PREP YOURSELF!

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail
Benjamin Franklin

Are You Ready For an Emergency?
in a disaster YOU are your immediate source of help. Outside help may not be available for hours or days. Your best insurance plan is to be prepared. is your home ready?

Your home may sustain major or minor damage, but you may have NO UTILITIES for days. Without utilities and with transportation congested, if not restricted, your home may be functionally reduced to a “nice tent.” Will you be ready?

Maintain at least 10 days of water and 10 days of food for each member of the household. A person can survive weeks without food, but only a few days without water.

WATER

A 10-day supply of water is 10 gallons per person. Remember to include water and food for your pets.

If you buy bottled water, its storage life is 6 months to a year. Tap water should only be stored in very clean containers and has a shorter shelf life. Rotate your storage on an established schedule. Do not store water containers in areas where toxic substances, such as gasoline and pesticides, are present. These vapors will penetrate plastic over time.

Your water heater stores 50-50 gallons of drinkable water. Know how to shut it off and use the water. Stored beverages may substitute for water if they are available. Do not use spa or swimming pool water as it is contaminated with chemicals.

If it becomes necessary to purify water, boil clear water vigorously for 10 minutes, or add liquid bleach with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite as its sole ingredient (chlorine bleach without added scent) at 8 drops per gallon. Wait 10 minutes. The water should have a slight chlorine smell, if it doesn’t, repeat dosage and wait 15 more minutes.

CRIME BUSTER CORNER

Don't Give Criminals A Reason!

RPV residents are reminded to take simple steps to decrease the chance of becoming a victim of theft from an unlocked vehicle. It only takes seconds for a thief to grab what’s in plain sight, check the usual hiding places and get away. Did you know that theft from both locked and unlocked vehicles account for 15% of Part I crimes for the 1st quarter of 2018. This is as significantly higher percentage in comparison to the 1st quarter of 2017. The chart below shows the number of incidents of theft from both locked and unlocked vehicles during the 1st quarter for each listed year. Residents need to be aware of all the simple ways to protect their property.

Follow the above tips to avoid becoming a victim.

Check, Please

Don’t make your vacant home an easy target for burglars! Burglars like to choose easy targets. Leave for your vacation with peace of mind by scheduling a vacation home check with the Lomita Sheriff’s Station. Certified Volunteers on Patrol will patrol your home for any suspicious activity in an attempt to deter criminal activity. All volunteers on patrol are fully vetted by the Lomita Station and conduct checks in a marked vehicle and full uniform. The service is FREE for all RPV residents. For additional information, contact the Lomita Sheriff’s Station at (310) 539-1661. While this is a helpful service, don’t forget to have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your mail or schedule a mail hold with the Post Office to remove any telemetry signs you are not home!

City Staff is also in the process of creating a vacation camera loaner program for residents. If you would like additional information and to be placed on an interest list, contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager’s office at (310) 544-5305 or jruiz@rpva.gov.

Connected Neighbors. Safer Neighborhoods

Stay one step ahead of criminals by virtually connecting with your neighbors in real-time to share crime and safety alerts. Ring’s new app, Neighbors, is a free tool that allows neighbors to be in the know and work together to keep crime out of RPV neighborhoods. All RPV residents can download the free app regardless of whether or not they have a Ring device installed at their home. Use the link https://go.onelink.me/Vxld/86B7be2 to start using the app today! For additional information or assistance contact Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager’s office at (310) 544-5305 or jruiz@rpva.gov.
Summer 2018

CITY’S 45TH ANNIVERSARY!

2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes’ founding in 1973. The City is having a special Anniversary booth at this year’s Fourth of July Celebration. Please stop by to learn more about the City’s founding and rich history, to help celebrate this milestone, or to pick up some 45th themed giveaways! Only five years till 50!

HOW TO VOLUNTEER IN RPV

Volunteer work can teach you a lot about valuable life lessons. Whether you want to learn the importance of giving back to the community or you’re hoping to gain some valuable skills, the City of RPV is the place to volunteer.

