

PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE



When most people think about the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, they think about gorgeous views, amazing hiking, and nature. Enforcement and public safety don't always come to mind. Increased use of the 1400-acre Preserve has made rule enforcement an increasingly necessary tool to protect this invaluable resource.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for enforcement in the Preserve. Two Sheriff deputies patrol the Preserve a combined 80 hours per week on foot and by ATV. 107 citations were issued in 2017. City Open Space Management Staff patrol the Preserve approximately 80 hours each week for public education and rules enforcement. In addition to

Preserve Deputies and City staff, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy also has a dedicated force of Volunteer Trail Watch program members who monitor the Preserve and educate the public.

The most common Preserve violations are dogs off leash and visitors off trail. Off leash dogs damage habitat by trampling vegetation and leaving dog waste. Dogs off leash may also frighten other visitors and engage in dog fights.

Damage is also caused when visitors use social/spur trails or step outside of the trail bed. There are two types of trails within the Preserve: authorized trails and social/spur trails.

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RPV CITY COUNCIL IN ACTION!

UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2018

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Swearing in and Seating of New Council Members

Eric Alegria and John Cruikshank were officially sworn in and seated as new Councilmembers, filling the seats vacated by Mayor Brian Campbell and Councilmember Anthony Misetich, who were both termed out of office. www.rpvca.gov/Swearing_and_Seating_New_Council_Staff_Report

Infrastructure Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) Workplan

Approved amended Fiscal Year 17-18 IMAC Work Plan to provide support, as needed, for the Portuguese Bend Land Flow Subcommittee. www.rpvca.gov/Infrastructure_Management_Advisory_Committee

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Possible Action to Reduce the City's Financial Subsidy of the Abalone Cove Sewer System

Council approved the receipt and filing of the report, increasing the current rates by applying the Consumer Price Index, exploring the legal possibilities of altering the district to reduce the City subsidy, exploring the possibility of legally transferring the cost of operations and maintenance back to the individual property owners, and directed Staff to prepare a Final Rate Analysis Report for future review and approval. www.rpvca.gov/Abalone_Cove_Sewer_Report

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CRIME BUSTER CORNER



SPRINGTIME IS RINGTIME!

Don't miss out on the final round of the City's Ring incentive program during the spring! This is a final call for RPV residents who would like to purchase a select Ring device at a specially-negotiated price through the City's program. As one of the first cities to work with Ring on this program, the discount on select devices exceeds the discount being offered to other cities, so we encourage our residents to take advantage. In addition to Ring's discount, the City will provide a \$50 incentive on a first come, first serve basis as long as funding is available. Residents that have previously received the City incentive are not eligible for an additional one.



For more information and to be placed on an interest list contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's office, at (310) 544-5305 or jruiz@rpvca.gov.

CONNECTED NEIGHBORS, SAFER NEIGHBORS.

Would you like to virtually share and receive real-time public safety information with your neighbors on your smart device? Would you like to virtually connect with your neighbors to create safer neighborhoods? The City, in partnership with Ring.com, will launch a pilot program "Connected Neighbors, Safer Neighborhoods," which will enable residents who own a Ring device within a defined proximity to connect using the free Ring app to virtually share information in real time. No Ring device is needed to connect. Scan the QR code to download the app today! For additional information or assistance contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's office at 310.544.5305 or jruiz@rpvca.gov.



SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES AND ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

Once you've installed your Ring device at your residence, City Staff wants to hear from you about how your Ring device(s) increased safety and security at your home. Did you prevent a crime from possibly occurring, such as package theft? Share your video and submit by April 30, 2018, to be entered into the raffle! All RPV residents that participate by the deadline will be entered into a raffle to receive a City emergency backpack with useful goodies (valued at \$60). Contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's office, at 310.544.5305 or jruiz@rpvca.gov for additional information.



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CITY’S 45TH ANNIVERSARY!

Rancho Palos Verdes incorporated in 1973 which means it is time to celebrate our fine City's 45th Anniversary. Visit the City's booth at the following event where we will have games and fun prizes.

April 14 45th Anniversary Booth at Whale of a Day

July 4 45th Anniversary Booth at Independence Day event

A CITY WITH A VIEW

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is undeniably a beautiful place to live with its semi-rural character, open space, and scenic views of the Pacific Ocean, Catalina Island and the Los Angeles basin. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes incorporated in 1973 to protect and preserve these characteristics. In 1989, the voters of Rancho Palos Verdes passed Proposition M which, among other things, protects views being blocked by foliage.



