LADERA LINDA PARK MASTER PLAN

For the last several years, residents, local HOAs, City Council, and City staff have been working on a master plan for a new community center and park at Ladera Linda. This exciting and vital community project continues to move forward this summer. The renowned architecture and design firm of Johnson Favaro was approved by the City Council to refine the current layout. This process has involved significant research and public outreach. Johnson Favaro met with local Homeowner Associations, individual Council members, Design representatives, and interested individuals. Johnson Favaro will present draft conceptual plans at a Community Workshop at Ladera Linda on July 10th at 7pm for public comment and input. After further refinement, the revised plan will be brought to the City Council for review and direction later this summer or early fall. The Community Workshop will be advertised via listserv announcements, website postings, and banners.

LADERA LINDA PARK MASTER PLAN
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH  7PM  LADERA LINDA PARK
32201 FORRESTAL DRIVE  RPV  90275


2019 CITY COUNCIL GOALS & ACTION PLAN

City Council recently approved updated 2019 City Council Goals. This approval followed a rigorous draft process conducted by City Staff and the City Council Subcommittee consisting of Councilmembers Eric Alegria and Ken Dyda. The 2019 Goals and Action Plan is divided into six major categories, each with a core goal.

**CATEGORY**

**GOAL**

**Public Safety:**
Maintain a high level of public safety with public engagement. Assess, prioritize and plan for the maintenance and improvement of all public infrastructures (including transportation systems, parking, utilities, storm drains and sewers).

**City Land & Facilities:**
Assess, prioritize and plan for the maintenance and improvement of all City-owned properties.

**Quality of Life:**
Maintain and improve the quality of life for RPV residents. Engage residents and community partners in assisting the City Council, City Committee/Commissions and City Staff facilitate the decision-making process.

**Government Efficiency & Transparency:**
Ensure the City is maximizing the use of each tax dollar optimizing service delivery to RPV residents.

Each category includes a number of clearly-defined projects, objectives, outcomes, and/or tasks that are measurable and have target completion dates and identifies the responsible City Departments.

For example, the Public Safety Category includes a project to “install and commission Phase 1 of Western Ave. ALPR camera project” by 9/30/2019 with the City Manager’s Office identified as the responsible Department.

Overall there are 48 individual projects in the Action Plan including a Trails Network Plan Update, Ladera Linda and Civic Center Master Plans, Landslide Feasibility Study-Construction Implementation, Short-term Rental Enforcement, and an Updated Fee Study.

Staff will regularly update the Goals and Action Plan and the City Council will receive a report on Goal progress at its second meeting each month.

View the full list of City Council Goals at https://www.rpvca.gov/goals
PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR A WILDFIRE

What is one thing that you can do to protect your home in the case of a wildfire? You can create and maintain a defensible space around your home to increase its chance of surviving a wildfire. This space is needed to slow the spread of wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending you home.

Your defensible space falls into two zones. Zone 1 extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. Remove dead or dying vegetation, regularly trim trees, and create separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire. Zone 2 extends 30 to 100 feet from buildings and other structures. Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of four inches and remove fallen leaves, needles, and small branches.

Download CalFire's Ready for Wildfire app on your smartphone! After downloading the app, follow the wildfire preparation checklist so that you can prepare your home and family before a wildfire strikes. Visit http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-For-Wildfire-App/ for additional information.

INTERESTED IN GETTING RID OF UNSIGHTLY OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES?

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has pursued replacing overhead utility lines with lines and facilities underground since at least 1975. "Undergrounding," as it is commonly referred to, is governed by Rule 20 of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and some funds collected from ratepayers are allocated to the City, but limited to use on projects along main arterial roads and collector roads. CPUC Rule 20 does not allow the use of these funds in residential areas, but allows neighborhoods to pursue and fund undergrounding projects.

As a resident and/or property owner in Rancho Palos Verdes who may wish to have overhead utility lines undergrounded, there are steps you may take towards starting an undergrounding project in your area.

1. Talk with your neighbors to determine if there is a majority interested in an undergrounding project for the neighborhood. A 2/3 majority is needed, property owners are financially responsible for costs that are estimated to be between $40,000 and $60,000 per property.
2. If sufficient interest exists, the neighborhood would submit a letter of inquiry to the City.
3. Assist your neighborhood in forming a committee for undergrounding.
4. Assist your neighborhood in circulating a petition of interest ($100 is required with each petition, to be used as a deposit towards the project).

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes established "Guidelines to Undergrounding Utilities in Residential Neighborhoods" in 2005, and a copy of those guidelines, which includes forms and Frequently Asked Questions, or FAQs, can be found at: http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2300/Underground-Utilities-Guidelines-PDF?bidId=

The amount of funds available to the City for these efforts is limited, and insufficient to underground all overhead facilities (or even just along arterial and collector roads) throughout the City.

Historically, through City efforts under Rule 20, overhead lines have been replaced in the following areas:
- Along Palos Verdes Drive South (from Palos Verdes Drive East to Crenshaw Boulevard)
- Along Palos Verdes Drive West
- Along Hawthorne Boulevard (from Indian Peak Road to Indian Valley Road)

In the summer of 2019, overhead lines are expected to be replaced with underground facilities:
- Along Palos Verdes Drive South (between La Rononda and the City limits)
- Along Crenshaw Boulevard (between Crenshaw Boulevard and Valley View Road)

COMMITTEES ARE IN SESSION

A zebra is a horse designed by a committee goes an old joke, but the hard work and dedication shown by the volunteer members of City Committees and Commissions is no laughing matter. These resident bodies, appointed by the City Council, cover the whole spectrum of civic matters including planning, finance, emergencies, traffic, and Civic Center planning.