• Clean a park or beach site
• Work in a Native Plant garden
• Help out at City Special Events
• Build park benches

... and many more opportunities!!

Visit the website Volunteer website page at www.rpvca.gov for more details.

COYOTE WILDLIFE WATCH VOLUNTEER

CoYote sightings are not new in the City. In 2013, the City prepared a Coyote Management Plan that details how the public can coexist with coyotes. Visit http://ca-ranchopalosverdes.rpvca.gov/Coyotes/Coyotes for more information.

The City needs volunteers to canvass specific neighborhoods to educate residents in learning how to coexist with today’s urban coyote, learn to understand coyote behaviors and to inventory residential yards to eliminate attractants to minimize conflicts with wildlife.

For more information or to learn how to become a Wildlife Watch volunteer please contact code enforcement officer Rudy Monroy at 310.544.5296 or email at rmonroy@rpvca.gov

Last summer, the City, in collaboration with the Cities of Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates, launched a web based application to report coyote sightings from a mobile or desktop device by clicking http://coyotesightings.rpvca.gov. Interested parties can also see an online map showing coyote sightings reported through the app at the following website: http://www.rpvca.gov/1065/Coyote-Reports.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you feel there is a coyote in your neighborhood that is dangerous or has shown aggressive behavior, please call the City’s Code Enforcement Division at 310.544.5299. If you encounter a sick, lethargic, injured, or dead coyote call LA County Animal Control at 1.855.5256.

NEW DOCENT TRAINING

Volunteer with Los Serenos of Point Vicente

Wednesdays, September-February: 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
First Class September 12th
Point Vicente Interpretive Center
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West

Want to Learn More? Open House on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

Docents share their knowledge about natural and cultural history via nature walks, Interpretive Center museum tours, and outreach programs. Plus, they can enjoy social gatherings and fascinating field trips.

For more info call 310.544.5375 or go to www.LosSerenos.org or www.facebook.com/LosSerenos.

ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
FOURTH OF JULY FUN IN THE RPV SUN!

Point Vicente Park/Civic Center, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

• Country-carnival atmosphere
• Family games, contests and prizes
• Rides, live music, dancing, shopping, puppet shows & more!
• Free Admission
• Parking on- and off-site (free shuttles)

For more information call 310.544.5260 or visit www.rpvca.gov

RPV’S SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES

Coco
Saturday, 7/21/2018
City Hall Drive-In Movie
Eastview Park

• Free admission and parking!
• Bring your own blanket and low-slung beach chair!
• Pre-Movie Activities begin at 6:30 PM. Movies begin at dusk.
• Dress warmly – it gets cool when the sun goes down!
• No dogs allowed, sorry.
• Food trucks on site!

For information contact the Recreation and Parks office at 310.544.5260 or visit www.rpvca.gov

DID YOU KNOW?

The City has approved a Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve.

On March 29th the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council approved the City’s Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) for the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. The Nature Preserve is comprised of 11 individual reserves totaling 1,400 acres of open space that was purchased by the City for the primary purpose of habitat and species conservation, as well as passive recreational use.

The purpose of an NCCP/HCP is to identify and provide for the area-wide protection of natural wildlife diversity, while allowing for compatible development with the issuance of a streamlined permit for project-related habitat loss. The City’s NCCP/HCP is an agreement between the City, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (Conservancy), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is intended to provide comprehensive management and conservation of particular species and their habitats within the City, including those listed under the California Endangered Species Act and Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973

The City owns most of the land that makes up the Nature Preserve, with a portion owned by the Conservancy. The City manages public use of the Preserve and its trails, and provides enforcement, maintenance, and interpretive services. The City is responsible for achieving compliance with the NCCP/HCP’s extensive and valuable environmental standards, established to protect sensitive species and habitat throughout the City. To assure successful accomplishment of these environmental requirements, the City partners with its Preserve habitat manager, the Conservancy. As the City’s habitat manager, the Conservancy actively monitors and provides reporting on protected species and habitat in the Preserve and restores habitat for the benefit of wildlife. The Conservancy also holds monthly interpretive and volunteer activities for the public.

