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LOCAL PHILANTHROPIST BEAUTIFIES CITY PARK



Thanks to the generosity of a local community member and philanthropist, a beautiful piece of artwork now graces Marilyn Ryan Sunset Point Park. On Saturday,

July 19th, the City honored Charlotte Ginsburg and her family, and unveiled a graceful dolphin sculpture set atop a marble base during a sunset ceremony held in the park.

Approximately 110 guests attended the event; highlights of which included live steel drum music, remarks and a poetry reading by Mrs. Ginsburg, and a champagne toast. Last year, Dr. Alan and Mrs. Charlotte Ginsburg made a sizable donation to the City towards the construction of a new building at the Upper Point Vicente Civic Center site for cultural activities and dancing, or for the purchase of open space. During the dedication ceremony, the Ginsburgs were recognized for their many philanthropic endeavors, as they have donated to numerous local organizations including the Palos Verdes Art Center, Long Beach Ballet, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, and the Aquarium of the Pacific. Some special donors who contributed to the evening's festivities included the Aquarium of the Pacific, the Phelan-Difley Advisory Group of Wachovia Securities, Rick Castile of State Farm Insurance, and the Trump National Golf Club.

Marilyn Ryan Sunset Point Park is located adjacent to Palos Verdes Drive South at the entrance to the Trump National Golf Club. Be sure to visit the park and enjoy its peaceful walking paths, beautiful vistas and, of course, the new dolphin sculpture.

LIVING WITH CALIFORNIA COYOTES



The coyote (*Canis latrans*), a member of the dog family, is native to California, from desert and mountain habitats to urban areas, and is present on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It closely resembles a small German shepherd dog with the exception of the long snout and bushy, black-tipped tail. The coyote's high-pitched, yodel-like yapping can frequently be heard at night. Coyotes are extremely adaptable and can survive on whatever food is available. They hunt rabbits, mice, birds or other small animals and will also feed on the carcasses of dead animals. Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control.

Coyotes are by nature fearful of humans. However, problems occur when people begin feeding them, either deliberately or inadvertently, in the form of table scraps, pet food and garbage. Under these circumstances, coyotes will quickly lose their natural fear of people and become bold, even aggressive.

PROTECT CHILDREN

In a few tragic cases, coyotes have attacked small children, causing serious injury or even death. Although these instances are rare, never leave small children unattended in areas known to be frequented by coyotes, even in your yard.

cats in residential areas. Large dogs should be brought inside after dark, and never be allowed to run loose. Rabbit hutches standing above ground should have a solid bottom. When building a chicken coop, dig a one-foot trench around its perimeter, extend the chicken wire fence well into the trench, and then bury it.

PROTECT PETS AND LIVESTOCK

Pets are often attacked, injured or killed by coyotes. Keep small pets, such as cats, rabbits and small dogs, indoors. Don't allow them to run free at any time. They are easy, favored prey. Some coyotes seek

STASH YOUR FOOD & TRASH

Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food, but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage, pet food, and

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CITY'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is celebrating its 35th Birthday this year! Join us for the festivities on Saturday, October 11th from 10am to 4pm at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Highlights of the day will include

35¢ cent hot dogs, popcorn and lemonade; fun activities for children; book signings by local authors; paintings and pottery by local artists; music and dance performances by local students; booths featuring information about community organizations; and a display of City history captured in print. Tours of the Museum and Lighthouse are a must. Admission and parking are free! For more information, please call 310-544-5268.



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LOVE YOUR LOCAL BEACH!

**ABALONE COVE BEACH CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 9:00 A.M.**

Coastal Cleanup Day is about much more than picking up trash. It's a chance for Californians to join people around the world to express their respect for our oceans and waterways. It's an opportunity for the whole community to pitch in and keep its beaches clean and pristine. Come join your friends and neighbors and help accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of our environment.

The clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

located at 5907 Palos Verdes Drive South, directly across the street from the Wayfarer's Chapel. The parking lot will open at 8:30am and parking is free if you arrive before 9:30am.

Wear sturdy shoes and bring sun block, gloves, and a hat. Plastic bags will be provided to hold the trash and recyclables.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Parks Department at (310) 544-5260.



RECYCLE AT THE PARKS

Autumn is here and that means soccer and other team sports have begun. As you go to the various City parks for practice and games this season, make sure you and your child(ren) recycle your water bottles, juice containers and cans.



