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THE MARINES HAVE LANDED

LONG POINT TO BE SITE OF MARINE CORPS TRAINING

Remembered by locals as Marineland, but now better known as the site of a future resort hotel, Long Point has also been the filming location for dozens of major motion pictures and a vital training location for the United States Marine Corps. The Marines from Camp Pendleton have used Long Point for more than five years and so far, the challenge of this facility continues to improve their skills.

Although the majority of Marine Corps training is conducted at Camp Pendleton, its facilities for urban warfare training have become elementary for the Pendleton-based Marines. After just two training events in the on base "combat towns," most Marines could navigate the streets blindfolded. Concerned about realistic training scenarios Marine Corps leaders looked "outside the box" and outside the base for solutions to this training limitation.

In partnership with FBI liaison agents and in close coordination with local,

state and federal agencies, certain American cities began permitting the use of actual buildings and facilities located within the municipal boundaries. These real facilities represented challenges for the Marines that simply could not be replicated on the base, as the sites were unfamiliar, intricate, unpredictable, and outside of the Marines' "comfort zones."

The Long Point property has become a very useful site for the Marines since it is a difficult urban site to navigate on foot, and because it provides the option to Marines of approaching it by small boat, on foot, or by air. A typical scenario may involve a simulated rescue operation where a hostage is being held in one of the old Marineland warehouses. As night falls a landing craft moves toward the shoreline and Marines disembark on the beach and make a stealthy approach up the cliffs to their objective. Measured explosives are used to breach doors, windows, or



other entry points into buildings, and simulated ammunition, a type of sophisticated paint ball round, make the exercise very real. Once the hostage is freed, the departure is often made by helicopters that sweep in off the ocean and pick up the Marines and their freed hostage.

These realistic tactics mean noise, flashes of light, possible aircraft overflight and the sight of armed men, and can be especially alarming if nearby residents are not aware that they are only hearing and seeing an exercise.

Marine Corps planners learned quickly that neighbors weren't so concerned about the noise, since most Americans can appreciate how critical these complicated urban warfare skills are to master. The concern arose when the noise was a surprise. To assure that the nearby residents are fully aware of the exercise, a special coordination team of Marines moves in days and weeks in advance of all training, issuing press releases, meeting community leaders and law enforcement officers, and canvassing the local communities with handbills explaining what the noises will be, how long it will last, and who to contact if they have questions.

We have been advised that the latest Marine Corps plans for an exercise at Long Point include two potential "training windows." The first is June 11th -13th and the second is August 1st -3rd. When you hear the noise of aircraft and small arms and see the flashes of light at Long Point, rest assured that the Marines have landed and our country continues to maintain the finest fighting forces in the world.



COMING SOON... RPV-TV CHANNEL 33

GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION

Soon you will be able to aim your remote control at your big screen TV and select RPV TV Channel 33! As a result of a recent agreement with Cox Communications the City of Rancho Palos Verdes will have its own City Channel over which local government and educational programming will be broadcast.

The birth of the new channel happened quickly following action of the City Council last September to establish a Cable Television Committee to explore the possibility of maximizing the City's use of local cable access under the current Franchise Agreement with Cox Communications.

Last November, after receiving testimony and discussing the idea

of a City cable channel, the Council directed staff to invite interested parties to meet with the Committee to discuss various issues including how they could utilize a City channel and what resources they might offer to support it.

After holding a workshop with educational institutions serving the Peninsula, the Committee made several recommendations to the City Council:

- Adopt a policy-directing Cox to establish an educational access channel on the local cable television network.
- Establish a start-up date of May 1, 2003 for launching the channel.
- Approve use of the old Cable TV studio on City Hall property for filming and editing.

Acting on these recommendations, the City Council recently entered into an agreement with PV on the Net to provide operational and technical support for the educational access channel. In exchange for providing staffing and equipment to make the studio functional, PV on the Net will be

able to utilize the channel to support their own productions as well as undertake commercial programming for which they will charge a fee.

Although the cable studio does not yet have the capability of transmitting programming to the Cox network, the studio is currently being readied for use by PV on the Net and should be up and running this summer. Cox has indicated that they are willing to assist the City in providing equipment to make the studio fully operational.

To find out about becoming a volunteer or participating as a student video intern visit PV on the Net website www.palosverdes.com/video. No experience is necessary, but if you do have video or production experience, come and share your knowledge. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about digital video and multimedia production while working on community service projects.

For students attending PVPHS, contact Jean Etter in the Career Center.

LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL

FILING PERIOD OPENS MID-JULY

Tuesday, November 4th is the date of the City's General Municipal Election. This year there are three seats up for election. City residents interested in running for the City Council can pick up nomination papers from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, beginning July 14th. The closing date for nominations is August 8th. To qualify as a candidate for the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council, you must be a registered voter and live in the City. City Council members are elected at large and serve a four-year term of office.

Other local elections are also occurring on November 4th: the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library District and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. Candidates for those offices can live in any of the four Peninsula cities. Members of those boards are also elected at large. Nomination papers for these offices, however, are available at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office located at 12400 Imperial Highway in the City of Norwalk, telephone number (562) 462-2317.

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SUMMER 2003

JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES
AND DOG ACTS



Join us on July 4th for the City's Annual Independence Day Celebration held at RPV City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. with nonstop excitement until 5:00 p.m.

Bring your family and friends and listen to live music performed by Sweet Surrender and the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band. Shop in the arts and crafts area and visit the midway, featuring a variety of rides and games for all ages. Take a helicopter ride and get a bird's-eye view of our City's dramatic coastline.

Enter the pie-eating and hula-hoop contests to test your speed and skill. For sheer entertainment, take in the Jim Gamble puppet show. Get to know more about your community by visiting the information booths sponsored by local civic organizations. Visit the petting zoo, ride one of the ponies, and watch the dog acts and obedience demonstrations.

Admission to the celebration is free. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided along Hawthorne Boulevard between Ralphs Market and RPV City Hall. On-site parking will be available for \$2 per vehicle.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! RPV IS TURNING 30

As reported in the Fall 2002 newsletter, the City will celebrate its 30th anniversary of incorporation on September 7, 2003. Earlier this year, to help plan and organize the celebration, the City formed a 30th Anniversary Committee consisting of two City councilmembers. Also serving on the committee, are ten enthusiastic and talented resident volunteers and several City staff members. Preparations are now well underway and the committee is currently planning two exciting events to commemorate the City's 30th birthday:

Community Barbecue and Picnic
Saturday, September 6, 2003
Upper Point Vicente Park & Civic Center

Join us for a day filled with family games and activities, music and good food. The theme will be "Rancho Palos Verdes Through the Decades" with a fond look back at where we have been in the last 30 years and the promising future.

Formal Dinner and Dance
Friday, October 17, 2003
Los Verdes Country Club

Enjoy an elegant evening of dining, dancing, admiring the stunning view and toasting the City's birthday. The theme will be "The Land and The Sea," celebrating our City's open spaces, natural resources and coastal environment.

Mark your calendars now! We hope to see you at one or both of these events. Check the City's web page at www.palosverdes.com/rpv/citycouncil/index.cfm for more details as they develop. You can also contact the City Manager's Office at (310) 544-5205 or email us at citymanager@rpv.com.

VIEW COVENANT REMOVAL PROCESS

ORDINANCE STILL PROTECTS VIEWS

The City's View Protection Ordinance requires applicants of certain construction projects to subject their property to a foliage analysis to determine if their trees are violating the view ordinance by significantly impairing a neighbor's view. Shortly after the View Protection Ordinance was adopted in 1989, construction applicants were given an option of subjecting their property to a foliage analysis or agreeing to record a covenant on their property that promised to maintain their trees so they would not significantly impair the view from other properties. In 1996, the City discontinued this covenant option; however, during the time this option was available (1990 – 1996) approximately 900 covenants were recorded on properties.

Last year, the City Council considered the request of a property owner to remove one of these recorded covenants. The Council agreed to this removal because the property would still be subject to the View Protection Ordinance. At that time, the Council also agreed to establish a procedure for dealing with future requests for removal on a case-by-case basis. The procedure established allows staff to remove a recorded covenant if requested by a property owner, and if the following conditions are met:

- 1) All individuals who own title to the property sign the written request.
- 2) A trust deposit fee is submitted to cover the cost of processing the covenant removal request.
- 3) The covenant that is being removed resulted from an over-the-counter approval pursuant to the "Removal of Foliage as Condition of Permit Issuance" provisions of the View Ordinance, as opposed to a

covenant that was recorded as a result of a condition of approval of a discretionary decision.

- 4) It is determined that no significant view impairing foliage, which exceeds sixteen (16) feet or the ridgeline, whichever is lower, exists on the property, or if such significant view impairing foliage does exist, it is removed and/or trimmed, as directed by City Staff, prior to the removal of the covenant.
- 5) A "Notice of Termination of Covenant" is executed by the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and the City Clerk, which contains the notarized signatures of all the individuals who own title to the property, and is recorded by the County Registrar-Recorders Office.

