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## SAFETY FOURTH

What do Danville, Rancho Santa Margarita and Moorpark have in common? They're the only cities in California rated safer than Rancho Palos Verdes which was named the fourth safest city in California by SafeWise, a leading safety firm specializing in home security advice and services.

Using FBI crime statistics and population data, SafeWise determined that Rancho Palos Verdes had a rate of 0.7 violent crimes and 7.5 property crimes per 1,000 residents – figures far below state and national rates.

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## DDT DUMPING UPDATE

**DDT**  
Dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane

In recent months, you may have read news reports about historic chemical dumping off the coast of the Peninsula. This issue has come under renewed focus due to a rediscovered barrel dumping site on the seafloor near Catalina Island.

From the 1940s through the early 1970s, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) was a popular pesticide

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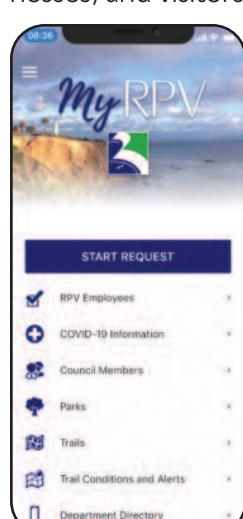
## MYRPV IS APP AND RUNNING!

Whether you're juggling 10 projects or lazing in the summer sun, the MyRPV app is always ready to provide you with all the City information and resources you need. MyRPV provides Rancho Palos Verdes residents, businesses, and visitors access to City Hall

any time of day or night via their smartphone or tablet.

Is there something you want to report to the City? Don't be daunted – it's simple: Open the app, select an issue, take a picture, and tap submit — the app knows the exact location

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## LADERA LINDA: PROJECT IN MOTION!

The pretty hills of Ladera Linda are alive with the sound of movement. The Ladera Linda Park and Community Center project has been in motion for almost seven years, but sometimes forward progress has seemed more like slo-mo. Over the past six months, however, this important community endeavor has picked up speed. After years of community workshops, HOA meetings, and design iterations, great strides have been made in moving toward the construction of a new and beautiful park site which will be a source of pride for generations to come.

Since 1982, the former site of Ladera Linda Elementary School has been a City park serving the recreation needs of nearby residents and visitors. The modular buildings which were built in the 1960s and have outlived their useful life expectancy, received an F grade during a 2013 City infrastructure report. Following extensive public outreach, a Master Plan prepared by the architecture and design firm of Johnson Favaro, was approved by the City Council in August 2019.

After a dormant period following that approval, the process picked up steam. On February 23, 2021, the



Planning Commission approved, with conditions, a Conditional Use Permit, Variance, Major Grading Permit and Site Plan Review for the construction of the new Ladera Linda Community Center and Park, landscaping, ancillary site improvements and associated grading. Then, on April 6, the City Council upheld the Planning Commission-approved planning entitlements, essentially moving the plan forward and adding consideration of security shutters and screens. The original cabana style bathrooms were changed to traditional multi-stall enclosed restrooms.

Then, on May 18, the City Council approved a funding strategy for the project that included a combination

of Quimby funds, Capital Improvement Project reserves, American Rescue Plan Act funding, and an IBank loan. Funding for security concerns, the bathroom re-design and improved project cost estimations were reviewed by Council on June 1.

So yes, a lot has happened and much more is still to come as construction documents are finalized, financing and cost estimates are confirmed, project tweaks are made, and a construction firm is hired.

So what is being built for the neighborhood and community? The approved design significantly

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## HOP ON THE SHUTTLE OR FIND OUT WHAT'S APP!

### PRESERVE PARKING AND ACCESS UPDATE



The City continues to strive to strike the correct balance between Preserve access, natural resource protection, and preserving the quality of life for neighbors living adjacent to the Preserve. Since late 2020, a number of measures have been or will be implemented to find that balance, including a pilot shuttle program along Crenshaw Blvd. and Park Place in the Del Cerro area and an online reservation-based parking system.

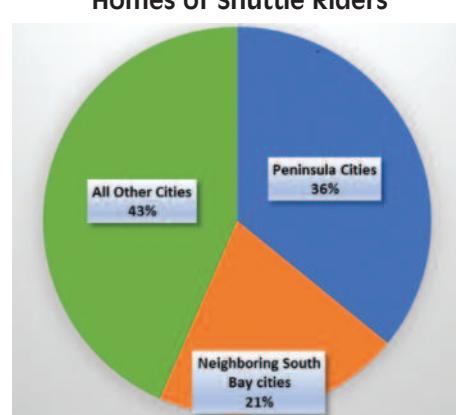
#### Shuttle Off to Buffalo the Preserve!

