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RPV LAUNCHES ANONYMOUS FRAUD, WASTE, & ABUSE HOTLINE

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PRESERVE OUR CULTURE OF INTEGRITY

In June 2015, the City launched a new Anonymous Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Hotline. The hotline is a confidential resource to identify potential instances of fraud, waste, and abuse within the City government. Interested parties can file reports via the Internet at www.reportlineweb.com/RPV or by calling 855.219.2489. The hotline portal is also available on the City's website.

Developed for the City as part of the implementation of the 2013 Los Angeles County Grand Jury Best Practices recommendations, the hotline was established to provide additional transparency and accountability for any potential improprieties.

The hotline is administered by a neutral third party, and is specifically designed to address concerns regarding improper use of City finances, fraud, waste, or personnel abuse. The hotline should only be used for these specific purposes. For day-to-day concerns regarding City services, please email or telephone the appropriate department. Questions or comments regarding the new Anonymous Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Hotline may be directed to Sean M. Robinson, Human Resources Manager, by telephone at 310.544.5331, or via email at SRobinson@rpvca.gov.

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

William Mulholland, a legendary figure in Los Angeles' long and fractious water history, opened the California Aqueduct in 1913 with the famously brief invocation: "There it is! Take it!"

A century later, and after years of drought, there is a lot less water to take and greatly increased demands. Snow pack levels are at record lows and reservoir storage is shrinking every day. Four straight years of drought have posed urgent challenges to communities throughout the State including drinking water shortages, diminished water for agricultural production and degraded habitat for many fish and wildlife species.



Governor Jerry Brown issued an Executive Order on April 1 that mandated conservation of potable urban water use for the first time in the State's history. The overall statewide mandate reduction is 25% through February 28, 2016.

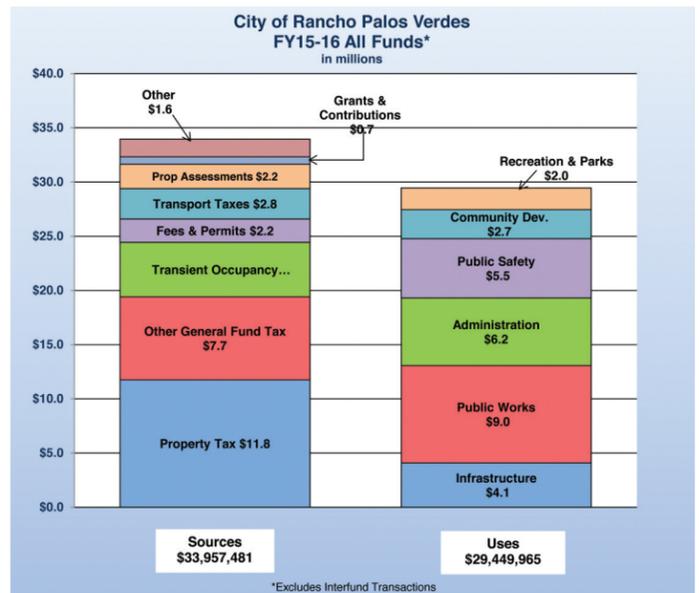
Areas with high per capita water use have higher reduction requirements than areas with low use. California Water Service, the Palos Verdes service area provider, must reduce water usage by 36% in order to comply. Brown's Executive Order also calls for enforcement against water waste and investment in new technology.

