

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### Ladera Linda Community Park Grand Opening This Friday

After years of planning and construction, the long-awaited opening of the Ladera Linda Community Park is set for February 23. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. and the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. with a reception to follow. The park features a new community building, walking paths, basketball courts, paddle tennis courts, lawn areas and much more. Along with a chance to see this beautiful brand-new park firsthand, there will be guest speakers, interactive stations for kids and activities led by City Staff and Docents. Refreshments and appetizers provided. Please see the attached press release for more information.



### February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the February 20 City Council meeting:

- The Council voted to urge Gov. Newsom to declare a state of emergency to expedite critical landslide remediation efforts and to request President Biden declare a federal disaster to potentially make federal funding and assistance available.
- The Council also directed City staff to complete the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and final engineering for the



proposed long-term Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project based on its original concept design, and to return with an update at the March 19 meeting. With this approach, the City expects to move up the project's Final EIR release date to May 2024 instead of September 2024. This alternative approach could still allow the City to make changes to the project based on a concurrent analysis of options to reduce environmental impacts.

- The Council agreed to join the other Peninsula cities in making necessary upgrades to the region's shared automated license plate recognition (ALPR) camera system, including replacing 29 cameras. RPV's share of the cost is 60% or \$284,850.
- City staff gave an update on the pilot program creating the City's new Public Safety Division using in-house staff to enhance public safety services. Next steps include hiring staff and procuring equipment to support the new division.

For all City Council actions from the meeting, watch video at [rpvca.gov/agendas](https://rpvca.gov/agendas).



## City Council Honors Former Mayor Ann Shaw, Receives \$35K Check from First Annual Run for Myles

At last night's meeting, the Council also honored RPV legend Ann Shaw, who is moving to Massachusetts. The Council recognized her tremendous legacy of service to the City, including her time on the Council from 1977-1983 and term as Mayor in 1979-80. Thank you, Former Mayor Shaw, for all your contributions to RPV, and we will miss you! The Council also received a \$35,000 check from the family of the late RPV resident Myles Helm. These funds were raised during the first annual Run for Myles 5k/10k held in his memory in September 2023 and will directly benefit the preservation and enhancement



of parks and trails in Rancho Palos Verdes. Stay tuned for details on the next Run for Myles on September 28!

## Portuguese Bend Landslide Local Emergency Update

Amid unprecedented land movement impacting local residences, landmarks and public infrastructure, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council voted unanimously on February 20 to [submit a letter](#) urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to declare a state of emergency in the City to waive and/or suspend state permitting requirements for critical landslide remediation efforts. An emergency declaration by the state would allow the City to significantly expedite the landslide mitigation measures identified in the Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project.

### PRESS RELEASE

City Council Urges Gov. Newsom to  
Declare State of Emergency to  
Expedite Critical Landslide  
Remediation Efforts



When declaring a state of emergency, the governor has the ability to waive and/or suspend certain state permitting requirements in order to protect against immediate threats to life and property. In this case, a suspension of certain state permitting requirements would allow the City and local Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts to immediately proceed with critical measures needed to stabilize the landslide, without the costs and time delays typically experienced with obtaining permits.

Read the attached [press release \(PDF\)](#) about the Council's action to learn more.

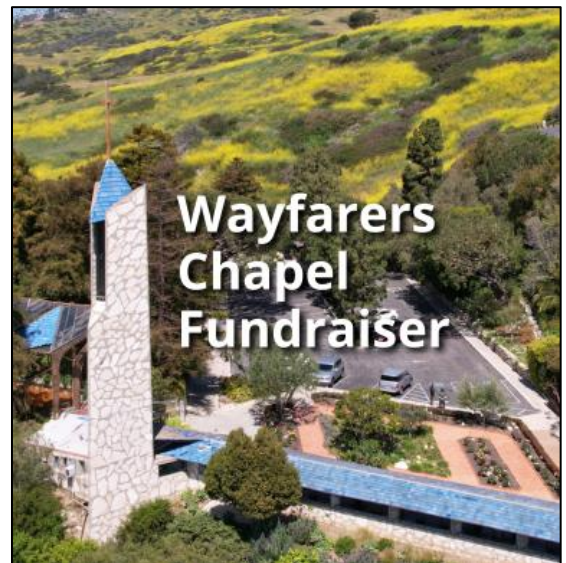
## City Statement on Wayfarers Chapel

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is saddened by the announcement of the temporary closure of Wayfarers Chapel, a national landmark and iconic cultural treasure of the City and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Over the past several months, the City has been in communication with Wayfarers Chapel regarding impacts of accelerated movement in the landslide complex and efforts to remediate them. Last week, chapel officials requested an inspection by the City's Building Official. While damage and signs of movement were observed, no structures were yellow- or red-tagged. The City was informed on February 14 that the Wayfarers Chapel Board of Directors made the voluntary decision to close the chapel and grounds to the public while repairs can be made. The City stands ready to support Wayfarers Chapel in any way possible to safely reopen this sacred space to the community.

## Wayfarers Chapel Fundraiser Link

Following last week's announcement of the temporary closure of Wayfarers Chapel due to land movement, the Chapel has established an official fundraiser supporting disaster recovery efforts at the following link: [gofundme.com/f/wayfarers](https://gofundme.com/f/wayfarers)

Contributions support the nonprofit established by Wayfarers Chapel specifically to fund Chapel restoration efforts.



## Early Voting on March 1 and March 3

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has partnered with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office to offer two one-day early voting opportunities for the March 5 primary election at City Hall at the Ken Dyda Civic Center.

### March 1

10:30 am - 4 pm  
Community Room

### March 3

10:30 am - 4 pm  
Parking Lot



All other vote centers on the Peninsula will open March 2. For hours and locations, visit [locator.lavote.gov](https://locator.lavote.gov).

If you have questions about one-day early voting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 310-544-5217 or [cityclerk@rpvca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rpvca.gov). For more information on voting in Los Angeles County, visit [lavote.gov](https://lavote.gov).

## City Hall Vote-By-Mail Drop Box Now Open

The Vote-by-Mail Drop Box outside RPV City Hall is now open!

Voters can drop off their vote-by-mail ballots in the drop box near the flagpole until 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 5. City Hall is located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Before you drop off your vote-by-mail ballot, make sure to:





- Place your voted ballot card(s) inside the official return envelope
- Securely seal the official return envelope
- Sign and date the back of the official return envelope

Ballots will be securely collected by L.A. County Registrar-Recorder staff members.

Voters can track their vote-by-mail ballot every step of the way. Subscribe to receive real-time tracking notifications by text, email or voicemail at [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov).

For more information on voting in L.A. County, visit [lavote.gov](https://lavote.gov).

### **Join the RPV Leadership Academy (RPVLA)**

Ready to make a real impact in Rancho Palos Verdes? Apply for the Spring Cohort of the RPV Leadership Academy (RPVLA) today! Gain insights into our City's inner workings and connect with its leaders.

[Apply for RPVLA](#) and embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and community involvement. We look forward to welcoming you to the RPVLA Spring Cohort! Limited spots available. Don't miss your chance to become a leader in our community. Apply now and join the RPVLA Spring Cohort!





## West Basin Chat: Grass Replacement Rebate Program TONIGHT, February 21

Have questions about the West Basin Municipal Water District's money and water saving programs? Get them answered by a representative at a West Basin Chat tonight, February 21, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. West Basin Chats include a brief overview of the Grass Replacement Rebate Program followed by a Q&A session. Come curious!

Register at [westbasin.org](https://westbasin.org).