The City's residents have certain roles and responsibilities in protecting views from view-impairing foliage. Tree owners are reminded to be mindful of their foliage growth and to perform periodic foliage maintenance so as not to create needless view impairments from neighboring properties. If a view is impaired by a neighbor's foliage, then you should contact the foliage owner directly to amicably resolve the view impairment. When resolution cannot be resolved privately, the City's View Restoration Division is here to assist and can be reached at 310.544.5288 or by emailing Senior Planner John Alvarez at johna@rpvca.gov.

For more information about the City's view protection policies, please visit the City's View Restoration Division webpage at <http://www.rpvca.gov/164/View-Preservation-Restoration>

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS



Using these three words, you can prepare your own Wildfire Action Plan and be prepared should a wildfire threaten your home.

READY!

You can help protect your property by creating defensible space around your home. That means removing brush for a minimum of 100 feet. Be sure there are no tree limbs hanging over your house and the roof and gutters are free of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Make sure ornamental shrubbery is set back from the sides of your home and that leaves under them are cleared away. One of the most common dangers in a wildfire is free-falling embers landing in these places and igniting your home.

Replace shake-shingle roofs with tile or other fire-resistant materials. Use fire-safe building materials when constructing or remodeling your home and plant fire-resistant landscaping.

Assemble emergency supplies and prepare a list of the things you want to take with you if you need to evacuate. Remember to think about things like cash, medications, phone chargers, computers and food for your pets. Plan your escape routes; you should know at least two different ways out of your neighborhood.

SET!

If a wildfire threatens your neighborhood, act immediately. Back your vehicle into the driveway with the hood (front) facing the street. Next, roll up the windows, and load your vehicle with everything you want to take with you. Make certain your valuables are either in your vehicle, or are safety stored in a (fireproof) safe.

Remove flammable materials from around your house. This includes patio furniture, firewood, decorations and anything else that could catch fire. Then monitor the news, your fire department's website, and MySafe:LA (www.mysafela.org) for information regarding the fire.

GO!

In the past, the LAFD and other city agencies suggested residents await evacuation instructions prior to leaving their homes. The latest information suggests that you should not wait to be told to leave. Go early! If you've followed the suggestions noted here and on the MySafe:LA website, as well as related publications on the subject, you've already done what you can to protect your home and property. Firefighters need room in which to work. By leaving, you give them the best chance to protect your property.

For more information, please contact Tracy Bonano, Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Manager at: tracyb@rpvca.gov or 310.544.5209.

THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

“THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BE MORE PREPARED AND LA COUNTY FIVE STEP NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION KIT”

Please take a moment to consider this:

- Are you prepared for a disaster?
- Do you know what to do when disaster strikes?
- Do you know how to recover from a disaster?

These questions, and more, can be answered by the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) in interactive and informative sessions that can be brought to you! The members of the EPC are now taking requests to share their emergency preparedness presentations at Rancho Palos Verdes homeowners associations and faith-based organizations, along with Rancho Palos Verdes independent neighborhood residents and business owners. This program offers an interactive and practical approach designed to familiarize residents with preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural and/or human-made disasters. Presentations can be customized in length and content to your group's particular needs and interests.

For more information, please contact Tracy Bonano, Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Manager at: tracyb@rpvca.gov or 310.544.5209.



EXPLORE! HIKE! DISCOVER! FREE NATURE HIKES

Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents lead nature hikes year-round at a variety of beautiful sites in the City. Join us and get fit while having fun!

FORRESTAL NATURE RESERVE

Saturday, March 24, 9:00am

Walk through coastal sage scrub habitat. Learn about the local geology. *Moderate to Strenuous*. (Park at gate on Forrestal Drive).



MCBRIDE TRAIL

Saturday, April 21, 10:00am

Enjoy this easy walk featuring spectacular panoramic views of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and Catalina Island. Learn about the native coastal sage scrub habitat and the rich history of the Palos Verdes area. For those seeking a challenge, we will also be offering a strenuous docent-led hike on the Three Sisters Trail starting at the same location. (Park and meet at the end of Ocean Terrace Drive).

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE



Saturday, May 5, 9:00am

Walk the Alta Vicente Trail through coastal sage habitat. Enjoy the wild flowers, visit one of the original Japanese-American Truck farms, and see WWII and Cold War installations. *Moderate to Strenuous*. (Meet at RPV City Hall).

OCEAN TRAILS RESERVE (LAKE VIEW & CATALINA TRAILS)

Saturday, June 16, 9:00am

Walk the public trail system and enjoy the vistas and summer blooming habitat. *Moderate*. (Park and meet at the end of La Rotonda Drive).



