



# RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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## LANDSLIDE MOVEMENT UPDATE



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is dealing with an unprecedented crisis. Accelerated movement in our complex of ancient landslides fueled by heavy rainy seasons continues to cause significant damage to homes, utilities, roadways, trails, and open space areas. Over the summer, many residents in the landslide area lost gas and/or electricity service. The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council issued local emergency declarations on October 3, 2023 and on August 6, 2024. Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the City on September 3, 2024. The City of Rancho

Palos Verdes is urgently responding to the landslide emergency to support impacted residents and implement measures to slow the movement as soon as possible. Below is a list of information and resources for City residents.

### STAY PREPARED AND STAY INFORMED

Go to [rpvca.gov/landmovement](http://rpvca.gov/landmovement) for the latest information on land movement and utility updates, and a wide range of related topics including:

- Gas and electrical updates
- Generator/solar/propane/holding tank permitting information
- Evacuation planning and notification
- Animal and equine emergency resources
- Tax relief/insurance resources
- Land movement FAQs

### QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY?

- Call City Hall at 310.544.5200 or email [landmovement@rpvca.gov](mailto:landmovement@rpvca.gov)
- To request a City inspection of any home damage, contact the Building and Safety Division at 310.544.5280 or contact [BuildingSafety@RPVca.gov](mailto:BuildingSafety@RPVca.gov)

**9-1-1:** For all urgent matters or observation of any sudden shifts on your property, please call 9-1-1

Receive email updates by subscribing to the Land Movement listserv at [rpvca.gov/notify](http://rpvca.gov/notify).

**Know Your Zone:** Go to [PVPready.gov](http://PVPready.gov) to find your evacuation zone by searching your address. This platform will be used by the Peninsula cities for any evacuation events.

**Receive Emergency Alerts:** Text "alertrpv" to 888-777 or go to [AlertSouthBay.com](http://AlertSouthBay.com) to sign up for emergency alert by text message, email, or phone call.

**Free counseling:** 24-hour-a-day support for emotional distress during this emergency is available. Call or text the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1.800.985.5990.

**Tax Relief Information:** For information on LA County Assessor's Office tax relief programs visit [assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov) or call 213.974.3211.

### 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.**



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### UTILITIES INFORMATION & CONTACTS

#### Natural Gas Updates: [SoCalGas.com/RPV](http://SoCalGas.com/RPV)

Suspect a natural gas leak? Evacuate the area immediately, and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at 1.800.427.2200.

#### Electricity Updates: [SCE.com/RPV](http://SCE.com/RPV)

See a downed power line? Leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1. Then, call Southern California Edison at 1.800.611.1911.

#### Water Updates: [CalWater.com/RPV](http://CalWater.com/RPV)

Suspect a water leak? Call 855-RPV-LEAK (855.778.5325)

#### Sewer Updates: [LACSD.org/RPV](http://LACSD.org/RPV)

To report sewage overflows or sewer emergencies, call 562.437.6520.

### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR HOME STABILIZATION PROJECTS IN LANDSLIDE AREA

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has established regulations and procedures to help homeowners in the landslide area stabilize and level their houses.

Temporary solutions include placing homes on cargo structures and other leveling systems, such as I-beams, installing alternative foundation systems, and using temporary modular housing and storage while repairs are made.

Permit applications for these projects are now available on the City website at [rpvca.gov/building](http://rpvca.gov/building). Fees are being waived during the emergency.

For more information, please contact the City's Planning Division at 310.544.5228 or via email at [Planning@rpvca.gov](mailto:Planning@rpvca.gov).



### PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE RELIEF FUND

#### Donations for Affected Residents of Peninsula Land Movement

The Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula has stepped forward to organize donation efforts for Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills residents who have been affected by the land movement. Payment can be made via check or online at the QR code below.



Please provide your [email](mailto:email) address on the checks and mail them to 904 Silver Spur Road, Box 270, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. The EIN for tax purposes is 33-0435121.

If you have any questions, please email [jparton@malagabank.com](mailto:jparton@malagabank.com)



Parton at [jparton@malagabank.com](mailto:jparton@malagabank.com).

The Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula has stepped forward to organize donation efforts for RPV and Rolling Hills residents who have been affected by utility shutoffs and the landslide. The donation link is available on the City's website or by scanning this QR code.