The City's Palos Verdes Nature Preserve pilot shuttle service program has been up and running

since April. Intended to reduce traffic and parking impacts on heavily visited Preserve areas – particularly the Del Cerro area – the shuttle transports Preserve visitors from the City Hall parking lot to shuttle stops at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, Abalone Cove, and lower Portuguese Bend Reserve.

As of June 9, there have been 543 total passenger trips since the shuttle program started on April 9. The following chart shows the distribution of shuttle riders.

Homes of Shuttle Riders



The Preserve shuttle stops at each location approximately every 30 minutes. The shuttle hours are from

8 am – 5:30 pm Friday-Sunday and on holidays. Dogs and mountain bikes welcome! The City Council will hear a report about the program at a future meeting.

This pilot program is offered by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in partnership with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority. If you have questions, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at [parks@rpvcagov](mailto:parks@rpvcagov) or 310.544.5260.

### SHOW SOME PARKING APPTITUDE

As part of a holistic approach to manage Preserve parking access, and specifically traffic issues in the Del Cerro area, the City Council approved a contract with ParkMobile on April 20 to install and support a parking reservation/permit online App system for parking along Crenshaw Boulevard south of Crest Road and on Park Place.

Parking fees were set by the City Council at \$10 per three-hour block of time with free hours from 7 am – 9 am Monday-Friday. The proposed system is 100% reservation-based,

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## POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER OPEN AGAIN



Facing museum withdrawal pangs? Have no fear, your local cultural antidote to exhibit deprivation is here. After being closed for more than a year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center reopened in April in accordance with L.A. County public health guidelines. The center includes new interactive exhibits that take visitors alongside gray whales and birds as they journey along the coast of the Peninsula. The displays also explore the history of animal and human migration and navigation. The fabrication of the new exhibits was funded by Los Serenos de Point Vicente. An online tour of the new exhibits is available on [www.whaleofaday.com](http://www.whaleofaday.com) under "virtual tours."

The museum is operating in compliance with state and county safety protocols. For more details, visit [www.rpvca.gov/pVIC](http://www.rpvca.gov/pVIC).

## DOCENT TRAINING IS BACK!

Enrich your life and the lives of others by becoming a volunteer docent with Los Serenos de Point Vicente. Docent training starts Wednesday, September 15, from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the recently-reopened Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Classes are offered every Wednesday through February. The class format will be a mix of online lectures via Zoom and in person instruction. Please note that the training protocol will be flexible and sensitive to current COVID restrictions.

For over 30 years, this non-profit organization has assisted the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, benefiting children and the community. Docents learn, then interpret natural and cultural history via nature walks, Interpretive Center museum tours, or outreach programs. Plus, they can enjoy fun docent gatherings and interesting field trips. The Point Vicente Interpretive Center is located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. For more info, contact Ann Zellers at 310.544.5265 or [annz@rpvca.gov](mailto:annz@rpvca.gov) or go to [www.LosSerenos.org](http://www.LosSerenos.org) or [www.facebook.com/LosSerenos](http://www.facebook.com/LosSerenos).

## SAFETY FOURTH

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The ranking represents an improvement from Rancho Palos Verdes' position on last year's list as the sixth safest city in California.

Since 2015, Part One Crimes, which include residential and vehicle burglaries, have decreased by over 35% in RPV, according to data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Rancho Palos Verdes is one of three cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula served by the Lomita Sheriff's Station. In recent years, the city has increased investment in public safety resources, including automated license plate recognition technology, and direct subsidies to residents and neighborhoods to purchase security cameras.

Rancho Palos Verdes also maintains an interactive map of major crimes on its website.

For the full SafeWise Safest Cities in California Report for 2021, visit <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-california/>

So, lookout, Moorpark, we're coming for you.

## LOOKING FOR A JOB? LOOK NO FURTHER!



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes conducts recruitments on a regular basis. To view the current job opportunities, you can visit the City's careers page at [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca). If one of our current openings doesn't meet your needs, you can fill out a job interest card. You can access the job interest card from the menu located in the top left hand corner of the careers page. Under the menu option, you will also have access to class specifications, volunteer opportunities, and so much more. Visit the City's careers page today to see if we have a job for you!