Place all empty beverage containers in the designated recycling cans at the parks. Do not throw them in the trash or on the field. Please help keep RPV clean and be kind to the environment.

LIVING WITH CALIFORNIA COYOTES

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domestic animals. Allowing coyotes access to these types of food sources is reckless and deadly.

- Use trashcans with lids that clamp shut, which will prevent spilling if the cans are tipped over. Don't use trash bags as garbage containers; coyotes can easily rip them open and scatter the contents.
- Put trash containers out the morning of the scheduled pick-up, rather than the night before. This will give the coyotes less time to scavenge.
- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove outdoor dishes when pets finish meals. Store bags of pet food indoors.
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles.
- Remove sources of water, especially in dry weather.

It is essential that coyotes retain their natural wariness of humans. If a coyote attacks and injures a person, immediately contact the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 9-1-1 or (310) 539-1661.

MORE PRECAUTIONS

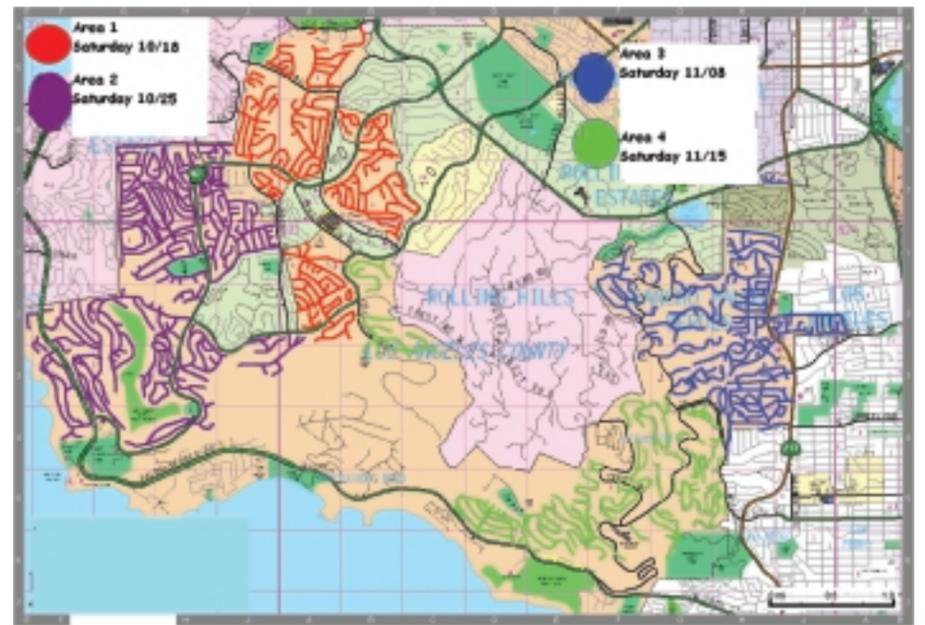
- Clear brush and dense weeds from around dwellings to reduce protective cover for coyotes and make the area less attractive to rodents. Coyotes and other predators may be attracted to areas where rodents are concentrated, such as wood and brush piles and seed storage areas.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.

We can reduce conflicts with coyotes by ensuring they remain cautious of humans. Practice these safety guidelines and encourage your neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit www.keepmewild.org or contact the California Department of Fish and Game – South Coast Region Office at (856) 467-4201.

USE NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT

If coyotes begin frequenting your neighborhood, let them know they are not welcome. Make loud noises, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose. For everyone's safety,

CITY-WIDE BULKY GREEN WASTE COLLECTION



Southern California has experienced an increase in the number of wildfires over the past few years. The City's own Del Cerro Park and the surrounding open space fell victim to a large brush fire a few years ago that threatened but fortunately did not destroy any homes. To reduce the community's fire risk in the future, the City and Waste Management (WM) have partnered to provide a new free service - the first annual Citywide Bulk/Excess Green Waste Collection Day. The purpose of this program is to encourage residents to bring their property in compliance with the Los Angeles County Fire Marshals' vegetation clearance guidelines. This free collection day allows the property owners to remove excess vegetation growth, prune back overgrown bushes and shrubbery and trim trees in their backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on their property, without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for the gardeners to haul the green waste away.