The next step for NCCP/HCP implementation is that the USFWS will submit the documents for federal review, at which time a 60-day public comment period will commence. If the Wildlife Agencies grant the permits, the NCCP/HCP will be brought back to City Council for final adoption later this year.

For more information, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at parks@rpvca.gov or 310.544.5260.

Photo provided by Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
Food should be dated, require little or no water or cooking to prepare, not increase thirst (i.e., low sodium and low fat), and be things that your family will enjoy and will meet the dietary needs of infants, diabetics, or others with special needs.

Keep your food supply in an accessible, cool, dry place, and in an airtight or tightly-sealed container as a precaution against moisture, rodents, and insects. Rotate your food cache every 6-12 months. Use a marking pen to date your food.

Emergency Preparedness Presentations

The Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) offers interactive and practical emergency preparedness presentations to Rancho Palos Verdes homeowners associations, Boy & Girl Scout troops and faith-based organizations, along with Rancho Palos Verdes independent neighborhood residents and business owners in general. Presentations can be customized in length and content to your group’s particular needs and interests.

For more information, please contact Tracy Bonano, Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Manager at: tracyb@rpvca.gov or 310.544.5209

3-Day Emergency Preparedness Kits Available at Point Vicente Interpretive Center
$40 Per Kit

March 29, 2018
NCCP Final Draft Approval
The City Council approved the final draft of the 2018 Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan and associated Addendum to the to the 2004 City Council-certified environmental impact report; and directed Staff to submit these documents to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to initiate the process for the 60-day public comment period and the Wildlife Agencies’ permit decisions.
http://www.rpvca.gov/NCCP_Final_Draft_2018

April 3, 2018
Access and Parking Options for Park Place at Del Cerro Park
Provided direction to Staff to remove parking stalls at Del Cerro Park.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Park_Place_Parking_Options

Review of Film Permit Regulations
Council reviewed the City’s current film permit regulations and procedures and instituted a Film Permit Cancellation Fee.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Film_Permits_Ordinance

April 12, 2018
Public Safety Strategic Plan
Directed Staff to update and continue implementation of the Public Safety Strategic Plan and authorized additional appropriation to fund outreach activities.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Revised_Public_Safety_Plan

Budget
Council provided direction to Staff on the development of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Preliminary Budget.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Budget_Workshop

April 26, 2018
General Plan Update
Council considered the updated City General Plan and General Plan Land Use Map.
http://www.rpvca.gov/General_Plan

April 28, 2018
Capital Improvement Program Budget
Council heard a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget and provided direction to Staff.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Capital_Improvement_Program

May 1, 2018
Alcohol and Smoking Ordinance
Council directed Staff to return to City Council with ordinances, 1) prohibiting the possession of open containers of alcohol in parks, beaches, open space areas and public places, and 2) eliminating the current language allowing smoking in designated areas and banning the use of aerosol and vapor producing devices.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Drinking_Smoking_Ordinance

May 15, 2018
Preliminary Budget
Review and approve recommended changes to the Preliminary FY18-19 Budget; and, 2) Determine that the utility users’ tax (GUT) rate of 3% continues to be necessary revenue source for the City’s operating and capital improvements, and that the rate of 3% should be maintained.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Preliminary_Budget

May 21, 2018
City Charter Initiative
City Council provided direction to Staff on a proposed City Charter Initiative spearheaded by a local grassroots citizens’ committee.
http://www.rpvca.gov/Charter_Initiative_Presentation

Want to Learn More About Recent Council Actions? For a full list of past and upcoming City Council Agendas, including full Staff Reports and Minutes and video of Council meetings, go to the City’s website at: http://www.rpvca.gov/722/City-Meeting-Video-and-Agendas.
To receive announcements about upcoming City Council meetings, go to the City’s “Notify Me” Listserv at: http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx and select “City Council”. You can also receive weekly updates by signing up for the “weekly administrative reports” list.