## HOWL TO DEAL WITH COYOTES

The City has been receiving reports of increased coyote sightings. Coyotes will generally avoid humans but are attracted to free meals in the form of pet food, compost, or trash. A coyote who finds food in one yard may learn to search for food in other yards. Use the following tips to avoid attracting coyotes and to help deter coyotes from your neighborhood:



- Do not feed coyotes: This includes removing access to food from yards, leaving pet food outside overnight, composting outside of an enclosed bin, or leaving fallen fruit from a fruit tree on the ground.
- Haze any coyote you see: this can help maintain a coyote's fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces. The simplest method of hazing involves being loud and large; stand tall, wave your arms and yell at the coyote, approaching it as necessary until it runs away. You may need to use different tactics such as noisemakers, stomping your feet or spraying the coyote with a hose to get it to leave. In addition, you may want to carry hazing tools with you while you walk your dog. These include whistles, squirt guns, or sticks or rocks that can be thrown towards the coyote. It is important to continue to haze the coyote until it completely leaves the area.
- Keep your dog on a leash outdoors and away from vegetation where coyotes could hide. Pick up small pets.
- Report sick, injured or dead coyotes to L.A. County Animal Care and Control at 310.523.9566. If you see an aggressive or dangerous coyote, contact the L.A. County Agricultural Commissioner, Weights and Measures Division at 626.575.5462.

## HOP ON THE SHUTTLE

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requiring users to make a reservation a minimum of two hours and a maximum of three days in advance. This approach will allow park/Preserve visitors to drive directly to a space in a designated zone without having to circle the area, thereby reducing traffic impacts.

ParkMobile is in the final stages of system configuration and is setting up training sessions with Staff. During the first month of

implementation the City will require a reservation to park but will not charge the \$10 parking fee. This period will allow the City to gain valuable information and data on parking patterns and habits, and it will provide the City one month to work directly with ParkMobile on a public education campaign for the new parking system. Visit the City website for more information.

## KEEP RPV CLEAN



An old boss used to tell me, "You got time to lean, you got time to clean!" Well, if you have any time at all, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes encourages you to help keep the City clean. Due to pandemic restrictions, the City's Volunteer Program was put on hold. With restrictions lifting, the program is roaring back to life. In addition to normal volunteer opportunities such as assisting at special events, beach cleanups, Preserve projects, and monthly PVIC Native Plant Garden cleanups, a new opportunity is available.

This new volunteer program, called "Keep RPV Clean" allows for families, neighbors, and groups of people to work with the City to arrange their own cleanup events at City parks, beaches, and open space or in your own neighborhoods and streets. This DIY approach started with RPV's own Ryan family who challenged themselves to a 100-day volunteer effort where their family would pick a street, open space, or park to cleanup. The City Council was impressed with this grassroots effort and asked staff to develop a similar volunteer program to get more residents involved.

Interested? Want to learn more? Have an area you want to clean up? Contact the City's Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@rpvca.gov](mailto:volunteer@rpvca.gov) or 310.544.5260 for more information and to discuss your ideas for a cleanup. Basic cleanup supplies and equipment can be provided. Please send in photos of your cleanup project along with a list of participants and email addresses so the City can send certificates of appreciation and acknowledge your efforts at City Council meetings throughout the year.

So, put down the remote, stop looking at Buzzfeed, and help make RPV the cleanest City you've ever seen.

## SISTERS AN OCEAN AWAY: SAKURA CITY AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES



*How many, many things  
They call to mind  
These cherry-blossoms!*

Basho Matsuo (1644-1694)

Sakura translates in English as cherry blossom and the "many, many" connections and memories they "call to mind" is growing for both RPV and Sakura City. In August 2020, the City Council officially recognized and welcomed Sakura City, Japan, as a "sister city" during a virtual ceremonial signing event. Since

then, Staff has met with representatives from Sakura City monthly to discuss opportunities to ensure a strong cultural bond and lasting friendship is sustained. Although the COVID pandemic has placed a strain on both countries, Staff from both cities have developed innovative ways to share cultural experiences under current conditions. Both cities have embarked on a virtual recording of webinar programs to exchange cultural traditions, folklore, food recipes, and more.

The City launched a homepage on its website dedicated to the sister city program with Sakura City. Go to [rpvca.gov/sistercity](http://rpvca.gov/sistercity) to view the cultural webinars.

### DDT DUMPING (Continued from page 1)

widely used in agriculture and to combat insect-borne diseases. DDT was banned due to its harmful effects on wildlife and humans, though it is still used in some parts of the world to control the spread of malaria.

