PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE PLAN IN CONSTANT MOTION

The Portuguese Bend Landslide complex has been a significant civic concern for decades and the subject of extensive research and mitigation measures. The City spends between $600,000 to $800,000 per year to maintain a safe, possible roadways 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. Besides the ongoing repair costs, continued or increased instability could have significant negative impacts on access and utilities. Four landslide workshops were held in 2017. The first workshop established the following goals:

- Protect the slide and corresponding costs
- Legal protection for the City from costly and hazard-related damages
- Protect the integrity of the nature preserve

In January 2018, the City Council considered a feasibility study to stabilize the landslide area and has met monthly, and an open house was held in 2018. On October 15, 2019, the City Council approved a program document for the site which included a number of components and approximate sizes:

- New City hall (smaller than the current City Hall square footage)
- Council chambers
- Sheriff’s Department substation and medium-sized fire station (The LA County Fire Department and LA County Sheriff’s Department have expressed preliminary interest in funding the stations)
- Emergency operations center (EOC)
- Community center
- Trailhead facilities, extensive landscaping and open space
- Computer training room
- Potential Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy office space.

The City has been actively pursuing a Civic Center Park Master Plan since 2017. Since that time a survey has gone out to all residents, the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) was formed and has met monthly, and an open house was held in 2018. On October 15, 2019 the City Council approved a program document for the site which included a number of components and approximate sizes:

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For several years, progress has been made on preparing a Master Plan for a new community center and park at Ladera Linda. Public outreach ranges from dozens of meetings with individuals, small groups, interested parties, Staff, and HOAs, to multiple large-scale public workshops, and Council meetings. A Master Plan and schematic design was approved by the City Council last August. Facilitated by the renowned architecture and design firm of Johnson Favaro, the approved design significantly reduced the square footage of the existing buildings; retained the park’s existing low-key neighborhood feel, maintained existing popular elements, such as the paddle tennis and basketball courts, play-ground and lower field, and addressed adjacent neighbors’ concerns about view, noise, security and other key quality-of-life issues.

What’s Next?

The next steps in the progress are completing the Conditional Use Permit/CEDA planning entitlement processes. This will involve review and approval by the Planning Commission. Once completed, Johnson Favaro will develop and submit construction-ready documents and final cost estimates for Council’s review and consideration. A financial consultant has also been hired to advise on project financial planning options.

CIVIC CENTER PROJECT CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS

LADERA LINDA: NEW AND IMPROVED PARK COMING YOUR WAY

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

What You Need to Know

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Many of them infect animals, but some coronaviruses from animals can evolve into a new human coronavirus that can spread from person to person. This is what happened with the current novel coronavirus.

Diseases from coronaviruses in people typically cause mild to moderate illness, like the common cold. Some, like the SARS or MERS viruses, cause serious infections like pneumonia and can be fatal.

What can I do to protect myself and others from respiratory infections like novel coronavirus?

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or, if no tissue is available, use your arm. Throw the used tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

How is it spread?

The novel coronavirus is a new type of virus that recently started making people sick. It is related to viruses that infect birds and bats. Many other coronaviruses are common in people, such as the common cold. The virus that causes COVID-19 is different.

Stay home when you are sick.

- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or, if no tissue is available, use your arm.
- Wear a mask if you are taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- Get tested if you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and have symptoms.
- Avoid going to places where it is not possible to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
A TALE OF TWO CITIES: SAKURACITY AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES

A very close bond links the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes and Sakura City, even though they are thousands of miles apart. Sakura City, located 25 miles from Tokyo, is best known for its over 7,000 cherry blossom trees, which give the city its name. While both cities are blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, the bond between them is based on a long-standing cultural and educational program.

Over 300 students from two junior high schools in Sakura City have attended Miraleste Intermediate School since 2001. This program has allowed students from both cities to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the respective cultures of Japan and the United States.

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For more information, please visit the official 2020 Census website at 2020Census.gov

COMING SOON...

Mandatory Organics and Commercial Recycling Requirements

Businesses (Including Schools, Institutions, Non-Profits, Etc.)

If you have a business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, you must arrange for recycling services.

Paper, cans, bottles, etc.: and organic waste recycling services (food waste, green waste, etc.).

Multi-Family Dwellings (MF)

If you own or manage a multi-family dwellings (MF) with 5 or more units, that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, you must arrange for recycling services and food waste recycling services.

Food waste diversion is not required in 2020, but will be required in the near future. If your landscaper is hauling away the green/waste, make sure it is taken to a recycling facility.

Civic Center (Continued from page 1)

What's Next? The next step in the process is hiring an architecture and design firm to work with Staff, the CCAC, and the public to draft a detailed Park Master Plan for Council’s consideration. A financial consultant has also been hired to advise on project financial planning. Long-standing federal restrictions on the site were recently lifted which cleared the way for adding public safety uses on the Civic Center site, but much remains to be done including environmental and entitlement review processes.

What Can You Do? Stay informed and be part of this important community project. Attend an upcoming meeting. Sign up for notifications. Read up on the project at the City’s website.

