

Whale of a Day

Saturday, April 18

(see Recreation Guide for more details)



CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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A TRIO OF PROJECTS

PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE, CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN AND LADERA LINDA MASTER PLAN

PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE PLAN IN CONSTANT MOTION



The Portuguese Bend Landslide complex has been a significant civic concern for decades and the subject of extensive research and mitigation measures. The City spends between \$600,000 to \$800,000 per year to maintain a safe, passable road-way through the Portuguese Bend Landslide Area. This constant repaving of Palos Verdes Drive South has been going on for approximately 40 years. It's estimated that this has cost the City approximately \$40M. Besides the ongoing repair costs, continued or increased instability could have significant negative impacts on access and utilities. Four landslide workshops were held in 2017. The first workshop established three main goals:

- Control the slide and corresponding costs
- Legal protection for the City from costly and hazard-related damages
- Protect the integrity of the nature preserve

In January 2018, the City Council considered a feasibility study to stabilize the landslide area. A contract was approved in December 2018 authorizing the firm of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates to perform hydrologic analysis, and evaluation and design for drainage and dewatering (hydraugers) improvements in the Landslide area. Mitigation measures were discussed with the public at two public outreach meetings in addition to meetings with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, IMAC Landflow Subcommittee, a City Council subcommittee (Mayor John Cruikshank and Councilmember Ken

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CIVIC CENTER PROJECT CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS



The City has been actively pursuing a Civic Center Park Master Plan since 2017. Since that time a survey has gone out to all residents, the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) was formed and has met monthly, and an open house was held in 2018. On October 15, 2019 the City Council approved a program document for the site which included a number of components and approximate sizes:

- New City Hall (smaller than the current City Hall square footage)
- Council chambers
- Sheriff's Department substation and medium-sized fire station (The LA County Fire Department and LA County Sheriffs' Department have expressed preliminary interest in funding the stations)
- Emergency operations center (EOC)
- Community center
- Trailhead facilities, extensive landscaping and open space
- Computer training room
- Potential Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy office space.

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LADERA LINDA: NEW AND IMPROVED PARK COMING YOUR WAY



For several years, progress has been made on preparing a Master Plan for a new community center and park at Ladera Linda. Public outreach ranged from dozens of meetings with individuals, small groups, interested parties, Staff, and HOAs, to multiple large-scale public workshops and Council meetings. A Master Plan and schematic design was approved by the City Council last August. Facilitated by the renowned architecture and design firm of Johnson Favaro, the approved design significantly reduced the square footage of the existing buildings' footprint, retained the park's existing low-key neighborhood feel, maintained existing popular elements, such as the paddle tennis and basketball courts, playground and lower field, and addressed adjacent neighbors' concerns about view, noise, security and other key quality-of-life issues.

What's Next?

The next steps in the progress are completing the Conditional Use Permit/CEQA planning entitlement processes. This will involve review and approval by the Planning Commission. Once completed, Johnson Favaro will develop and submit construction-ready documents and final cost estimates for Council's review and consideration. A financial consultant has also been hired to advise on project financial planning options.

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

What You Need to Know

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Many of them infect animals, but some coronaviruses from animals can evolve into a new human coronavirus that can spread from person-to-person. This is what happened with the current novel coronavirus. Diseases from coronaviruses in people typically cause mild to moderate illness, like the common cold. Some, like the SARS or MERS viruses, cause serious infections like pneumonia and can be fatal.



Through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes



Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person

What are the symptoms?

Fever

Cough

Difficulty Breathing

Severe Illness

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What can I do to protect myself and others from respiratory infections like novel coronavirus?

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Facemasks are most effective when used appropriately by health care workers and people who are sick.
- Get a flu shot to prevent influenza if you have not done so this season.

