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## LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK GRAND OPENING!

It's not every day the City opens a new park, in fact it's not every decade, so when it does happen it calls for a celebration. On February 23, hundreds of people celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Ladera Linda Community Park. Attendees enjoyed speeches, good food and company, self-guided tours of the facility, and so much more. After 10 years of planning, outreach, design, and construction, the brand new Ladera Linda Community Park was ready for its closeup.



But after the giant scissors are put away, the banners rolled up, and the speeches have faded into memory—what is left? The answer is something much bigger and more important than any talking point or celebration; the answer is a park that will be there for generations, proudly serving local residents, visitors, and the whole community just as the former school site and previous park each did for decades.

Attendees at the grand opening got a first taste of what park users will enjoy for years to come, namely a brand-new building, paddle tennis and basketball courts, a naturalistic playground, grass fields, and walking paths. You could see and hear the future sights and sounds of yoga and art classes, birthday parties, parents throwing frisbees to their children, dusky strolls along the walkway (6 laps equals a mile, btw), an elderly couple on a park bench enjoying a vibrant sunset, lively HOA meetings, scouts and school kids holding million-year old fossils, old friends and rivals playing paddle tennis for the first time in years, children quenching their thirst at a water fountain after clambering over faux rocks, three pointers whistling through the air, and so much more—so much more. A park is the community and the community is the park and the hills of Ladera Linda have never been prettier. Don't believe me? Come and see for yourself!

Thank you to all of the community members, staff, elected officials, consultants, and contractors who made this dream a reality. Go to [rpvca.gov/LaderaLinda](http://rpvca.gov/LaderaLinda) to learn more.



## LAND MOVEMENT UPDATE

The City continues to closely monitor the landslide complex and implement short-term mitigation measures to slow the movement and address its impacts, while working toward making progress on the long-term Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project.

As we go through another heavy rainy season, keep in mind that it can take weeks or even months after rainfall for the land to shift. The City's geologist has expressed concerns about how recent record rainfall will further accelerate movement and impact infrastructure, especially roads, sewer lines, and water lines.

- Please report water leaks to Cal Water at 855.RPV.LEAK (855.778.5325).
- If you suspect a natural gas leak, evacuate the area immediately, and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at 1.800.427.2200.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LUKASZ BUCHWALD, IT MANAGER

Lukasz has been the IT Manager for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes since 2018. He took some time out of his busy schedule to answer some questions about current and future IT issues and challenges facing the City.

### What does an IT Manager do?

In a small IT Division like ours, the IT Manager does a little bit of everything. It starts with managing and overseeing the strategy of the Information Technology program for the City, but also includes troubleshooting hardware issues or moving equipment when needed. Despite its relatively small size, our City has a complex IT infrastructure that has to be maintained, monitored, and kept secure.

### Tell our readers about your background and what led you to the IT field.

I got my first computer when I was 14 (a sweet 486DX4-100 with 4 MB of RAM!) and right then I knew that this was what I wanted to do. I spent a lot

of time playing with it and upgrading and repairing the hardware. I fell in love with technology early and always wanted to learn more. I remember skipping church every Sunday in the early 1990s and going to my friend's house to browse the dial-up Internet. After high school, I got my master's degree in information science and the rest is history!

### IT is a big and evolving field. What skills and personal qualities does an IT Manager need to be successful in such a dynamic and rapidly expanding arena?

The IT field has experienced exponential growth since the early days. Back then, an experienced IT

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## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT BEING INVOLVED-YAC IT UP

Have you caught wind of the City's latest initiative? The Youth Advisory Committee or YAC is all about fostering youth engagement and community involvement throughout Rancho Palos Verdes. The brainchild of Tristan Tang, a local student and RPV resident, this exciting endeavor came to life through a collaboration with the RPV City Council.

Planning for the YAC began in 2022 as part of a City Council goal to engage residents and community partners in shaping the decision-making process. From this broad and bold vision, a tangible plan emerged and evolved culminating in the ratification of 13 Youth Advisory Committee members by the City Council on January 16, with Braydan Maloney assuming the role of Committee Chair and Jacob Ma as Vice Chair.

