



## RECREATION PROGRAMS WINTER WONDERLAND OF FUN!

For more information on all programs, visit [www.rpvca.gov](http://www.rpvca.gov) or call 310.544.5260.

### JUNIOR RANGERS



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes invites children ages 7 to 12 years old to join us on an exciting adventure to become a Junior Ranger. This fun and educational program will give youngsters the opportunity to learn about and explore the outdoors. Pre-registration is required for this program and enrollment is limited.

The Junior Ranger Spring 2016 Program begins in early 2016 and quickly fills up. If you are interested in the program, registration and dates will be available soon!

### STORY TIME FUN!



**Little Critter Afternoon Tales**  
2nd Wednesdays, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9  
Hesse Park  
29301 Hawthorne Boulevard

**Little Fish Tales by the Sea**  
3rd Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17  
Point Vicente Interpretive Center  
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West

Story time, songs, finger plays and crafts. Programs are geared for parents and their children, ages 2-5, but children of all ages are welcome. No drop-offs allowed. Free admission! Hosted by RPV Recreation and Parks Department and Palos Verdes Library District's Young Readers' Department.

### WHALE OF A DAY!

Saturday, March 12, 2016  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Point Vicente Interpretive Center  
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West



Celebrate the Pacific gray whale's annual migration! Museum tours! Arts & Craft booths! Whale Watching! Live entertainment! Kiddie crafts, games, fun zone, face painting and more! Free admission and parking! Free shuttle service to and from the event site at the Point Vicente Park Civic Center (City Hall), located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard.



### READY! GET SET! HIKE!

Join us for some outdoor fun and exercise! Los Serenos de Point Vicente docents lead nature walks year-round at several beautiful locations in the City. These free public hikes are cosponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

#### ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK



Saturday, December 12, 2:30 PM • Sunday, January 10, 2:30 PM  
Sunday, February 7, 1:30 PM

Tour the tide pools teeming with fascinating marine life. **Moderate to Strenuous.** Wear sturdy walking shoes because part of the hike will involve walking on uneven cobblestones.

#### FORRESTAL RESERVE

Saturday, February 27, 10:00 AM

Walk through the coastal sage scrub habitat and learn about the local geology. **Moderate to Strenuous.** Park on the street near the gate at the end of Forrestal Drive.

For all nature walks, wear closed-toe walking shoes, sunscreen and a hat, and bring a bottle of water. Nature walks are approximately two hours and no reservations are required. In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled. For more information about becoming a Los Serenos docent, visit the docent website at [www.losserenos.org](http://www.losserenos.org). To schedule a hike for your family, organization or business, please call the Hike Coordinator at 310.377.5375.

### STORM DRAIN USER FEE UPDATE

The City's core services include maintaining infrastructure such as roadways, park facilities, and storm drains that capture water runoff. An important source of revenue dedicated for the storm drain program is a user fee established in 2005, which is paid by about 80% of property owners. The City's voters imposed a 10-year sunset on the fee, and 2015-16 is the last year of collection. Over the last 10 years, the City used the fee to construct many storm drain improvements, including those at Palos Verdes Bay Club, the stabilization of San Ramon Canyon, and rehabilitating (lining) more than 15,000 linear feet of pipe. Program expenditures to date total about \$42 million, funded with \$13 million of user fees, \$9.5 million of grant revenue, and more than \$20 million of General Fund contributions. A great deal of progress has been made, but there is more to do.

This year, the City updated its Master Plan of Drainage, an engineering analysis to identify deficiencies in the system and make preliminary project recommendations. Concurrently, data was collected on the physical condition of the City's storm drain pipes. Once a potential project is identified, further work is performed to confirm the preliminary assessment and determine design parameters for a correction. The 2015 Master Plan of Drainage is on the City's

website, and indicates the City needs \$17.6 million of pipeline rehabilitation projects to correct the direction of water movement and flow capacity. Another 18,000+ feet of pipe is in urgent need of lining, at an estimated cost of about \$10 million. New pipeline infrastructure is needed to stabilize various canyons in the City, with estimated costs ranging from about \$10-\$15 million.