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA WATER RELIABILITY PROJECT
Currently, the majority of the Palos Verdes Peninsula is served by one drinking water pipeline that is more than 60 years old and a single pumping mechanism. In addition to the new drinking water pipelines, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Water Reliability Project will add a second pumping mechanism on a separate electric grid. Combined, the drinking water pipelines and pump will help guard against the risk of prolonged water service outages caused by an aging infrastructure or natural disasters, as well as improving drinking water service reliability for both every day and emergency needs, thereby ensuring that the Peninsula is better prepared for the future.

The Project is expected to start construction this summer, and to be complete by the end of 2019. During this time, construction will be divided into stages, and will move from area to area along the drinking water pipeline alignment in order to minimize any temporary impacts upon the community. Major components of Project construction include:

- Full closure of the eastbound lane of Palos Verdes Dr. N. between Dapplegray Elementary School and Dapplegray Ln. from July 9th through August 15th for pipeline installation
- Partial lane closures on Crenshaw Blvd. between Palos Verdes Dr. N. and Crest Rd. from late 2018 through Spring 2019 for pipeline installation, construction of a new pump station along the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. just north of Silver Spur Rd.
- For a full list of construction impacts, please visit the City’s website at: http://www.rpvca.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Point-Vicente-Interpretive-Center-13

PVC Water Exhibits Temporarily Closed
Tentatively Scheduled to Reopen in September 2018

PVIC CLOSURE NOTICE
Starting June 1st, 2018, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center will be preparing for two brand new exhibits. One of the new exhibits will feature information on local whaling history. The second exhibit will highlight the historic Fresnel lens from the Point Vicente Lighthouse, which is being replaced with an LED. The City of RPV has an amazing opportunity to feature the original Fresnel lens.

Due to the nature of the work, a portion of the museum will be closed and no public access will be permitted in the area shown to the right.

The lobby exhibits, Sunset Room, gift shop and park grounds will remain open to the public.

We anticipate reopening the exhibit area in September. For updates and more information please visit: www.rpvca.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Point-Vicente-Interpretive-Center-13
C O L L E C T I O N  S C H E D U L E

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

J E W E L R Y  S H O P  S H R E D D I N G  E V E N T

870 cars came to the April 21st shredding event at City Hall. Residents brought their documents for safe and confidential shredding, dropped off their unwanted electronics, and/or picked up free mulch. The next shredding event is typically in late October or early November.

S P R I N G  S H R E D D I N G  E V E N T  R E C A P

SPRING SHREDDING EVENT RECAP

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S M A R T  S U M M E R  G A R D E N I N G

Here are five steps to maintain a lush efficient garden that requires less water and pruning:

1. Hydrozone: group plants according to their water needs so that low water-use, moderate water-use and high water-use plants are grouped together.
2. Selecting plants: use drought-tolerant or native plants to create a low water-use, low maintenance landscape.
3. Irrigation: install sprinklers, drip emitters, and timers so you only give plants the amount of water they actually need.
4. Improve your soil: mix compost into your soil to improve its moisture-retaining capability and fertility.
5. Use mulch: place mulch around your plants, along walkways, and on top of other bare areas to reduce water use and prevent weeds.

Go to www.smartgardening.com for more ideas.


In 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 1826, establishing statewide regulations for recycling organic waste. Starting January 1, 2019, the current thresholds will become more rigorous.

Businesses: Starting January 1, 2019, businesses that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week will be required to arrange for organic waste recycling services. Businesses should contact their hauler or management company to arrange for services.

Multi-Family Residential (MF): Starting January 1, 2019, MF complexes that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week will be required to arrange for organic waste recycling services. If you are an owner or manager of a multifamily complex with 5 or more units, you are required to recycle green waste. Please contact EDCO at 310.540.2977 to arrange for services. If a landscaper or gardener is hauling away your yard waste, make sure it is taken to a recycling facility.