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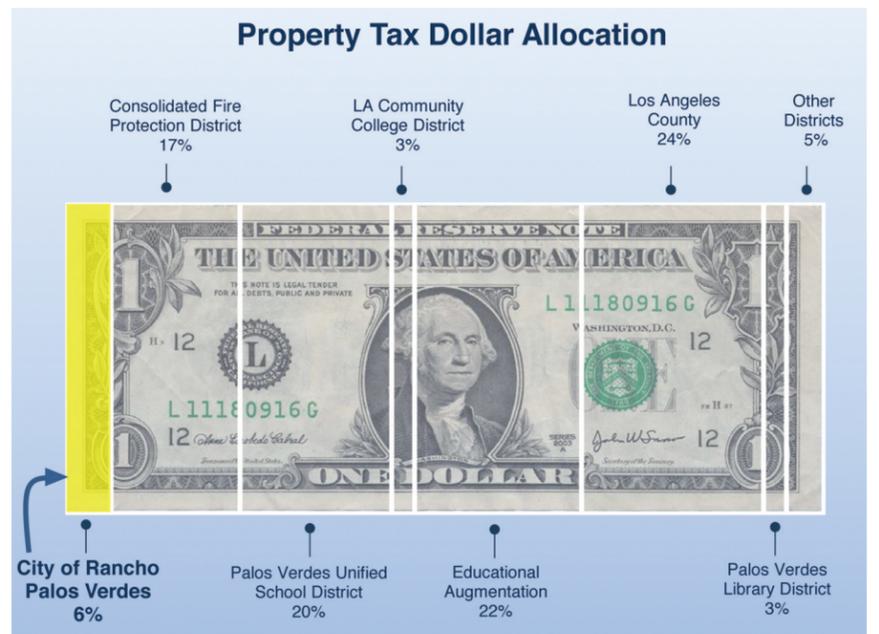
CITY FINANCES AT A GLANCE

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, scheduled to go into effect on July 1, is balanced and the City maintains strong reserves and no debt. During 2015-16, the City's storm drain user fee, paid by about 80% of the City's property owners, will sunset. The ten-year program has addressed many of the City's storm drain deficiencies with reconstruction and pipe-lining projects. However, many qualified projects remain unfunded. With completion of the Storm Drain Master Plan Update and the City's General Plan and Parks Master Plan scheduled to be finalized this fiscal year, additional projects will be identified and will need to compete for limited financial resources. The new Infrastructure Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) will assist the City Council in the coming months on identifying the City's infrastructure needs and priorities.

As noted in the chart below, a large portion of the City's expenses are used to fund infrastructure. The source of monies come from external grants, other restricted funds and the General Fund (primarily Transient Occupancy Tax).



For every dollar of the base property tax paid, the City receives about 6% as illustrated below. This requires the City to manage a lean budget while maximizing services to residents with the financial resources available.



With the launch of the City's new website in March 2015, residents now have the opportunity to access a multitude of financial information in a user-friendly fashion. This information can be found on the website's Finance page and Transparency page. Residents can view and download financial information including the City's Annual Budget, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Budget in Brief, checks issued, cash balance reports, business licenses and employee compensation.

If you have any questions or would like to view financial information not currently on the City's website, please contact the Finance Department at 310.377.0360 or email Kathrynd@rpvca.gov

ELECTION NEWS

LOCAL ELECTION SCHEDULED AND NOMINATION PERIOD FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Rancho Palos Verdes voters will elect three members of the City Council at the City's General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2015.

The nomination period for candidates for City Council begins on Monday, July 13, 2015 and closes on Friday, August 7, 2015. If an incumbent fails to file nomination papers by the deadline, the nomination filing period will be extended to Wednesday, August 12, 2015, for persons other than the incumbents.

During the nomination period, election manuals containing all of the necessary paperwork will be available from the City Clerk's Office during the City's regular office hours. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 310.544.5208 to make an appointment, if you are interested in becoming a candidate for City Council. To be eligible to run for City Council, a candidate must be a registered voter and a resident of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL NEED YOU!

The Lomita Sheriff's Station is actively seeking new members for Volunteers on Patrol, a group of community-spirited citizens who assist the Sheriff in performing non-hazardous patrol duties in Rancho Palos Verdes.



Qualifications: U.S. citizenship, 18 years or older with a valid California Driver's License, good driving record and no significant criminal history.

To apply, contact Sergeant Doug Shive at 310.891.3227.

