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LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK: LONG TIME COMING

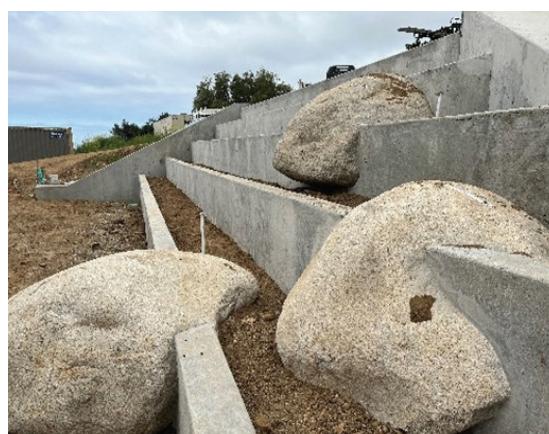


Nine years, two architects, multiple City Council and Planning Commission meetings, extensive public outreach, 100 tweaks, twists, and turns, and a total team effort have all led to the looming completion of Ladera Linda Community Park. A lot of work still needs to be done but this long-awaited project is nearing the end with a ribbon cutting tentatively slated for September 2023. The project began in 2014 with a Parks Master Plan recommendation and will conclude with a revitalized park

that will be a source of pride for local residents and the entire community.

The heavy rains of early 2023 slowed construction for a while but work is back in full swing. Crews have been backfilling terrace walls, grading the upper tier of the playground areas, connecting the new irrigation service pipe, and installing storm drains. Like a jigsaw piece with some pieces missing, Ladera Linda is not finished but if you squint a bit you can start to see the final version.

Go to the project page at rpva.gov/LaderaLinda to learn more about this project and see a live view, refreshed once per minute, of a park that will eventually feature a brand spanking new building, trails, walking paths, paddle tennis and basketball courts, a naturalistic playground, and grass fields.



SPOTLIGHT ON SHAUNNA HUNTER NEW PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

Shaunna Hunter, the City's new Public Safety Administrative Analyst, took time out of her busy schedule to answer questions about herself, her work background, and what brought her to Rancho Palos Verdes.

Welcome to RPV. Tell our readers a little about your prior work experience and education. What led you to this field?

Thank you for taking the time to welcome me! I have worked in the public sector for over 25 years. During that time, I have worked in community services, marketing, volunteer and special event management, and overseen arts and cultural programs. I have had the pleasure to work in wonderful communities and supervise many talented staff and volunteers throughout my career. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation Administration with a certificate in outdoor recreation resource management and a Master of Public Administration degree with an emphasis in local government

management. I come from a family of public servants and found it natural to give back to my community through various volunteer positions and ultimately in my profession.

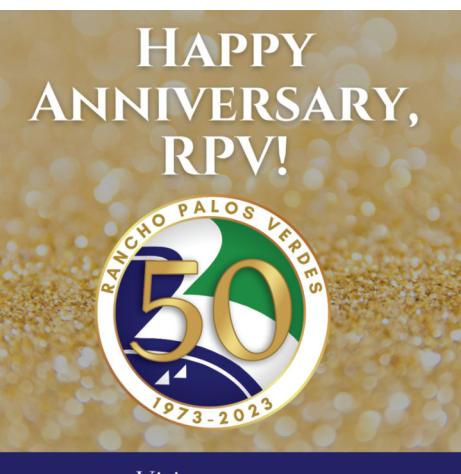
Some of our readers may not know what a Public Safety Administrative Analyst does. Tell us a bit about your role.

I have the great privilege of reporting to the Deputy City Manager, Karina Bañales, and work with her on overseeing the Los Angeles County Sheriff contract, homelessness services, implementing the city's Flock grant and Ring loaner programs available to homeowners associations (HOAs) and individual residents, and managing the City's legislative platform. I

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NEARING THE BIG 5-0

The countdown to RPV's 50th anniversary continues this summer with a series of events you won't want to miss! Check the schedule below and be sure to join us to celebrate. For more information, go to rpv50.com.



Visit rpv50.com

JUNE 17 - CONCERT IN THE PARK

After checking out all the neat historical sites at the Ken Dyda Civic Center as part of the Palos Verdes Library District's Doors Open Peninsula event, come back with beach chairs and a blanket to enjoy an afternoon of '80s and '90s funk and R&B by tribute band RemiX at a Concert in the Park. This free, family-friendly event kicks off at 4 pm on the Civic Center grounds and will feature food trucks, a beer and wine booth, giveaways, crafts, and inflatables for kids.

