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TWO PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS COMING YOUR WAY

Over the past several months, the City has been the recipient of two significant grants to fund two major improvement projects that support outdoor recreation along the City's coastline for the public's enjoyment. These projects involve improving the grounds and amenities at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park and completing the City's segment of the California Coastal Trail.

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program, administered by the National Park Service, provides funds to all 50 states for developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967, the expenditure of these funds to California is administered by the

California State Parks and Recreation Department. On November 1, 2010, pursuant to Council authorization, the City filed a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application with the California State Parks and Recreation Department for public improvements at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park estimated to cost \$665,176. The LWCF grant is a reimbursement program and has a match requirement of 50%, thus the grant reimburses the City for 50% of the project cost. On December 7, 2011, State Parks notified the City that it is the recipient of the LWCF grant, in the amount of \$332,588, for the Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvement Project.

The Abalone Cove Shoreline Park Improvement Project derives from the Council adopted Coast Vision Plan (Vision Plan) and public input



from a focus group comprised of community stakeholders. The improvements at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park propose to:

- Replace bluff top fencing;
- Install interpretive signs;
- Construct viewing areas;
- Provide public art nodes;
- Install landscaping and irrigation;
- Create an exploration play area; and,
- Install a Preserve kiosk sign.

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HIDDEN GEMS IN YOUR BACKYARD: THE MIRALESTE RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT

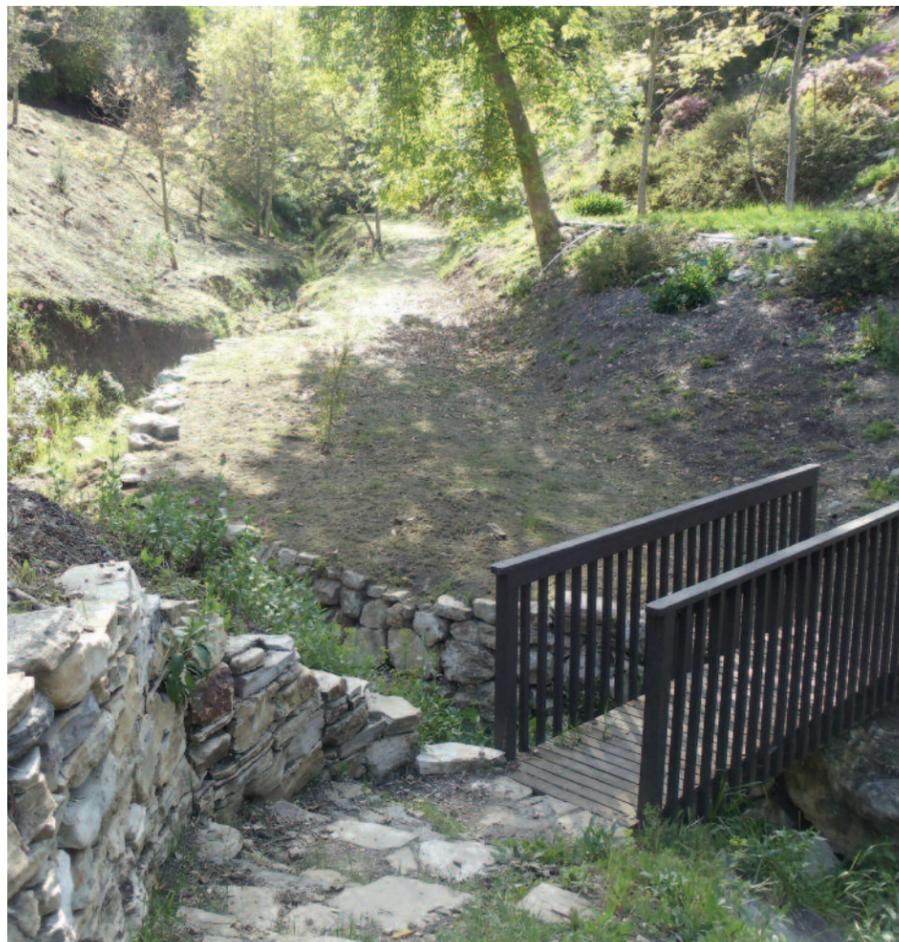
Most Rancho Palos Verdes residents are familiar with the City's parks, such as Hesse Park and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, and our many miles of public trails, such as the ones found in the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve or along the coast at Ocean Front Estates and Trump National Golf Course. However, are you familiar with Frog Pond Park, Miltenberger Park or the Siena Loop Trail? Although each one is located within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the last three, and several others besides, are owned and maintained by the Miraleste Recreation and Parks District, which is an independent special district.