Want to Learn More? Additional information about the Portuguese Bend Landslide Mitigation Work-Design Project, including project FAQs and the December 17, 2019 Geotechnical Evaluation Report, is available at http://www.rpvca.gov/1262/Portuguese-Bend-Landslide-Mitigation-Work-or email ronald@rpvca.gov for more information.

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Ladera Linda (Continued from page 1)

Additional opportunities for public input will be available as this project moves along.

What Can You Do? Be informed and be part of this exciting and important community process. Attend a public workshop or CCAC meeting. Contact Staff to arrange for a presentation to your HOA. Sign up for email notifications. Send your ideas to Staff. Read up on the project on the City’s website.

Want to Learn More? The program document, the October 15 staff report, CCAC agendas and staff reports, and additional background information is available at http://www.rpvca.gov/1009/Civic-Center-Master-Plan. Email mattw@rpvca.gov for more information.

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Dyda) and interested community members. The submitted report focused on three phases:

Phase 1) Repair of the existing failures.
Phase 2) Surface drainage improvements
Phase 3) Installation of underground hydragures

At its December 17, 2019 meeting, the Council accepted the design drawings and hydrologic analysis, authorized Staff to proceed with preparing an environmental document pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and authorized Staff to identify funding opportunities for construction from county, state and federal agencies.

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**EVERBRIDGE: EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

The City is part of a new regional emergency alerting system that launched March 2. The Everbridge system has the capability of sending alerts to subscribers across the region in addition to within individual cities, depending on the nature of the incident. Everbridge is used by Alert Southbay, which consists of 13 cities in Los Angeles County’s Disaster Management Area C.

Everbridge is a software application that automates and accelerates the City’s response to critical events, allowing the City to send targeted messages during an emergency via text message, cellular service, landlines, emails, and/or social media platforms. Everbridge integrates with FEMA’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.

**EDCO’S SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE**

Help avoid brush fires! Please get your property ready for the summer by performing preventive fire maintenance. June 1st is the deadline for property brush clearance. EDCO’s spring season free excess green waste collection helps you dispose of excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trim trees in your backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on your property without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for hauling the green waste material away.

Find your regular collection day below and then see your brush clearance day.

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You will receive more information from EDCO in late March. If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977, or visit rpvrecycles.com.

**RING SECURITY DEVICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

A continued effort to enhance neighborhood safety, the City has partnered with Ring to offer a unique opportunity for Rancho Palos Verdes residents to purchase select security devices at a $100 discount. Beginning February 22, 2020, $100 discount codes will be available for qualifying Rancho Palos Verdes residents to have the opportunity to receive a $100 discount toward select Ring devices.

This subsidy match program is only available for first-time program participants who are residents of Rancho Palos Verdes. If you have questions about the Ring program and how to participate, please contact Partnerhelp@ring.com.

To qualify for the program, residents will need to submit proof of residency to Ring. Upon verification of RPV residency, Ring will send a unique one-time discount code that will reduce the cost of the selected Ring security device by $100.

The incentive program will be offered through April 6, 2020 on a first-come, first-served basis, so interested residents should purchase devices before the allotment of discounts runs out.

Download the free Ring app to use with your device at the App Store or Google Play by using the link http://m.onelink.me/fe77b5ca.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes continues to enhance its emergency preparedness efforts and has joined a multi-jurisdictional board of South Bay cities to better ensure communication and readiness in the event of an emergency.

To receive alerts in the case of an emergency event, please register in one of the following ways:
- Download the Everbridge application on your smartphone
- Register online at https://alertsouthbay.com

For additional information or questions about the emergency system, please contact Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.gov.

**CITY LOOKING INTO UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRICAL LINES TO REDUCE FIRE RISK**

Rancho Palos Verdes is the most populated California city with at least 90% of residents living in a Cal Fire-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Undergrounding equipment is a common fire source that has sparked some of the most destructive blazes in state history. Under-grounding power lines is a critical fire prevention tool.

However, California’s Rule 20A program, which allows local governments to pay for these costly projects with utility ratepayer funds, is primarily focused on aesthetics and does not factor in fire hazard. Unless projects meet the program’s limited eligibility criteria — namely, being located along a major street — they are left to be funded by property owners who are proactive and willing to help to forestall fire risk.

That’s why last year the City brought a proposed resolution to the League of California Cities Annual Conference calling on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to expand the Rule 20 program to include wildfire mitigation as an eligible project. The resolution won the support of fire-prone cities across the state and was referred to two of the League’s policy committees so language revisions could be reconciled. It was converted from a resolution to a proposed policy and won both committees’ support in January.

The League’s Board of Directors formally adopted the policy in February. This means that the League, which is an active participant in the process to revise the Rule 20 program, will advocate for these changes to the CPUC.

**NEW YEAR, NEW HOUSING LAWS**

On January 1, a set of new laws aimed at alleviating the state’s housing shortage went into effect, implementing statewide rent control and making it easier for homeowners to build accessory-dwelling units — also known as ADUs or “granny flats” — on their properties.

