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SPOTLIGHT ON ANGELA LIGHTNER, REACH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Angela Lightner is a Recreation Specialist overseeing the REACH program which serves the social and recreational needs of youths and adults with developmental disabilities. Angela took some time out of her busy schedule and life to answer some questions about herself and REACH.

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CALLING ASPIRING CITY LEADERS! THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RETURNS!



The Rancho Palos Verdes Leadership Academy (RPVLA) is an engaging five-session program that opens the doors of local government to the community. RPVLA provides participants with a behind-the-scenes look at the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' operations, including programs, services, departments, and facilities. It is designed for residents who want to learn about local government and play a more active role in our community.

Applications are available now for the May 2023 cohort! Learn more and sign up at rpvca.gov/leader.

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS



City signs that is! Beginning with the unveiling of the Ken Dyda Civic Center entrance sign on September 10, the City has installed new vibrant signs at multiple park sites as well as "Welcome to Rancho Palos Verdes" entrance signs. The signs have been a changing so check them out the next time you drive around the City or visit a park.



LANDSLIDE MANAGEMENT: MUCH MORE THAN A SLIDE AND A BUMPY RIDE



Dealing with the largest active landslide in North America is not a one-person or even a one company assignment. The City has been working diligently on a variety of projects to manage the Portuguese Bend Landslide. This includes the City's project management team for landslide monitoring, remediation, peer review, resurfacing, Altamira Canyon improvements, and the Abalone Cove sewer system: Hout Construction Services as the lead, with support from BKF Engineers, Ninyo & Moore, and LSA Environmental.

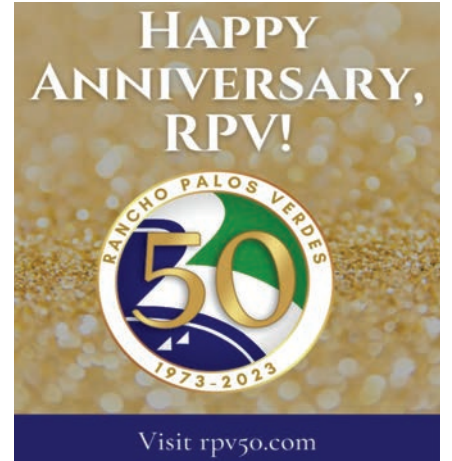
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WE'RE CELEBRATING THE BIG 5-0!

Did you know the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is turning 50? To celebrate, the City is hosting a year of events leading up to our 50th anniversary in September 2023!

We honored Councilmember and City Founder Ken Dyda by dedicating the Ken Dyda Civic Center in September 2022. October was our first Harvest Festival, chock full of fall fun. In November, we joined RPVtv for a series of recorded Walk and Talks highlighting the City's history. We're looking forward to the City's second annual tree lighting ceremony and skating rink in December!

Check out our celebration website for upcoming events and a gallery of past events at rpv50.com!



LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK-TAKING SHAPE PIECE BY PIECE



"Having just a vision's no solution, everything depends on execution... Bit by bit, putting it together. Piece by piece, working on the vision night and day. All it takes is time and perseverance with a little luck along the way."

Stephen Sondheim: "Sunday in the Park With George"

Sondheim was writing about the artistic process, but Ladera Linda Community Park is also coming together like a jigsaw puzzle-becoming clearer and more complete with each piece locking into place. Go to the project page at rpvca.gov/LaderaLinda to learn more about this project and see a live view of the project site refreshed once per minute. Follow the progress as the new building and additional improvements including trails and walking paths, paddle tennis and basketball courts, a naturalistic playground, and grass fields take shape. All the pieces are scheduled to be in place by the end of summer 2023.

STILL ROCKING AT 50! PV STONE MAKES A COMEBACK!

PV STONE COLLECTION PROGRAM



Since before the City's incorporation almost 50 years ago, Palos Verdes (PV) Stone, a beautiful sedimentary rock which occurs throughout the Peninsula area, has been a mainstay of

the City's identity. As part of its arterial street beautification program, the City wants to rehabilitate and construct the PV Stone pilasters and tract entries, but we need your help.

The City will collect any excavated PV stones from a grading project in the City at no cost.