The largest manufacturer of DDT was the Montrose Chemical Corporation located in the South Bay. Millions of pounds of DDT from the Montrose plant were dumped through the sewer system into the ocean through the White Point outfall, resulting in large-scale contamination of the sediment of a submarine area just off the coast of the Peninsula known as the Palos Verdes Shelf.

DDT is a persistent, toxic chemical compound that accumulates as it moves up the food chain through fish, animals and humans through a process known as biomagnification.

The contamination of the Palos Verdes Shelf was the focus of a massive legal settlement in the early 2000s and is the subject of a long-term cleanup strategy that is still being finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

New research and media reports have shed light on another historic DDT dumping practice that received far less attention: the dumping of potentially hundreds of thousands of barrels of waste containing DDT and other chemicals in deep-ocean waters near Catalina Island.

The City is actively engaged on this issue, especially since chemical dumping off the coast was ranked the second-most concerning local environmental issue among respondents to the recent RPV Citizen Satisfaction Survey. The City Council has sent letters to federal, state and local elected officials and regulatory agencies calling for a new assessment of the extent of offshore DDT contamination. Additionally, Mayor Alegria, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley, and City Staff have met with representatives from the EPA to open a dialogue about what can be done. For updates, read the City Manager's Weekly Administrative Report at [rpvca.gov](http://rpvca.gov).

### LADERA LINDA (Continued from page 1)



reduced the square footage of the existing buildings' footprint, retained the park's existing low-key neighborhood feel, maintained and enhanced existing popular elements such as the paddle tennis and basketball courts, playground and lower field, and addressed adjacent neighbors' concerns about view, noise, security and other key quality-of-life issues.

#### Want To LEARN More?

Go to <http://rpvca.gov/laderalinda> to see Council, FAC, and Planning Commission reports and other Ladera Linda-related documents.

#### To Receive Notifications About This Project:

Go to the City's Notify Me page at <http://rpvca.gov/notify> to sign up for future updates and meeting notifications.

## PICKING UP SPEED ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

We are all in this together, RPV.



Only a few short months ago, making a COVID-19 vaccination appointment felt like trying to score tickets to a concert that sells out in minutes. Now, a large majority of RPV residents have been vaccinated against the coronavirus, our kids got to see each other again in the classroom, businesses are welcoming more patrons, and restrictions have lifted. The pandemic continues to evolve at a rapid pace, and the City remains here to guide you as we navigate our new, new normal.

If you still haven't had your vaccination, it's easier than ever to get one. Appointments can be made online at [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov) or [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) or by phone by calling 833.540.0473 between 8 am and 8:30 pm seven days a week.

The City is excited to begin programming more in-person activities and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center is back open with safety protocols and fascinating new exhibits. Plan your visit at [rpvca.gov/pvc](http://rpvca.gov/pvc).

The City is also happy to welcome in-person attendees back to City Council meetings (as is safely reasonable), but there are some pandemic-era practices we'd like to keep around. The City plans to continue to offer a virtual participation option for City Council meetings, since so many of you have logged in this past year to share your thoughts on City business, or left a pre-recorded voice message that was played aloud if you couldn't make the meeting. Let's keep this civic engagement going.

Finally, it's important to remember that we've been through a lot, and it's normal to be feeling a wide range of emotions as we reopen. Whether you've lost a loved one, a job, you're behind on your mortgage or rent, you're anxious, or you're just still in a pandemic funk, help and support is available. Be sure to visit the City's COVID-19 information hub, [rpvca.gov/coronavirus](http://rpvca.gov/coronavirus) and subscribe to the Breaking News listserv at [rpvca.gov/notify](http://rpvca.gov/notify) for the latest updates and resources.

As always, the City is here for you and always available for your questions and concerns.

### MYRPV APP (Continued from page 1)

and sends the issue directly to City staff. You can also track the status of your request or send a message to City staff.

MyRPV offers quick access to relevant City information—from City Council meeting agendas and videos to information on how to get in touch with City departments, visiting parks, trails, and more. You can also get push alerts in real-time from the City.

The free MyRPV app can be downloaded to your iOS or Android device from the App Store or Google Play by searching "MyRPV."

So take the new app out for a spin, test it out and let us know what you think! Have ideas to make it better or more user-friendly? Email us at [appfeedback@rpvca.gov](mailto:appfeedback@rpvca.gov).

## SUMMER CRIME CORNER



As the weather heats up, travel restrictions are lifted, and schools let out, a summer vacation is calling! Use these tips to help prevent summer crimes.