## Palos Verdes Peninsula Village

• Stay Settled • Stay Connected • Stay Engaged

## Palos Verdes Peninsula Village Information Session March 20

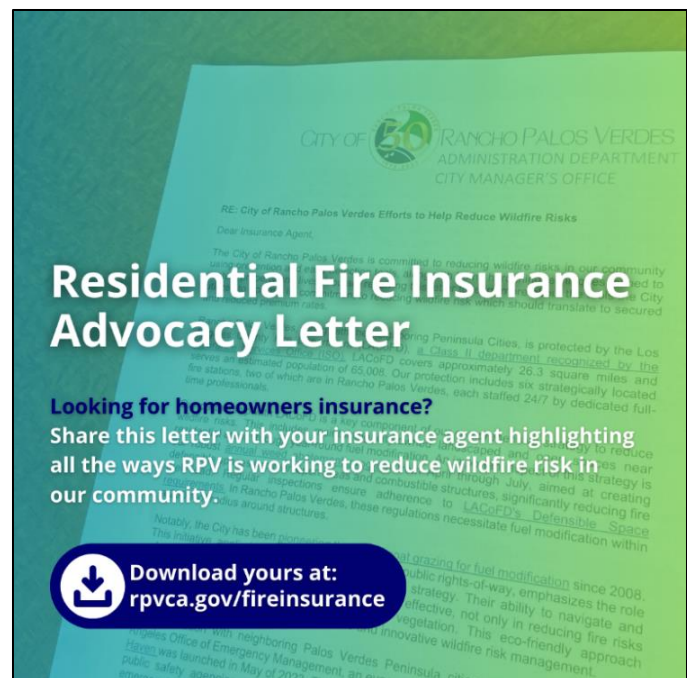
The Palos Verdes Peninsula Village is a dynamic organization of older adults who have joined together to help one another navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging. Meet PVP Village members and volunteers and learn about the PVP Village, its enriching social and intellectual activities and volunteer support on March 20 at 11 a.m. in the new Village office, 375 Via Almar, #D101, in Palos Verdes Estates. Convenient parking is on Via Arroyo or in the lot on Paseo Del Mar. Please call 310-991-3324, email [peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com) for more information or visit [peninsulavillage.net](https://peninsulavillage.net).



## Residential Fire Insurance Advocacy Letter - Now Available on the City Website

Are you struggling to find adequate fire insurance for your home? In California, the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires have significantly impacted the residential fire insurance market. This has resulted in higher premiums, reduced coverage options, and, in some cases, policy cancellations.

In RPV, these statewide challenges are evident, with many residents reporting increased premiums and difficulty in maintaining their fire insurance coverage. In response to these concerns, the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC), in collaboration with City Staff, has developed a [comprehensive insurance resource letter \(PDF\)](#) (see attached letter).



This advocacy tool is tailored to help you, our residents and businesses, communicate effectively with your insurance providers to advocate for maintaining your current insurance policies and potentially negotiating lower premiums. We encourage you to utilize this resource to its full extent.

To access this tool, please visit our dedicated Home Fire Insurance Information and Resources webpage at [rpvca.gov/fireinsurance](http://rpvca.gov/fireinsurance). To maximize reach and awareness, the City plans to leverage various communication platforms. These include announcements at City Council meetings, information shared in City newsletters, social media posts, and

printed copies available at key locations ensuring the community is well-informed about the availability of this resource.

## **Don't Let Earthquakes Catch You Off Guard – Download the Free MyShake App Now**

With recent earthquakes in our region, it's a good reminder to download the free "MyShake" app. The MyShake app sends a audible and text warning to cell phone users that shaking is about to occur. The system uses ground-motion sensors to detect earthquakes that have already started and estimates their

size, location, and impact. When it detects a significant magnitude quake of 4.5 or more, the system issues a ShakeAlert message, providing a warning so people can take cover.

Available at in the [Apple App](#) and [Google Play](#) stores More information: [earthquake.ca.gov](http://earthquake.ca.gov)







## Severe Weather Preparedness Tips

Severe weather can happen anytime in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, large hail, flooding, and flash flooding. Severe weather events can cause downed trees and power lines and flying debris, leading to power outages, transportation disruptions, damage to buildings and vehicles, and injury or death. Proper planning and understanding the risks may help save your family from injury and inconvenience when severe weather strikes.

Here are some crucial steps to take in order to be prepared.

### Preparing for Severe Weather Events

- **Be Weather-Ready:**
  - Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for severe weather. Listen to local news or a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) to stay informed about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings.
- **Prepare Your Home:**
  - Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house.

- If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows, and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.
- **Help Your Neighbor:**
  - Encourage your loved ones to prepare for severe thunderstorms.
  - Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt during severe weather.

## **Staying Safe During Severe Weather**

- **Monitor Weather Conditions:**
  - Listen to the local news or NOAA Weather Radio to keep abreast of approaching storms, their severity, and reported severe weather.
  - A NOAA Weather Radio will alert you if any watches or warnings are in effect or issued for your area.
  - If a WATCH is issued, pay special attention to changing weather conditions and be ready to take action
  - if a WARNING is issued or severe weather strikes.
- **If Caught Outside or Driving:**
  - Immediately go inside a sturdy building during a high wind warning or severe thunderstorm warning and move to an interior room or basement.
  - Listen to the local news or NOAA Weather Radio for updates.
  - Take shelter in your car if you are not near a sturdy building. If possible, drive to a nearby sturdy building. Otherwise, move your car to a location where it is less likely to be hit by falling trees or power lines.
  - If no shelter is available, avoid trees, power lines, and the side of the road. Keep in mind that power lines that are lying on the ground may be live.

## **Staying Safe After Severe Weather**

- Continue listening to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for updated information and instructions. Access to some parts of the community may be limited, or roads may be blocked.
- Do not go near downed power lines. Report downed lines to your local utility emergency center and the police. Do not try to free lines or remove debris yourself.
- Help people who require special assistance—infants, the elderly, those without transportation, large families who may need additional help in an emergency, people with disabilities, and those who care for them.

- Avoid driving and other travel until conditions have improved. If you are using a portable generator, take precautions against carbon monoxide poisoning, electrocution, and fire.
- Exercise caution when handling debris that may have blown into your yard.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Ready.gov/severe weather](https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather)
- [Weather.gov/safety/wind](https://www.weather.gov/safety/wind)
- [Thunderstorms, Lightning, and Tornadoes - Nature's Most Violent Storms](https://www.weather.gov/severe)



## **Emergency Preparedness Planning for an Evacuation**

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has provided the following invaluable guidance for residents on preparing for potential emergency evacuations. Here's what you need to know:

**PRE-PLANNING:**

- ☐ Organize critical documents for emergency evacuation.
- ☐ Organize original documents in a special binder.
- ☐ Scan documents, into a password protected encrypted flash drive.

**CRITICAL DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR EMERGENCY BINDER:**

- ☐ **PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION**-Degrees, professional licenses, driver's license, marriage certificate, social security card, concealed carry permit, military documents, naturalization/immigration documents.
- ☐ **MEDICAL INFORMATION**-Advance Care Directives, immunization records, critical medical records, list of current medications and pharmacy, copies of both front and back insurance cards.

- ☐ **INSURANCE POLICIES**-Life, health, auto, and homeowners policies including contact information and policy numbers.
- ☐ **PROPERTY DOCUMENTS** - Property deeds, loan documents, automobile titles.
- ☐ **LEGAL DOCUMENTS** - Contracts, adoption records, custody records, divorce papers, last will and testament, living trust, or family trust documents, power of attorney, rent or lease agreement, contact information for attorney.
- ☐ **FINANCIAL** - Savings bonds, stocks, and bonds, statements from investment firms, banking information, credit card numbers, (website, account information and passwords) retirement and pension.
- ☐ **CONTACT INFORMATION** - Written contact information for each member of your family, close relatives, and friends.
- ☐ **PET INFORMATION** -Pet license information along with vaccination records, and veterinary contact numbers.
- ☐ **RECENT PHOTOS** - Include a recent photo of each family member and pets. In the event you get separated from your loved one, a recent photo, may help locating him/her. They are also helping in identifying the deceased.
- ☐ **LIST OF FIREARMS** -Include a list of all firearms and be sure to include the serial numbers.
- ☐ **PASSWORD LIST** - You will need a list of all of your passwords to gain access to your online life. You need to decide exactly how you want to handle storing passwords to prevent passwords from being compromised.
- ☐ **FAMILY KEEPSAKES** -\_Make a digital copy of meaningful family photos (wedding photos, baby pictures, special events) and other family memories that would be impossible to replace. Store them in a good quality flash drive with your documents.
- ☐ **VIDEO INSURANCE INVENTORY** - Create a video inventory of all your possessions for insurance purposes. Do a video walkthrough of your home, garage, and entire property. Be sure to capture brand names and serial numbers. Describe possessions while you are making the recording. Include anything of value such as art, jewelry, collections, firearms, etc. Remember to document cupboards, closets, and drawers. If you are unable to prove what you have, the insurance



company may not pay. Store this video on a labeled flash drive. Update it annually or when you purchase an expensive item.