The YAC wasted little time yakking and dove right into action, holding their inaugural meeting on January 29 and participating in the South Bay Mental Health Summit on January 27. It's clear this group means

business, and they're a shining example of the talent and dedication present within our youth community.

Members of the YAC serve either a one-year term if they're transitioning between middle and high school or are graduating seniors, or a two-year term for all other members. Curious to learn more about this dynamic committee or perhaps connect with its members? Drop them a line at [yac@rpvca.gov](mailto:yac@rpvca.gov) for more information. Let's keep the momentum going!



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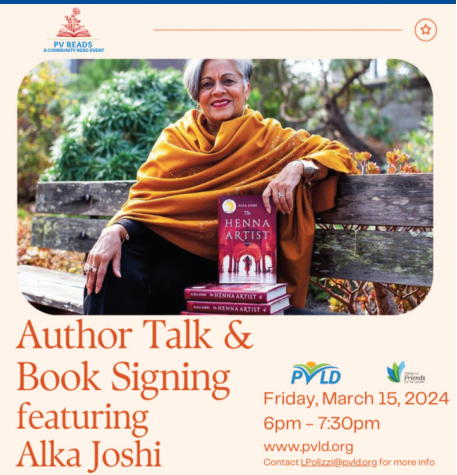
LIBRARY EVENTS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PV Reads: Alka Joshi

March 15, 2024 ~ 6 - 7:30 PM  
Peninsula Center Library Main Floor

Meet Alka Joshi, internationally best-selling author of the Jaipur Trilogy: The Henna Artist, The Secret Keeper of Jaipur, and The Perfumist of Paris. Her debut novel, The Henna Artist, immediately became a New York Times bestseller. It has been translated into 29 languages and is currently in development at Netflix as a TV series. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This event is free and open to the public. This program is generously sponsored by the Peninsula Friends of the Library.



Finding Our Way Through Poetry: Writing Through Change & Transition with Jennie Linthorst

Wednesdays April 10, 17, 24, 2024  
6:15 - 7:45 PM  
Peninsula Center Community Room

In this 3-part poetry series, Jennie Linthorst will guide participants in responding to inspired readings of poetry on themes of change and transition with their own journal writing. No writing experience is necessary. You are welcome to attend one or all of the series. Please feel free to bring your own journals, paper, and pens.

KIDS AND TEENS

Learn to make a Zine!: Art class with Miquela

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 12 - 4 PM  
Miraleste Library Deck

Come to the Miraleste Library to learn how to create your own mini zine! Artist Miquela will lead us in the steps to making a mini zine where you can explore this art medium.: There's no wrong or right way to make it! Your zine can be on any topic you're passionate about. Have fun creating something unique and leave with your own mini self-published booklet. Drop in anytime between 12-4 PM.  
All materials are provided free of charge.  
Great for all ages!

Friday Fun

Fridays in March and April 4 - 5 PM  
Peninsula Center Library Storytime Room

Start the weekend off right... at the library! Kids TK - 5th grade will love our activities that could feature anything from crafts, games, tips and tricks for library use ... and more! All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Summer @ PVLD  
June 10 - Aug 17

There's lots of fun in store for everyone at the library this summer! Join the Million Minutes Challenge! Collect souvenirs and be entered in a raffle for cool prizes. See amazing performers! Try crafts, play games, explore awesome books, and much more.

DRILL BABY DRILL!

PENINSULA-WIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILL



The four Peninsula cities and neighboring unincorporated areas are banding together for the first Peninsula-wide emergency preparedness drill. This significant initiative will enhance our community's readiness in the face of natural disasters, with a focus on comprehensive emergency response strategies. Your active engagement is crucial to building a safer, more prepared community. Stay tuned for details on how to participate in this vital initiative.

GET READY FOR THE COMMUNITY-WIDE SAFETY DRILL

The upcoming Peninsula-wide safety drill presents a prime opportunity for every community member to prepare and significantly contribute to our collective safety and preparedness.

KNOW YOUR ZONE

- Go to [PVPready.gov](https://www.pvpready.gov). Click "Find Your Zone" and search your address.
- Save your zone number in your phone or write it down and keep it somewhere that's easy to find in an emergency.
- In an emergency, check the zone map at [PVPready.gov](https://www.pvpready.gov) to see if your zone is under a shelter-in-place or evacuation order.