The City is divided into 4 areas for this special program. To participate in this voluntary program, follow these three simple steps:

- 1) Find your area's designated day. Refer to the colored map above carefully.
- 2) Plan to complete your brush clearing before your bulk green waste collection day.
- 3) Leave tied bundles, green waste cans, and bagged green waste at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your designated Saturday collection. If you set the material out late, you may miss the truck.

Westside- Area 1
Color Red
Saturday, October 18

Westside- Area 2
Color Purple
Saturday, October 25

Eastside- Area 3
Color Blue
Saturday, November 8

Eastside- Area 4
Color Green
Saturday, November 15th

WM trucks will drive through your neighborhood on your designated day and collect any green waste left at the curb. There is no need to call WM or the City for an appointment. Your designated Saturday is strictly for collection of bulk green waste. **All bundles have to be tied. No loose material will be accepted.** Do not leave trash, construction and demolition material at the curb. Do not set out bulky green waste at the curb early in the week. Do not leave your green waste out on the wrong Saturday. It will not be picked up and you will have to remove it yourself.

If you're unable to get the work done this season, don't worry. You will have another opportunity in spring 2009. Also, remember weekly collection of regular green waste will continue to be on your second collection day of the week. If you have any questions, call Waste Management at (800) 774-0222 or check the City's website at: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/publicworks and click under Waste Removal Services.

**Looking for a unique holiday gift for family and friends?
Don't want to fight the crowds?**

**VISIT THE GIFT SHOP
AT THE
POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER!**

From hand-blown glass objects to children's books, the museum's gift shop has a varied selection of items perfect for gifts or stocking stuffers. Hand-made pottery, ceramics, and paintings from local artists; Pt. Vicente Lighthouse photographs; hand-made, one-of-a-kind jewelry; whimsical marine and nature themed holiday ornaments; wind chimes; T-shirts; sweatshirts; books; puzzles; costume jewelry; books by local authors from Marineland to weeds & wildflowers; stuffed animals from dolphins to possums; dolphin statuary and more! The museum is open daily from 10am to 5pm; closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 & 25, and January 1. Located at 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West, we are just around the corner in your neighborhood.

CITY OFFERS FREE DOCENT-LED NATURE WALKS

OCEAN TRAILS AT TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Walk the switchback trail to the beach. Learn about the local geology and fall blooming habitat. Stay to watch the sunset from beautiful Founders Park. Moderate. (Park to the left of the Club House in the public lot at the end of Ocean Trails Drive.)

Sunday, October 26, 2008 ~ 3:00 p.m. Ocean Trails at Trump National

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK

Tour the local tide pools teeming with fascinating marine life. Wear sturdy walking shoes for walking on rock covered beach. Moderate.

Saturday, November 15, 2008 ~ 2:00 p.m. Abalone Cove Shoreline Park
Saturday, December 27, 2008 ~ 2:00 p.m. Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

Hikers should wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat, and bring a small bottle of water. Walks are two hours long and no reservations are required. Parking is free. Heavy rain the night before, or rain the day of, cancels hike or tour. For more information, please call (310) 544-5264 or visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv.

SAFETY TIPS FROM YOUR BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don't Let Electrical Cords Create a Danger in Your House! Overloaded outlets and electrical extension cords can cause a fire or electrocution danger.

USE ELECTRICAL CORDS SAFELY:

- Never overload electrical cords or power strips. Electrical cords and power strips have a designated load capacity. Be sure the total amount of energy used by appliances and lights plugged into the strip does not exceed that capacity.
- Use only listed power strips that have integral overload protection and have been tested by a product safety laboratory.

- Don't use appliances that have damaged cords.
- Extension cords should not be used as a substitute for permanently wired outlets.

Electrical cords must be the proper wire size for the load they serve. Overloaded cords will become hot and can start a fire. Avoid permanent use of extension cords. Appliance cords and extension cords are susceptible to physical damage from foot traffic, furniture, house pets, swinging doors and many other causes, so protect them from damage.

Contact the Rancho Palos Verdes Building and Safety Division at (310) 265-7800 for more information.

