

**Whale of a Day  
Celebration  
April 13th, 2019**

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## PREPARING FOR THE BIG ONE... AND THE LITTLE ONES IN BETWEEN

Earthquakes are not a foreign concept for most Southern Californians; earthquake preparedness, however, is not a commonly discussed topic in most households. As "The Big One" continues to be predicted in Southern California along the San Andreas Fault, earthquake preparedness is important for community resilience after a major earthquake or even after a moderate earthquake.

Earthquake preparedness encompasses building performance improvements through retrofits, as well as making plans for infrastructure disruptions. Some of the commonly known seismic hazards for single-family residences include unbraced-wood cripple wall foundations and unbraced-brick chimneys. Retrofit programs such as "Earthquake Brace and Bolt" by the California Residential Mitigation Program are important resources for homeowners to address some of the above seismic hazards. Additionally, proper anchorage of water heaters, large bookshelves, and large appliances will also reduce risk of interior damage during an earthquake.

Another component of earthquake preparedness is household plans for



any infrastructure disruption that may be caused by earthquake damage. This includes having enough water and food at the house to last a family a few days, plans for communicating with loved ones in-state or out-of-state if phone lines are down, and identifying locations of gas lines and water lines if localized damage occurs.

The Structural Engineers Association of Southern California has additional resources about earthquake education, preparedness as well as tools to find an engineer to address specific needs for single-family residences. Go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for more information on preparing your home and family for an earthquake.

## LIGHTHOUSE LENS, WHALING SHACK, AND HARPOONS-OH MY!

### NEW PVIC EXHIBITS OPENING APRIL 2019



Look out Aquarium of the Pacific! The Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) will be opening not one, but two new exhibits by April 1st, 2019.

One exhibit will display the Coast Guard's historic 3rd order Fresnel lens previously housed inside of the picturesque Point Vicente Lighthouse. The lens was first lit in 1926 and is being replaced with an LED. City Staff and Docents are thrilled to have this historic and beautiful artifact available for public viewing.

The second exhibit will feature information on the history of whaling on Portuguese Bend. On display will be a replicated whaling

shack facade, artifacts and information on shore whaling which took place in the 1800's.

So make time in your spring schedule to see these new exhibits at the ever-improving Interpretive Center!

## RANCHO PALOS VERDES



### CRIME BUSTER CORNER

#### IF WE CAN'T REACH YOU, WE CAN'T ALERT YOU



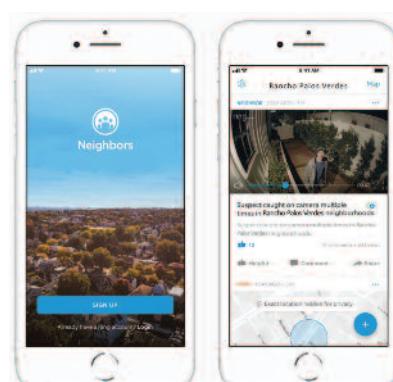
Would you like to receive a text, email or phone call to alert you and your loved ones in a disaster? RPV residents will soon have the opportunity to sign up for the City's emergency notification system. The City Council recently approved RPV's participation in a multi-jurisdictional 3-year pilot program with 13 South Bay cities that are within the Area G Disaster Management Area of Los Angeles County. Staff from these cities are working together to create an interoperable system to better alert residents in the case of an emergency. In the coming months, City Staff will provide additional information to residents about how to sign-up and about the emergency notification system.

For additional information contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's Office, at 310.544.5305 or [jruiz@rpvca.gov](mailto:jruiz@rpvca.gov)

#### DON'T WAIT-COMMUNICATE

One way to make your neighborhood safer is by sharing real-time crime and safety alerts with neighbors. Stay a step ahead of crime by being proactive.

Any RPV resident can download the Ring Neighbors app today on a smart phone or tablet, regardless if you own a Ring device at your home. The app allows users to anonymously share alerts and videos with their neighbors. Ring has partnered with RPV to test a pilot program and will provide 100 free ring devices for pre-identified neighborhoods if 1,300 residents download the app. Help us reach the goal!



Use the QR code or link to download the app  
<https://go.onelink.me/v1xd/b8697be2>

### Residential Burglary Prevention Tips

Remember, if you See Something, Say Something. Report suspicious activity by calling the Lomita Sheriff's Station at (310) 539-1661.

In the case of an emergency call or text 9-1-1.