For more information:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

<https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019.html>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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The City of Rancho Palos Verdes was honored to host an official visit from Mayor Hanatsuka in January. Hanatsuka received a proclamation from the City and took a tour of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center with members of City Council and City staff. He spoke warmly of the strong connection that links the two cities. The City Council is currently exploring the possibility of becoming an official sister city. So this spring, when you see a cherry blossom float softly on the wind, think for a moment about the ties that join our fair city to one on the other side of the world.

Go to the City's Notify Me page at <https://ca-ranchopalosverdes2.civic-rpvca.gov/list.aspx> to sign up for future updates and meeting notifications.

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COMING SOON...

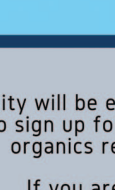




MANDATORY ORGANICS AND COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

BUSINESSES (INCLUDING SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS, NON-PROFITS, ETC)

If you have a business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, you must arrange for recycling services (paper, cans, bottles, etc.); and organic waste recycling services (food waste, green waste, etc.).



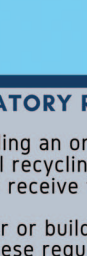
MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS (MF)

If you own or manage a multi-family dwellings (MF) with 5 or more units, that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, you must arrange for recycling services and green waste/yard waste recycling services.

Food waste diversion is not required in 2020, but will be required in the near future. If your landscaper is hauling away the green/yard waste, make sure it is taken to a recycling facility.

COMPLIANCE

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is required to comply with State mandatory commercial recycling mandatory and commercial organics recycling mandates.



MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The City will be evaluating options including an ordinance requiring businesses to sign up for mandatory commercial recycling and commercial organics recycling. Violators could receive fines or citations.

If you are an RPV business owner or building manager, and are having difficulty implementing these requirements, contact City of RPV's Public Works at 310.544.5252 or publicworks@rpvca.gov

FOR MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION, VISIT THIS SITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.CALRECYCLE.CA.GOV/RECYCLE/COMMERCIAL/ORGANICS/BUSINESS/](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/RECYCLE/COMMERCIAL/ORGANICS/BUSINESS/)

EVERBRIDGE: EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The City is part of a new regional emergency alert system that launched March 2. The Everbridge system has the capability of sending alerts to subscribers across the region in addition to within individual cities, depending on the nature of the incident. Everbridge is used by Alert SouthBay, which consists of 13 cities in Los Angeles County's Disaster Management Area G.



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes continues to enhance its emergency preparedness efforts and has joined a multi-jurisdictional board of South Bay cities to better ensure communication and readiness in the event of an emergency.

To receive alerts in the case of an emergency event, please register in one of the following ways:

- Text "888777" with the message stating "Alertsb", and you will receive a link to register
- Download the Everbridge application on your mobile phone
- Register online at <https://alertsouthbay.com/>

For additional information or questions about the emergency system, please contact Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.gov.

Everbridge is a software application that automates and accelerates the City's response to critical events, allowing the City to send targeted messages during an emergency via text message, cellular service, landlines, emails, and/or social media platforms. Everbridge integrates with FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.

EDCO'S SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE

Help avoid brush fires! Please get your property ready for the summer by performing preventive fire maintenance. June 1st is the deadline for property brush clearance. EDCO's spring season free excess green waste collection helps you dispose of excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trim 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.

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, April 18
Tuesday	Saturday, April 25
Wednesday	Saturday, May 2
Thursday	Saturday, May 9
Friday	Saturday, May 16

You will receive more information from EDCO in late March. If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977, or www.rpvrecycles.com.

RING SECURITY DEVICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

In a continued effort to enhance neighborhood safety, the City has partnered with Ring to offer a fourth and final opportunity for Rancho Palos Verdes residents to purchase select security devices at a \$100 discount. Beginning February 22, 2020, 500 discount codes will be available for qualifying Rancho Palos Verdes residents to have the opportunity to receive a \$100 discount toward select Ring devices.

This subsidy match program is only available for first-time program participants who are residents of Rancho Palos Verdes. If you have questions about the Ring program and how to participate, please contact Partnerhelp@ring.com.