JULY 4 - FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION & DRONE LIGHT SHOW

Join us for an extra special Fourth of July celebration at the Ken Dyda Civic Center. This year's event has a later start time than usual, beginning at 3 pm and ending at 9 pm after a patriotic drone light show finale. In addition to live music, this family-friendly event will include food vendors, beer and wine, inflatables, rides, and games.

AUGUST 5 - SISTER CITY CELEBRATION

Dignitaries from RPV's sister city, Sakura City, Japan, will make a special visit to wish the City a happy 50th and celebrate the three-year anniversary of our partnership. Join us from 10 am to 2 pm at the Ken Dyda Civic Center for this fun, cross-cultural event.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET DINNER

To culminate the year-long celebration, join us for our blowout 50th birthday bash at Terranea Resort! This black-tie event will begin with a 6 pm reception featuring live music, followed by a 7 pm formal dinner with remarks by guest speakers that include a who's who of RPV's past, present, and future. Tickets will be available for purchase at rpv50.com.

ZONE DEFENSE



The four Peninsula cities and our public safety partners launched the Know Your Zone evacuation readiness website PVPReady.gov. Residents, businesses, and school communities on the Peninsula can find their evacuation zone, save it on their smartphone, or write it down and keep it somewhere that's easy to find in an emergency.

To find your zone, visit PVPReady.gov, click "Find Your Zone," enter an address in the search bar in the upper left corner of the zone map, and a pop-up window will open with the corresponding zone and emergency information. During an emergency, such as a wildfire or flood, the website and corresponding alerts will show which zones are under evacuation the moment an order is issued by authorities. In case of an emergency, you may only have minutes to act so know your zone!

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SHAUNNA HUNTER

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translate the crime statistics reporting into interactive maps to keep the residents up to date on crime occurring in the City.

You've worked for a number of other cities. How will your time and experiences with those other agencies help you in your new role?

In all my roles, I was a collaborator leveraging all the talent around me to serve the residents. In this role, I will utilize that experience along with my education to further enhance this already thriving community. I look forward to working with the HOAs and residents to meet their public safety needs and communicating any challenges that arise to our Community Response TEAM (CORE) deputies.

What do you see as the major public safety-related challenges facing the City?

From reviewing the crime statistics and attending the Regional Contract Law Committee (RCLC) I have seen that catalytic converter theft, along with theft from unlocked vehicles are issues in Rancho Palos Verdes as well as in the state of California. It is so

important that residents look out for each other and notify the Sheriff's Department if they see something suspicious so we can be vigilant as we protect our neighborhoods. Additionally, residents should contact me if they have questions about their eligibility for the Flock grant program which provides subsidies to residents who wish to purchase camera systems.

What would you like the residents of RPV to know about you?

I am hardworking, friendly, and approachable. I care deeply about the community and strive to do my part to help advance the public interest. I look forward to meeting community members and hope you will say 'hi' to me when you see me out and about in town.

Anything non-work related you'd like to share?

I love the mountains, the beach, and anything outdoors. My absolute favorite place is Big Trees State Park in Calaveras County, California. There is so much beauty there in every season and it is the perfect spot for camping, hiking, and enjoying the big trees! I recently was there in February with my family hiking in the snow.

A FIRM FOUNDATION

On March 7, 2023, the City Council voted to create the RPV Community Foundation, which will accept philanthropic donations to alleviate costs borne by the City for capital projects and support programming to enrich the quality of life in RPV.

The City Council began discussing the idea of creating a nonprofit foundation in December 2022 after the Finance Advisory Committee explored creating a philanthropic program as a way to help the City build new facilities, improve roads, support recreation programming, and pursue other special projects.

Once up and running, the nonprofit will be governed by a Board of Directors composed of the City Council, similar to the City of Rolling Hills Estates' Pepper Tree Foundation.

Stay tuned in the months ahead to learn about how you can support the RPV Community Foundation.

LEGISLATION CORNER

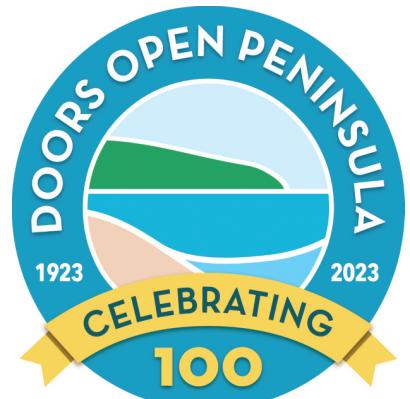
The City Council reviews bills pending in Congress and the California Legislature and takes positions on priority issues and matters that impact the City's ability to operate effectively, promote City interests, and protect local authority. On December 20, 2022, the City Council adopted the City's 2023 Legislative Platform, outlining the policy positions of the City Council on issues impacting the City.