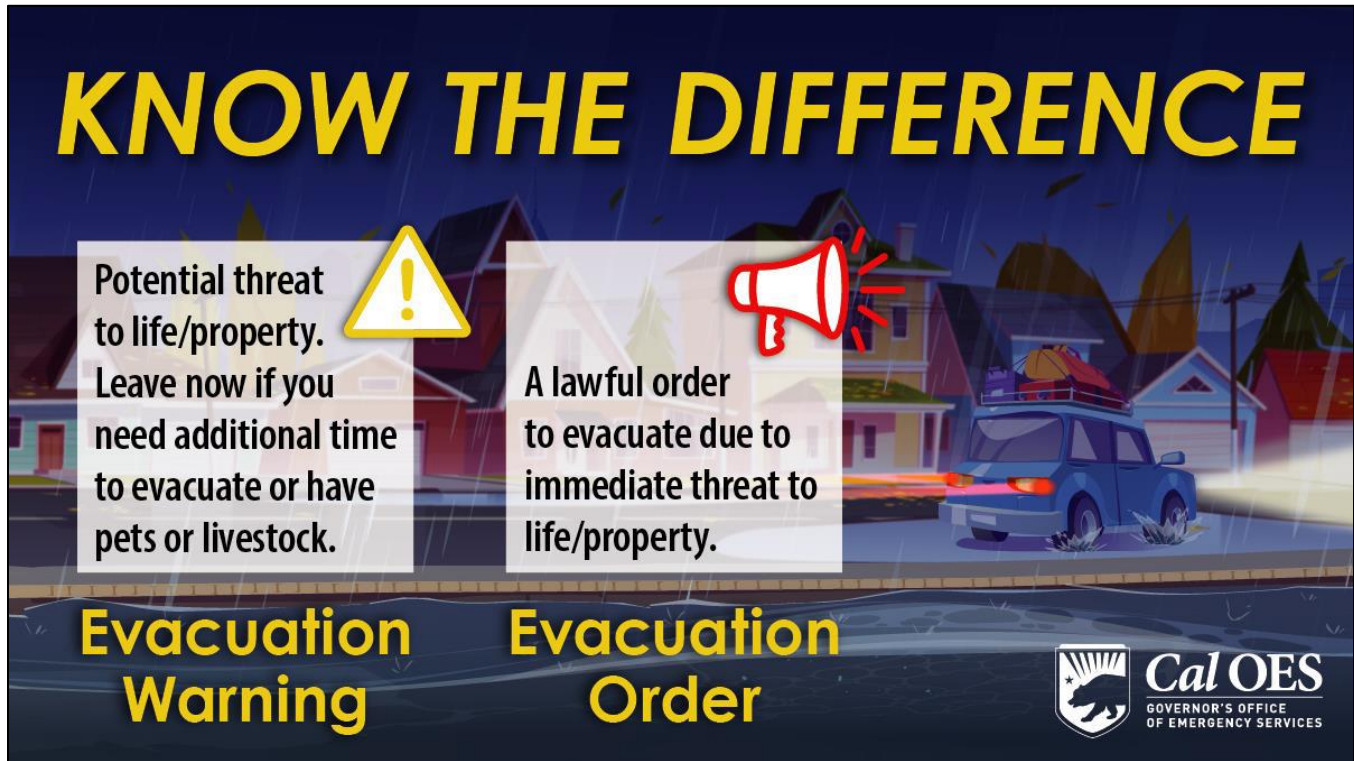
- ☐ **EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE** - It is easy to store an amazing amount of information on one external hard drive. Make it a habit to make a special back up of your computer every 6 months.

#### Evacuation Packing List

15 minutes	30 minutes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses</li> <li>2. Cell phone, charger</li> <li>3. Emergency cash/credit cards</li> <li>4. Pets, leashes, carrier, meds</li> <li>5. Clothes/ shoes</li> <li>6. Baby items if applicable, i.e., diapers, wipes, formula</li> <li>7. Hearing aids/medications</li> <li>8. Checkbooks</li> <li>9. Safety deposit box</li> </ol>	<p><b>Items from 15 minutes list; and</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pillows, sleeping bags/blankets</li> <li>2. Address books/phone list</li> <li>3. Jewelry and personal valuables and possessions</li> <li>4. First aid kit</li> <li>5. Battery radio with extra batteries</li> <li>6. Toiletries (toilet paper/hand wipes/soap)</li> <li>7. 3 day's worth of clothing</li> <li>8. Computer/laptop</li> <li>9. Drinking water</li> </ol>
1 hour	2 hours
<p><b>Items from 15 and 30 minute list</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cooler with food and drinks</li> <li>2. Records and files</li> <li>3. 3 days food and food for dietary restriction</li> <li>4. Gloves/dust masks</li> <li>5. Paper goods (plates, cups, utensils)</li> <li>6. School or work supplies</li> <li>7. Fill gas tanks in vehicles</li> </ol>	<p><b>Items from previous lists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photos albums, home videos</li> <li>2. Framed photos</li> <li>3. Packed luggage</li> <li>4. Valuable items, heirlooms</li> <li>5. Cameras</li> <li>6. Secondary vehicles</li> <li>7. Camping equipment/tent</li> </ol>

#### During an evacuation

- ☐ Call or email the out-of-state contact in your family communications plan.
- ☐ Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows.
- ☐ Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions, and small appliances.
- ☐ **Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.**
- ☐ Check on neighbors who may need a ride.
- ☐ Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts, they may be blocked.



## Evacuation WARNING vs. Evacuation ORDER - What's the difference?

**EVACUATION WARNING:** If you receive an evacuation warning, this means you need to start preparing to leave. If you have animals, children, or need additional time evacuating, this is the time to leave.

**EVACUATION ORDER:** If you receive an evacuation order, this means you need to leave immediately. Emergency responders have determined there is an imminent life safety risk and you need to evacuate.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TO EVACUATE. IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE, LEAVE.**

### What does "SHELTER IN PLACE" mean?

**SHELTER IN PLACE:** If authorities tell you to shelter in place, it means you need to go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.

### Additional Resources:

- [Know Your Evacuation Zone - PVPready.gov](https://www.pvpready.gov)
- [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan)
- [LA County Emergency Survival Guide](#)

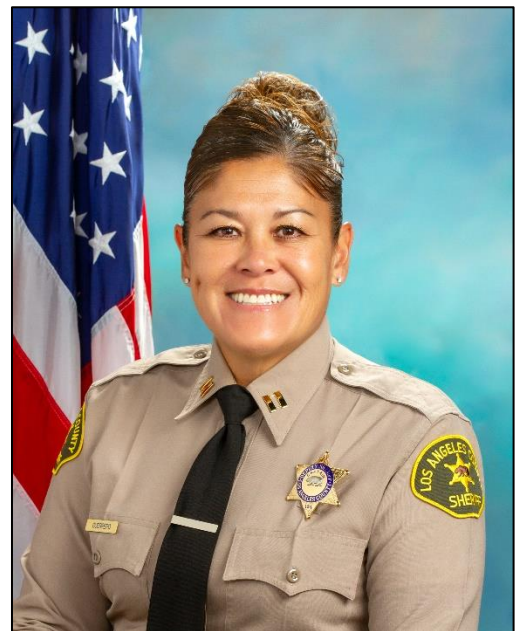


## **LASD Lomita Station Updates: A Message from Captain Guerrero**

As your dedicated law enforcement team at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Lomita Station, we are committed to keeping our community safe and informed. Here are some updates and initiatives we've been working on:

### *Community Engagement and Crime Prevention:*

Last year, our Detective Bureau Sergeant and Crime Analyst actively engaged with our community through neighborhood watch meetings, fostering dialogue and sharing valuable crime prevention strategies. We also organized a special gathering at the Peninsula Center, bringing together local businesses and owners to discuss proactive measures to enhance safety.



### *Holiday Season Surveillance:*

During the busy holiday season, we implemented surveillance operations in the Peninsula Center to deter commercial burglaries, ensuring a secure environment for businesses and shoppers alike.

### *Crime Trends Analysis:*

We've been closely analyzing crime data, and we're pleased to report decreases in Aggravated Assaults, Commercial and Other Burglaries, and Other Larceny/Thefts compared to the previous year. However, there has been a slight increase in residential burglaries and Grand Theft Auto (GTAs).

*Targeted Initiatives:*

In response to the rise in residential burglaries, we launched targeted suppression initiatives during the summer, focusing on certain neighborhoods in RPV. These efforts aim to proactively address emerging crime trends and keep our neighborhoods safe.

*Collaborative Efforts:*

Collaborating with our department's Taskforce Regional Auto Theft Prevention (TRAP) team, we've conducted operations to support patrol efforts in recovering stolen vehicles, bolstering community safety.

*Continued Vigilance:*

Moving forward, we remain committed to proactive education on crime prevention for residents and businesses alike. Our patrol efforts will continue to be vigilant, especially in areas susceptible to residential burglaries. We will also continue working closely with departmental resources and neighboring cities to address community concerns.