To qualify for the program, residents will need to submit proof of residency to Ring. Upon verification of RPV residency, Ring will send a unique one-time discount code that will reduce the cost of the selected Ring security device by \$100.

The incentive program will be offered through April 6, 2020 on a first-come, first-served basis, so interested residents should purchase devices before the allotment of discounts runs out.

Download the free Ring app to use with your device at the App Store or Google Play by using the link <http://m.onelink.me/fe77b5ca>.

The City would like to highlight the optional purchase of a Ring Protect Plan. Each security device purchase includes free basic functions, such as two-way talk, lifetime theft protection, real-time video feeds, and motion-activated notifications. Ring Protect Plans also offer video saving, sharing, video history and the ability to take screenshot captures – all which can help deter theft and have the potential to assist law enforcement in the event of a burglary or other illegal activity. Subscriptions are not required to use Ring devices.

For additional information regarding Ring security devices, visit www.Ring.com. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.gov.



NEW YEAR, NEW HOUSING LAWS

On January 1, a set of new laws aimed at alleviating the state's housing shortage went into effect, implementing statewide rent control and making it easier for homeowners to build accessory-dwelling units — also known as ADUs or "granny flats" — on their properties.

AB 1482: The Tenant Protection Act of 2019 impacts larger apartment buildings in the City. The law prohibits landlords in areas without local rent control from raising rents by more than 5% per year (plus inflation) until January 2030, with a hard cap of 10%. It also requires landlords to have a "just cause" to evict tenants who have occupied the premises for at least one year. Both the rent cap and the "just cause" provisions do not apply to housing built in the past 15 years and single-family residences, unless owned by a real estate trust or a corporation.

AB 68, AB 587, AB 670, AB 671, AB 881 and SB 13: The City is in the process of revising its ADU ordinance to comply with a set of bills that significantly limit the ability of local governments to regulate ADUs. Among various changes, the bills allow ADUs and "junior" ADUs to be built concurrently with a single-family dwelling; open areas where ADUs can be built to include all zoning districts that allow single-family and multifamily uses; modify fees from utilities, such as special districts and water corporations; limit exemptions or reductions in impact fees; and reduce parking requirements.

CITY LOOKING INTO UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRICAL LINES TO REDUCE FIRE RISK



Rancho Palos Verdes is the most populated California city with at least 90% of residents living in a Cal Fire-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Electric utility equipment is a common fire source that has sparked some of the most destructive blazes in state history. Under-grounding power lines is a critical fire prevention tool.

However, California's Rule 20A program, which allows local governments to pay for these costly projects with utility ratepayer funds, is primarily focused on aesthetics and does not factor in fire hazard. Unless projects meet the program's limited eligibility criteria — namely, being located along a major street — they are left to be funded by property owners who are proactive and willing and able to foot the bill for undergrounding.

That's why last year the City brought a proposed resolution to the League of California Cities Annual Conference calling on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to expand the Rule 20 program to include wildfire mitigation as an eligible project. The resolution won the support of fire-prone cities across the state and was referred to two of the League's policy committees so language revisions could be reconciled. It was converted from a resolution to a proposed policy and won both committees' support in January.

The League's Board of Directors formally adopted the policy in February. This means that the League, which is an active participant in the process to revise the Rule 20 program, will advocate for these changes to the CPUC.

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community. For more
information, contact the
Recreation and Parks
Department at
parks@rpvca.gov or
310.544.5260 or visit
www.rpvca.gov.