Become a Sheriff's volunteer and make a positive impact in your community!

- Non-sworn volunteer positions
- Training and uniforms provided
- Minimum of 16 hours per month
- Flexible schedules

PET ADOPTION EVENTS!

Sundays: July 19 and August 16
Hesse Park - Upper Picnic Area
11:00 am – 3:00 pm



Volunteers from the Carson/Gardena Animal Shelter will be at Hesse Park with cats and dogs available for adoption. Please bring cash or check for adoption fees.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER: LEARN, INSPIRE OTHERS, HAVE FUN!



Enrich your life by becoming a volunteer docent with Los Serenos de Point Vicente. Docent training begins Wednesday, September 16th, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC). Classes are held every Wednesday, September through February, except during the holidays.

New docents learn about the natural and cultural history of the Peninsula and then have the opportunity to lead nature walks and museum tours, and participate in outreach programs. Docents also have the

opportunity to attend docent social gatherings and field trips.

Interested? Please attend the New Docent Open House on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at PVIC.

For more information, visit www.LosSerenos.org; www.facebook.com/LosSerenos; or call the City's Docent Coordinator at 310.377.5370.

GREEN CORNER

USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTER PICKUP

Did you know EDCO and UWS offer free curbside collection of used motor oil and filters? Call your hauler and arrange for a pickup. You can also get a used oil change kit. The kit includes a 15 qt. drain pan, floor mat, funnel, shop rag, information wheel and an empty 1-gallon container.

ELECTRONICS AND BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

EDCO and UWS offer customers limited free curbside collection of bulky and electronics items such as mattresses, sofas, water heaters, tables, TVs, computers, DVD players, and desks. Call EDCO or UWS to arrange for a collection date. Remember, if your item could be re-used; please contact a charitable organization first.



RECYCLE AT THE PARKS



Summer is a time for enjoying the City's beautiful park sites. However, make sure you recycle all bottles and cans in the specially marked recycling bins at the parks. Do not throw recyclables in the trash or on the field. Please help keep RPV parks clean and enjoyable for everyone!

RECYCLE AND WIN \$250!

Your July EDCO or UWS billing contains a "Recyclers of the Month" entry card. If you recycle your yard waste in the green container(s) and/or your paper, newspaper, cans, bottles, and glass in the blue recycling container(s), please fill out the entry card and mail it in. At each City Council meeting two lucky verified recyclers each win a check for \$250. It could be you!! If you pay online, please see EDCO's online link and instructions. This is another way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling.



SOLID WASTE AND COMPOSTING LIST SERVE

Join the Solid Waste and Composting list serve if you want more information about upcoming solid waste and recycling events such as paper shredding, brush clearing, and composting workshops. The City maintains more than 40 confidential list serve groups to provide email information about City events, projects, road closures, emergencies and even trash schedule changes. Go to the Notify Me Listserv button at the bottom of the City's homepage and scroll down to Solid Waste and Composting.

PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE RANGER HOTLINE

310-491-5775



Did you know that there is a Hotline to call to report misuse of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, or to request information or a call back from a ranger? The Hotline is available 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. Callers speak with a hotline operator who takes down concerns and questions and forwards them directly to Mountains 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. You are the Preserve's eyes and ears--help keep it safe and pristine!

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE (Continued from page 1)

The City is striving to meet that goal in a number of ways including reducing watering at park sites, installing "smart" irrigation systems, eliminating watering in the public right of way, and repairing/replacing inefficient faucets and toilets at City facilities. Residents can reduce their personal water usage in a number of ways:

- Sweep your driveway instead of hosing it off
- Install a smart sprinkler system

WATER CONSERVATION RESOURCES

Turf Removal

The Metropolitan Water District currently provides a \$2.00 per square foot rebate for replacing grass turf in residential lots. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.org for more information.

Free Rain Barrels

West Basin Municipal Water District is providing FREE rain barrels for all interested residents. Go to Westbasin.org for more information.