Scan this code to view the positions, bill summary, and letters of support for bills relevant to the City's adopted Legislative Platform.



BLOWING THE DOORS WIDE OPEN: 100 YEARS OF PENINSULA HISTORY

RPV is celebrating its 50th anniversary just as the Palos Verdes Peninsula is celebrating its 100th birthday. Join the Palos Verdes Library District, Peninsula cities and local organizations for: *Doors Open Peninsula (DOP): Celebrating 100 Years of History on the Palos Verdes Peninsula* on June 17. Essentially a community-wide open house in collaboration with local organizations; this is your opportunity to visit notable sites and learn about the fascinating history of places you never knew about or maybe just drove by. Whether your interest is architecture, open space, the environment, or urban design, there is something for everyone.



Modeled after the National Parks passport program, you can collect stamps from the sites you visit throughout the Peninsula in a commemorative brochure. The brochures will be available at any Palos Verdes Library District library location and at the DOP "Hub" - the main gathering spot for the day.

The Hub is actually the site of the original real estate rally that started it all exactly 100 years *to the day*. The site is now where the PVPUSD District Office is in PVE. Visitors can see a fleet of Model-T cars, a pair of miniature therapy ponies and enjoy a performance by the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band.

To learn more, visit the DOP website at pvld.org/dop. It isn't too late to sign up for the DOP newsletter to learn more about the event. Click on "Press and Newsletters" for the registration link.

CONSTRUCTION JUNCTION
WHAT'S YOUR FUNCTION?
(AND Do You Have A PERMIT?)

Unpermitted work in RPV has been increasing in the last few years. See information below regarding consequences for unpermitted construction.

SAFETY

The main purpose of the City's Building and Safety Division and the permitting process is for the protection of health and safety. Unpermitted work can end up being a health and safety risk for you and your family. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, defective electrical wiring causes more than 28,600 fires annually. These fires generate approximately \$1.1 billion in property damage and cause an average of 310 deaths each year.

CITY PENALTIES

The city may enforce penalties and citations for unpermitted work. These fines apply for ongoing unpermitted work and work that has already been completed without permits. Per the Municipal Code, permit fees are tripled and planning review fees are doubled. Continuing to work without permits after a stop work order is issued can result in thousands of dollars in citations. What if you just ignore all citations and requirements from the City? The City may eventually put a lien on the property to prevent activity and even force a sale of the property. Additionally, a misdemeanor may be charged to the property owner.



WASTED TIME AND EXPENSES

If you begin work without permits, the City will make you stop all work on your property. For inspection purposes, you may need to demolish the work that was done without permits. Many people do unpermitted work to avoid permits and review costs and to begin work sooner. They may end up paying more after redoing areas and having work stopped.

RESALE VALUE

You may face difficulties selling your home or may end up having to sell at a discount. Imagine your home is 4,000 square feet, but when attempting to sell, you find out 2,000 square feet was added without permits. Your intended selling price may drop substantially.

To report unpermitted work, please go to rpvca.gov/289/Building-Safety or call 310.544.5281.

Become a Docent.

Open House Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 7pm

at Point Vicente Interpretive Center
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes
(First Class Wednesday, September 13)
Call 310 - 544 - 5375



THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR HIKING: FIND THE FOUR HIDDEN BOOTS

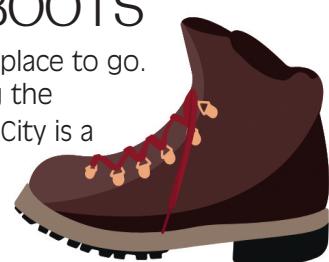
If you ever get told to take a hike, RPV is the place to go.

With 15 individual nature reserves composing the 1,500 acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the City is a true hiking mecca. Look for the four miniature boots airing out in this newsletter and enjoy your next hiking adventure.

For more information, go to

<https://www.rpvca.gov/998/Palos-Verdes-Nature-Preserve>.

Happy Trails!



ROADWAY REHAB

To misquote Amy Winehouse, the City is trying to make Silver Spur Road go to rehab and it said "yes, yes, yes." The City Council approved a construction contract on May 16 for a roadway rehabilitation project on Silver Spur Road north of Hawthorne Boulevard. The site was selected as part of the Roadway Asset Management Program (RAMP) that evaluates the pavement condition of City roadways and identifies and prioritizes maintenance and rehabilitation needs. The project also includes repair and replacement of damaged sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street signs, and striping. Staff has worked closely with Palos Verdes Peninsula High School administrators to minimize impacts to school operation. The project is scheduled to take place from June 19-July 16. Summer school will take place at Palos Verdes High School to accommodate this project.