Check donations can be made to "The Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation." Please add in the memo line: Portuguese Bend Landslide Relief Fund and your email address on the checks and mail them to PVP Rotary Foundation, 904 Silver Spur Road, Box 270, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

Anyone who needs assistance or wants to help in the relief effort should contact Julia

Parton at [jparton@malagabank.com](mailto:jparton@malagabank.com).

### SPOTLIGHT ON CATHERINE JUN DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

Catherine Jun recently began her tenure as RPV's Deputy City Manager after serving in a similar capacity with the City of Huntington Beach. Catherine recently took some time to answer questions about herself and her background.

Welcome to Rancho Palos Verdes. What led you to a career in city government?

When I was an analyst at LA County Public Health, I worked with a city to implement a smoke-free parks ordinance. During that time, I saw

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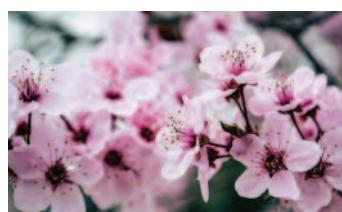
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## SAKURA CITY AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES: SISTER CITIES



*They blossom, and then  
We gaze, and then the blooms  
Scatter, and then...*

Uejima Onitsura (1661-1738)  
Japanese Haiku Poet of the Edo Period

To understand what may lie ahead after the Sakura blossoms fall, it is important to look back. Four seasons of Sakura or cherry blossoms have bloomed and blown in the wind since 2020, the year the City of Rancho Palos Verdes forged a bond with Sakura City, Japan by officially becoming sister cities. This partnership began with a student exchange program at Miraleste Intermediate School, where students from Sakura City visited Rancho Palos Verdes to learn about life on the Peninsula. These visits germinated into introductions between the two city governments, ultimately blossoming into a sister city partnership.

Despite the challenges of COVID in 2020, both cities were determined to mark this special occasion. They utilized virtual technology to hold a live dual City Council meeting to make the union official.

The word Sakura derives from the word saku which means to bloom or to smile and laugh. Both meanings were present in the years that followed as the cities continued to celebrate their growing friendship with joy-filled annual events. In 2021 and 2022 virtual celebrations featuring live dance performances, musical acts, and videos.

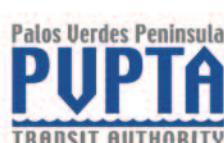
The dream of celebrating in person finally came true in 2023, when members of the Sakura City Council visited Rancho Palos Verdes. This visit not only marked the Sister Cities' third anniversary but also celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rancho Palos Verdes. The exchange of gifts continued, but the true highlight was the opportunity to connect on a deeper level, discovering common interests such as a love for the ocean and admiration for the star Japanese baseball player Shohei Ohtani.

For the fourth anniversary in 2024, both cities marked the occasion virtually during a City Council meeting.

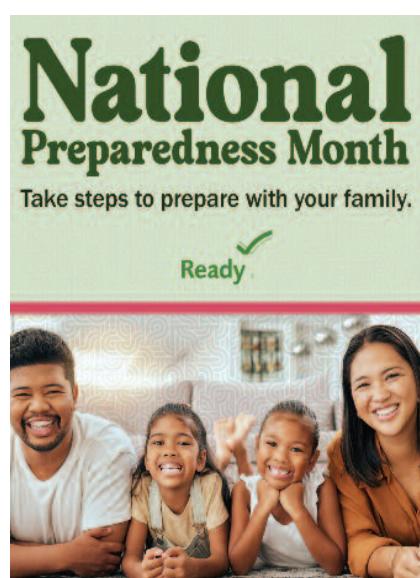


### Need a Lift?

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



[Palosverdes.com/pvtransit/](http://Palosverdes.com/pvtransit/)  
or call (310) 544-7108



September is National Preparedness Month and a great time to take steps to prepare your household for emergencies. Follow the five steps below to help you be prepared:

- 1. Sign up for alerts.** Don't be blindsided when disaster strikes; make sure you are informed about local emergencies by signing up for AlertSouthBay.com or texting AlertSB to 888-777.
- 2. Know your zone.** Visit PVPReady.gov to learn what evacuation zone you are in. If you ever receive an evacuation order for your zone, leave immediately and follow emergency instructions provided by AlertSouthBay, including evacuation routes.
- 3. Make a Plan and Practice It.** Walk through different emergency scenarios as you develop your plan. Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do, including children. Some questions to think about include: Where will you go if you need to evacuate, shelter in place, or reunite with family? How will you get where you need to be? What needs will your household have? What resources are available in your community? How will you communicate with loved ones? Where can you find information if cellphones and internet stop working?
- 4. Get emergency supplies ready for three days or more.** Think about what you will need to survive during a disaster – food, water, clothes, hygiene items, first aid kit, portable charger, etc.
- 5. Harden your home.** To prevent wildfires from spreading to your house, keep flammable debris, like dead leaves, at least 30 feet from your structure. If you're building or renovating your home, use fire-resistant materials. To reduce the impacts of earthquakes, bolt large appliances, secure cabinet doors, and consider home modifications if your house was built before 1978.