The District is governed by a five member board of directors and was formed in 1940, long before the City was incorporated, when the Palos Verdes Homes Association deeded 60 acres to the District for park and recreational purposes. Much of the 60 acres consists of the canyons

running behind the homes in the Miraleste area of the City and other adjacent hilly terrain. The goal of the District is to beautify and improve the Miraleste community and provide park and recreational opportunities by maintaining Miraleste parks, hiking trails, and open spaces; planting trees and shrubs; removing fire hazards and some non-native species; and helping to maintain the landscaping and mature trees which make the area both beautiful and unique.

The District has done a wonderful job of turning much of the 60 acres of challenging terrain into park and recreational opportunities. In 2002, the District acquired a \$220,000 grant through the California Department of Parks and Recreation which enabled it to develop trails within the canyons that run throughout the area. Below is a

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RPV PARTNERS FOR PETS



In 2009, the City of Los Angeles' Harbor Animal Care Center contacted the City about providing a venue for pet adoptions. After some discussion, the upper picnic area at Hesse Park was chosen as a possible site. The first pet adoption event was held in October 2009 and deemed a success! Since that time,

the two agencies have coordinated monthly Saturday pet adoptions at Hesse Park, providing a place where people may come and view the pets available for adoption and interact with them in a safe and relaxed setting. If you or someone you know is looking for a forever friend of the furry variety, check out the monthly pet adoption dates and details on the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv, or view the homeless animals available at the Harbor Shelter by visiting their website at www.laanimalservices.com.

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These park improvements will significantly enhance the public's experience at the park, while improving access and the educational experience.

RANCHO PALOS VERDES SEGMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL

Enacted in 1976, the State Coastal Conservancy Act calls for the California Coastal Conservancy to have a principal role in the implementation of a public trail system along the state's coastline, known as the California Coastal Trail (CCT). The Coastal Conservancy pursues this mandate in part by awarding grants to public agencies. Once completed, the CCT will extend approximately 1,200 miles from the Oregon to Mexico boundary lines, including a segment through the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

In the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the CCT extends the entire length of the City's 7.5 mile coastline between the boundary lines of the City of Palos Verdes Estates and the City of Los Angeles. In an effort to enhance public trails and recreational opportunities at a minimal cost to the City, the City, in partnership with the Palos Verdes

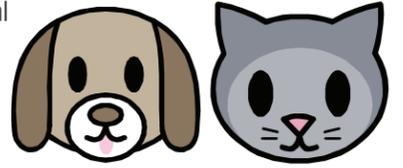
Peninsula Land Conservancy, submitted a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for completing the City's segment of the CCT. On October 21, 2010, the State Coastal Conservancy Board awarded the City \$500,000 for completing the City's segment of the CCT with a City match of \$60,000.

The route of the City's segment of the CCT is primarily along Palos Verdes Drive West and South with portions of the trail traversing the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, Terranea Resort and Spa, and Trump National Golf Course. While some of the CCT through the City is completed, a good portion of the City's segment of the CCT is unimproved. This grant allows for completion of the CCT by funding the following improvements along the trail route:

- Construction of a decomposed granite trail in unimproved areas along the Palos Verdes Drive West and South trail route;
- Replacement of the asphalt bluff top trail at Lower Point Vicente with a decomposed granite trail;
- Installation of trail markers and interpretive signs;
- Installation of viewing nodes with benches and trash bins; and,

PET VACCINATION, MICROCHIP AND LICENSING CLINIC

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes



The City is proud to co-host this annual event with the Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control Department. Please be sure to have your dog on a leash or your cat in a secure carrier, and be prepared to clean up after your pet. Licensing for cats is voluntary. Rabies vaccinations for cats will be available at the Clinic. Credit cards will not be accepted, so please bring either two checks or cash.

