

# CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

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## CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN!

The City is in the middle of a Master Plan process for the Point Vicente Park/Civic Center site located at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. The tremendous ocean views and prime location has made it a focal point since the City's incorporation for potential improvements to better serve City residents. This site has long been viewed as an underutilized resource that could potentially accommodate a number of civic, recreational, and cultural needs for the City.

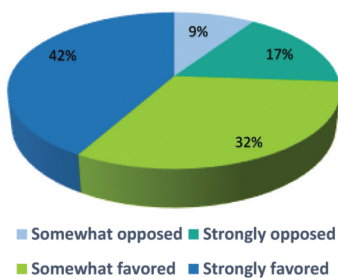
### PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT

A project of this scope and complexity, one that will potentially affect every resident in the City, requires significant public input and involvement. In addition to spreading awareness of the project via the City website and Newsletter, City Council announcements, Nextdoor.com, and other methods, the three main ways the City has gathered information and responses from the public thus far has been through a survey, a public workshop, and the creation of a Civic Center Advisory Committee.

**Civic Center Advisory Committee:** The CCAC, consisting of seven RPV resident members, was appointed on August 15, 2017, to develop recommendations for consideration by the City Council. The Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the City Hall Community Room at 6 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

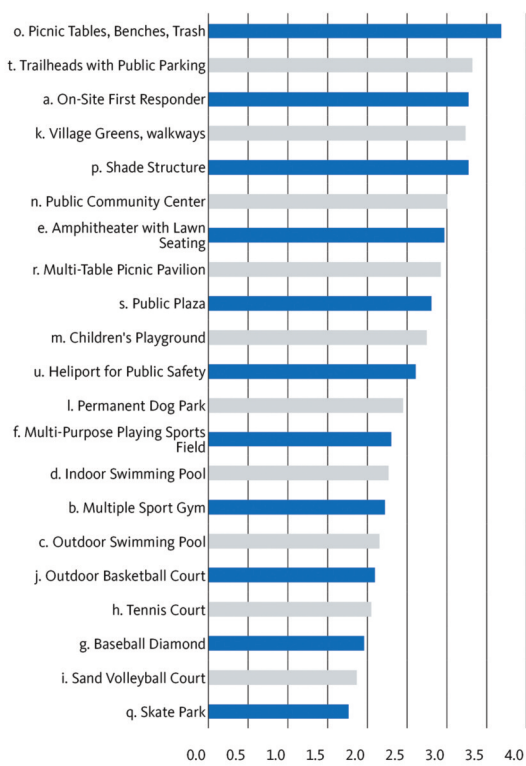
**Civic Center Survey:** A survey was mailed to all RPV residences in early 2017 asking a) whether they favored or opposed the Civic Center site and b) their level of support for various components. 2,300 surveys were submitted, a 17% response rate. Passive elements received higher scores than active elements and 74% of survey responses that expressed an opinion either favored or strongly favored redeveloping the site.

Favor or Oppose Redeveloping the Civic Center Site



### Average Score for Elements

Response range from 1 (Lowest Support) to 5 (Highest Support)



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## PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE



Did you know the City currently spends between \$600,000 to \$800,000 per year to maintain a safe, passable roadway 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! The cause is reactivated landslides within the greater Ancient Altamira Landslide Complex, which encompasses over two of the City's roughly fourteen square miles, and moves at rates between hundredths of an inch per year and tens of feet per year. Regular travelers through the area are familiar with the frequent need to repair cracks and smooth out the roadway, and the disruption it brings to daily commutes. Furthermore, they present a challenge to City Public Works staff who are tasked with maintaining safe access through this area for the public, and especially in case of emergencies.

### TIME TO TAKE ACTION

In the spring of 2017, at the behest of Councilman Ken Dyda, the City Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Duhovic and Councilman Dyda to a subcommittee to work with the community, staff and professional experts to help identify possible solutions or strategies to bring back to the City Council that would help remediate the Portuguese Bend (PB) Landslide. This subcommittee was formed to begin a collaborative process with the community, staff, and with professional experts.



In order to provide a forum for community involvement, the City Council's Subcommittee convened a series of community meetings to chart a path towards achieving stabilization of the PB Landslide.

