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COME SEE RPV'S NEWEST PARK!

FOUNDERS PARK DEDICATED TO LOCAL VISIONARIES



A rare occasion was celebrated on Saturday, August 27th as the City took ownership of a new five-acre park located adjacent to the clubhouse at Trump National Golf Course on the coastal bluffs overlooking the sparkling Pacific Ocean. In addition to officially dedicating the City's newest park, the day's events included a salute to the efforts of City founders and

acknowledged the history of the local Japanese-American farmers. The afternoon affair included a live jazz band, color guard ceremony, cake and champagne reception and an opportunity to reminisce with old friends and neighbors.

During the park dedication ceremony, City Council members officially named the park Founders



Park in honor of the City's founders who had the courage and persistence to turn their vision into a reality called the City of Rancho Palos Verdes more than 30 years ago. Many City founders were present for the ceremony including past mayors, City Council members, and original members of Save Our Coastline. Four of the City founders, Barbara Gleghorn, Ken Dyda, Betty Field Strauss and Ann Shaw, shared their memories about the fight to incorporate Rancho Palos Verdes. The ceremony also honored the Ishibashi family who farmed on the site from the early 1900's until the late 1990's when construction began on the golf course.

Several local businesses made generous contributions to offset the



cost of a bronze dedication plaque that will soon be installed within the park. The park boasts incredible vistas, large grassy areas, a gazebo, picnic tables, fabulous cliff-side walking trails and a bike path. The trails are currently open to the public during daylight hours. Free public parking is provided at the bottom of Ocean Trails Drive at the Trump National Golf Course parking lot.

CITY LAUNCHES NEW CABLE TV CHANNEL

FIRST LIVE BROADCAST CELEBRATED



opportunity to meet the technical staff as well as to be interviewed live by RPV Public TV Productions Manager Gabriella Holt.

Palos Verdes on the Net and Ted Vegvari's talented group of student camera operators and control room staff provided the technical side of the first Channel 33 production. The production was under the able direction of Tyler Fradkin, a three-year veteran of television productions, even though he is just starting his first year in high school.



The students who operated the cameras and assisted with other aspects of the live production were Max Kim, Ari Grabb, Daniel Burkhalter, Michelle Auyong, Christopher Jensen, Antonio Guerrero and Leonora Moran.



Future viewing on Channel 33 will feature educational programming with an emphasis on Peninsula issues and local productions as well as the ever-popular RPV City Talk shows featuring Council members and local community leaders.

On Saturday morning, August 27th, local government and City issues aficionados celebrated a new source of governmental and educational programming with the launch of Rancho Palos Verdes' own cable television channel. The first live broadcast over RPV TV Channel 33 was a City Council meeting that was simultaneously broadcast on the local government access channel (formerly Channel 3, now Channel 35).

Over 50 VIP guests joined the City Council at a celebratory reception following the Council meeting and were treated to tours of the Channel 33 studio and the

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
9:00AM-10:30AM, HESSE PARK

HO! HO! HO!
To "Breakfast with Santa" we go!



Mark your calendars for some old-fashioned holiday fun with Santa!

Breakfast, crafts, carols, and pictures with Santa await children of all ages... bring your camera!

Children & adults, \$8 each. Registration forms available at RPV parks and online.

Call the North Pole at 544-5260 for more information.

Proceeds benefit the RPV REACH Program for young adults with developmental disabilities.

**Hop on your sleigh...
Santa's on his way!**

To download a registration form, go to: www.palosverdes.com/rpv

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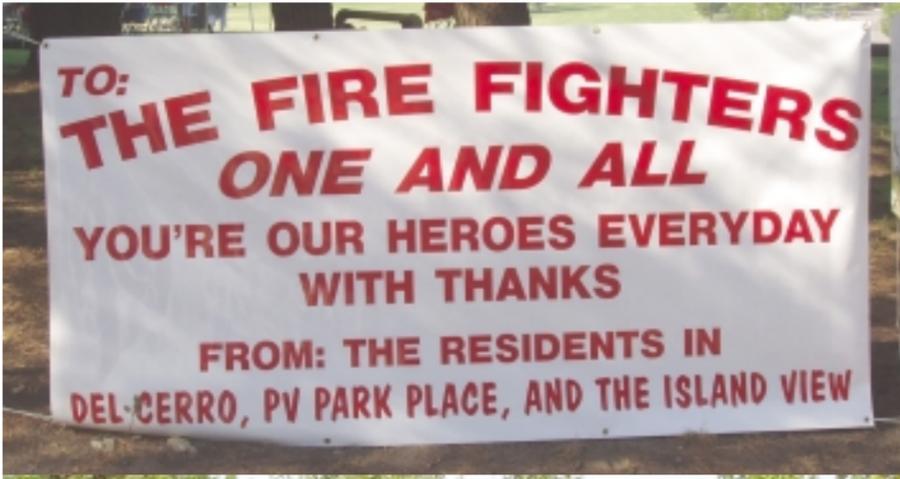
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LOCAL RESIDENTS THANK SAFETY PERSONNEL