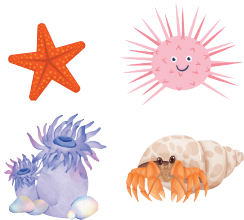
STAY INFORMED WITH EMERGENCY ALERTS

- Register for emergency alerts from Alert SouthBay by texting "alertsby" to 888-777 or visit [AlertSouthBay.com](https://www.AlertSouthBay.com)

HIDE IN THE TIDE

Find the Four Hidden Miniature Tidepool Creatures

They say time and tides wait for no one, but you can take all the time you need to find the four different tidepool creatures hidden in the waves, ok, pages, of this newsletter. Happy hunting for a tiny sea star, urchin, crab, and sea cucumber. And when you go to visit local tidepools in RPV or elsewhere, remember to look at, but not disturb these beautiful and fragile creatures.



RPV LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Elevate your impact and join the exclusive RPV Leadership Academy! Discover the inner workings of our city, connect with influential leaders, and shape the future of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Don't Miss Out!  
Limited Spots Available!  
Mark your calendar: Spring RPVLA begins April 10 and will run until May 8. The Leadership Academy meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm

As an RPVLA participant, you'll gain valuable insights, forge meaningful connections, and

meet City staff and community volunteers.

Application Requirements:

- Age 14 and up
- Resident of Rancho Palos Verdes
- Passion for community leadership
- Complete application & waivers

Be a driving force in our community. Apply now!  
Get the lead out and Lead the Way!



WELCOME ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Why get paid when you can work for free? Seriously, put down your I-Phone, stop streaming Desperate Housewives of Pacoima and volunteer at some fun community events:

Egg Hunt	March 30
Whale of a Day	April 13
Kids to Parks	May 18
4th of July	July 4

So volunteer if you can. It's the best non-paying job you'll ever love!  
Sign up at [volunteer@rpvca.gov](mailto:volunteer@rpvca.gov)

TIME TO BE CERTAIN

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM INFO SESSION  
MARCH 28

Following a major disaster, first responders may not be able to fully meet the demand. Neighbors will have to rely on each other to meet immediate lifesaving and sustaining needs.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a government/community resource that provides basic training in disaster preparedness so you can help your family, your neighborhood, and your community in a disaster.

Join CERT on March 28 at 7 pm at Hesse Park for its first meeting since the pandemic. Learn about this important volunteer organization, how to get involved, and share your ideas for the future.

For more information, please contact [pvpcert@gmail.com](mailto:pvpcert@gmail.com).





LEGISLATION CORNER



Legislation Corner

Local, state, and national elections are coming fast and furious in 2024 so there's no better time to become an informed citizen. Hanging out at the local barber-shop is a great way to stay up on news and gossip but not as convenient as the legislation corner option, your one-stop destination for the latest news, developments, and updates on legislative matters that affect the City of RPV. The corner will keep you informed and engaged in the decision-making process that shapes our community.



TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE GAS-  
GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS THAT IS!

Gas-powered weed and debris blowers have been prohibited in all residential neighborhoods in RPV since 2019. Only standard electric-powered blowers — hand-held, corded, and cordless — are allowed.



Using a blower to blow cuttings, refuse, or debris onto a neighboring property or into a street, gutter, or drain is also prohibited. The City is not issuing citations for violations, but is requesting voluntary compliance.

The use of electric-powered blowers is permitted:

- Monday – Friday between 8 am – 5 pm.
- Saturdays between 9 am – 4 pm

The use of electric-powered blowers is NOT permitted on Sundays or legal holidays.

For more information, go to <https://www.rpvca.gov/1102/Landscaping-Activities> to learn more about the Garden Equipment Incentive & Exchange Program. Contact the Code Enforcement Division with questions or concerns at 310.544.5281 or [CodeEnforcement@RPVca.gov](mailto:CodeEnforcement@RPVca.gov).