Pet owners may renew or apply for a new dog license via the internet at anytime by visiting the County Animal Care & Control website at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>. For more information about the Pet Clinic, please call Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control Department at (562) 728-4706 or RPV City Hall at (310) 544-5268. View the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv for more details.

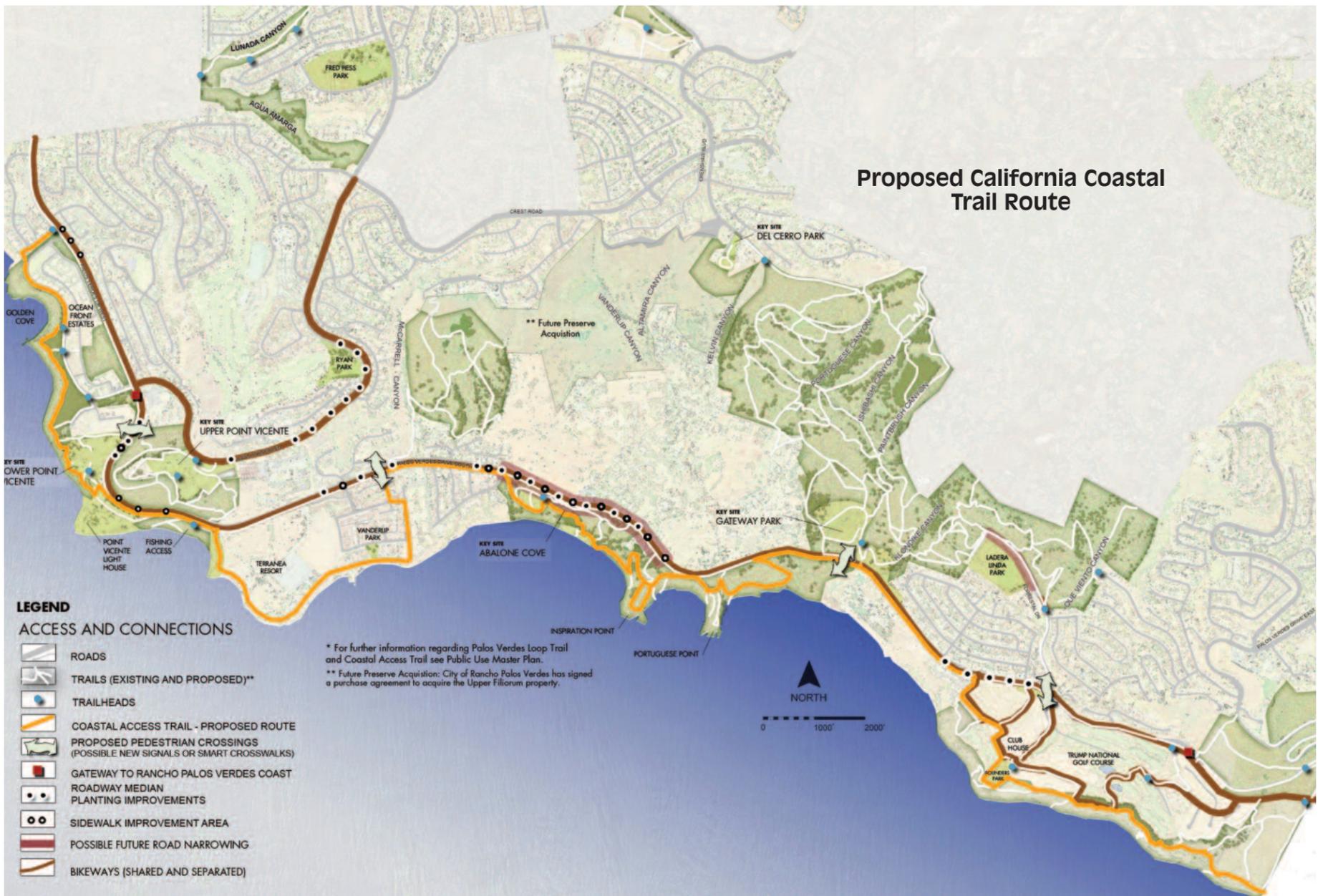
- Construction of an unpaved parking lot to accommodate 15-20 cars at the Gateway Park area adjacent to Palos Verdes Drive South in the Portuguese Bend landslide area.