*Enhanced Security Measures:*

You may have noticed our Mounted Enforcement Detail and utility vehicles patrolling along trails. These measures are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance security and maintain a visible presence in the community especially open space areas.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our community safe. Remember, your safety is our priority, and we're here for you.



## Public Safety Division Update



### Background & Current Status





At last night's meeting, Staff presented an update on the Public Safety pilot program to the City Council. This two-year initiative was approved during the May 2, 2023 City Council meeting. For detailed information regarding the implementation plan and timeline, please refer to the [agenda report \(PDF\)](#) provided by Staff. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [PublicSafety@rpvca.gov](mailto:PublicSafety@rpvca.gov).

### Palos Verdes Peninsula ALPR Camera System Upgrades

Also last night, the Council ratified an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the four Peninsula cities for the Peninsula-wide Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system. The original MOU, enacted in 2016, marked the implementation of ALPR system strategically covering key areas, entry points, and major corridors across the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The unanimously approved amendment updates cooperation terms for system replacement and ongoing maintenance.



The camera upgrades represent a collaborative effort involving the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Palos Verdes Estates. With Vigilant Solutions, the total project cost amounts to \$474,750, divided among the four cities. After seven years, the existing Peninsula-wide system is no longer under warranty, with certain locations currently non-functional. A report was presented to the Peninsula Public Safety Committee on February 1, receiving approval to advance the amendment to individual city councils. The agreement was already approved by the city councils of Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates and is scheduled for review at the Rolling Hills City Council on February 26.

ALPR technology plays a pivotal role in law enforcement by facilitating the apprehension of stolen vehicles and the identification of wanted individuals. Thus, the replacement of the regional ALPR system is crucial for maintaining effective crime prevention and law enforcement within our community. To learn more about ALPR cameras and their usage on the Peninsula review the [agenda report \(PDF\)](#).

## **Weekly Crime Report Summaries**

The Lomita Sheriff's Station produces a weekly crime report summary that includes information about reported crimes and arrests for the areas served by the Lomita Sheriff's Station, including the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

*However, please note that the information contained in these reports is subject to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's reporting protocols. As a result, some details related to ongoing investigations may not be included.*

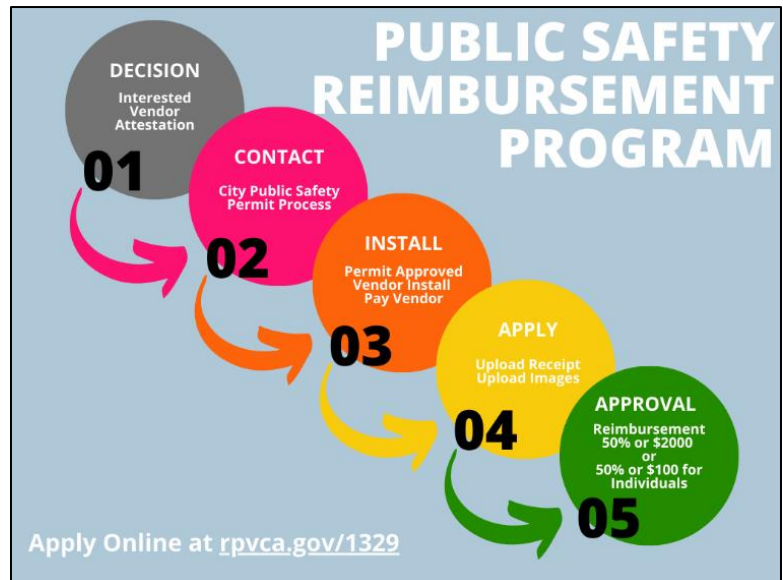
**For a complete list of all crimes, you may visit LASD's [Transparency page](#).**

View an archive of weekly crime reports and an interactive map on the City Website [rpvca.gov/1030](http://rpvca.gov/1030). Should you need any assistance with accessing the Weekly Crime Reports or navigating the interactive mapping feature on the City's website, feel free to reach out to us at (310) 544-5305 or [publicsafety@rpvca.gov](mailto:publicsafety@rpvca.gov).

## Public Safety Reimbursement Program

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes offers public safety reimbursements for the purchase of doorbell or neighborhood camera systems. Please see the graphic to the right to learn more about the application process.

The City will provide a one-time reimbursement for half of the cost of a new public safety purchase, up to \$2,000 for neighborhoods, and up to \$100 for individuals.



The City will additionally waive permit fees directly related to the installation of the approved purchase. The neighborhood, individual, or vendor will be responsible for completing any necessary permits prior to installation.

Applications are still being accepted until funding is exhausted. The online application form is available on the City website; receipts, photos, and neighborhood attestation may be submitted through the form. Links are provided below to complete your application. Don't wait, apply today!

- [Individual Application](#)
- [Neighborhood Application](#)
- [Returning Neighborhood Application](#)

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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### **Retail Headlines – February 2024**

Retail news this month includes stories about Target’s membership program, bigger Walmart stores, a shift in consumer confidence, and more.

#### **How Retail is Shaping Up in 2024**

While some pandemic problems in retail have subsided, such as the leveling off of inventories and a return to buying in stores and online, 2024 is not free from challenges. Inflation is still influencing consumers, and industry turnover remains on the top of mind for retail executives. Additionally, retailers used layoffs as a cost-cutting measure last year, and this year has seen more of the same as companies prioritize profits in a challenging macroeconomic climate. Theft continues to be reported as a problem with some stores closing their doors as a result. However, important data regarding what has been labeled as “organized retail crime” has come under recent scrutiny.

#### **Target Weighs Paid Membership Program Similar to Amazon Prime**

Target Corp. is considering launching a new paid membership service similar to Amazon Prime or Walmart+ as it searches for strategies to boost growth and take on more established competitors. The new program, internally known as Project Trident, could begin operations as soon as this year. This new program would go beyond current offerings in Target’s free loyalty program and offer other benefits and require a fee.

#### **Walmart Plans to Add More Than 150 Large-Format Stores**

Despite having a massive presence in the United States already, Walmart sees room to grow. Over the next five years, the company intends to construct or renovate more than 150 large-format stores according to a recent announcement. The bulk of the locations will be brand new, but some will be converted from smaller locations into Supercenters offering a wide selection of goods and groceries.



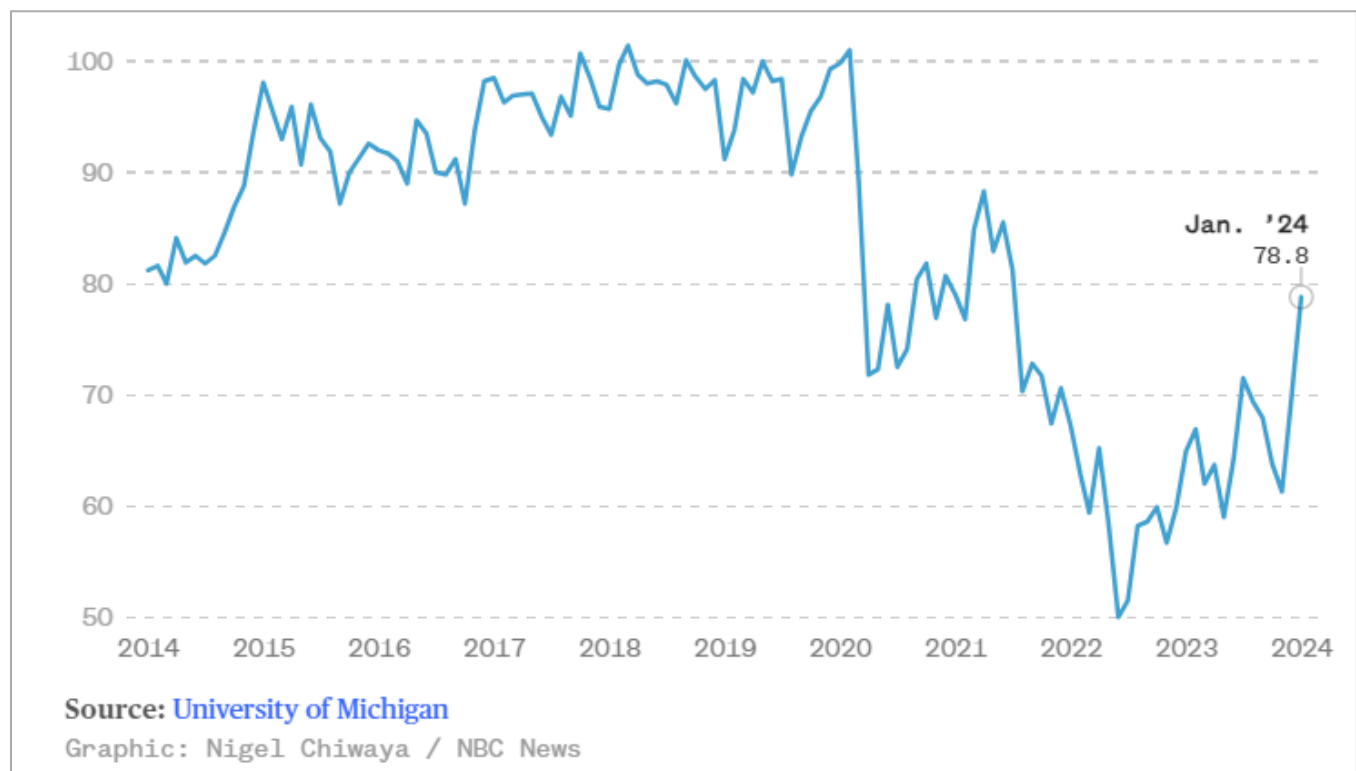
## Retailers are Finding More of What They Want Off Mall