MAKING TAXES LESS TAXING



FREE TAX HELP AT HESSE PARK

Gimme an I, Gimme and R, Gimme an S! Goooooooooooo IRS! Usually taxes are nothing to cheer about but AARP Foundation Tax-Aide South Bay is easing the strain of filing by offering free federal and state income tax preparation services to low- to moderate income taxpayers in RPV.

In-person appointments with IRS-trained and certified volunteers at Hesse Park are available on Fridays through April 12, 2024, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. AARP membership is not required.

To make an appointment and learn more about this service, visit [taxaide-southbay.org](http://taxaide-southbay.org) or call 310.544.5260. Gooooooo Tax Team!

LUKASZ BUCHWALD  
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professional used to know virtually everything about networks, hardware, and programs. Nowadays, it's practically impossible to know it all, but it's important to keep up to date with the new, emerging technologies and evaluate how they could help you deliver better service, improve business processes, or lower costs. As an IT professional, I learn something new almost every day!

**There's a lot of buzz about Artificial Intelligence. How is the City using and dealing with AI and what other challenges and opportunities do you see in the future?**

The emergence of AI is often compared to the next industrial revolution, and I can see a lot of industries, including IT, being affected by it. Automation of certain tasks and jobs has the potential for an enormous impact in all areas, including local government. It is certainly exciting to see how we can use AI in the future to increase our productivity

and allow us to better serve our residents and local businesses. We already started utilizing some AI-powered tools and platforms in cyber security and collaboration.

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

I was born and raised in Poland, but just this year I officially have spent more time living in California than in my home country! I consider myself a very lucky person to live in this beautiful place, and I never pass up an opportunity to taunt my sister (who still lives in Poland) and show her the bright blue skies during our video calls.

**Favorite Movie/Book/Favorite TV show/Music/Hobbies**

I am a struggling golfer who is currently working on re-doing my swing from the ground up. My all-time favorite TV show is "The Wire" and I love all the Discworld books by Terry Pratchett.

DON'T RECOIL FROM SAFETY-  
SPRING INTO ACTION

As the days grow longer and temperatures begin to rise, the arrival of spring brings with it a renewed sense of energy and vitality. However, it's also a time when unique safety challenges can arise, from outdoor activities to seasonal hazards. The following tips will help you SPRING into action!

**S - Stay Aware:**  
As nature awakens from its winter slumber, it's essential to stay mindful of your surroundings. Be alert to changes in weather conditions, potential natural disasters such as floods or storms, and seasonal hazards. Whether enjoying the great outdoors or puttering in the garden, staying aware can help you avoid potential risks.



**P - Prepare for Emergencies:**  
Take the time to prepare an emergency kit stocked with essential supplies such as water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, and a flashlight. Familiarize yourself with emergency protocols and evacuation routes, and ensure that your family members or colleagues are aware of these plans as well.

**R - Review Safety Guidelines:**  
With the change of seasons comes a need to review and refresh your knowledge of safety guidelines and best practices. Take the time to familiarize yourself with relevant safety protocols. This may include guidelines for hiking, boating, camping, or navigating crowded public spaces. Enjoy all that spring has to offer while minimizing risks to yourself and others.

**I - Increase Visibility:**  
Whether you're walking, cycling, or driving, ensure that you're easily visible to others, especially during dusk and dawn when visibility may be reduced. Wear brightly colored clothing, use reflective gear or accessories, and ensure that your bicycle or vehicle lights are in working order.

**N - Nurture Well-being:**  
Take time to engage in activities that promote health and relaxation, such as outdoor exercise, mindfulness practices, or spending time in nature. Stay connected with loved ones, seek support when needed, and prioritize self-care habits that promote resilience and overall well-being.

**G - Guard Against Hazards:**  
Springtime brings its own set of hazards, from seasonal allergies to outdoor pests and environmental risks. Guard against these hazards by wearing protective gear, using insect repellent, or minimizing exposure to allergens. By guarding against hazards, you can mitigate health risks and enjoy a safer and more enjoyable spring season.

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



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

LAND MOVEMENT (Continued from page 1)

•For urgent matters or observation of any sudden shifts on your property, please call 9-1-1.