**Close the garage door. Never leave the garage unlocked especially if it has a connecting door to your home**

**Lock all doors and windows**

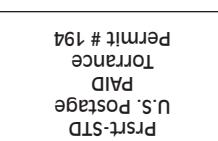
**Set your alarm system**



**Leave lights on or set timed lights. Make your home look occupied if you plan to be away**

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## MAKING A MEDIAN MAGNIFICENT



By the time you read this article, the Palos Verdes Drive West Median Beautification project should be completed. This aesthetically-pleasing project stretches all the way from the end of Hawthorne Boulevard to the border of Palos Verdes Estates. In addition to the median improvements that began in August 2018, the project includes trail connection improvements made in conjunction with Palos Verdes Estates and the California Coastal Conservancy. Enjoy the upgraded drive and views!



## IT TAKES A VOLUNTEER VILLAGE



### Palos Verdes Peninsula Village

- Stay Settled • Stay Connected • Stay Engaged

If residents are looking for volunteer opportunities, the PVP Village is a non-profit organization that preserves and enhances the security, dignity, social engagement and sense of community for older adults who want to continue independent living in the Palos Verdes Peninsula area. PVP Village accomplishes this through educational outreach, social events and needed services provided by dedicated members and volunteers.

Bring a friend and come to learn more about the Village and the benefits of joining and/or volunteering! Call 310.265.0644 for more information. Refreshments will be served. Meetings will be held at the Peninsula Main Library in the Purcell room at the following dates/times:

**Friday, March 29, 2019, 10-11am • Friday, April 26, 2019, 1-2pm**

## DON'T BE DEFENCIVE!

Robert Frost famously penned that "Good fences make good neighbors." Whether he was being ironic or not, it's certainly not true if they're broken or in ill repair. National politics aside, if you come across broken fencing or other potentially unsafe and unsightly conditions while enjoying a City park or open space area, please take a second and let the City know.



There are a couple of ways to do this. For City parks and public right-of-ways, call Public Works at 310.544.5252 or submit a City Service Request, found on the home page of the City's webpage at <http://www.rpvca.gov/>

 **City Service Request**

For repair work in Preserve and open space areas, email [trails@rpvca.gov](mailto:trails@rpvca.gov) or call the Recreation and Parks Department at 310.544.5200. Thanks for helping us fix our fences!

## WHALE OF A DAY Saturday, April 13th



**10 AM - 4 PM**

**Point Vicente Interpretive Center  
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West**

- Whale watching from the bluffs
- Crafts, games, face painting, live music
- Local environmental organizations, marine-themed art vendors, food vendors
- Tours of the Interpretive Center and Native Plant Garden.
- Coast Guard exhibits will be available.
- Free parking and shuttle service will be available to and from Point Vicente Park/Civic Center.

## BOOK IT TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!



No need to whisper; it's time to shout about the Peninsula Friends of the Library. Check it Out!

- Monthly Book Sales at Peninsula Center: April 4th-7th, May 2nd-5th, June 6th-9th
- Monthly Book Sales at Malaga Cove: April 26th & 27th, May 17th & 18th, June 21st & 22nd
- Tea at the Library ~ Every Monday from 9 to 11 enjoy a cup of tea at Peninsula Center Library
- Lianne & Friends at Peninsula Center Library the 2nd Friday of the month from 10 to 11:30 ~ 2nd Sundays at Miraleste from 2 to 4
- Become a volunteer at your library--forms are online and meet with the volunteer coordinator
- Go to <https://www.pvld.org/calendar> for all events and information.

## DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE TRAIL

### PRESERVE TRAIL CLOSURES DURING AND AFTER RAIN

Rain is wonderful for the environment and reservoirs, but it can be rough on trails. Periodic rain is essential for a healthy natural habitat in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve and contributes to the lush green environment we often experience there, especially in the winter and spring.

Most of the Preserve's trails are dirt which benefit from mild precipitation levels that keep the dust levels down and can cool off the area after a hot day. As more rain falls over a few hours or days, however, the trails can become muddy, pool with water or sustain erosion damage. The City follows the accepted practice of closing the trails to public use during and after these rain events.

Preserve trails are closed during and following a substantial rain to avoid unsafe conditions and to protect habitat and trails. Patrons using trails when they are wet can cause damaging ruts and widen the paths when they bypass the muddy areas by stepping through the adjacent habitat. City Staff evaluates trail conditions and, if warranted, closes the trails. Staff will place closure signage at most trailheads. To allow trails to dry out, they may remain closed up to 48 hours or more after the last rainfall. To find current trail closures, please check [trailalerts.rpvca.gov](http://trailalerts.rpvca.gov). For more info, contact [trails@rpvca.gov](mailto:trails@rpvca.gov).