PV stones can be dropped off by appointment only between 7:00 am-5:00 pm at the Ken Dyda Civic Center.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 310.544.5252

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SURVEY SAYS



Election season may have burned you out on polling and surveys, but the City is excited about a survey designed to better understand the public's experience parking when visiting the Portuguese Bend Reserve or Del Cerro Park. The City implemented the ParkMobile parking solution in July 2021 to help balance the need for public access with the need to better control parking and traffic at this location. Since ParkMobile was implemented, the City continues to monitor the parking solution and find ways to make it more user-friendly. Please look for

our survey and give us your feedback! The survey will be available on the City's website, on signage in the Del Cerro area, on the ParkMobile app, and distributed by City Park Rangers. You can also go to <https://www.rpvca.gov/1424/ParkMobile> to access and complete the survey.



What is happening at the Library?

December 9, 2022 @ 6pm Malaga Cove Library, Holiday Film "The Bishop's Wife"



December 5, 12 & 19 @ 10am - Opera Talks, Peninsula Center Library, in partnership with LA Opera

Every 1st Saturday of the month, 10am - 12pm - TechKnows, computer help by local teens!

January 14, 2023 @ 10am - 11:30am - Tea Tasting, Peninsula Center Library

January 25, 2022 @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm, PVL DWriMo Anthology Live Read, Peninsula Center Library

February 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 10am - 11am, Qi Gong movement exercises, Registration Required

Teen Annex will be open January 2023 at Peninsula Center Library!

Go to www.pvld.org to learn more about our programs.

Book Sales at Malaga Cove is the 3rd Friday & Saturday of each month 10AM-5PM
Book Sales at Peninsula Center & Miraleste is open when the library is open.



The Friends fund online resources and programs at all branches.
Please remember the Friends in your annual giving--Thank you!
www.pvldfriends.org



HO-HO-HOLIDAY CRIME SAFETY



'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring-except for a burglar! Yes, the holiday season is upon us and while that's a time for rejoicing it's also a time for basic crime prevention

measures! After all, not everyone sneaking into your house is there to drop off gifts. Use these tips to help stay safe and visit the City's website for the 10 Days of Holiday Safety!

- 1. Practice Your 9 pm Routine:** At 9 pm every night, lock all gates and doors, turn on exterior lights, and remove valuables from plain view.
- 2. See Something, Say Something!** Be aware of your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, call the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.539.1661.
- 3. Prevent Package Theft:** Arrange for delivery alerts and retrieve your packages as soon as they are delivered. If you cannot retrieve your package, ask a neighbor to bring it in for you, or have the package shipped to the store.
- 4. Safe Shopping:** When shopping in a store, make sure your purse or wallet is secured on your person. Never leave purchased items unattended. If shopping online, make sure you are using a trusted site and be wary of providing your personal information.
- 5. Secure Your Vehicle:** Always lock all vehicle doors and close all windows. Remove packages, valuables, and garage openers from sight. If you must leave a valuable behind, lock it in your trunk or glovebox before reaching your destination. Avoid parking in isolated and unlit areas.
- 6. Secure Your Home:** Lock all windows and doors when sleeping or when leaving your home. Use a timer for your lights so your house looks occupied. Avoid displaying valuables in windows. Ask to see identification from anyone who comes to your door. Utilize home alarms, guard animals, signage, security systems, and trimmed landscaping to create sufficient protections for your property.
- 7. Join Your Neighborhood Watch!** RPV Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer-based, resident-run program that encourages neighbors looking out for neighbors to reduce crime. For more information or to join, visit rpvca.gov/NeighborhoodWatch.
- 8. Protect Your Family:** Be cautious of the information you post on social media – consider who the information may now be available to. Do not place "family descriptor" stickers on your family vehicles – perpetrators can use the decals to identify people in your household, sometimes even by age, gender, and names.
- 9. Deter Holiday Thieves:** Avoid displaying gifts and valuables in windows. Break down gift boxes and place them in dark trash bags to avoid advertising holiday gifts on trash day.
- 10. Travel Safety:** Be mindful of sharing holiday travel plans online. Sharing vacation details can alert criminals when you are not home. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home and collect any packages and mail.

As always, report suspicious activity to Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.539.1661 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. In a mental health emergency, call or text 9-8-8. Stay safe, look out for rampaging reindeer, and enjoy the holiday season.