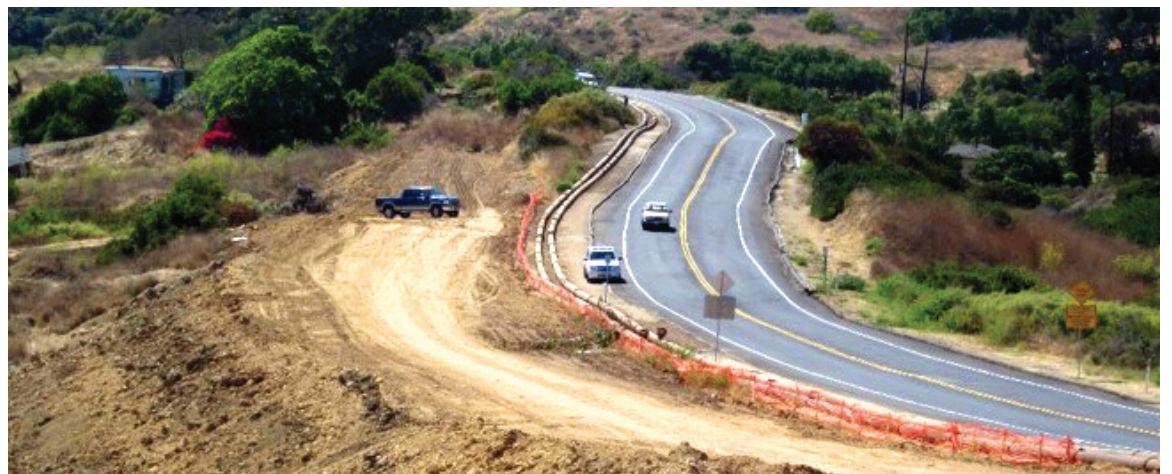
### PUBLIC WORKSHOPS ON REMEDIATING THE PB LANDSLIDE

A series of four public workshops in the summer of 2017 were held to elicit the best ideas from the community, and to seek input on goals and possible solutions to remediate the PB Landslide, and to inform the public of past work and of expert analysis. The first workshop set out to identify goals, and three main goals were identified:

- 1) Control the slide and corresponding costs
- 2) Legal protection for the City from costly and hazard-related damages
- 3) Protect the integrity of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

Surface and Subsurface Water Runoff, Surf-zone Erosion, and Ground Water made up Workshops 2, 3, and 4.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS!

### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SEMINAR - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Learn best practices for personal safety and the "See Something/Say Something" method, increase your situational awareness, learn what to expect in law enforcement situations, and experience an overview of "Run/Hide/Fight/Treat." Seminar led by Erik Franco: Department of Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Instructor

**Free Event • Thursday, September 20, 2018**

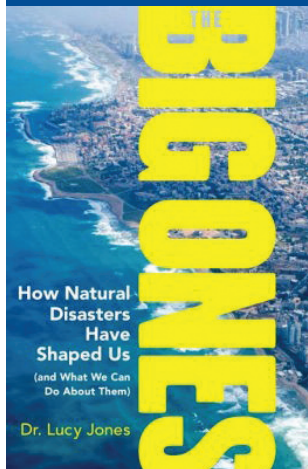
**Two sessions: 4pm or 6:30pm**

Norris Pavilion • 501 Indian Peak Road, Rolling Hills Estates

For more information, contact

Jacqueline Ruiz, Public Safety Analyst, at [jruiz@rpvca.gov](mailto:jruiz@rpvca.gov), or 310.544.5305.

### PREPARING FOR INCREASING RISK FROM NATURAL DISASTERS LECTURE



Lecture by Dr. Lucy Jones, author of *The Big Ones* (Doubleday, April 2018) and a Research Associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech since 1984. Jones developed the first American major earthquake drill, "The Great ShakeOut."

**Free Event • Thursday, October 25, 2018 • 7pm**

Ridgecrest Intermediate School  
28915 Northbay Road, Rancho Palos Verdes

For more information, please contact  
Tracy Bonano, RPV Emergency Manager,  
at [tracyb@rpvca.gov](mailto:tracyb@rpvca.gov)  
or 310.544.5209

### 2018 PREPARED PENINSULA EXPO - ARE YOU PREPARED IF DISASTER STRIKES? - LEARN HOW TO BE DISASTER READY

Be ready and have a plan. Learn how at the Prepared Peninsula EXPO where life-saving information, demonstrations and emergency survival gear will be available to the public, along with step-by-step preparedness plans for your family and pets, survival essentials, and free food.



