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LAND MOVEMENT UPDATE



The rainy season may be over, but the impacts of rainfall on the City’s ancient landslides are felt weeks and months after the fact. Accelerated movement in the Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex has now expanded to about 675 acres, impacting homes and infrastructure, and resulting in the temporary closure of about 8 miles of trails and the closure and disassembly of the historic Wayfarers Chapel.

The City continues to closely monitor the movement and implement mitigation measures to slow the sliding and address its impacts. This includes the planned installation of two emergency dewatering wells — called hydraugers — to remove water trapped underground, the long-term Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project, and the planned regrading of the steep dip on Palos Verdes Drive South known locally as the “ski jump.”

Regrading the ski jump will require a temporary closure of Palos Verdes Drive South. With about 16,000 vehicles using this road daily, the City aims to minimize the closure as much as possible. A project timeline is not yet available, but advance notice, including a construction schedule and detour information, if needed, will be widely shared with the community. Updates will be available on the City website at rpvca.gov/landmovement, the City’s listservs (sign up at rpvca.gov/notify), and social media, as well as Alert SouthBay alerts, physical signs, and message boards.

ICYMI: LANDSLIDE TOWN HALL

In case you missed it, you can watch a recording of the Landslide Town Hall Meeting that was held at the Ladera Linda Community Park in April on the City website at rpvca.gov/landmovement. This informative event brought together the community and the government agencies and utilities responding to the landslide crisis. Questions and answers from the town hall are also available on the City website.

LAND MOVEMENT REMINDERS

- Please report water leaks to Cal Water at 855-RPV-LEAK (855.778.5325).
- Find Cal Water updates at calwater.com/rpv.
- If you suspect a natural gas leak, evacuate the area immediately, and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at 1.800.427.2200.
- For urgent matters or observation of any sudden shifts on your property, please call 9-1-1.
- Sign up for the City’s Land Movement listserv at rpvca.gov/notify.
- Find the latest land movement updates on rpvca.gov/landmovement.
- Register for Alert SouthBay emergency alerts by texting “alertsb” to 888-777 or at alertsouthbay.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON EMILY RODIN
RECREATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

Emily has been a member of the Recreation and Parks team since 2009 and has served as the Supervisor of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center since 2016. Thanks for taking the time to share some insights with City residents.

What led you to a career in Recreation? What other positions have you held in this field?

My mom inspired me with her dedication to recreation. She studied Recreation at CSULB and retired after 35 years with the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

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HOUSING ELEMENT ADOPTED

All cities in California are required to adopt a comprehensive General Plan to guide land use planning decisions. A key part of the City’s overall General Plan is the Housing Element, which has been a mandatory portion of local general plans in California since 1969. Providing housing for all Californians is considered by the State Legislature to be of vital statewide importance. A housing element provides an analysis of a community’s housing needs for all income levels and strategies to provide for those housing needs. State law establishes that each city accommodates its fair share of affordable housing as an approach to distributing housing needs throughout the state. State housing element law also recognizes that in order for the private sector to address housing needs and demand, local governments must adopt land-use plans and implement regulations that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development by the private sector.

On April 16, 2024, the City Council adopted the City’s Revised Final Housing Element, associated environmental analysis and implementation measures, including but not limited to a Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD), Residential Overlay District (ROD), and the rezoning of two residential properties to higher density. The adopted Housing Element provides the policy framework for the City to accommodate its regional housing need of 647 new housing units in various income categories.

The adoption of the Revised Final Housing Element comes after a 2.5-year process that involved a comprehensive outreach effort, City Council and Planning Commission joint-workshops, and extensive discussions with state officials. City Staff is currently working with the California Department of Housing and Community Development on a review of the adopted Housing Element for compliance with State housing law.

Please visit the City’s Housing Element homepage at rpvca.gov/housingelement for additional details regarding the adopted Housing Elements, as well as to stay up-to-date on the latest developments.



BOOK YOUR SUMMER LIBRARY PLANS



NY Times bestselling author Lisa See will be at the Peninsula Center Library to discuss her recent book *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

To ensure your spot register at pvld.org/events or call 310.377.9584 ext. 601 if you need assistance. Space is limited.