Learn more about disaster preparedness and local emergency planning efforts at: [rpvca.gov/emergency](http://rpvca.gov/emergency).

### VOTE: YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

NOVEMBER 5, 2024,  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION -  
QUALIFIED CANDIDATES



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes will hold its General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, for two City Council member seats. The City Council candidate nomination period opened on July 15, 2024, and closed on August 9, 2024. At the close of the filing period, the following five residents qualified as candidates for the November election: George Lewis, Steve Perestam, Michele Carbone, Jeff Chen and David Chura.

#### LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, October 21, 2024, is the last day to register to vote in the November 5 election. You will need to re-register if you have moved to a new address, changed your name, or changed your political party affiliation. You can register to vote online by visiting the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/register-to-vote/register>. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall, any post office, and your local library. It is important that your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Los Angeles County elections office no later than October 21.

Your vote is important. Your vote is your voice. Be heard. VOTE!

#### VOTE BY MAIL

If you would like to vote by mail this election, an application can be found on the back cover page of your Official Sample Ballot booklet which are due to be mailed to each voter by October 15. For additional information about voting by mail, please visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at [lavote.gov](http://lavote.gov).

#### POLLING LOCATION

On Election Day residents can locate their polling place by using the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at [lavote.gov/locator](http://lavote.gov/locator).

Voters who do not have access to the internet can contact the City Clerk's office at 310.544.5217 for assistance in locating their polling place.

#### ELECTIONS & VOTER SERVICES

The City Clerk's office provides information on the City's website regarding the election and other voter services. Please visit the Elections page at [rpvca.gov/elections](http://rpvca.gov/elections) for election updates.

### CATHERINE JUN

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city officials dialoguing with residents on a regular basis, finetuning ideas, and implementing them quickly. To me, it was clear that the "rubber met the road" on the city level, and I saw it as government at its best.

#### Tell us about your past work and educational experiences.

I was a newspaper photojournalist right after I graduated from USC, working in places like Denver, Detroit, and Phoenix. When newspapers began struggling, I switched gears to pursue a master's in public policy at USC. After graduation, I worked at LA County Public Health, and then made the permanent switch to city government working for Bellflower, Huntington Beach, and now RPV.

Many of our residents may have a general idea of what a City Manager does but may not know as much about a Deputy City Manager's duties. Tell us about your role and how you and City Manager Ara Mihranian work together?

The DCM role can vary from city to city. In RPV, my role is to support City Manager Mihranian on various issues, while guiding and supporting the amazing staff in the City Administration Department. That work includes Human Resources, City Clerk's Office, Information Technology, Government and Community Relations, RPVtv, and Public Safety matters.

#### What qualities and attributes should an effective Deputy City Manager possess?

DCMs come from all walks of life, but there are some common threads like the ability to pivot, stay calm, and learn from your mistakes. To me,

these are important since the job often deals with issues that don't come with a handbook.

#### What are some of the biggest strengths of Rancho Palos Verdes?

Without a doubt, the strength of Rancho Palos Verdes is its staff and City Council. Everyone here embraces an "all hands-on deck" mentality that comes from a deep commitment and passion to serving the community. That's also helped create a family-like culture that I have really enjoyed being a part of.

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

I love cities, and I want more kids to love them too. I'd like to write a textbook about local government, so young people can learn about the impact that cities have on their day to day lives – from the minute they turn on the faucet in the morning to the last mile they bike home. The more you understand the world around you, the more you can engage with it.

#### How do you enjoy spending time away from work?

Some days will be very low-key with a visit to the library and pickleball with the family. Other days, we'll be hiking and eating pho afterwards. I like every day to be different.

#### Favorite book, movie, type of music/sport etc.?

I love rock climbing. My husband and I used to climb Joshua Tree and Yosemite, but we took a long hiatus after we had kids. Now that they're older, we're beginning to visit the climbing gym and rediscovering our love for the sport.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

Each fall, the Palos Verdes Library District holds an Annual Community Art Show, inviting local artists, professional and amateurs alike, to participate.