GENERAL INFORMATION

Wear sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and bring a bottle of water. All events are free to the public and take approximately 2 hours. Any parking fees will be waived up to 45 minutes prior to the event and 30 minutes after. Call 310.544.5375 for more information or visit www.losserenos.org.

NOTE: RAIN CANCELS A HIKE!

*Following a rain, check trailalerts.rpvca.gov for closures

If you are interested in becoming a docent and leading these public hikes, visit the Los Serenos docent website at www.losserenos.org.

FY 2018-19 BUDGET WORKSHOP

The City will host its annual Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Workshop for the City Council and public, starting at 6pm on Thursday, April 12, at Hesse Park.

The budget workshop is one of the first steps the City takes in formulating its annual budget for the upcoming year. There will be several items discussed at this meeting, including FY 2017-18 estimated year-end revenues and expenditures, fund balances and proposed FY 2018-19 budget figures. The City Council is also expected to provide direction to Staff at this meeting on revenue and expenditure assumptions, as well as personnel and policy recommendations to develop the City's FY 2018-19 preliminary budget. The preliminary budget represents an early draft of the final budget the City Council adopts in June.



BARKING UP THE RIGHT PROCEDURAL TREE



Ruff night sleep? Do you have a dog in the neighborhood that barks constantly? Do the dog owners not seem to care? What do you do? Who do you turn to? All barking dog complaints are reported to and handled by Los Angeles County Animal Control.

Beginning December 1, 2017, the County began implementing a new process as part of their barking dog complaint procedures. Barking dog complaints are to be reported to Los Angeles County Animal Control at 310.523.9566 or on-line at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>. Once a complaint is received, Animal Control staff will send a courtesy letter to the dog owner and the complaining party notifying both parties of the complaint and the need to resolve the situation. An affidavit will be included with the letter sent to the complaining party. Once the sworn affidavit is received by Animal Control, an officer will visit the animal owner's address and speak to the responsible party. The Officer will issue a Warning of Excess Noise form (WEN). Once the WEN has been issued, they have 10 days to address the complaint. If the barking dog continues beyond the 10-day period an administrative citation is issued to dog owner. Additional citations with penalties increase on a progressive scale may be issued to the dog owner if the disturbance continues.

For additional information, please visit the Los Angeles Animal Control website at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov> or phone the County at 310.523.9566.

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JANUARY 16, 2018

Review and Approval of Draft Feasibility Study to Remediate the Portuguese Bend Landslide

Based on the high level of community interest and the number of public comments, the Council directed Staff to compile the public comments and provide responses for the Council's consideration at a future meeting. www.rpvca.gov/Portuguese_Bend_Landslide_Report

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Expanding Definition of Short-term Rentals to Include Commercial Uses

Council approved adopting an ordinance to expand the definition of a short-term rental to include commercial uses. www.rpvca.gov/Expanding_Definition_Short_Term_Rentals_Commercial_Uses

FEBRUARY 15, 2018/SPECIAL MEETING

Consideration to Grant Appeals to Overturn Planning Commission Denials of Three Major Wireless Telecommunication Facility Permits to Install a Wireless Telecommunication Facility

Council discussed and provided direction on three separate appeals to Planning Commission regarding wireless telecommunication permits. www.rpvca.gov/Appeals_Planning_Wireless_Permits_Report

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Modification of Scope of Services for Daniel B. Stevens & Associates to Allow for Additional Work on Portuguese Bend Feasibility Study Update

Approved modification of scope or services to respond to public comments, conduct a community workshop, update the feasibility study and develop a new presentation for the City Council. www.rpvca.gov/Modification_Scope_Services_Daniel_B_Stevens_Associates

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS?

For a full list of past and upcoming City Council Agendas, including full Staff Reports and Minutes and video of Council meetings, go to the City's web-site at <http://www.rpvca.gov/772/City-Meeting-Video-and-Agendas>.

To receive announcements about upcoming City Council meetings, go to the City's "Notify Me" Listserv at <http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx> and select "City Council". You can also receive weekly updates by signing up for the "weekly administrative reports" list.

SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT

Remove excess greenery at no cost! No need to rent bins or haul away your trimmings!

Find your regular collection day below and then see your brush clearance day. Plan to complete your brush clearing before your designated day.



Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, April 21, 2018
Tuesday	Saturday, April 28, 2018
Wednesday	Saturday, May 5, 2018
Thursday	Saturday, May 12, 2018
Friday	Saturday, May 19, 2018

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

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Authorized trails have trail markers, names, and are noted on trail maps. These trails were thoughtfully designated to take into consideration public experience and resource protection. Social/spur trails are redundant trails that cause habitat damage and fragmentation, and require revegetation. Another form of deviating from trails is stepping or riding outside of the trail bed. This action erodes habitat, and ruins the narrow trail experience many visitors cherish.

Here are some helpful tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

- Before your hike, review trail maps (trails.rpvca.gov) and trail conditions (trailalerts.rpvca.gov)
- Know Reserve and trail names in case you need to call for help.
- Know your limits! A hike from the top of Portuguese Bend Reserve to the beach is not recommended, and is 6 miles

round-trip with the LAST three miles uphill (an 1,150 foot elevation gain!)

- Bring enough water for yourself AND your pet
- Know the dangers of rattlesnake bites to you AND your pet
- When visiting the beach, check ocean conditions and swim near a staffed lifeguard tower
- Hike with a friend or a group.
- Never smoke or introduce open flames in the Preserve or at adjacent beaches

City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation, Parks, and Open Space

Trails.rpvca.gov
trails@rpvca.gov
310.544.5260

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

PVPLC.org
info@PVPLC.org
310.541.7613

COYOTE SIGHTING APP

Did you know that you can use an app on your smart phone or an online form on your desktop to report a coyote sighting? It's easy to use and only takes a few minutes to complete. The Peninsula Cities created this feature in response to increased coyote sightings and is encouraging residents to use the app so that City Staff can better track coyote activities and trends. Visit the City website for more information at <http://cityofrpv.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=819077a4e67f4e5dbc0c79a3d4004760>



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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION SECURITY CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

Is your HOA interested in increasing neighborhood safety? HOAs may apply for the City's HOAs security camera system grant program, and may be eligible to receive a match of \$3,750 for each security camera system at an approved HOA entrance location(s). The City will also waive related permit fees. Grant funds will be distributed on a "first come, first serve" basis. Send your story to Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's office, at 310.544.5305 or jruiz@rpvca.gov for additional information.

INTERACTIVE ONLINE CRIME MAP

Interested in learning more about crime reports? Crime information is a valuable tool for Neighborhood Watch, HOAs and residents. Information on crimes, including approximate location and summary information, may be easily viewed by using the City's interactive Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map at http://maps.rpvca.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=CityofRPV_MajorCrimes.

The data in the map is updated directly from the Lomita Sheriff's Station crime report.

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City's Recreation and Parks Department is actively seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals for the following positions:

- **Part-time positions:**
Recreation Leader I for various park locations and programs, please visit the City website at www.rpvca.gov for detailed job descriptions, qualifications and compensation for these positions.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977 or
www.RPVrecycles.com

March and April 2018: No Changes

May 2018: No service on Monday, May 28, 2018, Memorial Day.
Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June 2018: 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.



CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS



City Hall Main Line	310.544.5200
City Manager's Office	310.544.5207
City Clerk's Office	310.544.5217
Finance	310.544.5304
Community Development	310.544.5228
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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WHALE OF A DAY Saturday, April 14th
Point Vicente Interpretive Center 10AM - 4PM
31501 PV 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.

FREE!



GREEN CORNER



Earth Day is April 22nd.
In celebration of Earth Day,
the City is hosting a month-
long celebration of reuse,
reduce and recycle.



SOMETHING'S ROTTEN IN RPV: COMPOSTING WORKSHOP



- April 14, 9:30am-11:00am at Hesse Park
- Learn about backyard composting and water-wise gardening.
- Open to Peninsula residents, guests and gardening enthusiasts
- Sponsored by LA County
- Win a compost or worm bin!
- Bins for sale - cash and check only. No same day/immediate rebates.
- Go to www.smartgardening.com for more information
- City rebates available - 1 per RPV household every four years. If qualified, submit rebate request to Public Works Dept.

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

Saturday April 21, 2018, 8:00am to 11:00am
RPV Civic Center (City Hall), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.,

Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event and will shred all your documents confidentially on-site.

Additionally, bring your unwanted electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, CPUs, printers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, and answering machines. EDCO will collect and recycle them.

However, absolutely no household hazardous waste (HHW) material (e.g. no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, 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. If you plan to haul your compost in an open truck or trailer, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP

Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at RPV Civic Center (City Hall/ City Yard), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Clean out your garage and/or gardener's shed, and help the environment. Visit the County website www.lacsd.org, or call 1-888-CleanLA for more information and to see what can (or can't) be recycled.

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 (opposite the DMV) in San Pedro is a permanent HHW & E-Waste collection center that is open every **Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm** to LA County residents.