Friday, June 21, 2024 @ 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Peninsula Center Library Mezzanine Landing

Picnic on the Peninsula

Picnic on the Peninsula, a unique event that marks the beginning of the 2024 Summer @ PVLD program series. This exciting event, taking place on Saturday, June 15, from 10 am to 2 pm at Malaga Cove School Grounds, promises a day filled with fun and entertainment. Enjoy live performances, classic cars, music, bubbles, crafts, activities, informational community booths, a photo booth, and snacks-all free of charge. To make the most of your day, bring your favorite picnic lunch or pre-order the special PVLD picnic box from the Malaga Cove Ranch Market.



Saturday, June 15, 2024, 10 am-2 pm

Malaga Cove School Grounds 375 Via Almar RPV



Summer @ PVLD
Events all summer long!

Events run from June 10 to August 17 and includes free and fun activities such as story time, crafts, games, movies, book discussion groups, gaming workshops, and more. All ages are welcome to read and attend events to help reach the goal of one million minutes of reading all summer long! Win souvenirs and explore the peninsula. Events are free, open to the public, and generously funded by the Peninsula Friends of the Library.

June 10-August 17 at all Library Locations

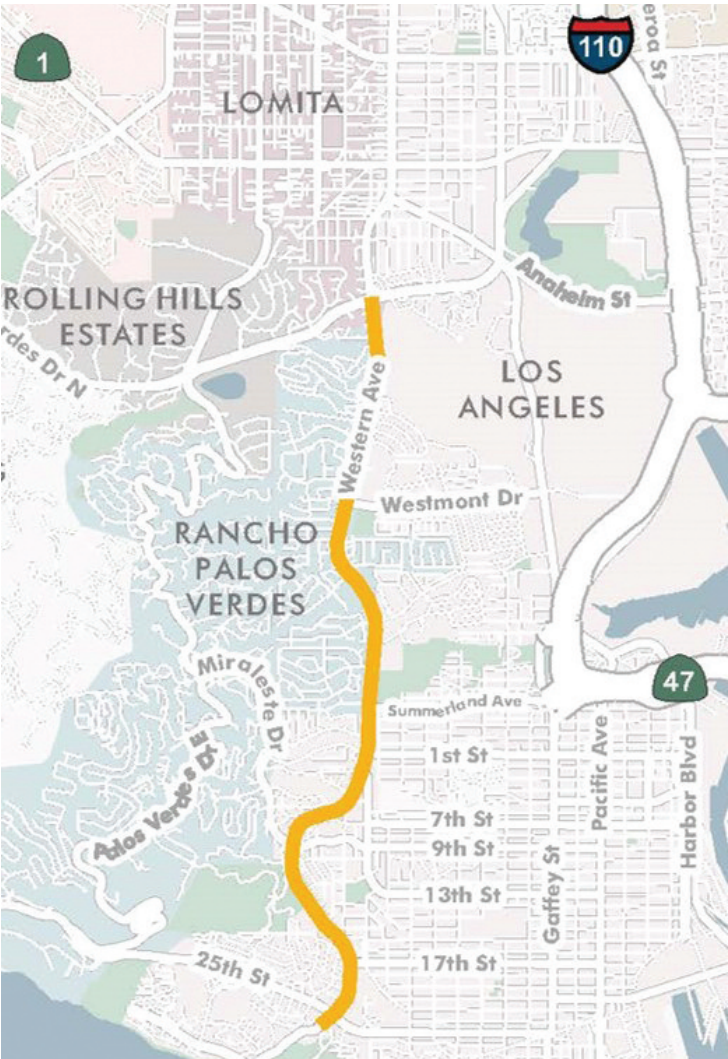
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GO WITH THE FLOW

WESTERN AVENUE TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENTS

During the May 21, City Council Meeting, Staff presented the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) recommendations and results of a comprehensive traffic study for the Western Avenue Corridor from West 25th Street to Palos Verdes Drive North. Staff presented recommendations for improvements to traffic signal timing, turn lanes, access to developments, and safety. The recommendations are subject to approval from Caltrans (who owns and operates Western Avenue).

The City Council unanimously approved the TSC and Traffic Study recommendations which will be used in the development of construction plans, specifications, and estimates for permitting through Caltrans, construction bidding and ultimate project construction.



Need a Lift?