**The Tenant Protection Act of 2019 impacts larger apartment buildings in the City. The law prohibits landlords in areas where local rent control from raising rents by more than 5% per year (plus inflation) until January 2025, with a hard cap of 10%. It also requires landlords to have a “just cause” to evict tenants who have occupied the premises for at least one year. Both the rent cap and the “just cause” protection do not apply to units that were built in the past 15 years and single-family residences, unless owned by a real estate trust or a corporation.**

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**AB 68, AB 587, AB 670, AB 671, AB 881 and SB 13:** The City is in the process of revising its ADU ordinance to comply with a set of bills that significantly limit the ability of local governments to regulate ADUs. Among various changes, the bills allow ADUs and “junior” ADUs to be built concurrently with a single-family dwelling; open areas where ADUs can be built to include all zoning districts that allow single-family units; allow single-family homeowners and owners of multifamily buildings to apply for funding to build ADUs; lower fees from utilities, such as special districts and water corporations; limit exemptions or reductions in impact fees; and reduce parking requirements.

*For additional questions or concerns, please contact Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.gov.*
PRESERVE AND PROTECT:

PARK RANGERS ARE ON PATROL

The City is excited to announce its new Park Ranger Program for enforcement and resource management within the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Enforcement in the Preserve was previously provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. During the FY 19-20 budget process, the City Council decided to transition enforcement from Los Angeles County Deputies to City-managed Park Rangers. This decision more than doubles the enforcement presence in the Preserve, while resulting in significant cost savings for the City. The change by the City increased patrol hours from 80 to 160 per week. Park Rangers are public officers with the ability to issue citations and they have training in interpretation, public safety, and land management. The City has benefited greatly from the services of our former Preserve Deputies, and are grateful to them for assisting with the transition to Park Rangers. If you see Rangers in the Preserve, please stop to say “hello” (and make sure you are on-trail with your dog leashed).

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The City encourages residents to connect with their neighbors and community and practice good public safety. Community safety is a community endeavor! Connecting with those around you can increase your social safety network. A great way to do this is to get to know and join your local Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch in Rancho Palos Verdes has a vast reach and covers the majority of the City. Neighborhood Watch fosters strong relationships with the Lomita Sheriff’s Department, prepares and trains residents for emergencies and helps ensure community safety and security.

Neighborhood Watch has been a grass roots community-run organization for over 28 years. To see if you are in an existing neighborhood watch covered area, or would like to join RPV Neighborhood Watch, please contact Gail Conrizen – Founder of the Neighborhood Watch – at rpvnw@ix.netcom.com.

If you would like to organize your own neighborhood watch or learn additional information about public safety programs, please email Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at slee@rpvca.org.

GREEN CORNER

Earth Day is April 22nd. RPV celebrates Earth Day throughout the year by hosting various events that encourage people to reuse, reduce and recycle.

TRASH COLLECTION INFO

EDCO 310.540.2977 or www.rpvrecycles.com

March and April 2020: No Changes.

May 2020: No service on Monday, May 25, 2020, Memorial Day. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June 2020: No Changes.

Remove empty containers after collection day. Empty carts should not be left on the street overnight.

BACKYARD SERVICE: EDCO provides backyard service to customers for an additional monthly charge. If you have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations, or travel out of town frequently, call EDCO to inquire about this service.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 8AM-11AM

RPV CIVIC CENTER (OVERFLOW PARKING LOT)
30940 HAWTHORNE BLVD

• Tax Season is over and it’s time for cleanup! If you have personal and sensitive documents laying around bring them to get shredded! Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event and will shred all of your documents confidentially on site at the event.

• Additionally, bring your unwanted electronics, EDCO will collect them. 3 box limit.

• 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 shovels or sturdy yard bags, gloves and a shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bag per vehicle.

For EDCO’s residential customers ONLY! You will have to show proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill. If you plan to participate, please bring your ID.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 9AM-3PM

RPV CIVIC CENTER (CITY HALL/CITY YARD)
30940 HAWTHORNE BLVD

• The City will be hosting PV Recycles’ Annual Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Waste Roundup. Clean out your garage and/or gardening shed, and help the environment. Visit the County website www.lacscd.org or call 1-888-Clean4U for more info.

• Can’t make it that day? No worries! There is a convenient and free weekly alternative. The Galfrey Safe Center located at 1400 N. Gaffey Street in San Pedro is a permanent HHW & E-Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm to LA County residents. For inquiries, call 800-238-0172 or www.CleanLA.com.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 9:30AM-11AM

HESSE PARK, MCTAGGART HALL
29301 HAWTHORNE BLVD

This is a “Beginners” Workshop. Come by and enjoy a morning cup of coffee while learning about backyard composting and water wise gardening.

The workshop is sponsored by LA County and is open to all Peninsul residents, guests and gardening enthusiasts. The County plans to well documented compost and worm bins after the event, but accepts cash and check only! Go to www.martgardening.com for more information on workshops.

Rebates are available for residents i compost bins and worm bins. Information on where eligibility and rebate forms can be downloaded from the City’s website or are available at the Public Works counter.

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