DOCENT TRAINING CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

A new Los Serenos de Point Vicente docent training class begins Wednesday, September 24. This in-depth class prepares new docent volunteers to share information about the unique history and features of the Palos Verdes Peninsula with individuals and groups. Field trips, local walks and guest speakers enhance the learning experience. Upon completion of the training, docents have an opportunity to lead museum, nature and tide pool tours at several locales in the City, including Abalone Cove Shoreline Park, Forrestal Nature

Preserve/Ladera Linda Discovery Room, the ocean trails at Trump National Golf Club, and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, with an emphasis on surrounding marine and terrestrial habitats. Meet new friends while you make a difference in your community. For more information, visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv or call (310) 544-5268.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CITY OFFERS GRANTS AND DEFERRED LOANS

Being a homeowner comes with certain responsibilities and maintaining the appearance of your home is one of the biggest. Unfortunately, not all homeowners are in a position to complete those repairs as needed.

To assist its residents, the City offers a Home Improvement Program, which provides assistance in the form of a grant of up to \$5,000 and, if requested, a zero interest (0%) deferred loan of up to a maximum of \$10,000 to income qualified

homeowners of owner-occupied single family dwellings.

Some of the home improvements eligible under the program, include, but are limited to, new roofing, windows, water heaters, and new exterior painting.

For a complete list of eligible improvements, additional information, or an application, please contact the Program Consultant in the Public Works Department on Wednesdays at (310) 544-5252.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA BY THE SEA!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH ~ 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Ho! Ho! Ho! To "Breakfast with Santa" we go!

Mark your calendars for some old-fashioned holiday fun with Santa!

Breakfast, crafts, carols, and pictures with Santa await children of all ages...bring your camera!

Children & Adults, \$10 each.
Registration forms available at RPV parks and online.

Call the North Pole at 310-544-5260 for more information.

Proceeds benefit the RPV REACH Program for young adults with developmental disabilities.

Hop on your sleigh... Santa's on his way!

To download a registration form, go to: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks

WHAT IS GREY WATER?



Make sure what comes out here . . .

Grey water is the used water that is discharged from laundry rooms, showers, sinks, dishwashers, etc. It typically has a grey color to it, hence the name, and although it is not as dirty as waste water (black water) that comes from toilets, it is not clean water either. Because many homes in Rancho Palos Verdes were built in the 1950's and 1960's before there was a sanitary sewer system available, grey water was occasionally diverted to canyons, hillsides and storm drains to lessen the maintenance costs of septic systems. It was initially thought that since it was not black water, the discharge wasn't harmful to the environment.

Although typically associated with properties that have septic systems, even as homes have connected to the sanitary sewer system over the years, this problem remains. Often the plumber "forgets" to establish connections with the grey water pipes. As seen in the photos, these connections are important to ensure that this grey water does not end up in our waterways and ocean.

Homeowners will be required to establish connections to the sewer system.

Diverting grey water to the canyons, ocean and storm drains is no longer an acceptable option for discharging it. The discharge of grey water to canyons and the ocean is considered to be harmful to the ecological balance of the marine environment. In addition, strict new state regulations on bacteria levels have made it imperative to stop these types of discharges.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes asks that all homes releasing grey water establish connections with the sanitary sewer system or septic system. The State of California may issue fines to the City or to property owners that are discovered to be releasing grey water. Although correcting these improper connections may result in costs for some homeowners, the positive impact to our local waterways will be substantial.



doesn't end up here!

RECREATION AND PARKS: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

WHO: You!

WHAT: Part-time, year-round positions

WHERE: Beautiful Park Sites in Rancho Palos Verdes

WHEN: Apply Anytime!

WHY: Working 9 to 5? That's No Way to Make a Living!

RETIRED? Extra money and enjoyable experiences!

The RPV Recreation and Parks Department is actively seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals to apply for the part-time, year-round position of Recreation Leader. People hired for this position will oversee daily operations at a wide variety of attractive park sites, including Hesse Park and the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

Recreation Leaders also have the opportunity to work at community events and assist with REACH, a dynamic recreation program for teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

Nighttime and weekend availability is also desirable. Possession of a Class B California Driver's License is a plus. Beginning pay rate is \$9.49 per hour.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

High School Diploma / 18 years of age or older

Class C California Driver's License / Customer Service Experience

Call the City's Job Information Line at 310-544-5308 or visit the City's website at www.palosverdes.com/rpv for a City application.