I SPY A CACTUS WREN



Look for four tiny cactus wrens hidden in this newsletter. The cactus wren is one of the two bird species covered and protected in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan. It is listed as a California State Species of Special Concern. Cactus wren habitat and preferred nesting is in native cactus species, such as the cholla and prickly pear cactus found throughout the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve.

ANGELA LIGHTNER (Continued from page 1)

Many of our readers may not have heard about REACH. Tell us about the program and its history.

REACH has been serving the South Bay since 1977. Currently, our program serves adults 18+ with developmental disabilities. REACH started as a summer camp for kids and evolved into a staple of RPV recreation programming. The program has changed drastically throughout the years. For many years our program facilitated weekend getaways for our participants to places such as Big Bear, Solvang, San Diego and much more. Today our program includes virtual sessions on Monday evenings, gatherings and community excursions on Wednesdays, and day trips two Saturdays a month.

What led you to RPV, Recreation, and REACH?

I have a deep love for recreation, and when I found out that it was a career option, there was no turning back. My mother was a registered nurse in a group home that served individuals with intellectual disabilities. I always tagged along with her to hang out with the residents, so this work always interested me. Originally, I applied to the City hoping to work for Open Space Management or the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. I was initially assigned to Eastview Park, but when I learned about REACH, I begged my supervisor to let me be involved. I started as a Recreation Leader until I was promoted to Recreation Specialist as the coordinator of the REACH program.

What would you like to see for the future of the REACH program?

I hope to see the program continue to grow. It would be wonderful to have the opportunity to have our participants involved in weekend getaways again.

What was it like working with REACH during the ongoing pandemic?

Working with REACH during the height of the pandemic was rewarding. I knew that many REACH participants were feeling very isolated. At that time, I helped create an online Zoom program that was a

big success! REACH met twice a week via Zoom and participants were delivered monthly activity kits. It made a world of difference for them to be able to connect with their friends even though it was virtual for the time being. REACH is still offering virtual programming which is popular with our members.

What are the biggest challenges and rewards involved in working with people with special needs?

The biggest challenges are societal barriers that our participants continue to face even in 2022. Although our participants are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, that does not mean it is always respected or implemented. I have seen my participants face both architectural and attitudinal barriers. This indicates to me that we must continue to advocate for our participants and the right to equity for all individuals with disabilities. When you work for REACH, the participants are more than constituents, they become your family. The relationships that I have built with the participants and their families are the greatest reward. The impact this program has had on the lives of our participants, their families, and the community is monumental.

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

My passion lies in serving individuals with disabilities and I intend to dedicate my life to providing an inclusive, equitable recreation environment for all.

How do you enjoy spending your time away from work?

I am an avid traveler and adventurer. When winter rolls around you can find me up in the mountains snowboarding! The rest of the year I do my best to hike and kayak as much as possible.

Favorite book, movie, type of music/sport etc?

I am an avid reader! I enjoy memoirs, poetry, and psychological thrillers.

Favorite Books: *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein

The Shining by Stephen King

INJECTION POINT: COVID-19 UPDATE: UPDATED BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recommends all eligible residents receive their updated fall boosters before the winter season because immunity from earlier vaccines, and/or getting infected, wanes over time. The virus has also mutated significantly over the past two-and-a-half years, and the new strains can evade some of the protection from earlier vaccines or infections.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna updated fall COVID-19 boosters are bivalent vaccines, meaning they protect against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the more recently spreading Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants. Although the two sub-variants are different, they have the same spike protein, and these new fall boosters offer protection against both.