- Family-friendly activities for all ages
- Visit the Shakey Quakey earthquake simulator
- Build your own emergency bag
- Learn pet preparedness tips
- Homeland Security exhibits
- Law Enforcement and Fire Department exhibits
- Learn about School District plans

**Free Event • Sunday, October 28, 2018 • Noon to 3pm**

Norris Pavilion • 501 Indian Peak Road in Rolling Hills Estates

For more information contact

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or 310.544.5209

### BE PREPARED: SIGN UP FOR CITY EMERGENCY ALERT INFORMATION

Subscribe to City "Emergency Notifications" by going to the City's website home page at <http://www.rpvca.gov/> and click on the "Email & Text Notifications" button near the bottom of the screen, sign in and then choose the "Emergency Notifications" Notify Me List.

## GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018



**On November 6, 2018,  
Los Angeles County will be conducting  
the Statewide General Election.**

**Your vote is important.  
Your vote is your voice. Be heard.**

**VOTE!**

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER - OCTOBER 23, 2018

You will need to re-register if you have moved to a new address, changed your name, or changed your political party affiliation. Voter Registration Forms are available at City Hall, Hesse Park, Ryan Park, any Post Office, and your local library. Your voter registration application needs to be filled out completely and postmarked or hand-delivered to the Los Angeles County elections office no later than October 23, 2018.

### VOTE BY MAIL

For information about voting by mail, please visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://www.lavote.net> to print or download the application for a vote by mail ballot. Return the application to:

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
P.O. Box 30450, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0450

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## AHOY MUSEUM VISITORS!

### SHORE WHALING AND LIGHTHOUSE LENS EXHIBITS COMING SOON TO PVIC

The Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) was awarded a grant from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment museum grant program. The City has matched these funds and is currently working on two new interior exhibits.

One of the exhibits in progress will feature information on shore whaling, which took place in Portuguese Bend in the 1860's. The second exhibit will highlight the Fresnel lens from the historic Point Vicente Lighthouse.

**Due to the nature of the work, a portion of the museum will be closed and no public access will be permitted in certain areas.**

The lobby exhibits, banquet room, restrooms, gift shop and park grounds will remain open to the public.

We anticipate opening the new exhibits in January 2019.

For updates and more information please visit:  
[www.rpvca.gov/1095/PVIC-Phase-II](http://www.rpvca.gov/1095/PVIC-Phase-II)

## LOOKING FOR FUTURE LEADERS!

All those who want to lead, become involved, explore the opportunities and challenges facing the City, or just to gain knowledge and learn tools to make better, more informed decisions are encouraged to apply to the RPV Leadership Academy.

Three evening workshops will highlight the functions and responsibilities associated with each major City service area, how decisions are made, how City funds are allocated, and how each department operates. Upon completion, the candidates will receive a leadership certificate from the City and acknowledgement at a City Council meeting.

**DATES AND TOPICS:** All meetings held on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd. Light refreshments served.

**October 10:** Administration/Public Safety/Legal

**October 24:** Community Development/Recreation & Parks

**November 7:** Public Works/Finance

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** Current City Committee & Commission Members and interested residents. Participants must be 18 years or older.

Seating is limited to 25 participants on a first-come basis. Interest forms can be found on the City's website and need to be submitted no later than September 28, 2018.

## PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE (Continued from page 1)

### BRING IN THE PROFESSIONALS!

As a result of the workshops, the City sought to develop a comprehensive program that would ultimately result in stabilizing the extensive landslide complex that exists in the Portuguese Bend area.

To do that, the City Council selected Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A), Inc., an internationally known and multi-disciplinary geologic, engineering, water, and environmental consulting firm with unique expertise in groundwater hydrology, surface water hydrology, engineering geology, and geotechnical engineering, to prepare the current Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Feasibility Study.