The completion of the City's segment of the CCT will provide the public with a continuous coastal trail that is as close to the ocean as possible, creating connections to the City's beaches, parks, and preserve areas. When completed, the coastal trail will foster the public's appreciation and stewardship of the scenic and natural resources of the coast while promoting outdoor recreation.

These two projects are currently in the design and development stage. Construction of the California Coastal Trail improvements are anticipated to begin in late summer 2012, while the improvements for Abalone Cove Shoreline Park are likely to begin mid-2013 after further collaboration with the focus group. Information, including the



conceptual plans, can be found on the City's website for each of these two projects. Furthermore, join the listserve to receive electronic updates on the progress of both projects.



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, May 21, 2012 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Presidential Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012. If you have just moved into the City, you will need to re-register. You will also need to re-register if you have changed your name or wish to change your political party affiliation. Voter Registration Forms are available at City Hall, the Post Office, and at the libraries. The completed forms must be post-marked or hand-delivered to the Los Angeles County Elections Office located in Norwalk at least 15 days before the election.

application. If you will be unable to vote in person on Election Day, please visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://lavote.net> to complete and sign the application for a vote by mail ballot. Return the application to:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
P.O. Box 30450
Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450



an application for Permanent Vote By Mail status by calling (562) 466-1323 or submitting a letter of request to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the above address.

VOTE BY MAIL

Voters who wish to vote by mail must submit a written request to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for a ballot no later than 7 days prior to the Election Day. Your written request must identify the election for which a ballot is being requested, and must contain the voter's name and signature, registered address, and the address to which the ballot should be mailed. The signature of each person requesting a vote by mail ballot is required in order to verify the legitimacy of the

PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTER STATUS

Under state law, a voter may apply for permanent vote by mail status. As a permanent vote by mail voter, you will no longer have to apply for future elections. A ballot will automatically be mailed to you for each election in which you are eligible to vote. As of January 1, 2006 and pursuant to SB 39, a voter's name shall be deleted from the permanent vote by mail voter list if he or she fails to return a vote by mail ballot for two consecutive statewide general elections. You may request

POLLING LOCATION

On Election Day, residents can locate their polling place by using the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://www.lavote.net/Locator/>.

Voters who do not have access to the Internet can contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 544-5217 or (310) 544-5208 for assistance in locating their polling place. Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

TAKE A HIKE WITH THE LOS SERENOS DE POINT VICENTE DOCENTS

OCEAN TRAILS AT TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Sunday, April 22nd, 3:00 p.m.
Walk the Western Bluff Reserve to observe endangered gnatcatchers while enjoying the beautiful vistas of the coastline. Level: Easy. Park to the left of Club House in the public lot at the end of Ocean Trails Drive, off Palos Verdes Drive South.

FORRESTAL NATURE RESERVE

Saturday, May 26th, 10:00 a.m.
Walk through the coastal sage scrub habitat. Learn about the local geology. Level: Moderate. Park at the end of Forrestal Drive, located off Palos Verdes Drive South.

OCEANFRONT ESTATES/POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Saturday, June 23rd, 10:00 a.m.
Enjoy a tour of the museum, the native plant garden, and a walk along the spectacular bluff top at Oceanfront Estates. Level: Easy. Park in the parking lot at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West.

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. Parking is free. Heavy rain the night before or rain the day of the hike will cancel the hike or tour. For more information about docent-led nature walks, please call (310) 544-5264 or visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: THE SLEEPOVER!

Friday, May 4th, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, May 5th, 9:00 a.m.
Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Calling all girls and boys ages 7 to 12 years! Join the staff 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 a movie 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: www.palosverdes.com/rpv. Call the RPV Recreation and Parks Department at (310) 544-5260 for more information.