PRESERVE AND PROTECT: PARK RANGERS ARE ON PATROL



The City is excited to announce its new Park Ranger Program for enforcement and resource management within the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Enforcement in the Preserve was previously provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. During the FY 19-20 budget process, the City Council decided to transition enforcement from Los Angeles County Deputies to City-managed Park Rangers. This decision more than doubles the enforcement presence in the Preserve, while resulting in significant cost savings for the City. This

change by the City increased patrol hours from 80 to 160 per week. Park Rangers are public officers with the ability to issue citations and they have training in interpretation, public safety, and land management. The City has benefitted greatly from the services of our former Preserve Deputies, and are grateful to them for assisting with the transition to Park Rangers. If you see Rangers in the Preserve, please stop to say "hello" (and make sure you are on-trail with your dog leashed!).

TRASH COLLECTION INFO

EDCO 310.540.2977 or
www.rpvrecycles.com

March and April 2020: No Changes.

May 2020: No service on Monday, May 25, 2020, Memorial Day. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June 2020: No Changes.

Remove empty containers after collection day. **Empty carts should not be left on the street overnight.**

BACKYARD SERVICE: EDCO provides backyard service to customers for an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations, or travel out of town frequently, call EDCO to inquire about this service.



GREEN CORNER

Earth Day is April 22nd. RPV celebrates Earth Day throughout the year by hosting various events that encourage people to reuse, reduce and recycle.



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING & E-WASTE COLLECTION & MULCH GIVEAWAY EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 8AM-11AM
RPV CIVIC CENTER (OVERFLOW PARKING LOT)
30940 HAWTHORNE BLVD

- Tax Season is over and its time for cleanup! If you have personal and sensitive documents laying around-bring them to get shredded! Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event and will shred all your documents confidentially on-site at the event.
- Additionally, bring your unwanted electronics, EDCO will collect them. 3 box limit.
- Love gardening? Free mulch 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/bag per vehicle.

For RPV/EDCO's residential customers ONLY. You will have to show proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill. If you plan to participate, please bring your ID.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP

**SATURDAY,
MAY 30, 9AM-3PM**
RPV CIVIC CENTER (CITY HALL)/CITY YARD
30940 HAWTHORNE BLVD



- The City will be hosting PV Peninsula's Annual Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Waste Roundup. Clean out your garage and/or gardening shed, and help the environment. Visit the County website www.lacsd.org, or call 1-888-CleanLA for more info.
- Can't make it that day? No worries! There is a convenient and free weekly alternative. The Gaffey SAFE Center located at **1400 N. Gaffey Street** in San Pedro is a permanent HHW & E- Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm to LA County residents. For inquiries, call 800-238-0172 or www.CleanLA.com



COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 9:30AM-11AM
HESSE PARK, MCTAGGART HALL
29301 HAWTHORNE BLVD

- This is a "Beginners" Workshop. Come by and enjoy a morning cup of coffee while learning about backyard composting and water-wise gardening.
- The workshop is sponsored by LA County and is open to all Peninsula residents, guests and gardening enthusiasts. The County plans to sell discounted compost and worm bins after the event, but accepts cash and check only! Go to www.smartgardening.com for more information on workshops. Rebates are available for residents (compost bins and worm bins). Information and rebate eligibility and rebate forms can be downloaded from the City's website or are available at the Public Works counter.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The City encourages residents to connect with their neighbors and community and practice good public safety. Community safety is a community endeavor! Connecting with those around you can increase your social safety network. A great way to do this is to get to know and join your local Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch in Rancho Palos Verdes has a vast reach and covers the majority of the City. Neighborhood Watch fosters strong relationships with the Lomita Sheriff's Department, prepares and trains residents for emergencies and helps ensure community safety and security.

Neighborhood Watch has been a grass roots community-run organization for over 28 years. To see if you are in an existing neighborhood watch covered area, or would like to join RPV Neighborhood Watch, please contact Gail Lorenzen – founder of the Neighborhood Watch – at rpvnw@ix.netcom.com.

If you would like to organize your own neighborhood watch or learn additional information about public safety programs, please email Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.org.



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Human Resources	310.544.5327
Public Works	310.544.5252
Recreation and Parks	310.544.5260
Building & Safety Division	310.544.5280
Code Enforcement	310.544.5281



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