

See Spring Rec. Guide for classes, programs and events like Whale of a Day on April 15



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RPV TURNS 50 YEARS YOUNG IN SEPTEMBER 2023!

In 1973, a gallon of milk cost 62 cents, “Tie a Yellow Ribbon ‘Round the Ole Oak Tree” was the #1 song, and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes was incorporated. Fifty years later, and the City is celebrating its anniversary in September!

To mark this half-century achievement, we're counting down the months with special events! In December, we hosted the second annual tree lighting ceremony and Skating in the Park at the Ken Dyda Civic Center. In January, residents participated in a scavenger hunt to find City landmarks. February was the City’s Art Contest, with great submissions from talented residents and student artists! In March, we’ll celebrate the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and April will be the 38th annual Whale of a Day Celebration!

Check out our celebration website for upcoming events and a gallery of past events at rpv50.com! We hope you will join us in our celebrations!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, RPV!



Visit rpv50.com

LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK–THE END IS IN SIGHT

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON (WITH CONSTRUCTION)



Winston Churchill famously once said “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

Now constructing Ladera Linda Community Park is not the same as winning World War II (although it has taken longer). That said, the beginning of this lengthy and important community project is well in the past, while the end is drawing closer week by week and month by month.


Reaching that end takes a lot of work. As of March, crews were hard at work on the building framing and roofing. Progress was being made on an accessible ramp, stairs, grading, parking lot curbs, electrical and plumbing and HVAC systems, and much more.

Go to the project page at rpvca.gov/LaderaLinda to learn more about this project and see a live view of the project site refreshed once per minute. Even a notorious curmudgeon like Churchill might smile and give a V for Victory sign at the progress being made on a park that will feature a brand spanking new building, walking paths, paddle tennis and basketball courts, a naturalistic playground, and grass fields.

The end of the end is forecast for September.

BEST WESTERN

WESTERN AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION




2.3 miles/45-min walk

Western Avenue is the only corridor in the region that connects the mountains (at Griffith Park) to the sea (at White’s Point). This vital stretch of roadway traverses multiple neighborhoods and communities in the region, successively adopting each neighborhood’s identity and character along its meandering route. Western Avenue is the City of Rancho Palos Verdes’ major commercial corridor and serves as an economic engine, with its mix of small businesses, commercial chains, office space, and dining opportunities.

Improving the quality and driver experience along Western Avenue has been a top priority for City officials. The rebranding of the Western Avenue commercial corridor is a multi-component effort to enhance and beautify

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SPOTLIGHT ON LINCOLN LO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR

A warm RPV welcome to Lincoln Lo, who recently became the City’s Public Works Deputy Director after working for the Port of Long Beach. Lincoln took the time to talk about his work and life experiences and what led him to RPV.

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CRIME CORNER



lock it • light it • hide it

- **Lock It:** Lock all doors and windows, including side gates and garage doors. Always lock your vehicle when not attended.
- **Light It:** Turn on exterior lights or set them on a timer so your home looks occupied. Park in well-lit areas.
- **Hide It:** Remove valuables from plain view. If you cannot take your valuables with you when you leave your vehicle, lock them in your trunk or locked glovebox before you reach your destination.

Some other quick tips: get to know your neighbors and be on the lookout for suspicious activity, join Neighborhood Watch, and let trusted neighbors know when you will be out of town so they can be on the lookout for prowlers.

CRIME STATISTICS

In 2022, there were 343 crimes reported in RPV through the Sheriff’s Station’s weekly crime report, a decrease from 400 in 2021. Crimes reported include assault, burglary, grand theft, petty theft, and robbery. For more information on crime statistics and to view weekly crime reports and an interactive map of crimes in the City, visit rpvca.gov. Get notified when weekly crime reports are released via the City’s [Nextdoor](http://rpvca.gov/notify) page or sign up for email notification at rpvca.gov/notify.

As always, report suspicious activity to the Lomita Sheriff’s Station at 310.539.1661 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. In a mental health emergency, call or text 9-8-8.