### PB LANDSLIDE REMEDIATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

The consultant, DBS&A, was tasked with updating the existing feasibility study to identify all options to try to stabilize the landslide. They examined the area firsthand, reviewed prior studies, and updated the existing feasibility study. The City Council's Subcommittee, Staff, and DBS&A held numerous meetings with the public, and set aside time for the public to review the updated draft feasibility study and submit questions and/or comments. The City Council's Subcommittee conducted its most recent public workshop regarding the Feasibility Study (FS) Update on June 28, 2018, where the DBS&A provided a summary of the FS and answered all residents' questions.

A Final Feasibility Study was presented to the City Council at their August 7, 2018, meeting and is available on the City's website. There were several remedies presented in the study and the following were approved by Council to be implemented; subsurface dewatering, storm water control, engineered slope stabilization measures, and eliminating septic system discharge into the landslide. Additionally, at this meeting, the City Council approved the following items to move toward stabilizing the landslide:

- 1) Receiving and filing the Feasibility Study Update.
- 2) Appropriating \$260,000 and authorizing Staff to develop a Request for Proposals for an engineering analysis, evaluation, and design for the lower portion of the landslide that would convey the drainage runoff to the ocean directly; as well as design of groundwater extraction horizontal drains (hydro-augers) for this lower area of the landslide. The installation of hydro-augers will provide passive dewatering without the requirement of surface mounted equipment. Engineering and data are required for this option to be successful and funds would be used for that.
- 3) Appropriating \$150,000 and authorizing Staff to develop a Request for Proposals for performing a hydrologic study and engineering analysis of the canyons to identify where, how, and to what extent the storm water infiltrates into the groundwater in the Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex. This item will return before the City Council.
- 4) Authorizing the City Council to appoint a subcommittee to work with the City Manager and City Attorney in negotiating with the City of Rolling Hills to address and resolve the runoff as well as sanitary sewer effluent for septic tanks and private treatment systems which are contributing to landslide movement from the City of Rolling Hills.

Go to <http://www.rpvca.gov/1031/Portuguese-Bend-Landslide> for more information

# CRIME BUSTER CORNER



## IS YOUR HOME SECURE?

Do you know if your home is an easy target for a burglar? Would you like to know how to better protect your home? RPV residents may request a home safety audit by contacting Sergeant Doug Shive from the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.891.3227.

## FUMIGATED HOMES EASY TARGET FOR BURGLARS



In June alone, there were 10 residential burglaries all stemming from one townhome complex that was tented for fumigation. In response, the City will be expanding its new Vacation Loaner Camera Program to allow RPV residents to check out a Ring Spotlight Cam Battery security camera device not only for vacations, but for any time you will be away for a few days. Residents can check the camera out for up to 30 days for free, up to three times a year.

Visit the City website at <http://www.rpvca.gov/1118/Vacation-Security-Camera-Loaner-Program> or contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst, at 310.544.5305 or [jruiz@rpvca.gov](mailto:jruiz@rpvca.gov).

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOBILE APP

No matter where you are in LA County, LASD's FREE Mobile App will keep you connected! The app provides access to the latest news, photos, videos, events, alerts and crime information. To download the app, visit [www.LASDapp.com](http://www.LASDapp.com) or visit the Apple Store or Google and search for "Los Angeles Sheriff's Department".

## BE A SMART DIGITAL CITIZEN!

The Internet makes many everyday tasks faster and more convenient, but it's equally important to be safe and responsible online. Here are some ways to keep your computer, mobile devices and personal information safe when going online:



- Update your software by downloading the latest versions of your operating system, web browsers and apps.
- Delete when done. It's a good security practice to delete apps you no longer use.
- Disable WiFi and Bluetooth when not in use. Some stores and locations look for devices with the features turned on to track movements.
- Don't share your passwords or sensitive information with anyone you don't trust.
- Don't use the same passwords for multiple accounts.
- Don't keep your computer on all the time. Leaving it on will make it more prone to spyware and other attacks from hackers and identity thieves.

## VOLUNTEER! YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

Volunteers are a precious commodity. Volunteers of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to try something new and learn from others. Send us an email at [volunteer@rpvca.gov](mailto:volunteer@rpvca.gov) and ask us what you can do. We have a wide variety of events for volunteers. Go to the City's Recreation and Parks/Volunteer page for more info and options. Give volunteering a try and I'll bet you'll return for more events! You can also call Mary Hirsch, Volunteer Coordinator at 310.544.5260.



## CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN! (Continued from page 1)

**August 8, 2018 Open House:** The City Council approved a contract with M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. (Gensler) – one of the largest and most esteemed architectural and design firms in the United States – to perform approximately two months of *pro bono* services to the City for civic center programming work.

Ninety-three people, almost entirely City residents, participated in a Civic Center visioning open house facilitated by Gensler, CCAC members and City Staff. Attendees learned about the project's history, physical dimensions and constraints of the site, results from the 2017 survey, and potential components. Attendees were able to share their preferences and give input about the overall project as well as individual components using stickers and post-it notes.

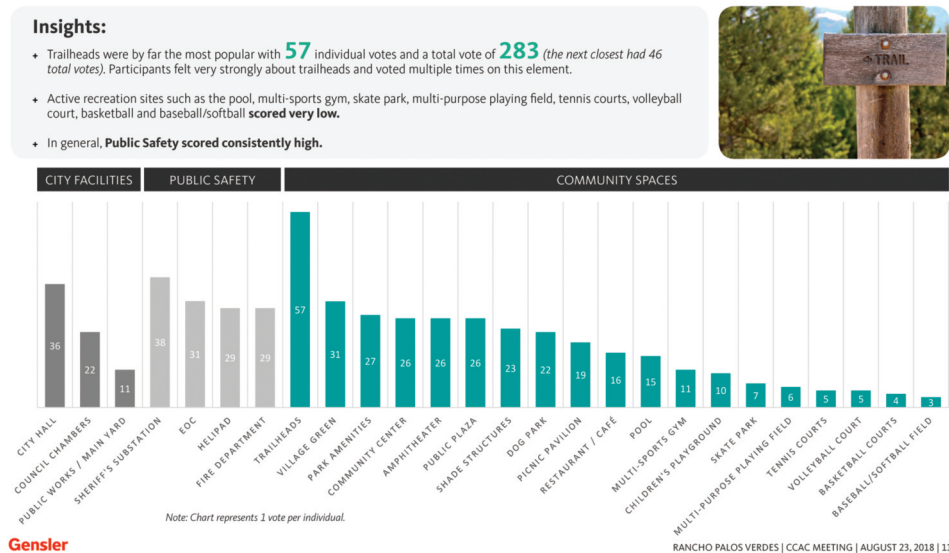
**Methods**

- Assigned Stickers
- Comments
- Conversations

**Attendance Summary**

- +93 RPV Sign-In Sheet 8-8-2018
- +9 Completed Open House Comment Forms
- +106 Individual Stickers (Live / Work)
- +842 Total Stickers Votes for Elements

Below are individual component results from the workshop. Results paralleled the survey with passive elements such as trailheads, village green, and shade structures scoring highest. There was strong support for public safety components (Sheriff substation-no jail, fire station), a new City Hall, and a community center.



## ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TAKEN

**Environmental Site Assessment:** An Environmental Site Assessment for the site was recommended by CCAC and approved by City Council on June 5, 2018. The assessment will provide useful information to determine what uses and locations are appropriate for potential development throughout the Civic Center site.

**Addressing Land Use Issues:** The Civic Center Master Plan project is focused on the 19.03 acre flat portion of the site. The City owns the entire site, but 11.24 acres are currently limited to passive use dating back to the acquisition of the property from the Federal Government. This limits the available space for construction to 7.79 acres. The City is working out this issue through negotiations with the National Park Service and legislation. The remaining 53 acres of the site (outside of the red and yellow lines in the photo below) is the Alta Vicente Nature Reserve.



- Existing Civic Center Boundary = 7.79 AC
- Proposed Civic Center Boundary = 19.03 AC

## What Lies Ahead:

There is still much to be done and multiple opportunities for the public to be involved. Programming services will continue to be refined and developed in the coming months with an overall goal of bringing them to City Council for review by the end of 2018. Significant additional public outreach and involvement opportunities will be available throughout the process.

