
- Nationwide Environmental Services: \$100
- Pacific View Homeowners Association: \$100
- Rancho Palos Verdes Council of Homeowners Associations: \$100
- Seaview Residents Association: \$100
- Shimo Investments Group, Inc. / Highridge Hand Car Wash: \$100
- John Simich Construction, Inc.: \$100
- West Coast Arborists, Inc.: \$100

### POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER MONETARY DONATIONS & LONG-TERM MUSEUM LOANS

- Brad Ackerson: Amphitheatre plaque (\$1,500) In memory of Carolyn Dawn Ackerson
- Hermosa Garden Club: \$200
- Anonymous: Book
- Richard Behl: Book
- Patsy Clark: Taxidermied coyote pelt and Monarch butterfly
- Henry Koerper, Ph.D.: Books and cards
- Kandi Lancaster: Marineland item
- Los Serenos Docents: Books
- Joe Moeller: Books
- Penny Ridout: Books
- Mary Samaras: Bones, books, and slides
- Oliver and Lyndra Seely: Fossils and sea shells
- Holly Starr: Iron artifacts
- Bette Williams: Photo print

### REACH PROGRAM DONATIONS

- Las Candalistas: \$2,800
- Sandra London: \$1,000