It should be emphasized that the removal of a covenant will not occur until a foliage analysis is performed to determine if the subject property contains any significant view impairing foliage, which exceeds sixteen feet or the ridgeline, whichever is lower and if such significant view impairing foliage does exist, it is removed and/or trimmed, as directed by City staff. This is the action that would have occurred, as dictated by the View Ordinance, if the covenant option was not available between 1990 and 1996.

If you would like more information about the View Covenant Removal process, would like to know if a View Covenant was recorded on your property, or would like to file a View Covenant Removal request, please contact a planner in the City's Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department either by phone 310-544-5228 or email planning@rpv.com.

COOL SUMMER SAVINGS

FANS, ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND THERMOSTATS

Summertime and the mercury is rising but that doesn't mean your electric bills have to soar too. With energy-efficient ENERGYSTAR, labeled ceiling fans, room air conditioning units and programmable thermostats you can stay cool and save money using the South Bay Energy Rewards program.

CEILING FANS

The gentle downdrafts of ceiling fans cool you by creating a wind-chill effect and using them can make temperatures of 78° to 80° feel like 72°. You can set your thermostat higher and save as much as 40% on your electric bills. The ceiling fans that carry the ENERGYSTAR label are about 10% more efficient than standard ceiling fans, resulting in more savings on your utility bills. And, if that's not enough, when you purchase an ENERGYSTAR labeled ceiling fan you can save a cool \$20 at the cash register.

ROOM AIR CONDITIONING UNITS

Replacing an old room air conditioner with a new ENERGYSTAR qualified model could save up to \$20 a year on electricity. Moreover, you will save an additional \$50 at the cash register when you buy a unit from a participating retailer.

"SMART" THERMOSTATS

Programmable thermostats that have earned the ENERGYSTAR label save money and keep your home comfortable by automatically adjusting the temperature settings while you are asleep or away. This "smart" thermostat helps shave cooling costs by 15 to 25 percent. Again, you will save \$20 at the cash register when you buy an ENERGYSTAR labeled thermostat from a participating dealer.

COUPONS FOR ENERGYSTAR PRODUCTS

Coupons are available at participating retailers in the South Bay. You can also request a coupon by calling (888) 467-7776 or by visiting the website at www.energyrewards.org or by visiting City Hall. The website also lists the products and appliances and the participating retailers.

These savings are brought to you by the South Bay Energy Rewards Program that is funded by California ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and is sponsored by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 544-5205.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT REACH?

Camping adventures, dance lessons, cooking, musical expression, theme parks and more! The City's Recreation and Parks Department coordinates REACH, a program providing recreation activities for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities. Throughout the year REACH offers a variety of challenging and diverse programs that promote social interaction, physical fitness, independent living and community assimilation. The REACH program is small in numbers and BIG on fun.

Activities are usually held Monday and Wednesday evenings, and also during the day on weekends to accommodate school and work schedules. REACH also offers camps, dances, and special events as well as opportunities to participate in community service activities. REACH does not charge membership fees and participants pay for only those activities that they enroll in. The cost for most activities range from \$6 to \$25.

On Monday evenings, REACH meets at Ryan Park. Activities include preparing and eating dinner together, lively discussions, arts and

crafts, sports, music therapy or exercise. Recently, participants created a giant, six-foot burrito.

Wednesday evenings include outings to local restaurants and activities such as bowling, miniature golfing or attendance at musical performances. Weekend events include a variety of all-day adventures such as excursions to theme parks, sporting and cultural events, and trips to Palm Springs, San Diego or Santa Barbara.

If you are interested in learning more about REACH or if you know someone who may benefit from this program, call 310-544-5266 and ask to be added to our mailing list! REACH out and make friends and have fun!



RYAN PARK: NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

READY FOR SUMMER FUN



These improvements were funded in part by a \$50,000 grant from the California Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program. Keeping the City's commitment to reuse, reduce and recycle, this equipment is made from recycled plastic and the play surface is made from recycled tires. For those readers nostalgic for the old steel equipment, it was sent to a steel recycling facility; the old concrete and dirt were taken to an inert recycling facility.

This past winter, we reported that the familiar landmark ship and the lighthouse at Ryan Park had to go because the state had mandated new specifications for playground equipment. This project got top priority because the City wanted the new equipment installed for the summer. Deadlines were met, the project stayed within budget, and the ship and lighthouse have been replaced with new bright new equipment: two ships, ten swings, several whale spring rides, a four wheel play structure, and a toddler play unit. The swings, slides and rides accommodate ages two to twelve years old, are ADA accessible and located near handicapped parking.