## BLOW IT ~ BUT DON'T BLOW IT

### GAS-POWERED WEED AND DEBRIS BLOWERS PROHIBITED

When it comes to debris removal, step off the gas and plug it in. As of January 1, 2019, the use of gas-powered blowers in single-family residential neighborhoods is prohibited in the City. Only standard electric- or battery-powered blowers, such as handheld, corded, and cordless blowers are allowed to be used in the City's residential neighborhoods. For more information on electric- or battery-powered garden equipment specifications (including leaf blowers), incentives, and rebate programs available to homeowners and landscapers/gardeners, please visit the City's website.



## CONSIDER THROWING YOUR HAT IN THE RING?

### LOCAL ELECTION SCHEDULED AND NOMINATION PERIOD FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes will hold its General Municipal Election on November 5, 2019, for three (3) City Council Member seats. The nomination period for candidates for City Council will begin on Monday, July 15, 2019, and will close on Friday, August 9, 2019, at 5pm. There is an extension period of five days if an incumbent fails to file nomination papers by the deadline.

Full details on the upcoming November 5, 2019, election including candidate information will be available in early June 2019 on the City's website at <http://www.rpvca.gov/632/Elections-Voter-Services> or by contacting the City Clerk.

## EDCO'S SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT

Did the rains turn your trees, backyard or canyon into a forest? Remember the June 1st Fire Marshall property brush clearance deadline and all the unfortunate brush fires in SoCal. So please get your property ready for the summer by performing preventive brushfire maintenance. EDCO's free excess green



waste collection event helps you remove excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trimmed trees from 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. EDCO will send out more information in late March. If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977, or visit [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com).

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, April 13
Tuesday	Saturday, April 20
Wednesday	Saturday, April 27
Thursday	Saturday, May 4
Friday	Saturday, May 11

Place brush in cans, carts or tied bundles.

## BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE: SIMPLIFIED BARKING DOG COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control provides services to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, including dealing with barking dog nuisance complaints. Animal Control has streamlined their policies for handling dog complaints. As of December 1, 2017, here are the current, simplified steps:

### Step 1

- Complaint filed (include as much detail as possible about the dog owner's address, description of dog, times and dates of barking. Animal Control does not accept anonymous complaints).
- Letter sent to dog owner
- Animal Control will contact complaining party in 2 weeks to see if problem persists

### Step 2

- If barking continues, Animal Control will go to the site and assess the situation
- Animal Control may issue a nuisance warning, saying the barking must be abated within 10 days or a citation will be issued.

### Step 3

- After 10 days, if the barking persists, a citation will be issued. The fine begins at approximately \$300 and increases with repeated occurrences.
- A second citation can be issued after 10 days.

To file a complaint, or for more information, contact:

Los Angeles County Animal Care Control Center  
216 W. Victoria, Gardena, CA 90248  
310.523.9566 • <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>



## CRIME BUSTER CORNER

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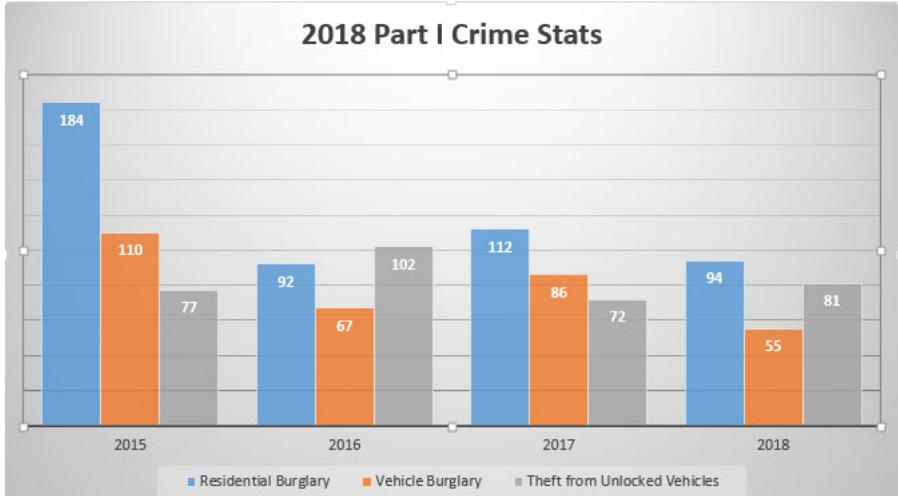
### SHARE YOUR RING SUCCESS STORY!