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list of pocket parks and trails created and maintained by the District:

- Frog Pond Park (near intersection of Palos Verdes Drive East & Via Colinita)
- Harter Park (near intersection of Via Colinita & Via La Paloma)
- Miltenberger Park (near the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive East and Miraleste Drive)
- Miraleste Park (near intersection of Miraleste Drive & Via Colinita)
- Canada Park (near the terminus of Via Canada)
- Colinita Trail (.67 miles: accessed from Palos Verdes Drive East near Via Subida)
- Frascati Trail (.33 miles: accessed from Palos Verdes Drive East near Via Frascati)
- Siena Loop Trail (.72 miles: accessed from Via La Paloma)
- Miraleste Median (.58 miles: runs along the Miraleste Drive median)
- Canada S. Trail (.52 miles: accessed from the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive East and Miraleste Drive)
- Canada N. Trail (.56 miles: accessed from Via Canada near Palos Verdes Drive East)
- Lorraine Trail (.42 miles: accessed from Lorraine Road or the Canada S. Trail)

These trails are hidden from view from the public streets, but are easily accessed from neighborhood

streets and most link from one to the next with a short hike on public roads. Trails are intended as hiking trails with no motorized vehicles or horses allowed, and most are easy to moderate in difficulty as they traverse up and down the canyons running behind the homes in the Miraleste area. Some of the trails have running creeks trail-side year round. Trail and park maps are available at the Miraleste Recreation and Parks District building at #19 Miraleste Plaza at the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive East and Miraleste Drive. In addition to the City's Eastview Park and the County's Friendship Park, the Miraleste Recreation and Parks District is a major provider of open space and passive recreational opportunities on the east side of the Peninsula.

Miraleste Recreation and Parks District Meetings take place the first Monday of even number months at 7:30 p.m. in the Park District building. The Board consists of Chairman Pete Glusac, Director David Feldman, Director Keith Harter, Director Nancy Otto, and Director Carol Swets. Individuals wishing to address the District Board with any comments or concerns should notify District Director Nancy Otto at nottohome@cox.net to have the issue put on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. A special thank you to Director Nancy Otto for helping City staff put this article together and spread the word about recreational offerings made possible by the Miraleste Recreation and Parks District.

RECEIVE YOUR CITY NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

The City's quarterly Newsletter is now available by email. To subscribe, simply go to the following link: <http://rpvalert.com/>, enter your email address and check the "subscribe" box for the "City Newsletter." Then, click the "submit" button at the very bottom of the page and you're done! You will automatically receive the latest edition of the City Newsletter before it hits local mail boxes. Current and back issues of the Newsletter are also available on the City's website under the "News & Information" tab at the top of the main page.

BATTER UP! SUMMER ADULT COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

City of RPV is now recruiting teams for a new league, Sunday evenings, June 24th through Sunday, July 29th. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 310-544-5266 for more information.



RECREATION AND PARKS: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The RPV Recreation and Parks Department is actively seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals to apply for the part-time, year-round position of Recreation Leader. People hired for this position will oversee daily operations at a wide variety of attractive park sites including Hesse Park and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Recreation Leaders also have the opportunity to work at community events and assist with REACH, a dynamic recreation program for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Night-time and weekend availability is desirable. Possession of a Class B California Driver's License is a big plus. **Beginning pay rate is \$10.07 per hour.**

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

High School Diploma / 18 years of age or older
Class C California Driver's License / Customer Service Experience
Visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv to download an application.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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.

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

April 2012 ~ No Changes.

May 2012 ~ There is no service on Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day. All services during the week will be delayed by one day.

June 2012 ~ No Changes.

July 2012 ~ There is no service on Wednesday, July 4th, Independence Day. All services during the week will be delayed by one day.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONICS WASTE (E-WASTE)

The City's Annual Household Hazardous Waste /Electronics Waste Roundup is on: Saturday, May 5, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at RPV City Hall/ City Yard, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Some acceptable items include: computer monitors, CPU's, telephones, TV's, microwave ovens, cell phones, printers, fax machines, paint, solvents, used motor oil and filters, anti-freeze and other automotive fluids, pool and garden chemicals, fluorescent lights, asbestos, old medicine, sharps/

needles (in secure container), and batteries (household and car). Visit the County website www.lacsd.org, or call 1-888-CleanLA.