Dial-A-Ride services are available on the Peninsula for seniors and people with disabilities (residents only)



Palosverdes.com/pvtransit/
or call (310) 544-7108

EMILY RODIN (Continued from page 1)

As a child, I was surrounded by recreation programs, facilities, and camps, which helped me develop an appreciation for the impact of recreation on individuals and communities.

Driven by this early exposure, I decided to embark on my own path in the world of recreation. I studied Recreation Administration at CSUDH, before joining the City of RPV in 2009 as a part-time Recreation Leader.

PVIC is a popular destination with an active docent program, dozens of weddings, numerous school tours, hundreds of thousands of visitors and thousands of gray whales cruising by each year. What qualities are needed to effectively manage such a well-used and well-loved facility?

Managing one of the most popular destinations in the City requires a combination of organizational, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Most importantly you need to have a good team that can help support the vast number of activities that happen at the site.

You have overseen many, many special events during your time in RPV, including the annual Whale of a Day which draws 1000s of people. What helps make a special event special?

Bringing the community together and fostering a sense of connection is a key ingredient in making special events truly memorable. Attention to detail is imperative and helps to ensure that every aspect of the event is carefully planned and executed.

Being adaptable and quick on your feet is crucial for handling any unexpected challenges or changes that may arise during the event. Whether it's adjusting schedules, addressing logistical issues, or responding to feedback from attendees, the ability to make quick decisions and implement solutions ensures that the event remains enjoyable for everyone involved.

Introducing new entertainment or activities keeps the event fresh and encourages repeat attendance.

PVIC has had its share of challenges including floods and the COVID shutdown. What was it like dealing with these situations?

Dealing with the challenges posed by both the COVID shutdown and the flood was undoubtedly one of the most demanding periods in my career. When the pandemic hit, we had to swiftly close the parks down completely and then transition to a reopening with modified operating procedures in compliance with LA County Health guidance for museums.

This meant introducing new measures such as limiting the number of visitors through a reservation system, implementing social distancing

markers, and setting up a satellite check-in kiosk outside of the facility. These changes completely transformed the way we managed the museum and our event rental space.

Similarly, dealing with the aftermath of the flood, which thankfully didn't damage any of our exhibits or artifacts, required massive coordination to ensure continued operations. We relocated our gift shop into the Sunset Room and operated solely from there and one other office, as the remaining offices and part of our lobby were affected.

The resilience demonstrated by both the PVIC Staff and the Los Serenos de Point Vicente volunteers was truly remarkable. Despite the obstacles, we remained committed to finding ways to operate in some capacity for the community.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I enjoy most about my job is the variety of things I get to be involved in. When I envisioned my career in Recreation, I never anticipated overseeing a museum and such a stunning facility. I am really blessed to be where I am. I deeply care for RPV not only because I work here but I also live here.

Can you share any upcoming new events or exhibits coming to PVIC?

We're in the preliminary stages of developing an exciting new exhibit at PVIC, focusing on the whales and dolphins seen off our coast. This project has been in the works for many months, with dedicated effort from both Los Serenos docents and City Staff. While the timeline for completion is still being determined, we've taken a significant step forward by meeting with a design firm. We're eager to share more details as the exhibit progresses.

What would you like the residents of RPV to know about you?

Outside of working, I spend most of my time playing, watching, and organizing Rugby matches. I have played the sport for twenty years. This year I wanted to do something special to help continue to grow the sport, so I started a women's team with the Los Angeles Rugby Club. We had an undefeated regular season and won the Southern California Rugby Championship in April. Rugby has always been something I have been very passionate about not only as a player but as an administrator dealing with all the logistics and operations. It's blessed me with my closest friends, some of whom I met playing for the San Pedro Red Rhinos in high school. We have an unbreakable bond. In addition to loving rugby, I have varied tastes in music ranging from Celia Cruz and Juanes to Van Morrison and The Righteous Brothers.

TAKE YOUR FOOT AND HAND OFF THE GAS

GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS PROHIBITED IN ALL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

The use of gas-powered weed and debris blowers are prohibited in all residential neighborhoods in the City.

Only standard electric-powered blowers — hand-held, corded, and cordless — are allowed.