Do you have a Ring device installed at your home? We want to hear about your success story and how the device served as a deterrent. Contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's Office, at [jruiz@rpvca.gov](mailto:jruiz@rpvca.gov) or 310.544.5305.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE-HELP PREVENT BURGLARIES!

The 2018 year-end rates for both residential and vehicle burglaries decreased in comparison to 2017 rates. The total number of residential burglaries in 2018 was 94, which is 16% lower in comparison to 2017. The total number of vehicle burglaries in 2018 was 55, which is 36% lower in comparison to 2017.

We still have work to do to combat the number of thefts from unlocked vehicles. There was a 12.5% uptick in this type of crime from 2017 to 2018. Pay it forward and share prevention tips with neighbors and friends.



### PREVENT THEFT FROM VEHICLES

#### DON'TS



Don't leave your vehicle unlocked

#### DO'S



Lock it up! Be sure all doors are locked and set your alarm!



Don't leave valuables in your vehicle where thieves can see.



If you need to leave valuables in your vehicle, lock them in your trunk.



Don't leave windows open.



Close all car windows

## HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977 or [www.RPVrecycles.com](http://www.RPVrecycles.com)

March and April 2019: No Changes

May 2019: There will be no service on Monday, May 27, 2019, Memorial Day. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June 2019: 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 at an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations, or travel out of town frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service.

## STREET SWEEPING

All streets in the City are swept twice monthly. For a schedule of your 2019 neighborhood street sweeping days please click on this link: <http://www.rpvca.gov/343/Street-Sweeping-Information>



To obtain sweeping efficiency and best results, the City encourages you to remove your parked car from the street during your street sweeping days.

## 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

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310.544.5217

310.544.5304

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310.544.5327

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## PART-TIME RECREATION JOBS AVAILABLE!

Looking for a part-time job this summer - or beyond? The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department is hiring! We are currently accepting applications for Recreation Leaders to fill positions with Open Space Management, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, Eastview Park, Ryan Park, Hesse Park and Community Center, and the REACH Program.

No previous experience is required, but candidates should have a passion for service and the outdoors, and excellent customer service and communication skills. The Recreation and Parks Department provides high-quality parks and facilities and offers a variety of safe, affordable, and innovative programs that enhance the well-being of the community. For more information, contact the Recreation and Parks Department at [parks@rpvca.gov](mailto:parks@rpvca.gov) or 310.544.5260 or visit [www.rpvca.gov](http://www.rpvca.gov).



## GREEN CORNER



**Reduce and Recycle  
in honor of Earth Day!  
Heck, do it year round!**



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



**Saturday April 27, 2019** at the RPV Civic Center (City Hall) in the overflow parking lot, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., 8am to 11am. Certified shredding trucks will shred all documents **on-site** and confidentially during this event.

Bring your unwanted electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, DVD players, and answering machines. EDCO will collect and recycle them.

This is NOT a household hazardous waste event. No household hazardous waste (HHW) material (e.g. no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, no medicine, etc.) will be accepted.

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.

This event is offered exclusively to RPV/EDCO's residential customers. Please bring proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

**9am to 3pm**

RPV Civic Center/City Hall

30940 Hawthorne Blvd.



Visit the County website [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org), call 1.888.CleanLA.

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 (by the railroad tracks across the street from the DMV) in San Pedro is a permanent HHW & E-Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm to LA County residents. For inquiries, call 800.238.0172 or [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com)

## COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS



The City will host two back-to-back composting workshops on **Saturday, June 22nd** at Hesse Park, Fireside Room.

- "Beginners" Workshop from 9:30am to 11am.
- "Advanced Composting" Workshop from 1pm to 3pm.

Both workshops are sponsored by LA County and are open to all Peninsula residents, guests and gardening enthusiasts. Discounted compost and worm bins available for sale - cash and check only! Go to [www.smartgardening.com](http://www.smartgardening.com) for more information on workshops. The City offers residents a rebate, one per household (if no one in your household has received a City rebate for the purchase of a compost or worm bin since 2014). Please note that there will be no instant rebates at the workshop. You pay for the bin, and then submit a rebate request by mail, e-mail, or by visiting Public Works at City Hall.