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Legislation Corner

WHERE THERE'S A BILL, THERE'S A WAY

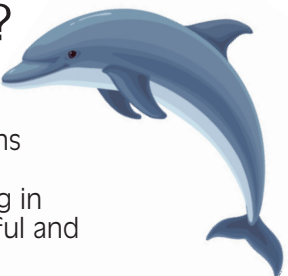
The Legislation Corner keeps you up to date on current bills affecting the City. The City Council reviews bills pending in the California legislature and takes positions on priority issues and matters that impact the City's ability to operate effectively, promote City interests, and protect local authority.

On December 20, the Council adopted the City's second annual Legislative Platform, outlining the City positions on local land use and control, public safety, mental health services, and more.

For more information on the City's legislative advocacy efforts and for updated information on pending bills, visit rpvca.gov/LegislationCorner.

DO YOU SEE A DOLPHIN? DO YOU SEE FOUR?

Whale of a Day is coming on April 15 but dolphins are spotted year-round along RPV's coastline. Four diminutive dolphins can be found cavorting in this newsletter. Enjoy your search for these joyful and hyper-intelligent marine mammals.



SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE

Get your property ready for the summer by performing preventive fire maintenance. EDCO's Spring Brush Clearance Event helps you dispose of excess vegetation growth, overgrown brushes and shrubbery, and trimmed trees in your backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on your property without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for hauling the green waste material away.

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

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, April 8
Tuesday	Saturday, April 15
Wednesday	Saturday, April 22
Thursday	Saturday, April 29
Friday	Saturday, May 6



GET FREE TAX PREPARATION HELP AT HESSE PARK

Do you find tax season taxing? If so, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide South Bay is offering FREE federal and state income tax preparation services to low- to moderate-income taxpayers in RPV.

In-person appointments with IRS-trained and certified volunteers at Hesse Park are available on Fridays now through April April 14, 2023, from 9 am to 2:30 pm Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. AARP membership is not required. To make an appointment and learn more about this service, visit taxaide-southbay.org or call 310.544.5260.



BEST WESTERN (Continued from page 1)

the streetscape, improve traffic flow and develop the regulatory framework to encourage economic and redevelopment opportunities in the area. Current beautification measures along Western Avenue include City-branding banners and updated entry monument signs that are expected to be installed by the first half of 2023. Long-term beautification efforts include refreshing the overall landscaping scheme and installing low-profile lighting, street furniture, and similar items.

These longer-term beautification improvements are currently in the conceptual design phase, with community outreach efforts planned later in 2023. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in 2024. A traffic study which will identify measures to improve traffic flow is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023. Potential improvements to traffic flow may include signal synchronization, additional turn lanes, and access management. The types of measures that will be implemented will dictate the construction schedule with updates to be provided as information becomes available. The City's proposed Mixed-Use Overlay District aims to create greater flexibility in providing a mix of new housing units in commercial areas that can accommodate various income levels and further the City's goal of pursuing economic development along the City's commercial corridors.

For the latest project updates, please visit the City's website at <https://www.rpvca.gov/403/Western-Avenue-Vision-Plan>.

CALLING ASPIRING CITY LEADERS! THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RETURNS!

The Rancho Palos Verdes Leadership Academy (RPVLA) is an engaging five-session program that opens the doors of local government to the community. RPVLA provides participants with a behind-the-scenes look at the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' operations, including programs, services, departments, and facilities. It is designed for residents who want to learn about local government and play a more active role in our community.

Applications are available now for May 2023. Learn more and sign up at rpvca.gov/leader.



Need a Lift?

Dial-A-Ride services are available on the Peninsula for seniors and people with disabilities (residents only)



Palosverdes.com/pvtransit/
or call (310) 544-7108

LINCOLN LO (Continued from page 1)

What motivated you to come work in RPV?

Although I live only 15 miles away from RPV, the Peninsula in general has been a mysterious place to me. As I looked further into the area, I was excited to find that within an intimate city setting, there are numerous exciting projects, such as the development of a new civic center, landslide remediation, and Western Avenue beautification that I would love to be part of.