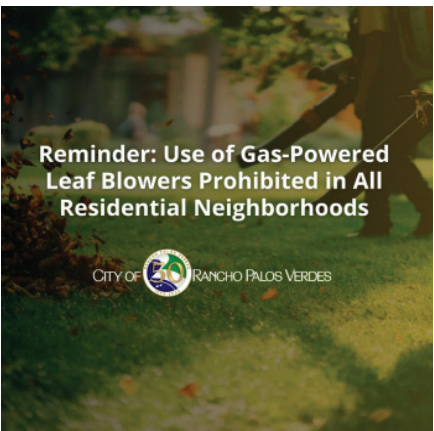
The City also prohibits any person from using a blower to blow cuttings, refuse, or debris onto a neighboring property or into a street, gutter, or drain. The City is not issuing citations for violations, but is requesting voluntary compliance.

Electric-powered blowers are permitted:

- Monday – Friday between 8 am-5 pm
- Saturdays between 9 am-4 pm

Electric-powered blowers are NOT permitted on Sundays or legal holidays.

Go to <https://www.rpvca.gov/1102/Landscaping-Activities> to learn more about the available Garden Equipment Incentive & Exchange Program through the Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Have questions or concerns? 310.544.5281 or CodeEnforcement@rpvca.gov.



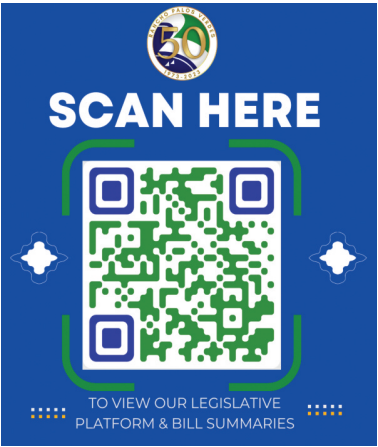
PLAYING ‘POSSUM

Usually seen at night, or sadly after an unfortunate collision with a car, opossums, along with other nocturnal mammals such as racoons are highly prevalent in RPV’s semi-rural environment. Four miniature pictures of these shy creatures are hidden in this newsletter.



CORNER THE MARKET ON VOTER INFORMATION: STAY CURRENT WITH LEGISLATION CORNER

No one puts RPV residents in the corner unless it’s the Legislation Corner. Local, state, and national elections are coming fast and furious in 2024 so there’s no better time to become an informed citizen. Hanging out on your local RPV street corner is a great way to stay up on news and gossip but not as convenient as the legislation corner, your one-stop destination for the latest news, developments, and updates on legislative matters that affect the City of RPV. The corner will keep you informed and engaged in the decision-making process that shapes our community.



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is



Great Reasons to join the RPV family:

- Fulfilling work supporting the local community
- Great work/life balance
- Competitive Pay
- Awesome views all around!



Visit our website to apply or click on the QR code to see all of our current openings

The City is currently hiring:

- Emergency Management Coordinator/Sr. Administrative Analyst
- Public Safety Manager (PT)
- Recreation Leader
- Senior Recreation Leader
- Recreation Specialist
- Recreation Program Supervisor

WE ARE HIRING PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca

CRIME CORNER



PUBLIC SAFETY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Eligible for up to \$2000 for Neighborhood/HOA or \$100 for an Individual

HOW TO APPLY

- Determine your camera system
- Purchase and Install System
- Apply Online
- Upload Reciept and Images of Installed System



CONTACT US
PublicSafety@rpvca.gov



Visit us online
www.rpvca.gov/publicsafetyreimbursement_program

SAVE THE DATE!

The City is hosting “National Night Out,” an event honoring our Law Enforcement partners including LA County Sheriff’s Department, LA County Fire Department, and Neighborhood Watch on August 6 at Fred Hesse jr. Community Park from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm.



Summer Crime Safety Tactics: Keeping Your Community Safe

As temperatures rise and people spend more time outdoors, the summer season can sometimes see an uptick in certain types of crime. By adopting proactive measures and staying vigilant, communities can enjoy a safer summer.