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RECREATION & PARKS

HIKING WITH DOGS

HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEAT STROKE



Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are heat-related conditions that occur as a result of excessive activity, hot temperatures, and sweating that causes loss of fluids. Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition and occurs when heat exhaustion is not treated.

⚠ Signs and Warnings ⚠

Radiating heat. Warm or hot to the touch.

Excessive panting, and drooling.

Difficulty getting up, collapsing, or stumbling while attempting to walk.

Red, hot, and swollen paws.

If your pet is experiencing these or other signs, it may be an indicator that he/she is experiencing signs of heat exhaustion and heat-related stroke. Allow your pet to rest in a cool, shaded area and give them plenty of water. (and bring water for yourself too!)

Immediate veterinary assistance may be required.

Call Preserve Information & Reporting Line (310) 491-5775 for assistance.

Your Ride Has Arrived.

Service throughout the Peninsula including schools.



PV Transit summer service begins June 20th.

For info visit palosverdes.com/pvtransit/ or call 310-544-7108

CRIME CORNER

Keep Your Home Safe and Secure This Summer

With summer approaching, here are some important public safety tips to help you safeguard your home:

1. Secure Doors and Windows.
2. Install a Security System.
3. Outdoor Lighting: Adequate outdoor lighting can deter potential intruders. Install motion-sensor lights near entry points, pathways, and dark corners of your property.
4. Landscaping: Trim bushes and hedges near windows and entrances. Overgrown foliage can provide cover for burglars.
5. Secure Valuables: Store valuable items, such as jewelry, important documents, and electronics in a secure location, preferably a locked safe.
6. Social Media Awareness: Be cautious about sharing vacation plans or your absence from home on social media. Instead, share your experiences after returning from your trip.
7. Neighborhood Watch: Get involved with or start a neighborhood watch program. Collaborate with your neighbors to keep an eye on suspicious activities.
8. Vacation Security: Make your home appear occupied. Use timers for lights, radios, or TVs to create the illusion of being home. Arrange for mail to be held or picked up by a neighbor.
9. Garage Safety: Keep your garage doors locked, even when you're home.
10. Get to Know Your Neighbors.

Tips to keep you safe & secure this summer



SAFETY GRANTS



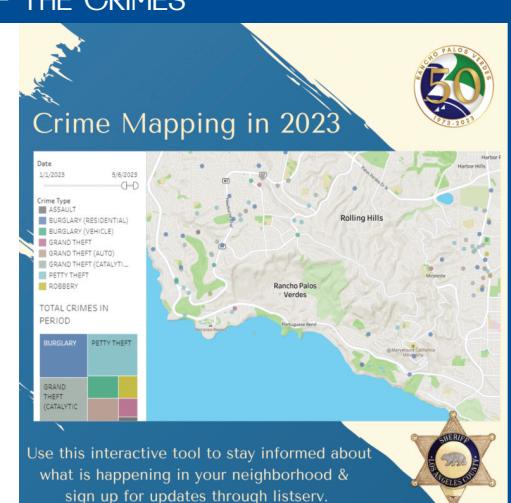
With apologies to Men Without Hats, You Can Grant If You Want To. There is still time for everybody to look at their hands and get their completed applications in. The program provides up to 50% reimbursement to eligible individuals or neighborhoods who purchase and install camera security systems. Program limits apply. For more information about this program visit <https://www.rpvca.gov/1329/Public-Safety-Reimbursement-Program>.

Completed applications are approved subject to review and limited by funding availability. For more information, contact PublicSafety@rpvca.gov.

SIGN OF THE CRIMES

They say if you can't do the time don't do the crime, but if you have the time to follow crime, this is the article for you. Go to the following Lomita Sheriff's Station link to see crime stats broken down by type, time and location: <https://www.rpvca.gov/1030/Crime-Reports>.

To see an RPVtv interview with Lomita Sheriff Station Acting Captain, Lieutenant Michael White on crime statistics and law enforcement, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODpsbDlnPsk>.



TRASHY SUMMER READING

EDCO 310.540.2977, www.rpvrecycles.com

July: No service on Tuesday, July 4. There will be a one-day service delay for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday customers only.



August: Regular Schedule. No Changes.

September: No service on Monday, September 4.

There will be a one-day service delay all week.

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.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement: Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before 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 clean.

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.

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 a new senior citizen customer). 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: rpvca.gov/trash.

SOMEONE'S GOT TO TAKE OUT THE (EXCESS) TRASH!