## Want to Learn More/Be Involved?

- Go to <http://www.RPVCA.Gov/1009/Civic-Center-Master-Plan> to learn more about the process and see Civic Center Master Plan related documents, additional survey materials, historical master plan information, and City Council and CCAC staff reports.
- Receive regular updates by going to the City's Notify Me system at <http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx> and sign up for Civic Center Master Plan.
- Attend a Civic Center Advisory Committee Meeting! Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the City Hall Community Room at 6 pm.
- Questions: Please contact Recreation and Parks Senior Analyst Matt Waters at [mattw@rpvca.gov](mailto:mattw@rpvca.gov) or 310.544.5218.

## FALL BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT

EDCO's bi-annual brush clearing event can help you dispose of your excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and tree trimming free of charge. Plan ahead. Schedule to complete your brush clearing before your designated collection day. Use your green carts, personal cans and/or tied bundles and leave them at the curb and EDCO will take them on your designated Saturday and recycle them.



Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, October 13, 2018
Tuesday	Saturday, October 20, 2018
Wednesday	Saturday, October 27, 2018
Thursday	Saturday, November 3, 2018
Friday	Saturday, November 10, 2018

## FALL TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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



**September 2018:** No service on Monday, September 3, 2018, Labor Day. Services for every route (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

**October 2018:** No changes.

**November 2018:** No service on Thursday, November 22, 2018, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday and Friday routes will be delayed by one day.

**December 2018:** No service on Tuesday, December 25, 2018, Christmas Day. Services will be delayed by one day for Tuesday through Friday routes. No change on Monday.

**Regulations for Hours for Trash Can Placement:** The City's Municipal Code 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 4pm the day before collection day and empty carts must be removed no later than 10pm on collection day. **Empty carts cannot 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

City Manager's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
Finance  
Community Development  
Human Resources  
Public Works  
Recreation and Parks  
Building & Safety Division  
Code Enforcement



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## PART-TIME OPPORTUNITIES WITH RECREATION AND PARKS

Looking for a part-time job? The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department is hiring! We are currently accepting applications for Recreation Leaders to work in our parks, open space, community centers, and programs. No previous experience is required, but candidates should have a passion for service and the outdoors, and excellent customer service and communication skills. 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).



## GENERAL ELECTION (Continued from page 2)

### EARLY VOTING

Voters do not have to wait for Election Day to cast their ballot. All registered voters in Los Angeles County can vote beginning October 8, 2018, at the Los Angeles County Elections Office located at 12400 Imperial Hwy, Third Floor, Room 3002, Norwalk, CA 90650. Call 800.815.2666, option 2 to confirm business hours.

### POLLING LOCATION

On Election Day, residents can locate their polling place by using the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://www.lavote.net/LOCATOR/>. Voters who do not have access to the internet can contact the City Clerk's Office at 310.544.5217 for assistance in locating their polling place.

## HOMELESS OUTREACH PORTAL

The LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has joined with the County to launch the Homeless Outreach Portal -- an innovative online tool that allows residents to join the fight against homelessness by connecting people they perceive to be in need with outreach services. When you see someone in need, just fill out the short form on the site and LAHSA, County Departments, and other providers will use the information to dispatch a homeless services outreach team to the area. Visit <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/request> to see how it works.



## GREEN CORNER



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

Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 8am-11am

RPV Civic Center (City Hall Overflow Parking Lot), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

### SHRED

Have your personal and sensitive documents confidentially shredded on site. Certified shredding trucks will securely shred all your documents on-site at the event.



### RECYCLE E-WASTE

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

No household hazardous waste (HHW) material (e.g. no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted.

### MULCH

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/bags per vehicle. If you plan to haul your mulch in an open truck, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material.



This event is offered exclusively to RPV's residential EDCO companies. Please bring proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill, or your driver's license.

For more information go to <http://www.rpvca.gov/309/Solid-Waste-Recycling>.

**Bulky Items and Electronics Waste:** Can't make the October 13th event but want to get rid of an old couch, mattress, water heater, TV or appliance? Have computers and printers that are past their usefulness? No problem. Call EDCO at 310.540.2977 and schedule a free bulky item or E-waste pickup. Limit four items.

## OLD PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS RECYCLING!

Gaffey Safe Center located at 1400 N. Gaffey, San Pedro, can take these items. Open to LA County residents every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. Call 1.800.988.6942



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