Home Safety:

- ✓ **Lock It Up:** Always lock doors and windows, even when you’re at home. Install deadbolt locks for added security.
- ✓ **Alarm Systems:** Invest in a reliable home security system. Many modern systems offer smartphone alerts and remote monitoring.
- ✓ **Outdoor Lighting:** Use motion-sensor lights around your property. Well-lit exteriors can deter potential intruders. Don’t forget your back and side yard too!
- ✓ **Smile: You’re On Camera:** Apply for a Public Safety Reimbursement Program. The City offers individual and neighborhood camera reimbursement programs. Apply online at publicsafety@rpvca.gov to secure your home today.
- ✓ **Neighborhood Watch:** Did you know RPV has a robust Neighborhood Watch Program? Connect with your local block captain and attend neighborhood watch meetings. Regular communication with your neighbors can help everyone stay informed about suspicious activities.

Home away from Home Checklist:

- ✓ Notify Lomita Sheriff Station to conduct vacation checks at 310.539.1611.
- ✓ Tell your neighbors so they can keep an eye out for suspicious activity.
- ✓ Borrow a ring camera from RPV to monitor your home while you are away. Apply online at publicsafety@rpvca.gov.
- ✓ Set up lights on timers so that your home appears occupied while you are on vacation.

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

NOW BOOKING 2024

SCHEDULE YOUR 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY POP UP EVENT

PUBLICSAFETY@RPVCA.GOV

NO TIME TO BE TRASHY

TRASH & STREET SWEEPING SECHEDULE

EDCO 310.540.2977,
www.rpvrecycles.com

June 2024: Regular schedule. No changes.

July 2024: There will be no trash/recycling collection or street sweeping on July 4, and a one-day delay for trash service for the remainder of the week. For streets swept on the 1st Thursday of the month, those streets will be swept on July 3.



August 2024: Regular Schedule. No Changes.

Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day and remove empty containers by no later than 10 pm on collection day.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement: The City has regulations on when trash, recycling and green waste carts can be left at the curb for collection. Carts can be placed at the curb after 4 pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10 pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight. Carts need to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and clean.

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 frequently, call EDCO and inquire about this service. Questions? Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or visit www.rpvrecycles.com.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

EDCO offers various discounts to customers: 1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount (a one-time only application is needed for a new senior citizen customer). 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% annual pre-payment discount. 3) Low-income customers may qualify for 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO or check the City's website at: rpvca.gov/trash.

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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FATAL FRUIT ATTRACTION



Citrus can be dangerous, and I don't mean a drive-by-fruiting. A fatal tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) has been discovered in California. Spread by an insect called the Asian citrus psyllid, HLB kills trees and there is no cure. That said there are a number of things you can do to help stop the spread.

Don't move citrus in or out of quarantine areas or across state or international borders.

Inspect your trees monthly and when watering or pruning look for signs of HLB.

Plant responsibly-using trees from licensed nurseries

Talk to your local nursery-and ask about products to stop the Asian citrus psyllid.

Be mindful of clippings-dry or double bag plant clippings prior to disposal.

For More Information-call the California Department of Food & Agriculture hotline at 1.800.491.1899 or go to Californiacitrusthreat.org.

GREEN CORNER

RECYCLE AND WIN

Recycling's the right thing to do and it can even be profitable! Look for the "Recyclers of the Month" entry card in your July EDCO statement. If you recycle, mail in your card. At each City Council meeting, two lucky verified recyclers each win a check for \$250 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! If you pay online, please see EDCO's online link that is available in July and follow the instructions. This is one way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling. If you need more blue or green recycling bins, call EDCO at 310.540.2977.

WIN \$250

And the lucky winners will also receive a Personal Emergency Preparedness Kit! (valued at \$40)

Recyclers of the Month

...DRAWING...

WASTE AWAY!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

To dispose of old paint, expired medicines, automotive oil, used electronics and much more, go to the Gaffey Street Safe Center located at 1400 N. Gaffey, San Pedro (across the street from the DMV). They are open to LA County residents every Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm.

For more information, visit: <https://www.lacsd.org/services/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection>.

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

State law requires organic materials be kept out of landfills. All residents must separate organics from their garbage and put food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the Organics cart (formerly the Green Waste cart) for weekly collection. Let's do our part to recycle organic waste!

DON'T GET THE POINT!

SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS FOR RPV RESIDENTS

Sharps Disposal Services is now offered by EDCO to RPV residents. The EDCO mail-back sharps disposal program provides a cost-effective solution for the disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets; as well as other types of sharps and small quantities of medical waste. If you have any calls or questions regarding this service, please contact EDCO at 310.540.2977 or visit: www.RPVrecycles.com.

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