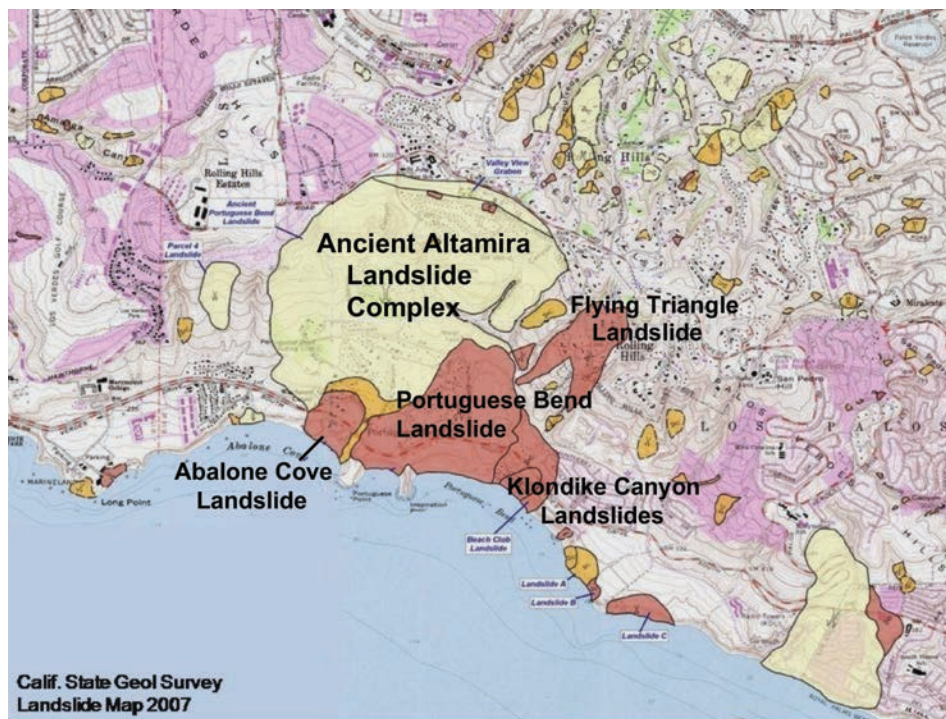
Updated boosters have been approved for adults and for children 5 and older two months after any previous booster or primary vaccination. The Pfizer bivalent booster is for children ages 5-11, and the Moderna bivalent booster is for children ages 6-17.

These updated fall COVID-19 boosters will provide a significant amount of protection against Omicron during the upcoming winter holidays.

To find a location for the new booster go to [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://vaccinate.lacounty.gov). Click on "Find a Location" and then search by "Vaccine Type."

You can also call 833.540.0473 between 8 am and 8:30 pm, seven days a week, for assistance with appointments, or to request an in-home vaccination if you are home-bound.

LANDSLIDE MANAGEMENT (Continued from page 1)



Landslide Monitoring Program involves assessing the City's existing monitoring program and developing recommendations based on current state-of-the-practice technology, which could include additional monitoring points, new monitoring methodologies/technologies, heat maps, and digital terrain modeling. **The goal is to provide the City with improved, user friendly information and reporting on land movement.**

The Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project consists of infilling fractures and installing surface drainage systems with swales, and a ground water removal system known as hydraugers. Next steps include completion of a state required Environmental Impact Report. **The goal is to minimize land movement in the Portuguese Bend Landslide area.**

The Palos Verdes Drive South Landslide Area Resurfacing Project involves regular roadway inspections and repairs when needed. **The goal is to regularly inspect for repairs and complete those repairs in a timely manner.**

The Altamira Canyon improvements include finalizing a Project Study Report and addressing public comments. **The goal is to minimize ground-water infiltration and erosion.**

The Abalone Cove sewer system involves a life-cycle cost analysis for rehabilitation, operating, and maintenance costs with a goal to reduce the City's subsidy of the Abalone Cove sanitary sewer system.

Can't get enough of landslide technical jargon? Want to learn more? Go to: <https://www.rpvca.gov/1031/Portuguese-Bend-Landslide>

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS: ANNUAL BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL AND UPDATES

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS

Business license renewal applications are due prior to commencing operations and expire each December 31st. In mid-December, City staff will mail 2023 business license renewal applications to all currently licensed businesses. This application should be completed and returned with payment to City Hall by January 31, 2023. Upon receiving a completed renewal application and license tax payment, a 2023 Business Tax Certificate will be mailed. Penalties will be assessed on any license application received on or after February 1, 2023, at 5% for each month delinquent up to 50% of the total license tax. No extensions or waivers of the penalty amount will be granted.



HOW DO I COMPLETE A BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL?

The renewal application is easy, takes only minutes to finish, and can be completed in one of three ways:

- 1. Online:** File on-line by going to the City's website at <https://rpvpay.com/businesslicense>.
- 2. By Mail:** Return the application and your check made payable to "City of Rancho Palos Verdes" to the following address:

City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Attention: Business License
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

- 3. In Person:** You can also pay your renewal in person at City Hall, within the Community Development Department.