Certain retailers are redefining their relationship with malls after decades together. Macy's, Dillard's, Belk, and J.C. Penney are just a few of the stores that have long been regarded as the cornerstones of stability for America's indoor malls. However, the pandemic has accelerated the trend of those retailers looking more and more off-mall in recent years. Additionally, a large number of well-known specialty shops that usually occupy American mall concourses have announced plans to reduce their mall footprint.

## Americans are Feeling Optimistic about the Economy Again

It has been years since American consumers have felt this optimistic about the state of the economy. The University of Michigan's monthly survey of consumer sentiment in the U.S. saw a 13% increase in January, marking the highest level since July 2021. Moreover, the New York Federal Reserve's survey of consumer finances for December showed that perceptions of households' current financial situations also improved. To some, this may signal an end to the past sentiment that something in the economy still felt a bit off despite the low unemployment rates and the slowing pace of inflation.

**Chart 1. Consumer Sentiment Index**



Source: HdL Companies

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



### Ladera Linda Community Park Project Update

We are pleased to announce that the grand opening for Ladera Linda Community Park will take place on February 23! For event details, see the Recreation and Parks Department section of this report.

### Palos Verdes Drive South Repairs in the Landslide Area

Roadway repairs will be performed along Palos Verdes Drive South in the landslide area from February 22 – 23 and February 26 – 27 from approximately 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Expect delays and consider an alternate route. If you must drive through this area during this time, please proceed slowly, yield to workers and obey traffic control at the site. Thank you for your patience. If you have questions, please call Public Works at 310-544-5252.

### Next Paper Shredding Event, April 6

Mark your calendars! Our next paper/document shredding event will be on April 6 from 8-11 a.m. The event will be held at City Hall's overflow parking lot and will be free to all Rancho Palos Verdes residents. During the event, electronic waste will be collected for recycling, and mulch will be available to residents.



## Prepare for the Citywide Brush Clearing

The spring season brush-clearing event begins on April 6 and will continue for four consecutive Saturdays. Each week a different area of RPV is serviced. The goal of the event is to assist homeowners dispose (free of charge) excess brush, shrubs, hedges, tree branches, and bushes to comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's fire safety guidelines. This is a great opportunity to help prevent local brush fires! For more information, you may contact the City's waste collection contractor, EDCO, at 310-540-2977 or <https://rancho-palos-verdes.edcodisposal.com/events/rpv-brush-clearing-event/>



## Infrastructure Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for IMAC has been scheduled for March 18 at 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to participate. The agenda will be available on the City website on [rpvca.gov/agendas](http://rpvca.gov/agendas).

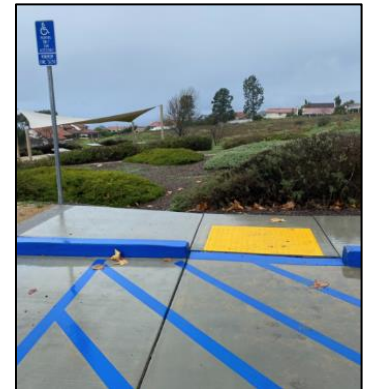


## **Maintenance Activities**

In addition to regularly scheduled maintenance and repairs, Public Works performed the following:



- Weekly landscape maintenance at all City parks.
- Completed 10 irrigation line repairs.
- Prepared the dog park at Eastview Park for reseeding.
- Repaired the sidewalk deviation at the parking lot of lower Hesse Park.



- Weed removal, brush clearance, and debris removal continued throughout the City at medians and various right-of-way locations:
  - Palos Verdes Drive South and Palos Verdes Drive West
  - Montemalaga Drive





### **Public Right of Way/Roadway Repairs**

- In preparation for the incoming storm, maintenance crews have completed the following:
  - Cleared and cleaned out storm drains.
  - Placed sandbags in various locations to prevent and reduce the likelihood of flooding and water damage.
  - Placed tarps to protect areas from wind and rain.
- Repaired right-of-way deviations, potholes, and cracks at the following locations:
  - Hightide Drive
  - Highridge Road

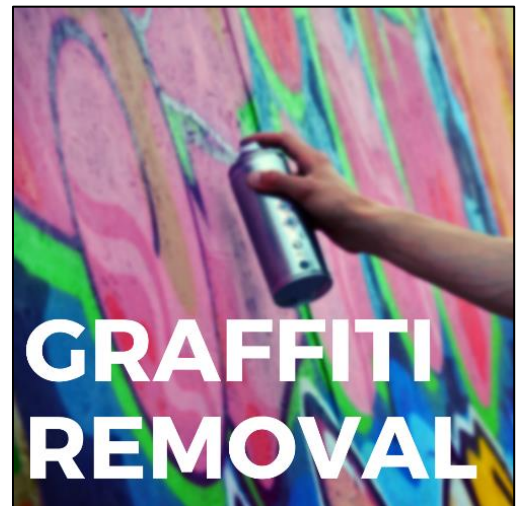






## Graffiti Removal

- **Thirty-five** graffiti incidents were reported and removed this week.
- The RPV graffiti reporting app can be downloaded for Android and Apple devices under the name of **RPV Clean**. Residents can help keep RPV looking great by downloading the app and reporting graffiti.



## Emergency Response

- On February 13, the Public Works Department responded to a sewage leak at 1 Cinnamon Lane near Narcissa Drive. Crews repaired the leak and sanitized the area.



- Crews responded to various fallen tree branches and debris along Hawthorne Boulevard.



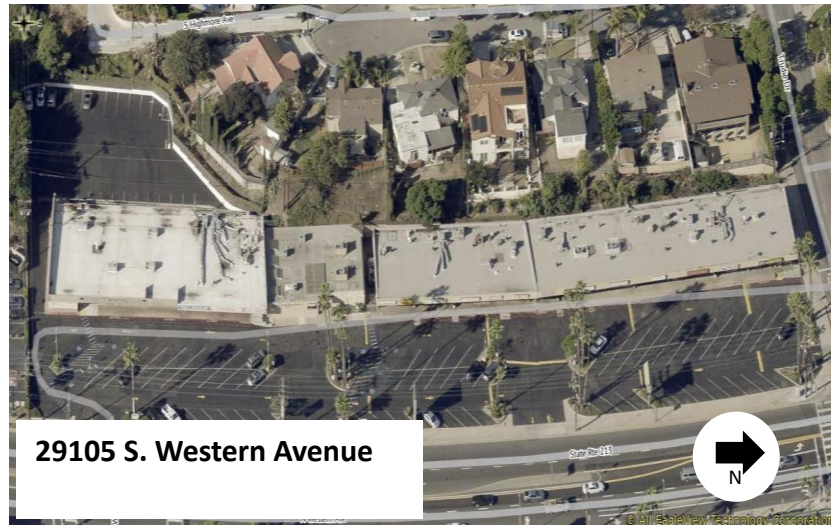


## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Approval of Remodeling Project at 29105 S. Western Avenue Shopping Center

The Planning Division of the Community Development Department recently approved a proposal by SCG West Development to renovate an existing shopping center at the south-west corner of Western Avenue and Trudie Drive located at 29105 S. Western Avenue.