The following is a brief description of some of the Committees and the Planning Commission. For more information and to see if there are any current vacancies or recruitment go to http://www.rpvca.gov/149/Advisory-Boards-Committees

Go to http://www.rpvca.gov/772/City-Meeting-Video-and-Agendas to view upcoming or archived committee/commission agendas

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission makes decisions on specific private land use planning applications such as subdivision maps, variances, and conditional use permits; reviews environmental assessments, makes decisions on restoration permits and considers appeals of staff decisions on land use planning applications. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at Hesse Park at 7pm.

CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)

The CCAC serves as an advisory board to the City Council, advising on the development of the Civic Center Master Plan. The CCAC's work plan includes public outreach, identifying potential components, developing a conceptual design, and schematic design. Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Community Room at City Hall.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (EPC)

The EPC advises and assists the City Council and staff to ensure that the City develops and maintains a high state of readiness to respond to a wide range of potential emergencies and disasters. Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Community Room at City Hall.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

The FAC's mission is to provide citizen input to the City Council regarding the City's financial matters including short and long-term financial information and other financial issues. Meetings scheduled as needed, typically on Thursdays at 7pm in the Community Room at City Hall.

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IMAC)

The IMAC's mission is to provide community input by advising the Council on a wide range of issues including public works and park infrastructure, capital improvement projects, sewer and stormwater systems, Portuguese Bend Landslide and other special projects. Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm in the Community Room at City Hall.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TSC)

The TSC advises the Council on traffic issues, development proposals and other special projects. It reviews and advises on neighborhood calming guidelines and other traffic-related matters. Meets the 4th Monday of every other month at 6:30pm in the Community Room at City Hall.
CURRENT ELECTRIC NEWS

Who Ya Gonna Call?

What would you do if you saw a downed power line? Immediately call 9-1-1 and let the operator know that it is an electrical emergency. It is important to practice safety first and to make the right call in the case of an emergency. Remember that downed wires do not always spark or hum. ALWAYS assume they are energized. Do NOT approach a downed wire or any person or object in contact with the wire.

Caution: Downed wires are not always visible. Keep the area clear of people and pets. If you see a downed wire, stay away, do not touch it and call 9-1-1.

Need to Report a Power Outage?

Dial 800.611.1911 to report a power outage.

Want to Receive Notification and Alerts About Outages?

Go to https://www.sce.com/outage-center to sign up!

NEW AT PVPWA'TE PROJECT!

The Cal Water Construction and Traffic page on the project website at https://www.pvpwaterproject.com/

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The City’s 2015 Coyote Management Plan was updated last year to be more relevant and consistent with those in the cities of Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates. The updated plan, which is based on input received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is available on the City’s website at http://www.rpvca.gov/1113/. Coyote Management Plan.

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**EXCESS TRASH COLLECTION**

Had a party? Cleaned your garage? If you have excess trash that does not fit into your regular trash cart, call EDCO and inquire about the twice-a-year free excess trash collection. If you want your excess trash removed, you have to call it in first.

Questions? Contract EDCO at 310.540.2977 www.rpvrecycles.com

**GREEN CORNER**

**RECYCLE AND WIN **$250!**

In your July EDCO billing you will find the “Recyclers of the Month” entry card. If you recycle your yard waste in the green container(s) and/or your paper, newspaper, cans, bottles and glass in the blue recycling container(s), fill out the entry card, affix a stamp and mail it in. At each City Council meeting two lucky verified recyclers win a check for $250 plus a personal emergency preparedness kit! You could easily be one of the 48 lucky winners each year. If you pay online, please see EDCO’s online link that is available in July and follow instructions. This is one way the City thanks RPV residents for recycling. If you need more blue or green recycling bins, call EDCO at 310.540.2977.

**RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES:** Do not discard spent batteries in the trash. Batteries should be taken to a household hazardous waste round-up or dropped off at one of RPV’s park sites, City Hall, Ryan Park and Hesse Park, where there are designated battery recycling bins.

**Hazardous Waste Recycling Option:** If you have old fluorescent lights, paint, automotive fluids, car and household batteries, go to the Gaffey SAFE Center at 1400 N. Gaffey St., in San Pedro. It is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm and accept household hazardous waste and electronic waste material. Call 800.988.6942 or go to www.CleanLA.com

**COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS**

The City will host two back-to-back LA County-sponsored composting workshops on Saturday, June 22nd at Hesse Park, Fireside Room.

- “Beginners” Workshop from 9:30am to 11:30am.
- “Advanced Composting” Workshop from 1pm to 3pm.

The County plans to sell discounted compost and worm bins after each event - cash and check only. Go to www.smartgardening.com for more information on workshops. The City offers residents a rebate, one per household if no one in your household has received a City rebate for the purchase of a compost or worm bin since 2014. Please note that there will be no instant rebates at the workshops. Rebate forms can be downloaded from the City’s website or at the Public Works counter.

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO EDCO CUSTOMERS:**

1) Customers 65 and older are eligible for a 10% senior citizen discount on the one-time only application is needed for a new senior citizen customer. 2) If you pay for trash services a year in advance (discount available only with the July-Sept invoice) you are eligible for a 5% discount. 3) Low-income customers may qualify for 5% discount (same household income criteria as CARE). These discounts are not exclusive and may be combined. For more information contact EDCO or check the City’s website at: http://www.rpvca.gov/310/Solid-Waste-Recycling

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**June:** Regular Schedule. No Changes.

**July:** There is no service on Thursday, July 4th, Independence Day. Thursday and Friday services will be delayed by one day.

**August:** Regular Schedule. No Changes.

Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7am on collection day, and remove empty containers by no later than 10pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight.

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