Homeowners in the Del Cerro Park area co-sponsored a pancake breakfast at the Park on August 6th to express appreciation for the tremendous efforts of local firefighters, the Lomita Sheriff's Department, and other emergency personnel in fighting a brush fire that broke out on July 13, 2005. Members from the local homeowners associations, including Del Cerro, Island View, P.V. Park Place, and Burrell Drive, provided a delicious variety of breakfast foods and beautiful decorations for the event. Local homeowner Chuck Miller, owner of

Aztec Rentals, donated use of tables, chairs, and other equipment for the event. There was an impressive turnout of approximately 200 homeowners who came to personally thank the brave men and women who selflessly risked life and limb during the fire to save dozens of homes from potential damage during the widespread brush fire. Notable guests included Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, Assemblywoman Betty Karnette, Lomita Sheriff's Captain Jay Zuanich, and Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman.



STORM DRAIN LINING PROJECT

TECHNOLOGY SPEEDS INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL



Winter is coming and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is completing its first round of storm drain lining projects. SANCON, the City's storm drain lining contractor, has completed the lining of twenty of the two hundred corrugated metal pipes (CMP) that provide storm water drainage in the City. CMP's running beneath arterial streets are being targeted first to avoid more sinkholes, like the one that occurred on Western Avenue during last winter's storms. So far, eleven CMP's have been lined in the westerly portion of the City and nine on the east side. The process used to line the pipes is fascinating and is known as the "cured-in-

place" lining method. A video is made of the pipe in need of repair to determine the actual length of the liner needed. The half inch felt liner is ordered and custom made for each pipe's length and diameter. Delivery of the custom liner takes approximately 3 weeks. The day preceding the lining, the felt is impregnated with thermo-reactive



resin and the liner is stored on ice until it is ready to be installed. The contractor takes the liner from its icy bed and pulls it through the pipe, fits large caps to both ends of the liner, which are in-turn connected to a boiler that provides heat to cure the resin and pressure to inflate the liner. The longest section of pipe lined through this contract was approximately 400 feet long and began at 8:00 am and was complete by 2:00 pm the same day! Replacing this pipe that ran under Hawthorne Boulevard would have taken several weeks by conventional construction methods and would have caused considerable inconvenience to motorists. So remember, when you see our construction signs, drive with extra caution; your storm drains are being repaired under the roadway as you are driving on them!



PENINSULA PLANS FOR EMERGENCIES

CITY HOSTS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETINGS

This year, the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee decided to organize the first Peninsula Emergency Preparedness meeting by inviting various agencies and groups across the Peninsula to discuss the needs, services and resources at the organizational and community levels relative to disaster preparedness. The meeting, held on May 19th at the Peninsula Center Library, was well attended by over 40 people representing community groups, neighboring peninsula cities, American Red Cross, utility companies, schools, places of worship, homeowners associations, volunteer programs, County Sheriff's Department and other entities.

Neighborhood Watch's emergency preparedness activities, the upcoming CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training drill in October, and updates from all of the peninsula cities on their emergency preparedness activities.

Due to the evolving nature of disaster preparedness, the Emergency Preparedness Committee hopes to continue these meetings on a semi-annual basis and to encourage organizations within the City and across the Peninsula to communicate and share ideas with one another in order to become better prepared for the next disaster.

By popular demand, the Committee hosted a second meeting on September 15th. The topics of discussion included the July 2005 brushfire near Del Cerro Park,

If you are interested in attending the next Peninsula Emergency Preparedness meeting or obtaining more information on disaster preparedness, please contact Gina Park in the City Manager's Office at 544-5206 or via e-mail at ginap@rvp.com.



Simple instructions on how to assemble a disaster supply kit for your home and family are available on pages A-9 and A-10 of the Palos Verdes Peninsula 2005 Telephone Directory. This list was developed by the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee to encourage each household on the peninsula to be prepared when disaster strikes.