The project proposes replacing some existing professional office space with an outdoor seating area, updates to the existing building facades along with new signage. The design revisions will maintain existing building height configurations throughout the project site. Next, the applicant will be working with the City's Building and Safety Division on structural plan check and permitting. For questions regarding the proposal or to view project plans, please contact Senior Planner Amy Seeraty at 310-544-5231 or via email at [amys@rpvca.gov](mailto:amys@rpvca.gov).



### Coastal Officer Hearing for Proposed Project on Packet Road

On March 25, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' Coastal Hearings Officer will conduct a public hearing for a Site Plan Review with Neighborhood Compatibility Review and a Coastal Development Permit (Case No. PLSR2023-0237), for the property located at 25 Packet Road. The request is for the conversion of a 420-square-foot existing carport to a two-car enclosed garage attached to a 1,962-square-foot single-family residence for a new total structure size of 2,382-square-foot (garage included). As the subject property is located within the Appealable Area of the City's Coastal Specific Plan District, the project requires consideration of a Coastal Development Permit by the City's Coastal Hearings Officer (Director of Community Development). The [public notice \(PDF\)](#) includes additional details regarding the project scope, meeting location, and time, as

well as how the public can submit project comments or concerns. For questions regarding the application or to view the project plans, please contact Assistant Planner Jeffrey Kim at 310-544-5390 or via email at [jkim@rpvca.gov](mailto:jkim@rpvca.gov).

## Staff Visit to AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles

On February 14, Planning Division Staff along with other South Bay city representatives visited the AltaSea campus at the Port of Los Angeles to tour the facilities and visit some of the projects and businesses that are currently underway.

Tour highlights included a review of sustainable surfboard making, seafood harvesting using integrated multitrophic aqua culture, and the showcase of one research lab being used to study kelp. AltaSea is a public-private partnership that is transforming 35 acres of land at the Port of Los Angeles into an ocean-side innovation campus that brings education, science, business, and the community together and inspires future generations to pursue a balanced, sustainable relationship between civilization and nature. The site visit was coordinated through the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.



## **Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control - Lost Pet Resources**

The L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) website provides a comprehensive list of resources for pet owners in search of a lost pet. Resources include tips that pet owners can complete around the house to ensure a safe return as well as templates to create printable flyers and social media postings. Please visit the [DACC website](#) for more information and resources.

## **Planning Commission Meeting Agenda**

The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 27, 2024 has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 12, 2024.



## RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



### RPV Run for Myles

Jill Helm and her son Ryan presented the City of Rancho Palos Verdes with a check for \$35,000 at the February 20 City Council meeting. The funds were proceeds from the September 9, 2023 inaugural RPV Run for Myles event which was co-sponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The run was in honor of Myles Helm who was an avid runner on RPV's trail network. Even though it was a first-time event, the run was a huge success with hundreds of participants enjoying 5k and 10k runs and a Kid's Fun Race along our beautiful coastline. The event began and ended at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and featured live music, food trucks, and vendors. Planning is already underway for the 2024 event which is scheduled for September 28. The proceeds from the events are for the preservation and enhancement of trails in Rancho Palos Verdes.



## Hesse Park Mural Comes Into Focus

Eleven children and their parents volunteered at Ryan Park on February 17 to work on a nature mural that will be installed at Hesse Park when completed. Volunteers worked cooperatively with Dana Torrey, an experienced art instructor, and Recreation and Parks Staff, to block colors, a key step in advance of adding the final colors to the mural. Updates will continue to be provided as this exciting project moves forward.



## Whale of a Day Planning Underway

It's been a whale of a while, but Whale of a Day is well on its way. The City of RPV and Los Serenos de Point Vicente are busy preparing for the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Whale of a Day, set for April 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Point Vicente Lighthouse grounds will be open again for tours. The event will have plenty of fun for everyone including live music, children's activities, a silent auction, a raffle, beer and wine, food trucks and more.

Check out [whaleofaday.com](http://whaleofaday.com) for more information. Free parking and shuttle service are located at the Ken Dyda Civic Center at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.





## Eastview Dog Park Temporary Closure

Due to turf maintenance, Eastview Dog Park, including both the large and small dog enclosures, closed on February 15 for approximately 6 weeks. Temporary enclosures will not be available. However, the Rancho Caninos Dog Park at the Ken Dyda Civic Center will remain fully open daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at [parks@rpvca.gov](mailto:parks@rpvca.gov) 310-544-5260.



## REACH Update

The REACH program serves the social and recreational needs of youths and adults with developmental disabilities and is back at Hesse Park for in-person activities.

To RSVP for REACH activities or if you have questions, please email [reach@rpvca.gov](mailto:reach@rpvca.gov).

## Sweetheart Soiree

REACH celebrated Valentine's Day with friends at Hesse Park on February 14. Our evening was loaded with fun and games. We spent the evening with some friendly competition playing a series of Minute to Win It Valentine's themed games like Cupid's Arrow Toss. The takeaways were that we are all winners here at REACH and it is always fun to share the love with friends.



Upcoming REACH events include an evening at Sky Zone Jump Park on February 21 and a special St. Patrick's Day event on March 13.



## Filming in RPV

A student film is scheduled for this weekend, February 24 and 25, at a private residence from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Neighbors have been notified because of the Sunday filming.



## Parks Weekend Attendance Report

Below is a summary report of estimated public usage for the past weekend.



- HESSE PARK - walking paths, playground, and grass area  
Estimated total park attendance: 642
- RYAN PARK - walking paths, playground, basketball court, and grass area  
Estimated total park attendance: 581
- EASTVIEW PARK - walking paths, playground, dog park, and grass area  
Estimated total park attendance: 218
- LOWER POINT VICENTE PARK - walking paths and grass area  
Estimated total park attendance: 2,165

Total Weekend Attendance: 3,606



The Palos Verdes Nature Preserve was temporarily closed beginning on February 19 and continues to be monitored during the recent storms. Significant rain may cause muddy trails as well as rock falls and landslides. The closure may remain in effect 48 hours after the last rainfall to allow trails to dry out and Staff to assess any maintenance concerns.





## **Preserve and Beach Weekend Activity February 17-18**

Notice of Parking Violations: 8

Public Contacts: 337

Violations observed: 19

### **Abalone Cove**

On February 17, Staff was notified of an irrigation leak near Abalone Cove Trail. The water was quickly shut off and the trail remained open.

### **Alta Vicente Reserve**

On February 14, Park Rangers received a report of ruts along the lower segment of Alta Vicente Trail near Prickly Pear Trail. Minor repairs were made to ensure the trail would remain passable and open. Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy crews were also able to install additional grade dips to improve water drainage on February 17.



## Forrestal Reserve

On February 14, Staff repaired a fissure on Flying Mane Trail.



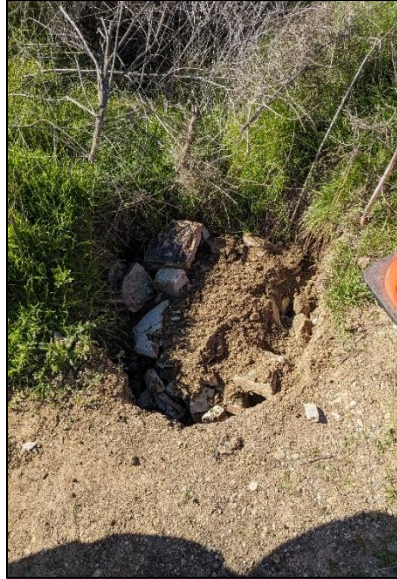
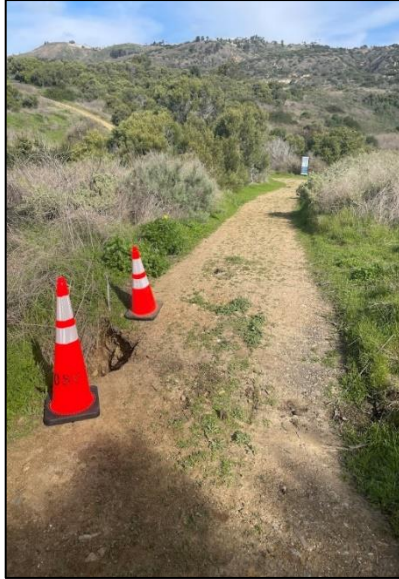
On February 15, Park Rangers received a report of water and muddy trail conditions on Purple Sage Trail. The trail remained open as it continued to dry out.





## Portuguese Bend Reserve

On February 14, Staff repaired a fissure near Ishibashi Farm Trail.



## Vista del Norte Reserve

On February 17, Park Rangers received a report of a water leak near Indian Peak Trail causing mudflow and debris onto the sidewalk on Indian Peak Road. Rangers notifies Public Works and will continue to monitor the area.