FALL 2008 RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT COMMUNITY CENTERS

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Youth Sports & Dance

Dance (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Tumble, Combo, Pre & Point) Creative Energy Dance School	(310) 547-5073
Fit N Fun Soccer, T-Ball and Basketball Fit N Fun Sports	(310) 625-6044
Tennis for Kids ~ Dan McCormick	(310) 806-7394
Yoga, Tap, Ballet (Ages 3-5 yrs) ~ Kristen Kaa	(714) 536-7425

Teen/Adult Health & Fitness

Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact ~ Ann Bosma	(310) 375-2064
Bones for Life ~ Sachiye Nakano	(310) 326-6831
Exercise & Fitness ~ Jacquelyn Fernandez	(310) 377-2965
Tai Chi Chuan ~ Jensu Mark	(310) 397-6275
Tai Chi, Qigong and Beyond ~ Xanyi Taiji Group	(310) 831-1459
Tap Dance for Adults ~ Ann Leach	(310) 832-8653
Tennis for Teens and Adults ~ Dan McCormick	(310) 806-7394
Yoga, Pranayama & Meditation (All Levels) Sarita Saigal	(310) 377-7705

Tot Classes

Christine's Busy Bees (Ages 2_ - 4 yrs) Christine Randall	(310) 254-4425
Mommy & Me (Ages 18 months - 3 yrs) Annette Gunderson	(310) 373-0280
Music N Motion - Mommy & Me Infant (Birth to 6 yrs) Annette Gunderson	(310) 373-0280
Suika Preschool ~ Suika Education, Inc.	(310) 323-5221

Youth Classes

Engineering Fundamentals with LEGO (Ages 8-12) Fit N Fun Sports	(310) 625-6044
Pre-Engineering with LEGO (Ages 5-7) Fit N Fun Sports	(310) 625-6044
Music N Motion - Preparatory Piano, Piano (Ages 4 & up) Annette Gunderson	(310) 373-0280
Spanish for Youth ~ Mercedes Seraphim	(310) 544-8200
Suzuki Method for String Instruments Michele Nardone	(310) 374-7385

Teen/Adult Classes

Anyone Can Paint! ~ Bonnie Landau	(310) 374-0670
Basics of Fine Arts ~ Kevin McCants	(818) 753-8477
Dog Obedience ~ Pawsitive Partners	(866) 797-8481
Technician's License ~ Walt Ordway	(310) 541-4007
Meditation Class ~ LA Meditation	(866) 847-9807
Piano for Adults ~ Annette Gunderson	(310) 373-0280
Suzuki Method for String Instruments Michele Nardone	(310) 750-6866
Spanish for Teens/Adults ~ Mercedes Seraphim	(310) 544-8200
Transform Yourself with Self-Hypnosis Duncan Tooley	(310) 832-0830

To register for a class, please contact the instructor.

If you are interested in teaching a class, please call the Recreation Program Supervisor at (310) 544-5268.

RPV CITY PARK HOURS

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park	(310) 377-1222
Mon. - Fri.	12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park	(310) 541-8114
Mon. - Fri.	9:00 a.m. - dusk
Sat. & Sun.	10:00 a.m. - dusk

Ladera Linda Community Center	(310) 541-7073
Mon., Wed., Fri.	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Point Vicente Interpretive Center	(310) 377-5370
Daily	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Robert E. Ryan Community Park	(310) 377-2290
Mon. - Fri.	12:00 noon - dusk
Sat. & Sun.	10:00 a.m. - dusk

All park grounds in the City may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk.

The leash law is enforced at all City parks.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Avoid a missed pick up! Please make sure all containers are left at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Remove empty containers before 8:00 p.m. on collection day.

Waste Management Customers:
(800) 774-0222

Universal Waste Customers:
(800) 631-7016

October 2008:
No changes.

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No changes.

November 2008:
No service on Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, November 28, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, November 29.

November 2008:
No service on Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day. The Thursday route will be collected on Friday, November 28.

December 2008:
No service on Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, December 26, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, December 27.

December 2008:
No service on Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day. The Thursday route will be collected on Friday, December 26.

January 2009:
No service on Thursday, January 1, 2009, New Year's Day. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, January 2, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, January 3, 2009.

January 2009:
No service on Thursday, January 1, 2009, New Year's Day. The Thursday route will be collected on Friday, January 2, 2009.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Manager's Office	(310) 544-5205
City Clerk's Office	(310) 544-5217
Finance Dept.	(310) 377-0360
Planning Dept.	(310) 544-5228
Public Works Dept.	(310) 544-5252
Recreation and Parks Dept.	(310) 544-5260
Building & Safety Dept.	(310) 265-7800

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