NEW MUSEUM DOCENT TRAINING CLASS BEGINS SPRING 2006

Do you enjoy volunteering? Would you like to learn more about the Peninsula, share your newfound information with others, and be a part of the new Point Vicente Interpretive Center? Now is your chance to become a trained docent volunteer, leading museum, nature and tidepool tours at several locales in the City, including Abalone Cove Shoreline Park, Ladera Linda/Forrestal Preserve, Ocean Trails, and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. The curriculum includes

in-depth information on the natural and cultural history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, with emphasis on surrounding marine and terrestrial habitats. Field trips, local walks and guest speakers enhance the docent learning experience. For more information, call (310) 544-5264 or visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv. Become a Los Serenos de Point Vicente docent and make friends while you make a difference in your community.

JULY FIRE UPDATE

SIGNS OF LIFE RETURNING TO SCORCHED AREA

City Hall has received numerous inquiries regarding the re-vegetation of the 179 acres that burned during the July brush fire below Del Cerro Park. Assistant Chief Kevin Johnson of the Forestry Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department was assigned the responsibility for the burned area erosion control program. The City has been working closely with Assistant Chief Johnson and his staff since the fire. Also consulted on the matter of erosion control and re-vegetation was the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

The Forestry Division of the County Fire Department has advised the City that re-vegetation of the burned area is neither necessary, nor practical at this time. They have concluded that the fire did not destroy most of the root structure of the plant material in the burn area and that the naturally occurring plant life should restore itself without re-seeding. The Forestry Division also concluded that re-vegetation on the slopes would probably not be successful both due to the type of soil present and the steepness of the slopes.

The South Coast Chapter of the Native Plant Society has submitted a letter that reinforces The Forestry Division's position. Their letter states:

We would like to remind you that both the coastal sage scrub and the chaparral plant communities are adapted to fire cycles. Although many of the burned shrubs may initially look like they are dead, their root systems are often still alive.

These plants can be expected to re-sprout with healthy new growth. In fact, many natives in certain areas of the burn have already shown signs of re-sprouting.

The new plant growth can be seen in this photograph taken recently in the burn area. The Native Plant Society also mentioned that:

We understand that the community and the City are concerned about slope stability. However, wherever there was native scrub on the slope, the roots of the shrubs are still in place and will thus be able to hold the soil.

The County Department of Public Works has prepared a brief report evaluating potential sediment impacts from winter rains. The focus of the report is on downstream structures that may be impacted by mudflows. The report concluded that there would be no sediment impact to residences located below the burn area. The report did advise that the culvert under Narcissa Drive should be periodically inspected to insure it does not become plugged by debris from the burn area.

Based on the advice of these sources, the City is not planning any re-vegetation of the burned area. However, the City will continue to monitor the area during the rainy season and through the spring to determine if habitat re-growth is progressing as expected, and if necessary, the City will reevaluate the situation at that time in consultation with the Fire Department and local habitat experts.



NOW YOU SEE THEM - NOW YOU DON'T!

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR TRASH CANS

One of the most frequent complaints the City receives is trash and recycling cans left at the curb for several days at a time. Not only do they create an eyesore, but loitering trash cans also limit on-street parking and interfere with street sweeping. Please be a good neighbor and help keep your street clean and attractive by not leaving your refuse cans at the curb any

longer than necessary. Take your trash and recycling containers to the curb the night before collection, or by 7 a.m. on collection day. This helps avoid missed pickups. Make sure you remove the empty cans by no later than 8 p.m. on pickup day, as required by City Code. If you are out of town on collection day, ask a neighbor to put away your empty trash cans.

POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER UPDATE

MUSEUM EXPANSION NEARS COMPLETION



Exterior construction of the expanded Point Vicente Interpretive Center is nearing completion. Passersby on Palos Verdes Drive South have watched the exciting progress over the past few months as the building's internal frame took shape and clay roof tiles were added. Masons have spent hundreds of hours hand cutting Palos Verdes stone veneer and applying it to nearly every exterior surface of the building in order to match the Interpretive Center's original design. A teaching terrace with a life size whale replica inlaid in the cement and incredible 180° ocean views will serve as the Interpretive Center's back patio. The adjacent grounds are also being prepared for planting with the installation of landscape irrigation and lighting.

Work is currently underway on the museum's main entrance, including

a whale walk path that leads visitors past a depiction of the migration of the gray whale from Alaska to Baja California. Installation of the first set of bronze whale plaques with personalized inscriptions will take place soon. Another 50 bronze whale plaques are still available for a donation of \$2,500 each.

Additional donation opportunities include \$250 brick pavers that will be laid along a cliffside path, and 6"x8" or 8"x10" bronze plaques to be installed along the seat wall of PVIC's amphitheater. With exhibit fabrication set to begin soon, there are still opportunities for individuals, companies, and organizations to sponsor an exhibit. For more information about donation opportunities, please contact RPV's Recreation & Parks Department at 544-4260.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Are you interested in serving the public in a variety of settings, learning about the daily operations of local government, and maintaining a flexible work schedule?