Additionally, there is a convenient and free weekly alternative. The Gaffey SAFE center located at 1400 N. Gaffey Street (opposite the DMV) is a permanent HHW & E- Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day! Attend a composting workshop on Saturday, April 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Hesse Park in the Fireside Room. The workshop, sponsored by L.A. County and the City's Public Works Department, is free and open to the public. Discounted composting and worm bins will be sold (cash or check only) after the workshop. One bin will be raffled at

the end of the workshop. For more information, check the County website at: www.smartgardening.com. RPV residents may be eligible for a composting rebate. Check the City's website for more information at: http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/publicworks/content/COMPOSTING_PROGRAM_2012.pdf

EDCO'S SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT

EDCO's spring brush clearing 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.

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearing Day
Monday	Saturday, April 14, 2012
Tuesday	Saturday, April 21, 2012
Wednesday	Saturday, April 28, 2012
Thursday	Saturday, May 5, 2012
Friday	Saturday, May 12, 2012

If you have any questions, call EDCO at (310) 540-2977 or check www.rpvrecycles.com. If you are a UWS customer, please disregard this notice.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

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

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RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT RPV COMMUNITY CENTERS

SPRING INTO ACTION! SIGN UP FOR A CLASS TODAY!

To register for classes, please call the instructor.
For more information, check out the City's online
Activity Guide at www.palosverdes.com/rpv

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

Youth Sports & Dance

Dance (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Tumble, Combo, Pre & Point) LL
Creative Energy Dance School (310) 547-5073
Kuk Sool: Traditional Korean Martial Arts (Ages 6-12) HP
Darius Ghaffari (310) 377-2755
Tennis for Tots (Ages 2-5 years) CH ~ Brian More (310) 621-7693

Teen/Adult Health & Fitness

J. S. Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact HP
Sandi Erickson (310) 514-1494
Bones for Life HP ~ Sachiye Nakano (310) 326-6831
Tai Chi Chuan HP ~ Jensu Mark (310) 397-6275
Tennis for Adults (Classes & Private Lessons) CH
Brian More (310) 621-7693

Tot Classes

Mommy & Me (Birth-16 mos & 16 mos-3 yrs) HP
Kids Music N Motion (310) 373-0280
Parent Participation Preschool (Ages 2 1/2-5 yrs) HP
Kids Music N Motion (310) 373-0280
PV Amiguitos: A Bilingual Playgroup (Ages 3-5) HP
Mercedes Seraphim (310) 507-4652
Suika Preschool HP & RP ~ Suika Education, Inc. (310) 323-5221

Youth Classes

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

Teen/Adult Classes

Basics of Fine Arts (Teens/Adults) HP
Kevin McCants (818) 753-8477
Cooking Classes (Adults) HP
Gayle Corwin & Elaine Adam (310) 378-3311
FCC Technician's License (Ham Radio) HP
Walt Ordway (310) 541-4007
Music Classes – Piano, Guitar, Voice (Group/Private) HP
Kids Music N Motion (310) 373-0280
Palos Verdes Strings Music Classes – Free Instruction HP
Michele Nardone (310) 750-6866
Spanish for Teens/Adults HP ~ Mercedes Seraphim (310) 507-4652
Transform Yourself with Self-Hypnosis HP
Tooley Transformation Training (310) 832-0830

Summer Camps Preview

Cooking for Kids (Ages 6-Teens) HP
Gayle Corwin & Elaine Adam (310) 378-3311
Dan Spring's Summer Training Sports Camps (Ages 5-11) HP
Daniel Spring (310) 750-7702
Music N Motion Summer Music Camps (Ages 3-11) RP
Annette Gunderson (310) 373-0280
Peninsula Sports Camps-Soccer and Baseball (Ages 5-12) HP
Tom Maier (310) 377-0690
SMARTech LEGO Camps (Ages 5-12) RP
Fit N Fun Sports (Bede Kebede) (310) 625-6044

Interested in teaching a class?

Call the Recreation Program 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. ~ 1:00 p.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

**Park grounds may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk.
The leash law is enforced in all City parks.**