Typically featuring almost 100 artists from around the Peninsula and the larger Los Angeles community, the Community Art Shows include artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Pieces include many media forms such as photography, painting, collage, and sculpture.

The Community Art Show is part of PVLD's Art In Our Library program. The Art in Our Library exhibition program allows free access to the visual arts and cultural exhibitions, while promoting local artists and creative community groups.

For more information, visit: <https://www.pvld.org/artinourlibrary>



### PV WRITES TOGETHER - WRITING PROGRAMS



PALOS VERDES LIBRARY DISTRICT COMMUNITY WRITING EVENTS

**Registration starts  
October 1st at  
any PVLD branch!**

For Info. 310-377-9584 x601  
[www.pvld.org/pwritestogther](http://www.pvld.org/pwritestogther)

Sign-ups start Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
at any library branch.

Calling all writers! PVLD's annual Writing program is back in full swing! Join inspirational writing events throughout the months of October/November. Attend a series of writing events, lectures and workshops at PVLD Libraries. Events will culminate in an anthology where participants who attend three (3) writing events can submit a 1,500 word project to be published. Visit [pvld.org/pwritestogther](http://pvld.org/pwritestogther) for more details.

### STORYTIMES & PLAYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY



Storytimes & playtimes are available at all PVLD branches throughout the week. Storytimes last approximately 30 minutes unless otherwise noted. Recommended ages are noted in each description, but children of all ages may attend any storytime. No registration required.

## UPCOMING BRUSH COLLECTION DAYS



Disposing of excess vegetation and tree trimming around your home is not only simple, but you are also helping reduce fuel load and prevent brush fires. Use your green carts, personal cans and/or tied bundles (no plastic bags) and leave them at the curb.

Brush clearance will take place rain or shine. If you have any questions, call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or visit <http://www.rpvca.gov/327/Recycling-Programs>. Please complete your brush clearing before your designated day.

## HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

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

**October:** Regular schedule. No changes.

**November:** No Trash/recycling/organics service on Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day. There will be a one-day service delay for Thursday and Friday routes. There will be regular collection for the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday customers.



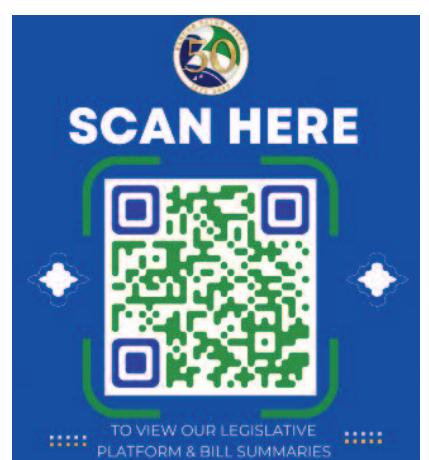
**Discounts Available:** EDCO offers various discounts to customers:

- 1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount (a one-time only application is needed for a new senior citizen customer).
- 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount.
- 3) Low-income customers may qualify for a 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO at 310.540.2977 or check the City's website at: [rpvca.gov/trash](http://rpvca.gov/trash).



### SUPER CHARGE YOUR LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS

Legislative Corner will inform you on what's inside every bill tracked by the City. Local, state-wide, and national elections and issues are coming fast so there's no better time to become an informed citizen. Go to the Legislative Corner, 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.



TO VIEW OUR LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM & BILL SUMMARIES

## CRIME CORNER/PUBLIC SAFETY



### PUBLIC SAFETY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Eligible for up to \$2000  
for Neighborhood/HOA or  
\$100 for an Individual

**CONTACT US**  
[PublicSafety@rpvca.gov](mailto:PublicSafety@rpvca.gov)

**Find out More**



### Public Safety Reimbursement Program

This initiative offers financial assistance to residents and homeowners' associations (HOAs) wishing to invest in security cameras and other public safety equipment.

#### What the Program Offers:

The City provides a reimbursement for half of the cost of a new public safety purchase, up to \$2,000 for neighborhoods and up to \$100 for individuals. Neighborhoods are eligible to reapply for reimbursements annually, but individuals are limited to a one-time reimbursement.