The RPV Recreation and Parks Department is actively seeking qualified individuals to apply for the part-time, year-round position of Recreation Leader.

Customer Service experience is highly desirable, but not required.
Possession of a Class B California Driver's License is a plus.
Beginning pay rate is \$8.46 per hour.

Job Requirements

High School Diploma / 18 years of age or older
Class C California Driver's License

Call the City's Job Information Line at 310-544-5308 or visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv for a City application.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Leave your Christmas trees at the curb on your regular green waste recycling day (2nd pickup of the week). No need to cut the tree into smaller pieces and flocked trees are acceptable. Remember to remove the base and any ornaments (including tinsel or garland) before placing the tree

at the curb.

If you live in a multi family complex such as a condominium, apartment or townhome, just ask your Management Company or HOA for the designated drop-off location (usually in the garage area or by the recycling bins).

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Leave all containers at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

If you are 65 or older, you are eligible for a senior citizen rate discount.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

(310) 830-7100 or (800) 774-0222

November 2005: No service on Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, November 26.

December 2005: No Change. Regular collection schedule.

January 2006: No Change. Regular collection schedule.

UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS

(800) 631-7016

November 2005: No service on Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, November 26.

December 2005: Christmas Week. There will be no service on Monday, December 26. Collection for the week will be on Tuesday, December 27 and Thursday December 29, 2005.

January 2006: New Year's Week. There will be no service on Monday, January 2nd. Collection for the week will be on Tuesday, January 3rd and Thursday, January 5, 2006.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Manager's Office	310 544-5205
City Clerk's Office	310 544-5208
Finance Dept.	310 377-0360
Planning Dept.	310 544-5228
Public Works Dept.	310 544-5252
Recreation and Parks Dept.	310 544-5260
Building & Safety Dept.	310 541-7702

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FALL 2005 RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT COMMUNITY CENTERS

Tot/Youth Sports & Dance

Dance (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Tumble, Combo, Pre & Point) Creative Energy Dance School	(310) 547-5073
Fit N Fun Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, Golf Fit N Fun Sports	(310) 625-6044
Pintsize Cheerleading, Karate, Sports Pintsize Fitness & Sports	(310) 220-7804
Tennis (classes, camps, private lessons) LA Tennis Academy	(310) 725-0060

Teen/Adult Health & Fitness

Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact Ann Bosma	(310) 375-2064
Bones for Life Sachiye Nakano	(310) 326-6831
Exercise & Fitness Jacquelyn Fernandez	(310) 377-2965
Ladies Exercise Jeanne Murphy	(310) 377-8507
Line Dancing Helen Sabin	(310) 377-2520
Tai Chi Chuan Jensu Mark	(310) 397-6275
Tap Dance Ann Leach	(310) 832-8653
Tennis (classes, camps, private lessons) LA Tennis Academy	(310) 725-0060

Tot Classes

Mommy & Me Barry Sacks	(310) 519-4622
Music N Motion Annette Gunderson	(310) 373-0280
Suika Preschool Suika Education, Inc.	(310) 323-5221
Wee Tots Barry Sacks	(310) 519-4622

Youth Classes

Cooking for Kids Gayle Corwin	(310) 376-3121
Learn French! Michele Bechler	(310) 544-1930
Outdoor Adventures holiday camp Barry Sacks	(310) 519-4622
Spanish classes for youth Mercedes Seraphim	(310) 544-8200
Suzuki Method for String Instruments Michele Nardone	(310) 374-7385

Teen/Adult Classes

Basics of Fine Arts Kevin McCants	(310) 377-8812
Cooking for Teens Gayle Corwin	(310) 376-3121
FCC Technician's License Walt Ordway	(310) 541-4007
Learn French! Michele Bechler	(310) 544-1930
Spanish classes for adults Mercedes Seraphim	(310) 544-8200
Suzuki Method for String Instruments Michele Nardone	(310) 374-7385

If you are interested in teaching a class at one of our park sites, please call the Recreation Supervisor at (310) 544-5268.

RPV FALL PARK HOURS

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park (377-1222)

Mon. - Fri. 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park (541-8114)

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - dusk
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 a.m. - dusk

Ladera Linda Community Park (541-7073)

Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Point Vicente Interpretive Center (377-5370)

Visitor's Annex
Mon. - Fri. 1:00 p.m. - dusk
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 a.m. - dusk

Robert E. Ryan Community Park (377-2290)

Mon. - Fri. 12:00 noon - dusk
Sat. & Sun. 10:00 a.m. - dusk

All parks in the City may be enjoyed by the public from dawn to dusk.

The leash law is enforced at all City parks.