What qualities should an effective PW Deputy Director possess?

The PW Deputy Director is a challenging position with lots of responsibilities spanning a wide breadth of technical disciplines and with competing priorities. Aside from being knowledgeable in the numerous areas of responsibilities and being able to work with experts in many different fields with different backgrounds, the most important quality is to be able to consider the needs and wants of the community when delivering public works programs and projects

Tell us about your prior work experience including your time in Long Beach.

I have been working in the engineering/construction industry for the last 22 years. During that time, I have worked in both the private and public sectors as a civil design engineer, construction manager, general contractor, program manager, and assistant city engineer. I have always enjoyed the opportunities I was given to experience the engineering/construction process.

Most recently at the Port of Long Beach, I was able to work on the construction of the new Long Beach Civic Center and the demolition of the old Gerald Desmond Bridge. In working on these projects, I learned to appreciate the dedication and expertise required from a diverse team that is needed to build infrastructure that has a lasting community impact.

What are the biggest future Public Works challenges you see facing Rancho Palos Verdes?

The biggest challenge facing the department is staffing. As seen in both private and public sectors

across almost all industries, technical staff that could be a good fit for the department is difficult to find. The high level of vacancies we are currently experiencing is impacting the projects we can deliver. In the near future, I expect staffing to remain challenging, but in the meantime, our talented team will continue to do our best to deliver quality projects and meet demands to the best of our ability.

RPV is at different stages on a number of high priority projects including the Civic Center, Portuguese Bend Landslide, Ladera Linda Community Center, and Western Avenue. How do you effectively juggle multiple high-level projects?

It is important to maintain constant communication with the various project teams, and to identify and address challenges as quickly as possible. It is my responsibility to make sure that the appropriate level of resource and support is provided to the project teams to maintain momentum in bringing these projects to completion. I believe one of the main keys to successful delivery of these projects is to make sure decisions are being made promptly, and to provide the space and opportunity for the talented team of City staff and consultants to deliver these projects in the best ways possible.

How are you enjoying the job so far?

Three months in and I am enjoying the job very much. The City of RPV has a very strong team of staff who welcomed me from my first day. I am quickly feeling like I belong as part of the City team.

Favorite Movie/Favorite Book/Favorite TV show? Favorite Pro Athlete and/or pro-team? Hobbies?

I have been watching a lot of Sci-Fi/Fantasy TV shows lately, from "Last of Us," "House of the Dragon," to "The Rings of Fire." I can't seem to get enough. I also enjoy dining and wining with friends and trying out new restaurants in the region. Occasionally, I like hosting dinner parties to put my cooking skills to the test.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT STILL A DROUGHT I THINK (OH, IT IS!)



Lots of rain in 2023 but Cal Water knows that that doesn't mean the drought is over. Cal Water and its customers continue to lead the way on water conservation efforts. As of January 2023, Cal Water's customers reduced their water use for nine months in a row. **More than half of Cal Water's service areas surpassed 15% in reductions as compared to November 2020.**

The service areas that surpassed the 15% mark include:

- Bakersfield, saving 16.8%
- Bear Gulch, saving 28.9%
- Kern River Valley, saving 16.9%
- King City, saving 18.6%
- Livermore, saving 22.4%
- Los Altos, saving 32.9%
- Marysville, saving 17.2%
- Bayshore, saving 15.4%
- Oroville, saving 25.4%
- Palos Verdes, saving 16.8%
- Selma, saving 19.0%
- Westlake, saving 36.8%
- Willows, saving 23.3%

While they're hoping for plenty of rain over the coming months, Cal Water is planning for continued dry conditions into the new year by promoting indoor water saving tips to help customers continue to conserve during the winter months.

Increased Rebates

Cal Water announced an increase in rebates to help customers. Go to Cal Water's [rebate page](#) to learn more. Customers can get more information about conservation rebates and programs, drought resources, and water restrictions at drought.calwater.com.

Drought Toolkit

Open up a [conservation toolkit](#) that includes social media content and graphics as well as a template newsletter article.

Thank you so much for your help with conservation and together we can rout the drought!