This play equipment should provide the City's new crop of toddlers and youngsters with as many good memories as the grand old stuff gave earlier generations.



DOCENT NATURE HIKES AT OCEAN TRAILS

Join the Los Serenos de Point Vicente docents for a guided tour of the Ocean Trails Project on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The walks begin at the public parking lot at the end of La Rotonda Drive just off Palos Verdes Drive South in beautiful Rancho Palos Verdes. These tours take place on paved, gently sloping trails along

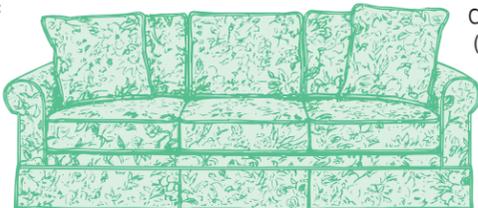
the bluff edge and though the habitat corridor. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and a hat and bring a small bottle of water. Tours last approximately one hour and reservations are not required. For more information, please call the hike line at (310) 377-0360, extension 309.



GET RID OF BULKY ITEMS

ANOTHER CHANCE TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE

Want to get rid of that old couch, water heater, mattress, desk, dishwasher and all that stuff that has been clogging up the garage? No problem!



de Paul Society (800-974-3571). These organizations will pick up the items, put them to good use, and give you a

tax-deductible receipt.

For old appliances that are in working condition and for furniture that is in good shape, donate it to the Goodwill (562-435-7741), the

Salvation Army (800-958-7825), the United Cancer Research Society (800-443-4224) or the St. Vincent



For appliances that are not in working condition, and for furniture that is unusable, call your trash hauler for a free bulky item pickup. Waste Management (310) 830-7100 and Ivy Rubbish (310) 379-1024 offer their customers three bulky item pickups per year at no charge.



SAN RAMON DRAINAGE AND LANDSLIDE STABILIZATION PROJECT

In the Spring 2002 issue of the Newsletter, we reported to you on the stabilization of the San Ramon Canyon project. We are now glad to report that April 30, 2003 marked the last day of construction for this project that is located in a hillside residential area between San Ramon Drive and Calle Aventura just southwest of Palos Verdes Drive East. The project components included construction of a 36" inch diameter storm drain system, import of 80,000 cubic yards of fill material, concrete v-ditches, subterranean drains, roadway



reconstruction and vegetation restoration. The project repaired the erosion-damaged canyon slope, aged storm drain system and remediated an active landslide.

NEED MORE RECYCLE & GREEN WASTE CANS?

For additional free blue "Recycling" and green "Green Waste" cans call Waste Management at 830-7100 and

Ivy Rubbish at 379-1024. As for trash, as usual, residents supply their own trash cans.

RECYCLERS OF THE MONTH CAN WIN \$250!

BE ONE OF THE 24 ANNUAL WINNERS

When you get your July billing from Waste Management or Ivy Rubbish, look for the entry card for the Recyclers of the Month drawing. Fill it out and send it to City Hall. Twice a month at City Council meetings one of these post cards is drawn from the "recycle" drum and, after verifying that the sender does recycle, that



resident gets a check for \$250. That is a total of 24 winners a year!

Yes, you actually can win \$250 for recycling paper, bottles, cans, newspaper, cardboard, plastics and/or green waste. This is the City's way of thanking residents for participating in the recycling program.

BECOME A MEMBER OF LOS SERENOS DE POINT VICENTE

Are you an enthusiastic volunteer? Would you like to be a hike leader for children and the general public? We have indoor activities, too.

CLASSES BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

No experience is required, a minimum commitment is expected, and we will train you.

Hike Abalone Cove Tide Pools, Ocean Trails, and Forrestal Nature Preserve in beautiful Rancho Palos Verdes.



Would you like to be a Docent at the
POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER?



Call the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department at 544-5264

Or visit **Los Serenos de Point Vicente** at www.palosverdes.com/RPV/recreationparks/docents

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR-ROUND / PART-TIME RECREATION LEADER

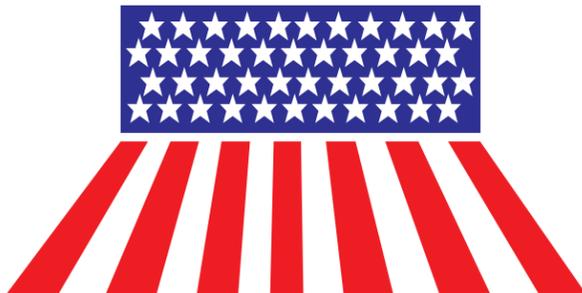
The City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department is accepting applications for the position of Recreation Leader, with a pay range of \$7.69 - \$9.99 per hour.