Recent changes in the law have introduced new water quality mandates. To comply, the City will be responsible for numerous projects that protect watersheds receiving runoff from properties in the City. The costs of infrastructure, including streets and park facilities, must be weighed against available resources to balance services provided to the City's residents.

On November 17th, the City Council directed Staff to proceed with a public hearing on February 2, 2016. At the public hearing, the City Council will decide whether a mail-ballot election of affected property owners should be conducted to ask if the fee should be collected for another 10 years. Please take the time to learn more about the City's storm drains, consider the matter, and voice your opinion about whether the City should continue to collect this dedicated revenue source.

### DON'T FEEL THE BURN

#### "NO-BURN ALERT" SEASON STARTED NOVEMBER 1ST

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) began issuing 24-hour "No-Burn Alerts" for residential fireplaces and outdoor fire pits and wood stoves on November 1. During an alert, SCAQMD requires that residents refrain from all indoor and outdoor wood burning. A list of frequently-

asked questions (FAQs) about "No-Burn Alerts" is available on the SCAQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/healthy-hearths/faq>. Residents may sign-up to receive these alerts directly via e-mail at <http://aqmd.enviroflash.info/>.

## GRAFFITI APP ATTACK!

The City recently hired Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. (GPC) to remove reported graffiti. You can help keep our City clean and pristine by downloading GPC's free app, MyRPV. Using smart phone technology and/or the City's

website, residents can now report graffiti found on streets, walls, trails, and beaches which will be removed in most cases within 24 hours. The App is available on Android and Apple devices.

## BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL



The City's municipal code requires all businesses operating in the City to pay a business license tax. This includes any business activity occurring within a residential area (such as a home office). Additionally, any service providers such as contractors, gardeners, or handymen, whether based in the City or not, are also required to be licensed if they provide services within the City.

Toward the middle of December, the City staff will mail 2016 business license renewal applications to all currently licensed businesses. This application should be completed and returned with payment of the license tax to City Hall by January 29, 2016. Upon receiving a completed renewal application and license tax, a 2016 Business Tax Certificate will be mailed to the business. Penalties will be assessed on any license application received on or after February 1, 2016.

### YOU CAN COMPLETE A BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

1. File your application on-line by going to the the City's website at <http://rpvpay.com/businesslicense/>. From there, simply follow the step by step instructions.
2. Complete and mail your application to City Hall. The City's website also contains different application documents (in PDF format) that can be printed and downloaded. The applications can be found at <http://www.rpvca.gov/288/Business-License-Information>. Look for the application that is applicable to the type of business you own. Once completed, please mail the business application to:

Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall  
Community Development Department  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

3. Complete your application in person at City Hall at the above address.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal process, please contact the Business License Coordinator at 310.377.0360. For additional information about business licenses and taxes, refer to Chapter 5.04 of the City's Municipal Code or visit the City of Rancho Palos Verdes website.

Whether you're an established company or a hopeful start-up, thanks for your business - we appreciate it!

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE GIFT SHOP BY THE SEA!

This holiday season, avoid the crowds and long lines at the anonymous big box stores and malls. Make your holiday shopping experience short and sweet by stopping by the cozy gift shop nestled in the lobby of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

Visit the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and Gift Shop, located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, next to the Point Vicente Lighthouse.

Museum and gift shop hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. This site is closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24th and 25th, and New Year's Day. Stop and shop, beat the holiday rush, and then step outside and watch the sunset!



## RPVTV TURNS TEN! (Continued from page 1)

YouTube. RPVTV has over 229,000 YouTube views since 2009 and has created over 1,200 videos available for viewing at any time. Go to [www.youtube.com/rpvchannel33](http://www.youtube.com/rpvchannel33). RPVTV also works with the City to prepare and produce a wide variety of audio and video projects.

RPVTV's programs include:

- 1) RPV City Talk brings the viewers up-to-date on political issues with RPV's Mayor, City Council and City staff.
- 2) RPV City Council Meetings & Planning Commission Meetings are aired live, and then re-broadcast throughout the week.