### Attachments:

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# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 4:00 pm – Youth Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room <b>CANCELLED</b>	6 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	7	8 7:00 pm – Finance Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	9	10
11	12 5:30 pm – ACLAD Board Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	13 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	14	15 6:30 pm – Emergency Preparedness Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	16	17
18	19 6:00 pm – IMAC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room <b>CANCELLED</b>  <b>Presidents' Day – City Hall Closed to Public</b>	20 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	21 12:00 pm – Mayor's Lunch @ The Depot (Mayor Cruikshank) 1:30 pm – Sanitation District Meeting (Mayor Cruikshank) 4:30 pm – Youth Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	22 6:00 pm – Civic Center Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room <b>CANCELLED</b>	23 8:00 am – Mayor's Breakfast @ Trump National Golf Club (Mayor Cruikshank/ MPT Alegria)	24
25	26 5:00 pm – Klondike Canyon Meeting (Virtual Meeting) 6:00 pm – TSC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room <b>CANCELLED</b>	27 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park <b>CANCELLED</b>	28	29		



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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	3	4	5	6
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# TENTATIVE AGENDAS

*Agenda items listed below will be presented to the City Council for their consideration*

DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>March 5, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
		CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM	
<b>March 13, 2024 WED</b>			
<b>CITY COUNCIL GOALS WORKSHOP - 6:00 PM</b>			
<b>March 19, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION		
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>4:00</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Lease Agreement extension for wireless towers on City property (American Tower Corporation)	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Lease Agreement extension for wireless towers on City property (Crown Castle)	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider organizational classification and compensation amendments	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Claim against the City (Giunto)	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Claim against the City (Olcece)	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Amd. No. 1 with Interwest PSA for wireless services	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Amd. No. 1 with Ardurra PSA for wireless services	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider FY 22/23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	General Plan Annual Review	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	Housing Element Annual Review	
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider Adopting Housing Element Update	1:00
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Amendment No. 2 to the RPPG (the City's State lobbyist) PSA	0:15
REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive an update on Park Mobile app	0:15
PW/CA/REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a status report on Portuguese Bend project and consider extending local state of emergency	1:00
<b>April 2, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION		
		WOAD Poster Contest Presentation	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>2:45</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Conflict of Interest resolutions	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Treasury Report (CC) (IA)	

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CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider fee waiver for 29740 Knollview	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider future support services for alternate fuel modification techniques	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Report on citywide beautification projects including Lower Hesse and medians	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider traffic calming improvements for Hawthorne Blvd and Shorewood Rd	0:30
<b>April 16, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			
			<b>3:30</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider 2023 Employee Compensation report	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider report on forming a Peninsula-wide Landslide Insurance Pool Authority	0:45
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider program to address high fire vegetation in canyons by working with neighboring cities/homeowners to address	0:45
REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider awarding an agreement for surveillance camera services in open space areas	0:15
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Trump National's Trails Maintenance Review	0:15
<b>4/18/2024 THURSDAY</b>			
<b>BUDGET WORKSHOP (GENERAL FUND) - 6:00 PM</b>			
<b>4/29/2024 MONDAY</b>			
<b>BUDGET WORKSHOP (CIP) - 6:00 PM</b>			
<b>May 7, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			
			<b>4:00</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider award of PSA for Hesse Park Audio Video upgrades	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Treasury Report (CC) (IA)	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a report on speed cameras and loud exhaust legislation	0:15
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Review Master Fee Schedule for FY24/25	0:15
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a report on Los Verdes Golf Course net project	0:45
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Reassess Encroachment Permit Issuance Protocols	0:15
PW/CA/REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider extending the resolution declaring the local state of emergency for the Portuguese Bend landslide area	1:00
<b>May 21, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	

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<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>2:30</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a report on who bears costs to underground utilities	0:30
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider an Agreement and Plan between the City and PVPLC for use of UPV for a native plant farm	0:30
<b>June 4, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
		Interviews (Commission/Committees)	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>3:15</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Notice and Call for Election resolutions	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Treasury Report (CC) (IA)	
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider Code Amendments to RPVMC Ch.17.76.020 (Wireless ordinance on private property)	0:30
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive 10 year Financial Model (General Fund)	0:15
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider the Preliminary Budget FY24/25	1:00
<b>June 18, 2024</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
		Interviews (Commission/Committees)	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>3:30</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider FY 24/25 GANN Limit	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider approving FY 24/25 Investment Policy	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider approving Purchase orders and contracts in excess of \$25K for FY 24/25	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider 2nd reading of Ordinance to RPVMC Ch.17.76.020 (Wireless ordinance on private property)	
FINANCE	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider FY 24/25 Budget adoption	0:45
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider appointments to Planning Commission and Advisory Committees	0:30
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Chair appointments for Planning Commission and Advisory Committees	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider an ordinance regulating E-bikes on city streets	0:30
<b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO</b>			<b>0:15</b>
<u>Request Date:</u>	<u>Requested By:</u>	<u>Item:</u>	<u>Scheduled Date:</u>
7/16/2019	Dyda	Abalone Cove Sewer Maintenance Fee Options	TBD
7/21/2020	Alegria	Reassess Encroachment Permit Issuance Protocols	5/7/2024
12/21/2021	Bradley	Status report on non native water entering Portuguese Bend landslide	7/16/2024



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4/19/2022	Alegria	Stormwater/Drainage Asset Management Update	TBD
9/6/2022	Cruikshank	Consider program to address high fire vegetation in canyons by working with neighboring cities/homeowners to address	4/16/2024
9/20/2022	Ferraro	Report on citywide beautification projects including Lower Hesse and medians	4/2/2024
6/6/2023	Cruikshank	Consider future support services for alternate fuel modification techniques	4/2/2024
7/18/2023	Cruikshank/Seo	Consider report on forming a Peninsula-wide Landslide Insurance Pool Authority	4/16/2024
7/18/2023	Alegria	Receive recommendations on E-bike traffic policies	6/18/2024
9/19/2023	Alegria	Receive a report on Los Verdes Golf Course net project	5/7/2024
11/14/2023	Cruikshank	Receive a report on who bears costs to underground utilities	5/21/2024
1/16/2024	Alegria/Cruikshank	Receive a report on speed cameras and loud exhaust legislation	5/7/2024
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## PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTS - TRACKING LOG 2024

DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
1/24/2024	1/24/2024	Mary Maerz	<p>Request for the following records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents concerning the City's contract with Jimmy Rizzo and/or Coyote, Wildlife &amp; Pest Solutions, including but not limited to correspondence, reports, and contracts;</li> <li>• All documents concerning the City's contract with Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights &amp; Measures as it relates to trapping and euthanizing coyotes, including but not limited to correspondence, reports, and contracts;</li> <li>• All documents concerning any other contracts or relationships between the City and entities engaged in trapping and/or euthanizing coyotes;</li> <li>• All documents concerning the effectiveness of the City's coyote trapping programs or contracts in controlling coyote population or activity, including but not limited to data, statistics, reports, analyses, and correspondence;</li> <li>• All documents concerning any decision by the City to end any contract between the City and Coyote, Wildlife &amp; Pest Solutions, or any other coyote trapping entity;</li> <li>• All documents concerning city contractors', including Jimmy Rizzo of Coyote, Wildlife &amp; Pest Solutions, use of carbon dioxide to kill coyotes in the City, including all documents and communications reflecting any discussions or decisions by the City, Rizzo, or any other contractor, as to what killing methods should be implemented and why;</li> <li>• All documents concerning how Rizzo, or any other contractor, implements carbon dioxide as a coyote killing method, including the process, tools, or equipment used, and whether Rizzo or any other contractor complies with 14 C.C.R. § 465.5(g)(1), which requires that animals found in traps be killed immediately.</li> </ul>	1/24/24 AA Zweig forwarded request to staff. 2/5/24 AA Zweig sent 14-day extension letter and first production of documents. 2/19/24 AA Zweig sent determination letter.
2/21/2024	2/21/2024	Joshua Partlow	Request for landslide communications between the City and Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles	2/21/24 AA Zweig forwarded request to staff.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Urges Gov. Newsom to Declare State of Emergency to Expedite Critical Landslide Remediation Efforts**

**Feb. 20, 2024 (Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.)** — Amid unprecedented land movement impacting local residences, landmarks and public infrastructure, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council voted unanimously on Feb. 20 to submit a letter urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to declare a state of emergency in the City to waive and/or suspend state permitting requirements for critical landslide remediation efforts. An emergency declaration by the state would allow the City to significantly expedite the landslide mitigation measures identified in the Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project.