About 8 miles of trails in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve remain temporarily closed at the recommendation of the City's geologist. We ask members of the public to please stay off trails that have been closed, and we thank them for their patience and cooperation. In hiking areas that remain open to the public, our Park Rangers continue to monitor trail conditions for public safety, perform maintenance, and fill fissures. Check [rpvca.gov/trailalerts](http://rpvca.gov/trailalerts) for the latest trail updates, including anticipated rain-related closures.

The City's webpage for all things related to the landslide complex, [rpvca.gov/landmovement](http://rpvca.gov/landmovement), has a new look. The redesigned webpage is easier to read and navigate, with an expanded FAQs section and an embedded search box for the landslide GIS map. This one-stop shop is where you can find the latest news, plus landslide survey data, background information, updates from the RPV Landslide Complex Working Group, and information on how to get in touch with the City. Be sure to also sign up for the Land Movement listserv at [rpvca.gov/notify](http://rpvca.gov/notify).



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



**March and April 2024:**  
No Changes.

**May 2024:** No service on Memorial Day-May 27. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

**June 2024:** No changes.

The City’s Municipal Code (Section 8.20.330) has regulations on when trash, recycling and green waste carts can be left at the curb for collection. Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10 pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight. Containers have to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and aesthetically pleasing.

**BACKYARD SERVICE:** EDCO provides backyard service to customers at an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations or travel frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service. Questions? Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com). Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day.

CLEAN SWEEP

Streets in RPV are swept twice a month.

**March:**  
No change to schedule

**April:**  
No change to schedule

**May:** One-day delay after Memorial Day-May 27

**June:**  
No change to schedule



On sweeping days, please try to remove parked cars from the street to allow for optimal sweeping of your street. Help us to make your street clean!

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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The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is **HIRING!**

The City is currently hiring in the following departments:

City Administration  
Community Development  
Finance  
Public Works  
Recreation and Parks



WE ARE HIRING PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca)

GREEN CORNER

EARTH DAY EDITION

In celebration of Earth Day, the City is hosting recycling events celebrating reusing, reducing, recycling, and re-purposing. Let's make it easy being green!



NOT A SHRED OF WASTE!  
FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND  
ELECTRONIC WASTE EVENT

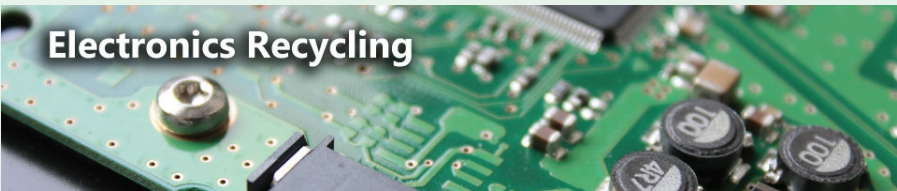


Want to free up space in your garage? Bring your personal and private documents and unwanted electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, CPS, printers and DVD players to the upcoming Document Shred and E-waste Event on **Saturday, April 6** at the Ken Dyda Civic Center (RPV City Hall) in the overflow parking lot, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., from 8 am to 11 am.

Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event. No household hazardous waste material (e.g., no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted. Love gardening? Free compost will be available to residents while supplies last. This is a self-service and self-haul event. Please bring your own trashcans or sturdy yard bags, gloves and a shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle. If you plan to haul your compost in an open truck or trailer, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND  
ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP



The PV Peninsula’s Annual Household Hazardous Waste /Electronics Waste Roundup is on **May 4, 2024** from 9 am to 3 pm at a location to be determined. Clean out your garage and/or garden shed and help the environment. Visit the County website [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org) or call 1.888.CleanLA for a list of allowable items. This event is open to all Los Angeles County residents.

DON’T BRUSH THIS OFF

SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE

Get your property ready by performing preventive fire maintenance. Dispose of excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trimmed trees in your backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on your property without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for hauling the green waste material away. Find your regular collection day below and then see your brush clearance day. Plan to complete your brush clearing before your designated day.



Regular Trash Day	Brush Collection Day
Monday	Saturday, April 6
Tuesday	Saturday, April 13
Wednesday	Saturday, April 20
Thursday	Saturday, April 27
Friday	Saturday, May 4

If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977, or [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com).