- 3) Around the Peninsula features stories and profiles of people and businesses in our community.
- 4) Peninsula Beat is the Peninsula's local news program.
- 5) Armchair Traveler, hosted by the irrepresible John Clayton, mines the South Bay for fascinating stories and interviews.
- 6) Playing the Field is RPVTV's local sports program.

It's been a memorable first 10 years and RPVTV is showing no signs of slowing down!



## GREEN CORNER

### MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING, AB 1826



All cities and counties are required to implement a mandatory commercial organics recycling program targeting businesses by January 1, 2016. This State law phases in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over several years. Beginning April 1, 2016, businesses in California generating at least eight (8) cubic yards per week of organic waste will be required to arrange for organic waste recycling services. Contact your waste hauler for more information.

### RAIN, RAIN DON'T GO AWAY, BECAUSE OUR DROUGHT IS HERE TO STAY

El Nino is supposed to bring much needed rain to the Southland, but the reality of California's multi-year drought is not going away any time soon. The City is encouraging all residents to rethink their daily activities to help ensure a more sustainable future. Here's two ways to help:



- Sweep sidewalks and patios, instead of hosing them down.
- Fix broken sprinklers to avoid overwatering. For more irrigation tips, visit [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org).

### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



The City recycles Christmas trees as part of its regular green waste recycling program. No special arrangements are needed. Simply leave your Christmas tree (remove the base, ornaments, tinsel and garland first) at the curb on your regular collection day between December 26 and January 15. No need to cut the tree into smaller pieces (unless it is over 7 feet tall). Flocked trees are acceptable.

If you live in a multi-family complex, ask your Management Company or HOA for the designated tree drop-off location. This location is typically in the garage area or by the recycling bins.

### FREE HOLIDAY EXCESS TRASH COLLECTION

Had a party? No worries! EDCO offers free excess trash collection for three weeks during the winter holiday season (December 26th to January 15th). Place excess trash in your old standard-size cans or in plastic bags. No loose material will be accepted.



**BULKY ITEM AND E-WASTE COLLECTION:** Was Santa good to you? EDCO offers customers free (limited) collection of bulky and electronic items such as sofas, TVs, computers, mattresses, desks, etc. If your item is in good shape, please contact a charitable organization first. Do not let reusable items end up in the landfill!



## PARKS MASTER PLAN (Continued from page 1)

Future site Master Plans were approved for both Ladera Linda Park and the Point Vicente Park/Civic Center. Council directed staff to take a "less is more" approach to future park planning and to focus on effectively managing and maintaining existing resources while minimizing impact on residents. With that guiding vision in mind, staff reduced the number and scope of recommendations within the Master Plan. Additionally, Council supported preserving and protecting the City's precious park resources by approving increased trash service, a 24 hour graffiti removal contract, increased and expanded park staffing (including a roaming crew at unstaffed parks), and almost 4,000 hours of open

space part-time park staff. Expanded Preserve enforcement options are also being explored.

Public outreach was extensive and included numerous workshops, listserv messages, social media outlets, and an online survey. Additionally, hundreds of people attended twelve public workshops and over 700 people completed an online survey on recreation activities and preferences.

A tremendous debt of gratitude is owed to the many residents who contributed to this important community effort. To see the approved Parks Master Plan and to learn more about the process, go to the City's Recreation and Parks web page at [rpvca.gov](http://rpvca.gov).

# HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



**December 2015:** There is no service on Friday, December 25, Christmas Day. Collection for the Friday route will be delayed by one day. No delay for the Monday through Thursday routes.

**January 2016:** There is no service on Friday, January 1, New Year's Day. Collection for the Friday route will be delayed by one day. No delay for the Monday through Thursday routes.

Any questions, call EDCO at 310.540.2977. Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

In accordance with the City's Municipal Code, remove all empty containers no later than 10 p.m. on collection day. **Empty carts should not be left on the street overnight.** Help keep our City Streets Beautiful!