#### Vacation Security

- Avoid posting about your vacation on social media – doing so may alert thieves that your home is vacant.
- Have friends or neighbors clear your newspaper and mail if you leave town and keep an eye on your home. You can also temporarily suspend deliveries.
- Set lights on a timer so your home looks occupied.
- When on vacation, know the location of local law enforcement stations and phone numbers.
- Agree on a rendezvous point with members of your party in the event you get separated.
- Share your itinerary with friends and family.

#### Burglary Prevention

Whether at home or abroad, follow these steps to help prevent burglaries:

- **Lock it:** Keep all doors and windows locked at all times. This includes your vehicle!
- **Light it:** Set lights on a timer or use motion-sensor activated lighting to secure the perimeter of your property. If you must park outside, park in a well-lit area.
- **Hide it:** Keep valuables out of sight, preferably secured in locked cabinets or safes. If you must leave something in your car, place it in your trunk before you reach your destination – this includes garage door openers.



#### Join Neighborhood Watch!

Connect with your neighbors and community and practice good public safety. The RPV Neighborhood Watch has been an active, community-run organization for almost 30 years. To join, please contact Gail Lorenzen at [rpvnw@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rpvnw@ix.netcom.com).

Be aware. If you see something suspicious, say something! Report suspicious activity in RPV to the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.539.1661, or call 911 in case of an emergency.

# PALOS VERDES PENINSULA VILLAGE CELEBRATES ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating 5 years

## Palos Verdes Peninsula Village

Many older adults in the Palos Verdes area choose to remain in their homes as they age. By fostering a deep sense of community, PVP Village members and volunteers have made this possible through volunteer services, caring friendships and meaningful experiences during good times and throughout the Pandemic.

For an opportunity to learn about and understand PVP Village membership and volunteer opportunities, contact Marianne Propst, Executive Director, at 310.991.3324 or email [peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com) or visit [www.peninsulavillage.net](http://www.peninsulavillage.net)

## HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977, [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com)

June 2021: Regular Schedule.

July 2021: Regular Schedule.

August 2021: Regular Schedule.

**Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement and Storage:** Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day and remove empty containers by no later than 10 pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight. Containers have to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view from the public or private street right-of-way. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and aesthetically pleasing.



**BACKYARD SERVICE:** EDCO provides backyard service to customers at an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations, or travel out of town frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service.

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## GREEN CORNER



### IT'S TIME TO TAKE OUT THE E-TRASH (AND BULKY TRASH, TOO)

EDCO offers customers free limited curbside collection of bulky and electronic waste items such as mattresses, sofas, water heaters, desks, TVs, computer monitors and CPUs, DVD players, and couches. Call EDCO to arrange for a collection date. Do not leave material at the curb without calling EDCO first at **310.540.2977**.



**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO EDCO CUSTOMERS:** EDCO offers various discounts to customers: 1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount (a one-time only application is needed for new senior citizen customers. 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount. 3) Low-income customers may qualify for a 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO or check the City's website at: <http://rpvca.gov/trash>.

### RECYCLE AND WIN \$250!



In your July EDCO statement you will find the "Recyclers of the Month" entry card. If you recycle, 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 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! Better odds than the lottery. If you pay online, please see EDCO's e-link that is available in July. This is one way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling. If you need more blue or green recycling bins, call EDCO at 310.540.2977.

### DONATE ITEMS - AVOID FILLING THE LANDFILL



During the pandemic many of you may have cleaned up your closets and garage. If you have clothing, furniture, or other items that are in good shape and could be re-used, please contact a charitable organization, or a shelter to donate them. You may be eligible for a tax deduction while you help people in need and prevent usable items from going to a landfill- a true win-win-win!

### EXCESS TRASH COLLECTION

If you have excess trash that does not fit into your regular trash cart, call EDCO at 310.540.2977 and inquire about the twice-a-year free excess trash collection. If you want your excess trash removed, you must call it in first. Do not leave excess trash or bulky items at the curb without calling EDCO first!

### RECYCLE CARDBOARD PACKAGES



If you receive frequent packages at home, or have moving boxes, flatten the cardboard boxes and place them in your blue recycling cart. If they do not fit in the cart, bundle, and tie them and then place them by your blue cart. If you need an additional blue cart, call EDCO at 310.540.2977 and ask for another blue recycling cart. Recycling carts are free of charge. Thank you for recycling!

### FOOD WASTE RECYCLING

The City is planning to enhance its residential and commercial recycling programs by including recycling of food/organic waste. The new food waste recycling will commence January 1, 2022. Stay tuned for more outreach and education material as the date gets closer.