FIRE AWAY

Concerned about wildfire? You need to plan ahead. Create and maintain a defensible space around your home to increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. This space is needed to slow the spread of wildfire and to help protect your home from catching fire-either from direct flame contact or radiant heat.

Your defensible space falls into three zones. Zone 1 extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. Remove dead or dying vegetation, regularly trim trees, and create a separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire. Zone 2 extends to 100 feet from buildings and other structures. Zone 3 extends to 200 feet from the structure. Properties with hillside vegetation must conduct annual brush clearance maintenance for dead, hazardous overgrowth vegetation within 200 feet of structures. The spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is crucial to reduce the spread of wildfires.

Brush fires continues to be a threat to life and properties within the High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Property owners in high-risk wildlife zones are expected to maintain their properties free of hazardous or nuisance vegetation year-round, and properties shall have brush cleared by June 1, when LA County Fire begins inspections. Owners found to be non-complaint will be assessed fines, and clearance costs performed by the County will be assessed to the parcel's property tax bill.

If property is found to be non-compliant, City staff will strive to gain voluntary compliance by working diligently with property owners. A re-inspection of the property will occur after the 30-day compliance time-frame. If a violation continues with no corrective action taken, owners can be subject to an administrative citation.

The safety of your home can be significantly increased with proper brush clearance, advanced planning and preparation. So please get your property ready for the summer by performing preventive fire maintenance. Go to ([READY!SET!GO! - Fire Department \(lacounty.gov\)](#)) to see how to prepare and react to an approaching wildfire. To download the Ready! Set! Go! Brochure visit http://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Ready-set-go_051420.pdf.



VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY: IT'S A PAGE TURNER!



FOR CHILDREN

WILL AND COMPANY: THE ODYSSEY

April 12, 3:30 pm ~ Miraleste Library

Will and Company, a touring group of artists, much like the troupes who traversed the provinces in Shakespeare's day, are bringing Homer's "The Odyssey" to the Miraleste Library! The epic is brought to the stage in an adventurous, theatrical style. Watch out for innovative use of puppets, mime and choreographed swordplay!

Aimed at grades K - 12. No registration required.

CHINESE STORYTIME

May 4, 10:15 am ~ Peninsula Center Library Storytime room

Learning the Chinese language and culture can be fun through books, music, and activities. Intended for children ages 1 - 5. Hosted by One Plus Chinese.

MELODY OF CHINA

May 6, 1:00 pm ~ Malaga Cove Gallery

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Melody of China! The music of China is incredibly diverse, including folk songs, classical, festival music, opera, popular music and instrumental pieces.

FOR ADULT PATRONS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE & POP-UP GIFT SHOP

Friday April 21 & Saturday 22 ~ 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Malaga Cove Library Gallery Room

TECHKNOWS

Saturday, April 1, 2023 ~ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Have a question about how to download e-books? Can't get your Kindle to work? Drop in and have our knowledgeable team of TechKnows assist with all your techy questions. Meet us in the PC Community room on Saturday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

MALAGA COVE LIBRARY MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, April 01, 2023 ~ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

The Malaga Cove Library Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to join at any time. Each month we will read and discuss a single novel. Please see this year's reading list here. We look forward to seeing you soon!

COLORING & COFFEE

Thursday, April 06, 2023 ~ 10:30 am - 11:30 am ~ Purcell Room

Join us for a monthly program every first Thursday of the month where participants can enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea!), coloring, and conversations.

MIRALESTE LIBRARY MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, April 08, 2023 ~ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

The Miraleste Library Book Club meets on the second Saturday of the month at 1 PM. All are welcome to join at any time. Each month we will read and discuss a single novel. Please see this year's reading list here. We look forward to seeing you soon!

MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 ~ 10:30 am - 11:30 am ~Community Room

Join us for an educational presentation by the Center of Health Care Rights' Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program advisors that will provide participants tips on how to protect oneself from Medicare scams.