Conservation Kits

California Water Service is offering FREE conservation kits to single-family residential customers. Go to calwater.com for more information.

More Information

Go to CA.Gov/drought or South Bay Environmental Services Center at sbesc.com for more information and get water-wise!



- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Fix leaks promptly
- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth
- Buy high efficiency toilets and washing machine
- Water your lawn less frequently and not during the day, or switch to drought-tolerant landscaping



YOU'RE INVITED! FREE NATURE WALKS THIS SUMMER

Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents lead nature walks year-round at several beautiful locations in the City. Join us this summer for some fun in the great outdoors!

PT. VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER/VICENTE BLUFFS RESERVE/ PT. VICENTE LIGHTHOUSE

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM & Saturday, August 22, 10:00 AM

Join us for a tour of the Point Vicente Lighthouse, the PVIC museum the native plant garden and a walk along the spectacular bluff top at the Vicente Bluffs Reserve. **Easy.** Park in the parking lot of the Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center.

OCEAN TRAILS RESERVE

Sunday, July 26, 3:00 PM

Walk the public trail system and enjoy the beautiful vistas and summer blooming habitat. **Moderate.** Meet in the lot at the end of La Rotonda Drive.

Wear sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen and a hat and bring a bottle of water. Walks last about two hours and no reservations are required. In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled. For more information about becoming a docent, visit the docent website at www.losserenos.org. To schedule a hike for your family, organization or business, please call the Hike Coordinator at 310.377.5370.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL WATCH PROGRAM



The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's (PVPLC) Volunteer Trail Watch Program is continuing to grow! The PVPLC, with the support and participation of the City, is recruiting for their next training in January 2016. The Program's mission is to serve as the eyes and ears of the PVPLC and City with a view to protect the natural

resources of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve while enhancing safety and the overall experience for all visitors. Volunteers are on foot, on horseback, and on mountain bike to help educate the public and reduce trail user conflicts. Interested? Contact Barbara Ailor at info@pvplc.org.

PARKS MAKE SUMMER FUN!



July is the official "Parks and Recreation Month" but Recreation and Parks is offering activities all summer long! For more information on all programs go to the City's website or call 310.544.5260.

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN RPV!



Saturday, July 4th, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
Point Vicente Park/Civic Center
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard

Midway Games and Rides • Jim Gamble Puppet Show
Petting Zoo • Arts & Crafts Vendors • Helicopter Rides
Live Music • Pie Eating and Hula Hoop Contests
Food Vendors • Free Admission
Free shuttle service along Hawthorne Blvd.

Onsite Parking \$5.00.

Call Bell Event Services for booth and vendor info. 310.349.0743.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS! MOVIE IN THE PARK SERIES



Free admission and parking! Seating on grass; bring your own blanket or low-slung beach chair. Come early and enjoy a picnic. Enjoy family friendly activities before movie. Dress warmly! No dogs, sorry.

Movie in the Park - PADDINGTON

Saturday, June 27, Activities begin at 6:30 PM. Movie starts at dusk.
Eastview Park
700 Westmont Avenue

Drive-In Movie in the Park - THE LOVE BUG

Saturday, August 1, Activities begin at 4:00 PM. Movie starts at dusk.
Classic Cars and Food Trucks
Pt. Vicente Park/Civic Center (RPV City Hall site)
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard

End of Summer Movie in the Park - BIG HERO 6

Saturday, August 29th, Activities begin at 6:30 PM. Movie starts at dusk.
Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Boulevard

STORY TIME FUN



Little Critter Afternoon Tales
July 8 and August 12 1:00-2:00 PM
Hesse Park

Little Fish Tales By the Sea
July 16 and August 20 10:00-11:00 AM
Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Storytime, songs, finger plays and crafts. Brought to you by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Palos Verdes Library District.