Twice per year, residents can call EDCO to collect excess trash (up to three, 32-gallon plastic bags) for FREE! If residents have items too large or too heavy to fit in the trash cart, call EDCO to schedule a FREE curbside bulky-item pickup. Residents can schedule bulky-item pickup service for large items such as water heaters, appliances, furniture, televisions, etc. (please no household hazardous waste). Construction

materials will NOT be collected. Up to four FREE bulky-item collections per year can be scheduled (up to four items each collection). Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 to schedule your pickup.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall Main Line

City Manager's Office
City Clerk's Office
Finance
Community Development
Human Resources
Public Works
Recreation and Parks
Building & Safety Division
Code Enforcement



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310.544.5217
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310.544.5327
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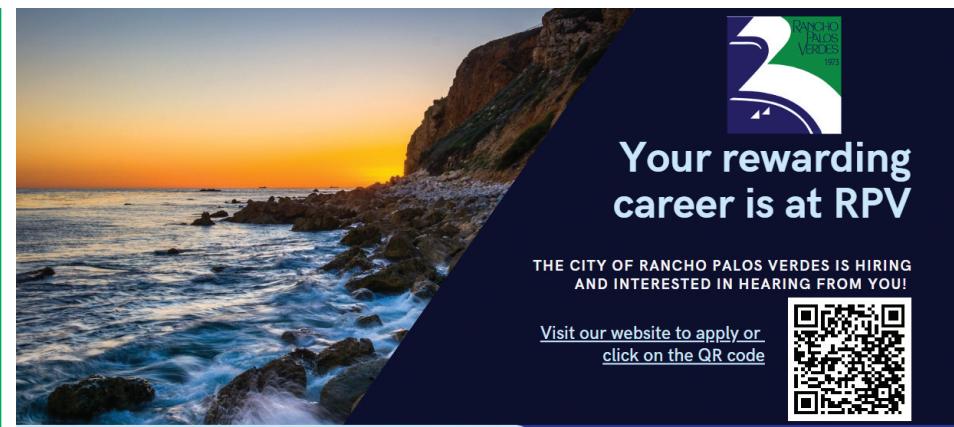


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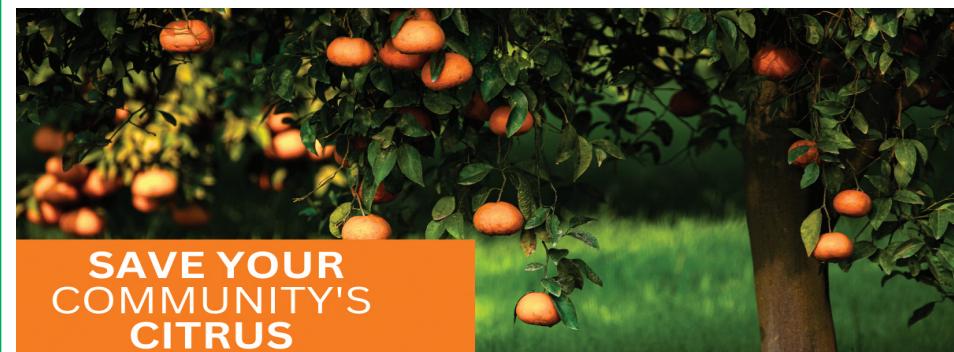
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FATAL FRUIT ATTRACTION



Citrus can be dangerous, and I don't mean a drive-by-fruited. A fatal tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) has been discovered in California. Spread by an insect called the Asian citrus psyllid, HLB kills trees and there is no cure. That said, there are a number of things you can do to help stop the spread.

Don't move citrus in or out of quarantine areas or across state or international borders.

Inspect your trees monthly and when watering or pruning, look for signs of HLB.

Plant responsibly-using trees from licensed nurseries. 🌳

Talk to your local nursery-and ask about products to stop the Asian citrus psyllid.

Be mindful of clippings-dry or double bag plant clippings prior to disposal.

For More Information-call the California Department of Food and Agriculture hotline at 1.800.491.1899 or go to Californiacitrustthreat.org.

GREEN CORNER



RECYCLE AND WIN \$250!

In your July EDCO statement you will find the "Recyclers of the Month" entry card. If you recycle, mail in your card. At each City Council meeting, two lucky verified recyclers each win a check for \$250 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! If you pay online, please see EDCO's online link that is available in July and follow instructions. 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.



**WIN
\$250**

And the lucky winners will also receive a Personal Emergency Preparedness Kit! (valued at \$40)

Recyclers of the Month

...DRAWING...

DONATE ITEMS - KEEP THE LANDFILL LONELY



Cleaned up your closets and garage recently? 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 helping people in need and preventing usable items from going to the landfill.