Questions: Contact the Business License Coordinator at 310.544.5301. For additional information refer to Chapter 5.04 of the City's Municipal Code or visit the City of Rancho Palos Verdes website.

FIRE IS READY FOR ITS CLOSEUP: WILDFIRE DETECTION CAMERAS



Fire risk is a fact of life in California and early detection is key to preventing a small brush fire from exploding into a conflagration that threatens lives and property. Today, advances in technology have enabled active wildfire detection through ultra-high-definition imagery and artificial intelligence.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes recently entered an agreement with tech company Pano AI to install a system of four high-mounted, 360-degree cameras that will be monitored 24/7 to detect wildfire smoke so first responders can be alerted to a brush fire as early as possible. Pano cameras will provide coverage of the entire Peninsula by scanning the landscape to identify, evaluate, and warn of wildfire activity within a 15-mile radius. In the event of a fire, it provides fire-monitoring professionals precise imagery and triangulation of the exact fire location. Pano's Rapid Detect wildfire detection solution has been successfully deployed in Napa, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma counties.

On November 7, 2022, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi announced a \$1.5 million allocation in the state budget to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to help fund a Peninsula-wide network of wildfire detection cameras.


For additional information, contact Jesse Villalpando, RPV Emergency Services Coordinator at JVillalpando@rpvca.gov or 310.544.5209.



The Legislation Corner keeps you up to date on current bills affecting the City. The City Council reviews bills pending in the California legislature and takes positions on priority issues and matters that impact the City's ability to operate effectively, promote City interests, and protect local authority.

On October 18, the City Council received a summary report of the 2022 Legislative Session. On December 20, the Council will consider adopting the City's second annual Legislative Platform, outlining the City positions on local land use and control, public safety, mental health services, and more.


For more information on the City's legislative advocacy efforts and for updated information on pending bills, visit [rpvca.gov/LegislationCorner](https://www.rpvca.gov/LegislationCorner).



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HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

December 2022: Due to the holiday falling on a Sunday, there will be no delay.

January 2023: Due to the holiday falling on a Sunday, there will be no delay.

Questions? Call **EDCO 310.540.2977** or www.rpvrecycles.com. Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am on collection day.



Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement and Storage: 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.** Containers have to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view from the public or private street right-of-way. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and aesthetically pleasing. Contact EDCO about excess holiday trash collection: December 26 to January 15.

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Finance
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Recreation and Parks
Building & Safety Division
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HOLIDAY STREET SWEEPING

Streets in RPV are swept twice a month. If a holiday falls on one of your regular street sweeping days, it will be delayed by one day. On sweeping days, please try to remove parked cars from the street to allow for optimal sweeping of your street. Help us to make your street clean!



Need a Lift?

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

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



GREEN CORNER



HELP PREVENT OCEAN POLLUTION: HOUSEHOLD TIPS

Keeping the ocean, beaches, and waterways free of pollution is critically important. However, many common household activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. Litter, oil, chemicals and other substances that are left on your yard or driveway can be blown or washed into storm drains that flow to the ocean. Over-watering your lawn and washing your car can also flush materials into the storm drains. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated. You would never pour soap, fertilizers or oil into the ocean, so don't let them enter streets, gutters or storm drains. Remember, the solution to pollution is not dilution.

BULK DOWN: BULKY ITEM AND ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Did Santa place new electronics under the tree? What do you do with the old ones? You have two good choices:



Choice #1 - Donate your furniture, electronics, toys or appliances that are in good working condition. Do not let reusable items go to a landfill! Contact a charitable organization.



Choice #2 - EDCO offers customers free (limited) collection of bulky and electronic items such as sofas, TVs, computers, mattresses, desks, etc. Call EDCO and arrange for a free curbside pickup at 310.540.2977.

HOLIDAY EXCESS TRASH

Have extra trash or cardboard from the holidays? Please place your excess trash (in plastic bags) and bundled cardboard next to the curb on your regular collection day between December 26 and January 13.



TREE RECYCLING



Recycling your Christmas tree is easy. Remove the base, ornaments, tinsel, and garland. Then leave your Christmas tree at the curb on your regular collection day between December 26 and January 13. Flocked trees are also acceptable and will be recycled. No need to cut the tree into smaller pieces (unless it is over 6 feet tall). If you live in a multi-family complex, contact your management company or HOA for the designated tree drop-off location.