SUMMER POOLING/NO FOOLIN'

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes, City of Rolling Hills Estates and San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA are teaming up to offer swim programs at Peninsula High School beginning June 2015.

- Swim lessons (Group & Private/ All ages & levels)
- Recreational Swim
- Water Exercise
- Lap Swim

For more information contact Elizabeth Zabudoff at 310.832.4211 ext. 7040



SUMMER VOLUNTEER DAY



Saturday, July 25
9:00 AM-Noon
Abalone Cove
Shoreline Park

Roll up your sleeves and make a difference in your community! Eradicate weeds and invasive plants. Beautify trails. Remove litter and graffiti. Water, gloves and trash bags provided.

Wear sturdy walking shoes, hat and sunscreen. Volunteer t-shirts provided. Free parking for volunteers. Pre-registration required, call 310.544.5260 or email parks@rpvca.gov.

SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA



Sunday, July 12th, 7:00 PM
Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Boulevard

All the World's a Stage at Hesse Park tonight! Come enjoy one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies—huzzah! Free admission and parking! Picnic dinners welcome! Dress warmly, blankets encouraged, and bring low-slung beach chairs. For more information call 310.217.7596 or go to shakespearebythesea.org/

BEST SUMMER EVER DAY CAMP



June 8-August 14
7:00 AM-6:00 PM
Ages 6-13
Ladera Linda Park
32201 Forrestral Drive

\$175/week 10 Weekly-themed camps
Field trips, activities, swimming and much more!
Put on by the City of RPV and the San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA.
Call 310.832.4211 or go to www.ymcala.org/spp for more information.

UUT REFUND: DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline to complete and submit your claim form is August 5, 2015. You may submit it by mail, fax, or online to the Claims Administrator. If you did not receive a Claim Form, you can print an electronic copy at <http://www.ranhopalosverdesuutrefund.com/important-documents.aspx> or you may contact the Claims Administrator at 888.287.4974 and have one mailed to you. A second and final round of refund checks will be issued shortly after the deadline.

HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

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

June, July and August:

No changes to the weekly collection schedules.

Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7:00 AM on collection day, and remove empty containers no later than 10:00 PM on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight.



DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO EDCO AND UWS CUSTOMERS

EDCO and UWS offer various discounts to customers. Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount. If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount. Low-income customers may qualify for a 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). Discounts can be combined. For more information contact your hauler or check the City website at: <http://www.rpvca.gov/310/Solid-Waste-Recycling>

EXCESS TRASH COLLECTION

Had a party? Cleaned your garage? If you have excess trash that does not fit into your regular trash cart, call EDCO or UWS and inquire about the twice a year free excess trash collection. If you want your excess trash removed, you have to call it in first.

RECREATION AND PARKS: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

RECREATION LEADER

The City is actively seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals to apply for the part-time, year-round position of Recreation Leader. Responsibilities may include:

- Manage daily operations at City park sites
- Assist with special events and recreation programs
- Work with adults with developmental disabilities
- Staff a museum and gift shop
- Work as a receptionist at City Hall
- Monitor rental events at parks

Work hours include evenings, weekends, and holidays. Customer service experience and basic computer skills recommended. Beginning pay rate is \$10.07 per hour. Must be 18 years old, a high school graduate and have a valid Class C California Driver's License. Visit the City's website to complete an application online.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall Main Line	(310) 377-0360
City Manager's Office	(310) 544-5207
City Clerk's Office	(310) 544-5217
Finance	(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

**PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!
CHECK OUT THESE SUMMER CAMPS & CLASSES!**

View the City's Online Activity Guide for classes, recreation programs, special events, nature hikes and more! (WWW.RPVCA.GOV)