“While we know we cannot completely stop the landslide in our community, we have spent years identifying peer-reviewed engineering strategies to greatly slow its movement. Now, we need the state’s help in making their implementation a reality,” said Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor John Cruikshank. “An emergency declaration by Gov. Newsom could help the City expedite remediation efforts to slow the movement as quickly as possible.”

When declaring a state of emergency, the governor has the ability to waive and/or suspend certain state permitting requirements in order to protect against immediate threats to life and property. In this case, a suspension of certain state permitting requirements would allow the City and local Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts to immediately proceed with critical measures needed to stabilize the landslide, without the costs and time delays typically experienced with obtaining permits.

“The City has a landslide mitigation plan that needs to be started now, but we are restrained by following the all-too-lengthy CEQA process that does not account for the immediate safety needs of our residents and entire community within the landslide complex,” added Cruikshank. “We are calling on the state to help us address this urgent problem that will only get worse as we feel the impacts of recent record rainfall in the weeks and months ahead.”

An emergency declaration would allow the City to streamline or bypass permitting for measures, such as:

- Filling fissures to prevent surface water from directly recharging the water table and further lubricating the slip plane
- Constructing drainage swales, lining certain canyons with non-penetrable membrane, and/or installing flexible drainage pipes to properly convey surface water to the ocean and/or sanitary lines to prevent recharging the water table
- Installing dewatering wells in the form of horizontal hydraugers and/or vertical dewatering wells to extract groundwater from the slip plane and reducing the local water table.

The City Council also voted on Feb. 20 to ask Gov. Newsom to request President Biden declare a federal disaster, which could potentially make federal assistance and funding available. In addition to submitting the letter to Gov. Newsom, the Council voted to expedite the Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project by directing City staff to complete the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and final engineering for the project based on its original concept design. With this approach, the City expects to move up the project's Final EIR release date to May 2024 instead of September 2024. This alternative approach could still allow the City to make changes to the project based on a concurrent analysis of options to reduce environmental impacts.

Over the past year, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has contacted state and federal representatives to convey the urgent nature of the accelerating land movement in the greater Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex. In those discussions, City staff emphasized the need to immediately respond to the unprecedented rate of land movement and its severe damage to Palos Verdes Drive South, utility lines (water, sewer, gas line and electricity), eight miles of trails in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, the closure of residential streets, the temporary closure of a federal and state designated historic landmark, Wayfarers Chapel, and the red-tagging of homes.

For the latest updates on the landslide, visit [RPVca.gov/LandMovement](https://RPVca.gov/LandMovement).

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**RE: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Efforts to Help Reduce Wildfire Risks**

Dear Insurance Agent,

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) is dedicated to minimizing wildfire risks through prevention, early detection, and home hardening techniques aimed at safeguarding both property and lives. On behalf of the policy owner, this letter is being provided to you and your adjuster outlining the City's strategies and measures to reduce wildfire risk intended to contribute to more favorable insurance premium rates and policy availability for our residents and businesses.

RPV collaborates closely with the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), [a Class II department recognized by the Insurance Services Office \(ISO\)](#). Covering approximately 26.3 square miles and serving an estimated 65,000 Palos Verdes Peninsula (PVP) residents, LACoFD operates six strategically located fire stations, including two within RPV.

Notably, RPV enhances its wildfire management capabilities with the following measures to significantly improving our emergency response and preparedness:

- Maintaining City-owned landscaped and open spaces near residential areas through year-round fuel modification. RPV's robust [ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM](#) aims to create defensible spaces between open areas and combustible structures, significantly reducing fire fuel load. Regular inspections ensure adherence to [LACoFD's Defensible Space requirements](#).
- [GOAT GRAZING FOR FUEL MODIFICATION](#): On city-owned lands including public rights-of-way. Goats effectively remove brush and grass from hard to access terrain thereby significantly reducing fire loads and risks.
- [GENASYS PROTECT \(ZONE HAVEN\)](#): Implemented in May 2023, this critical emergency preparedness tool is available to residents at [PVPready.gov](#), as an Evacuation Management Platform in identifying evacuation zones and guiding residents on necessary actions during emergencies.
- [PANO AI'S WILDFIRE CAMERAS](#): This network of AI cameras provide early detection of wildfire smoke across the Palos Verdes Peninsula and has proven effective in delivering timely and accurate early alerts for fire ignitions.
- [HELOPOD FIREFIGHTING DIP SOURCE](#): The City installed a [HeloPod](#) at its Civic Center that is in close proximity to open space and canyons areas enabling rapid water refilling for firefighting helicopters.

The City has further initiated the following measures to enhance community safety against wildfires:

- [Firescaping training workshops.](#)
- [Home hardening videos.](#)
- [Monthly emergency preparedness safety tips.](#)
- Collaborative efforts with Southern California Edison (SCE) for utility line hardening and undergrounding.
- A comprehensive [Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#), offering in-depth insights into RPV's wildfire mitigation strategies on pages 151-158 of the plan.

For any further information or queries, please contact Jesse Villalpando, Senior Administrative Analyst, Emergency Preparedness, [Jvillalpando@rpvca.gov](mailto:Jvillalpando@rpvca.gov) Phone - (310) 544-5209.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and anticipate a favorable assessment for our residents and business owners seeking insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## City of Rancho Palos Verdes to Celebrate Grand Opening of Revitalized Ladera Linda Community Park

**Feb. 20, 2024 (Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.)** — The City of Rancho Palos Verdes this week will celebrate the long-awaited grand opening of the revitalized Ladera Linda Community Park, which recently underwent a major makeover.

City officials and community leaders will gather Feb. 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the 11-acre site overlooking the ocean at 32201 Forrestal Drive to celebrate, followed by a 5 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony at sunset. This free event is open to the public and will mark the culmination of more than a decade of planning and community engagement as part of one of the most significant recreation projects in the City's history.

"The grand opening of the Ladera Linda Community Center is finally here after years of planning and hard work by our residents, City staff, and contractors," said Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor John Cruikshank. "This new center has much needed facilities for our entire community. I look forward to cutting the ribbon and presenting this beautiful facility to our residents."

Along with a chance to see the brand-new park, the grand opening will include guest speakers, interactive stations for kids, and activities led by City staff and Los Serenos de Point Vicente docents. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided.

The new Ladera Linda Community Park features a 6,790-square-foot community center designed by Culver City-based architecture firm Johnson Favaro. The building includes a dividable multi-purpose room, classrooms, a staff office, a warming kitchen, and a meeting room that also serves as a "discovery room" displaying exhibits of local flora, fauna, and historic information. The site also includes patio areas, one and a half basketball courts, two paddle tennis courts, a children's playground, tiered outdoor seating, a lawn area, walking paths that traverse through restored native landscaping, and 57 parking spaces. Electric vehicle charging stations for seven parking spaces are expected to be installed this summer thanks to a \$76,730 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program.

City Manager Ara Mihanian called the grand opening of Ladera Linda Community Park "a long-time dream come true."

"Beginning this weekend, residents, especially those residing on the east side of the City, will have a new place to recreate and congregate with two playgrounds, sports courts, walking paths, picnic tables, a

discovery room showcasing the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and classrooms for community meetings and recreation programs for all ages,” he said.

Originally home to an elementary school that opened in 1967, following a decline in student enrollment, the site was repurposed as a park and community center in 1982. Ladera Linda Community Park is located next to the Forrestal Reserve, which is part of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, and features a variety of recreational facilities, including soccer fields owned by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District that are used by American Youth Soccer Organization leagues. With the park’s five aging buildings in serious disrepair, the City began a planning process in 2014 to revitalize the park and community center, involving input from a variety of stakeholders such as community members, neighboring residents, and local youth and sports groups. A master plan for the park was approved by the City Council in 2019 and the project was granted entitlements in 2021. Financing and construction agreements were approved in March 2022, followed shortly thereafter by demolition and the start of construction.

“It’s not too often that we get to rebuild a public facility,” said Director of Recreation and Parks Cory Linder. “While this project involved many years of public meetings, planning, and design, it is well worth the wait to ensure the community will have this beautiful new park and community center for future generations.”

After the grand opening ceremony on Feb. 23, Ladera Linda Community Park will be open daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. If you are interested in renting the facility for a meeting or private event, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at 310-544-5260.

Photos will be available later this week at [rpvca.gov/laderalinda](http://rpvca.gov/laderalinda).

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