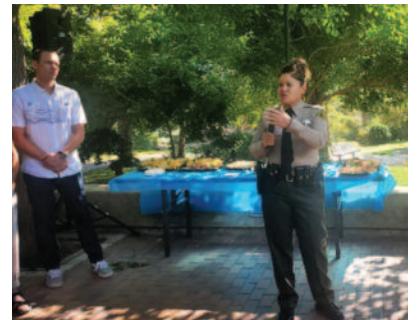
**Permit Fee Waivers:** The City will waive permit fees related to the installation of approved security equipment, helping to reduce the overall cost of your safety investment. Please note that it is the responsibility of the neighborhood, individual, or vendor to complete any necessary permits before installation.

#### How to Apply:

Applications and detailed information about the Public Safety Reimbursement Program can be found on the City's website under the Public Safety Programs section.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual event designed to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This year, the event was held at Hesse Park and was hosted by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, the Lomita Sheriff's Station, and the L.A. County Fire Department.



Residents had the opportunity to meet local first responders and enjoy appetizers and donuts.

Thanks to our sponsors, and the amazing speakers, Captain Guerrero from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and RPV Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair James Sprinkel.

If you are looking for ways to get more involved in the community, consider joining the Rancho Palos Verdes Neighborhood Watch. Learn more at: [rpvca.gov/neighborhoodwatch](http://rpvca.gov/neighborhoodwatch).



## The City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Your search ends here!

# We're Hiring

Principal Engineer  
(2 vacancies)

Deputy Director of  
Finance

Human Resources  
Specialist

Associate Engineer

Assistant Planner

Recreation Program  
Coordinator

Assistant Engineer

Public Safety  
Manager  
(2 vacancies)

Administrative  
Assistant  
(coming soon)

For more information regarding these exciting career  
opportunities, please visit our website:

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



## PEDRO PET PALS ADOPTION SUNDAYS



In conjunction with the City's Recreation and Parks Department, Pedro Pet Pals is pleased to host Pet Adoption Sundays on the first Sunday of October, November and December from Noon to 3pm at Eastview Park located at 1700 Westmont Dr. Help an animal in need

and find a furry friend yourself.

During these events, you will have an opportunity to speak with animal welfare representatives about the importance of spaying/neutering your pets.

Overcrowded animal shelters are a serious problem. Local shelter volunteers and Pedro Pet Pals are working to offer new solutions that will reduce this problem and enrich the lives of both animals and students.

Do you know a young person seeking a way to make a difference in their community? Students can earn up to 60 service hours per month when their families foster a Harbor Animal Shelter dog or cat. This initiative, offered as a pilot program through the LA Animal Services Harbor Shelter, aims to provide loving temporary homes for dogs and cats currently in the Shelter.

Visit [www.foster4servicehours.org](http://www.foster4servicehours.org) for more information and to sign up for Service Hours!

## 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



**310.544.5200**

310.544.5207

310.544.5217

310.544.5304

310.544.5228

310.544.5327

310.544.5252

310.544.5260

310.544.5280

310.544.5281

## GREEN CORNER



### 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, printers and DVD players to the upcoming Document Shred and E-waste Event on **Saturday, November 2** at the Ken Dyda Civic Center (RPV City Hall) 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, 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 three 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.

### STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION THE FIRST FLUSH

An important environmental warning--as the first storm of the year approaches, so does the risk of stormwater pollution. The first storm of the year is called the "first flush." This will pick up all the trash, pesticides, oil, and other pollutants that have built up over the summer and carry the pollutants into our natural streams, channels, and oceans, leading to harmful consequences for aquatic life and even human health.

The good news is that we can take action at home to prevent stormwater pollution. Here are some simple actions you can take to help keep our waterways clean:

1. Dispose of litter in trash or recycling bins
2. Dispose of household hazardous waste, such as cleaners, motor oil, and pesticides. Do not dump or throw away the chemicals. Visit <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/> for more information.
3. Pick up after your pet and dispose of the pet waste in the trash bin.
4. Water your lawn or garden efficiently and use dry cleaning methods for your driveway, such as sweeping with a broom.
5. Minimize your use of pesticides and fertilizers by only spot-treating the problem area, and following product directions. Do not treat if rain is predicted within 48 hours.
6. Volunteer at local cleanup events: if you can, participate in local cleanup events, and help raise awareness about stormwater pollution in your community.

These are just a few simple steps we can take to prevent stormwater pollution. Let's work together to keep our waterways clean and healthy for generations to come.



### CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE

The City held its second annual City Hall Open House on September 5 from 2-6 pm. Residents and visitors had the opportunity to tour all of the City's Departments, see the inner functions of municipal government, and ask questions of staff. Rancho Palos Verdes was incorporated on September 7, 1973, and this Open House marked the end of the City's Golden 50th year!



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