**BACKYARD SERVICE:** EDCO provides backyard service to customers for an additional monthly charge. If you have physical constraints, are a senior, travel out of town frequently, or have a disability, call EDCO at 310.540.2977 and ask about this service.

## IT'S SWALE CLEANING TIME



slope drains that are installed when residential tracts are developed. Drainage swales tend to become filled with leaves, overgrown vegetation, and debris over the course of the year.

This can be avoided with proper drain maintenance. Because they are on private property, it is the responsibility of each property owner to maintain the portion of drain that crosses their property.

So please make sure your drainage swales are clear of debris and overgrown vegetation to ensure proper drainage flow.

The rainy season is upon us and with the predictions of El Nino, please take the time to clean out the drainage swales on your property if you haven't done so already. Drainage swales, also referred to as "bench drains" or "V-ditches," are

## STREET SWEEPING

Did you know that the residential streets in RPV get swept once a month? Please remove all cars from the curb on your monthly sweeping day. For the street sweeping schedule, go to <http://www.rpvca.gov/343/Street-Sweeping-Information>



## CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

<b>City Hall Main Line</b>	<b>(310) 377-0360</b>
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

## CITY COUNCIL

**Ken Dyda, Mayor**

Email: [ken.dyda@rpvca.gov](mailto:ken.dyda@rpvca.gov)

**Brian Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem**

Email: [brian.campbell@rpvca.gov](mailto:brian.campbell@rpvca.gov)

**Susan Brooks, Councilmember**

Email: [susan.brooks@rpvca.gov](mailto:susan.brooks@rpvca.gov)

**Jerry Duhovic, Councilmember**

Email: [jerry.duhovic@rpvca.gov](mailto:jerry.duhovic@rpvca.gov)

**Anthony Misetich, Councilmember**

Email: [anthony.misetich@rpvca.gov](mailto:anthony.misetich@rpvca.gov)

## CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES NEWSLETTER

**Editors: Gabriella Yap and Matt Waters**

**Winter 2015 Contributing Writers:**

Mona Dill, Mark Doddy, Kathryn Downs, Kit Fox, Mary Hirsch, Dan Landon, Katie Lozano, Carla Morreale, Dave Pearce, Julie Peterson, Lauren Ramezani, Emily Rodin, Nancie Silver, Teri Takaoka, Sue Walsh, Matt Waters, Doug Willmore, Andy Winje, Gabriella Yap, Ann Zeller

Comments? Email [mattw@rpvca.gov](mailto:mattw@rpvca.gov) or call 310.544.5218

## 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
- Patrolling Nature Preserve and Open Space areas
- Assisting with special events and recreation programs
- Working with adults with developmental disabilities
- Staffing a museum and gift shop
- Working as a receptionist at City Hall
- Monitoring 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 download the online application forms.

## RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT RPV COMMUNITY CENTERS

### GET A HEAD START FOR 2016!

#### CHECK OUT THESE RECREATION CLASSES AT YOUR LOCAL PARKS!

**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
Pee Wee Picasso Art Classes (18 months-5 years)		
Art to Grow on Inc.		310.625.6028
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)	RP	
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 Classes (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
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

**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

### YEAR-ROUND HOURS

**Abalone Cove Shoreline Park ~ 310.377.1222**

Daily ~ 9:00 a.m.-dusk.

**Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park ~ 310.541.8114**

Mon.-Fri. ~ 9:00 a.m.-dusk

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

**Ladera Linda Community Center & Park ~ 310.541.7073**

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

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

**Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) ~ 310.377.5370**

Daily ~ 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Robert E. Ryan Community Park ~ 310.377.2290**

Daily ~ 9:00 a.m.-dusk

**Eastview Park ~ 310.544.2260**

Daily ~ dawn-dusk

**All park grounds in the City may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk.**

**Park buildings at Hesse Park, Ryan Park, Ladera Linda and PVIC will be closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 & 25th, and January 1, but park grounds and restrooms will be open. Abalone Cove's gates, parking lot and restrooms will remain closed on these holidays.**

**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.**