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

Tot & Youth Programs

Early Childhood Music Classes (Birth-Kindergarten)	HP, LL	
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson		(310) 373-0280
Mommy & Me Classes (Birth-16 mo. & 16 mo.-3 yrs.)	HP, LL	
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson		(310) 373-0280
Palos Verdes Strings Classes (Youth)	HP	
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone		(310) 750-6866
Suika Preschool Classes (Ages 10 mos.-3 yrs. & 3-5 yrs.)	HP, RP	
Suika Education, Inc.		(310) 323-5221

Tot & Youth Dance/Sports Programs

Fit 4 Moms Stroller Strides (Moms & Infants/Tots)	HP	
Fit 4 Moms/Stephanie Johnson		(310) 780-4673
Super Soccer Stars (Ages 2-5)	LL	
Super Soccer Stars/Bob Gibson		(310) 998-0010
Youth Ballet Classes	LL	
Loraine Maese		(310) 567-2775
Youth Dance Classes	LL	
Creative Energy Dance/Cherie Ackerman		(310) 541-5073

Teen/Adult Programs

Basics of Fine Arts - Drawing/Painting (Ages 16-Adult)	HP	
Kevin McCants		(818) 753-8477
FCC Technician's License (Ham Radio)	HP	
PV Amateur Radio Club/Walt Ordway		(310) 541-4007
Palos Verdes Strings Classe (Teens & Adults)	HP	
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone		(310) 750-6866

Teen & Adult Health/Fitness Programs

Bones for Life - Exercises to Prevent Osteoporosis	HP	
Move To Health/Sachiye Nakano		(310) 326-6831
Boot Camp - Fitness Classes	CH	
Kandis Wannamaker		(310) 251-8993
J. S. Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact	HP	
Sandra Erickson		(310) 514-1494
Tai Chi Chuan - Yang Style (Long Form)	HP	
Stan Corzine		(310) 376-8088
Yoga, Tai Chi Gong, Zen Balance	LL	
Maria Arabe		(310) 938-7548
Teen Dance Classes	LL	
Creative Energy Dance/Cherie Ackerman		(310) 541-5073

Summer Camps

Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-13)	LL	
San Pedro Peninsula YMCA		(310) 832-4211
Youth Chess Camp	LL	
Chess Wizards		(866) 949-4386
Animation Camp	LL	
Movies By Kids		(310) 427-5674
Soccer, Baseball (Boys) & Softball (Girls) Camps (Ages 5-12)	HP	
Peninsula Sports Camps/Tom Maier		(310) 377-0690
Soccer Camps (Ages 4-10) & Lacrosse Camps (Boys Ages 6-11 & Girls Ages 6-13)	HP	
Spring Training Camps/Dan Spring		danielspring14@gmail.com
Music Camps (Ages 3-12)	HP	
Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson		(310) 373-0280
Pre-Engineering & Engineering With Lego		
Jedi Engineering & Jedi Master Engineering with Lego (Ages 5-11)	RP	
Play-Well TEKnologies/Michael Luong		(424) 672-5496
Soccer Camp (High School Students)	HP	
South Bay Summer Sports/Scottie Massey		(310) 938-5137
Peninsula Skies Nature Camp (Ages 3-6)	HP	
Mrs. Margarita		(310) 918-2136

GOT TALENT? WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW CLASS IDEAS AND INSTRUCTORS! FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHING AT THE PARKS IN RPV, CALL 310-544-5268.

RPV CITY PARK HOURS

SUMMER PARK HOURS

SCHOOL YEAR PARK HOURS

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park ~ (310) 377-1222

Daily ~ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. ~ 12:00 noon-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.-Fri. ~ 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri. ~ 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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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

Daily ~ 10:00 a.m.-dusk

Mon.-Fri. ~ 12:00 noon-dusk

Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00 a.m.-dusk

Eastview Park

Daily ~ dawn-dusk

Daily ~ dawn-dusk

All park grounds in the City may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk. Park facilities are closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 & 25, and January 1.

The leash law is enforced in all City parks. Off-leash dogs are allowed only in Rancho Caninos Dog Park at Point Vicente Park/Civic Center.

