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SHORT-TERM RENTALS PROHIBITED IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES' RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

To AIRBNB OR NOT To AIRBNB

Short-term rentals has been a contentious issue for many cities in California and around the country. A short-term rental is considered to be a rental of a residential property for less than 30 days. Over the last year, the City Council and Planning Commission have studied the issues related to short-term rentals extensively. After a comprehensive public hearing process and extensive public outreach effort, on September 20, 2016, the City Council determined that short-term rentals are prohibited within the City, since the use is not enumerated as a permitted use under the City's Development Code. As a result of this determination, the City's Code Enforcement Division has begun to enforce the prohibition of short-term rentals in the City's single-family residential neighborhoods. As part of the prohibition, the City is in the process of making the advertisement of short-term rentals within the City illegal as well. Violators of the prohibition will be cited penalty fines pursuant to the Municipal Code. For up-to-date information related to short-term rentals in the City, please visit the City's website at www.rpvca.gov/987/Short-Term-Rentals. Inquiries should be directed to Octavio Silva, Associate Planner, or Julie Peterson, Code Enforcement Officer, at (310) 544-5228.



ALTA VICENTE RESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is proud to announce the next phase of habitat restoration in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. The 1,400 acre Nature Preserve is comprised of 11 individual nature reserves spread throughout the City, including the very popular Portuguese Bend Reserve (often mistaken for Del Cerro Park) and

Abalone Cove Reserve. The Nature Preserve contains 32 miles of trails, and is dedicated in perpetuity to habitat preservation.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) work together to manage the Nature Preserve. The City owns the Preserve and provides public safety, maintenance, and operational services. The Conservancy is the habitat manager, which includes surveying and monitoring nature and protected plant and animal species, removing non-native plants, and planting and restoring an average of 5 acres of habitat each year. Habitat restoration establishes habitat (coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub, and butterfly habitat) that accommodates rare species including the California gnatcatcher, cactus wren, and El Segundo blue butterfly. By 2017, the Conservancy will complete the planting of 5 acres of habitat in the Alta Vicente Reserve which surrounds City Hall, located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Restoration plans for the area were carefully created by the Conservancy. The plan consists of preparation (primarily non-native plant species removal), native planting, seeding, supplemental watering, maintenance, and monitoring. Ten acres of native habitat were planted in 2008 and 2009, and the latest phase of restoration begins this winter. The Conservancy is now installing a temporary irrigation system and plantings that can be seen from Palos Verdes Drive South below City Hall. The restoration will be completed over the next two years. Passersby and visitors to the site will be able to see the plantings thrive and grow larger over the coming years.

If you would like more information on the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, habitat restoration, or interpretive opportunities, please visit the City and Conservancy websites listed below. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, including planting of Alta Vicente in January and February, please contact the Conservancy or sign up at: pvplc.volunteerhub.com.

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Trails.rpvca.gov
parks@rpvca.gov

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

pvplc.org
info@pvplc.org

RPV CITY COUNCIL IN ACTION!

UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2016

September 6

Update on Parking Restrictions in Del Cerro Area and Surrounding Neighborhoods

Council received and filed the Staff report and directed Staff to return with information on additional parking and traffic mitigation measures to address safety issues along Crenshaw Blvd.

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CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN KICKS OFF

The City is in the early stages of a Civic Center Master Planning process for Point Vicente Park/Civic Center, the current site of RPV's City Hall. The 2015 Parks Master Plan Update called for a Master Plan Design and Public Outreach for this prime location which features panoramic ocean views.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX IN MID-DECEMBER FOR A CIVIC CENTER SURVEY!!



In order to find out what City residents would like to see as part of a new civic center, the City is planning an extensive outreach effort. A survey sent to all RPV residences is the first step. Survey results will provide invaluable resident insight and feedback, including input from residents who typically don't attend public workshops. The

survey was approved by the City Council on November 15, 2016. Pre-paid envelopes will be included for the convenience of residents and to increase the response rate. Look for them by mid-December at the latest!

Responses need to be postmarked by January 17, 2017.

To encourage our residents to participate, the public outreach and information process will also include multiple public workshops, listserv messages, banners, flyers, a dedicated webpage, HOA notifications, Mayoral announcements, RPVtv coverage and more.

The Master Plan effort is at an early stage of what will likely be a long and exciting process. For additional information, please visit <http://www.rpvca.gov/218/Civic-Center-Master-Plan> or call 310-377-0360.

So, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and be a part of the Civic Center Master Plan process! Thank You!

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