Applicant must be a high school graduate, have a valid California Driver's License, and be at least 18 years old.

Call 310-377-0360 for City application

If you enjoy working with the public in a variety of park settings, learning about the daily operations of local government, and maintaining a work schedule, apply NOW!

JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE



WASTE MANAGEMENT

July 2003: There will be no trash and no green waste service on Friday, July 4th. Monday and Thursday routes will not be affected. Tuesday and Friday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, July 1st and Saturday, July 5th.

August: No Changes

September: There will be no trash and recycling service on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. The Monday and Thursday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 4th. The Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, September 3rd, and Friday, September 5th. There is no change in the Thursday and Friday routes.

OCTOBER: No Changes

IVY RUBBISH DISPOSAL

July 2003: There will be no change in the trash collection. The recycling for Friday, July 4th will be picked up instead on the following Friday, July 11th.

August: No Changes

September: No Changes

October: No Changes

REMEMBER, DON'T BE A MISSED PICK-UP: Leave trash cans out at the curb by 7 a.m. on pickup day.

ATTENTION SENIORS! If you are 65 years or older, contact your waste hauler and apply for a senior citizen discount.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Manager's Office	310 544-5205
City Clerk's Office	310 544-5208
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.	310 541-7702

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SUMMER 2003 RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT CITY PARKS

It's time for summer fun! Check out the summer sports classes and camps! To register for a class at one of the City's park sites, call the instructor at the phone number below. Some of these instructors have registration information at Hesse Park Community Center, located at 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Miss Cherie's Dance School (310) 547-5073

Tap Dancing for Adults (Adult)
Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Tumble, Tap & Tumble, Combo Dance (Ages 4 - Teen)

Ann Bosma (310) 375-2064

Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact (Adult)

El Camino College (800) 964-1020

Reading programs (Ages)

Eclipse Total Basketball Camp (310) 675-0240

3-Day Basketball Camp (Ages 7-12)

Jacquelyn Fernandez (310) 377-2965

Exercise & Fitness (Adult)

Fit N Fun Sports (310) 625-6044

Tiny Tot Soccer (Ages 3-5)
Tiny Tot T-Ball (Ages 3-5)
Tiny Tot Golf Ages (4-6)

Bonnie Keenan, MFCC (310) 265-6644

Project: Just Me (Adults)
Communication 101: A Tool Kit of Basic Skills (Adults)
Creating Healthy Relationships (Adults)

Karin Koralek (310) 374-6612

Yoga (Adult)

The Language Connection (310) 318-8470

Spanish classes (Grades 1-8)

Jeanne Murphy (310) 377-8507

Ladies Exercise (Adult)

Sachiye Nakano (310) 544-1624

Bones for Life (Adult)

Michele Nardone (310) 374-7385

Suzuki Violin Group classes (Youth, Adults)

Walt Ordway (310) 541-4007

Amateur Radio classes (Teen, Adult)

Peninsula Sports Camps (Tom Maier)

Pintsize Sports (310) 787-9916

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, T-ball (Ages 4-5)
Parent & Me Pintsize Sports (Ages 2-1/2 - 3-1/2)

Palos Verdes Youth Athletics (310) 519-4622

Mommy & Me (Ages 18 - 30 months)
Wee Tots (Ages 2-1/2 - 4)
Summer Outdoor Adventures (Ages 5 -10)
Summer Sports Camps (Ages 5-10)

Skyhawks Sports Academy (800) 804-3509

Flag Football
Soccer
T-Ball

Suika Education, Inc. (310) 323-5221

Suika Baby Club (Ages Newborn - 3)
Suika Toddlers Club (Ages 3 - 5)

If you are interested in teaching at one of the City park sites, please call the Recreation Supervisor at (310) 544-5268.

RPV SUMMER PARK HOURS

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

Daily 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Fred Hesse Community Park

Mon. - Fri. 9:00a.m. - dusk Sat. & Sun. 10:00a.m. - dusk

Ladera Linda Community Center

Mon. - Fri. 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. Sat. & Sun. 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Point Vicente Interpretive Center

Daily 10:00a.m. - dusk

Robert E. Ryan Community Park

Daily 10:00a.m. - dusk

All parks in the City may be enjoyed by the public from dawn to dusk.

The leash law is enforced at all City parks.