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SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 23RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This free SBCCOG event features a dynamic exhibit hall, a keynote address by Gene Rodrigues, U.S. Department of Energy Assistant Secretary for Electricity, and many other notable speakers, including RPV Mayor Pro Tem John Cruikshank, Chair of the SBCCOG Board.



Thursday March 23, 2023

Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center
801 E. Carson Street, Carson

9 am - 3 pm
Check in at 8:30 am

Continental breakfast and lunch served

Registration required:
go to southbaycities.org

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SOMEONE’S GOT TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977, www.rpvrecycles.com

March and April: No Changes.

May: No service on Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2023. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June: No Changes.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement: The City’s Municipal Code (Section 8.20.330) has regulations on when trash, recycling and green waste carts can be left at the curb for collection. Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10 p.m. 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. 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 frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service.

Questions? Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or www.rpvrecycles.com. Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day.



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COVID-19 UPDATE

FREE COVID-19 HOME TESTS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP



FREE COVID-19 HOME TESTS AVAILABLE TO RPV RESIDENTS

PICKUP LOCATIONS

Hesse Park
29301 HAWTHORNE BLVD
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily
310-544-5350

Ryan Park
30359 HAWTHORNE BLVD
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily
310-544-5362

Free at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests are now available for pickup to RPV residents at two City parks.

Two test kits (each containing two tests) per household are available for pickup at the front desks at Hesse Park and Ryan Park from 9 am to 5 pm daily. **Proof of RPV residency, such as an ID or utility bill, is required.**

These iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kits were provided to the City for distribution by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH). Please note that while the

tests have a July 2022 expiration date, both the DPH and the California Department of Public Health have endorsed the emergency use of COVID-19 home antigen tests beyond their expiration date until further notice.

Hesse Park is located at 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard and Ryan Park is located at 30359 Hawthorne Blvd.

If you have questions, please contact Hesse Park at 310.544.5350 or Ryan Park at 310.544.5362.

CLEAN SWEEP

2023 RESIDENTIAL STREET CLEANING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The 2023 Residential Street Cleaning holiday schedule is shown below:

- Memorial Day (Monday, May 29, 2023)
- Independence Day (Tuesday, July 4, 2023)
- Labor Day (Monday, September 4, 2023)
- Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23, 2023)
- Christmas Day (Monday, December 25, 2023)
- New Year’s Day (Monday, January 1, 2024)

Streets in RPV are swept twice a month. If a holiday falls on one of your regular street sweeping days, service will take place the following Wednesday. On sweeping days, please try to remove parked cars from the street to allow for optimal sweeping of your street. Help us to make your street clean!





GREEN CORNER



IT’S NOT EASY BEING GREEN BUT IT’S WORTH THE EFFORT


Earth Day is April 22. In celebration, the City is planning to host recycling events celebrating reuse, reduce, recycle and repurpose.



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING & E-WASTE COLLECTION & MULCH GIVEAWAY EVENT

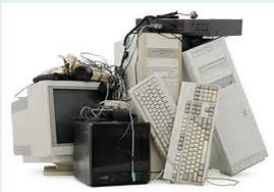
Saturday April 1, 2023 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Ken Dyda Civic Center (City Hall) 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.



Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event and will shred all your documents confidentially on-site.

Have a Betamax or Commodore 64 lying around? Bring in your unwanted electronics for recycling. However, absolutely no household hazardous waste (HHW) material (e.g. no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted. Love gardening? Free mulch will be available to residents, while supplies last. This is a self-service and self-haul event. Please bring your own trash cans or sturdy yard bags, gloves and a shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle. If you plan to haul your compost in an open truck or trailer, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.



This event is offered exclusively to RPV EDCO residential customers. Please bring proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP

Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Ken Dyda Civic Center (City Hall/ City Yard), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

Clean out your garage or gardener’s shed and help the environment. Visit the County website, lacsdc.org, or call 1.888.CleanLA for more information and to see what can, or can’t, be recycled. Can’t make it that day? No worries! There is a convenient and free weekly alternative. The Gaffey SAFE Center located at 1400 N Gaffey Street (opposite of the DMV) in San Pedro is a permanent HHW & E-Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to LA County residents.

