PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE

When most people think about the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, they think about gorgeous views, amazing hiking, and nature. Enforcement and public safety don’t always come to mind. Increased use of the 1400-acre Preserve has made rule enforcement an increasingly necessary tool to protect this invaluable resource.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for enforcement in the Preserve. Two Sheriff’s deputies patrol the Preserve a combined 80 hours per week on foot and by ATV. 107 citations were issued in 2017. City Open Space Management Staff patrol the Preserve approximately 80 hours each week for public education and rules enforcement. In addition to Preserve Deputies and City staff, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy also has a dedicated force of Volunteer Trail Watch program members who monitor the Preserve and educate the public.

The most common Preserve violations are dogs off leash and visitors off trail. Off leash dogs damage habitat by trampling vegetation and leaving dog waste. Dogs off leash may also frighten other visitors and engage in dog fights. Damage is also caused when visitors use social/spur trails or step outside of the trail bed. There are two types of trails within the Preserve: authorized trails and social/spur trails.

RPV CITY COUNCIL IN ACTION!

UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2018

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Swearing in and Seating of New Council Members

Eric Alegría and John Cruikshank were officially sworn in and seated as new Councilmembers, filling the seats vacated by Mayor Brian Campbell and Councilmember Anthony Misetich, who were both termed out of office.

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Possible Action to Reduce the City’s Financial Subsidy of the Abalone Cove Sewer System

Council approved the receipt and filing of the report, increasing the current rates by applying the Consumer Price Index, exploring the legal possibilities of altering the district to reduce the City subsidy, exploring the possibility of legally transferring the cost of operations and maintenance back to the individual property owners, and directed Staff to prepare a Final Rate Analysis Report for future review and approval.

CRIME BUSTER CORNER

SPRINGTIME IS RINGTIME!

Don’t miss out on the final round of the City’s Ring incentive program during the spring! This is a final call for RPV residents who would like to purchase a select Ring device at a specially-negotiated price through the City’s program. As one of the first cities to work with Ring on this program, the discount on select devices exceeds the discount being offered to other cities, so we encourage our residents to take advantage. In addition to Ring’s discount, the City will provide a $50 incentive on a first come, first serve basis as long as funding is available. Residents that have previously received the City incentive are not eligible for an additional one.

For more 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@rpvca.gov.

CONNECTED NEIGHBORS, SAFER NEIGHBORS.

Would you like to virtually share and receive real-time public safety information with your neighbors on your smart device? Would you like to virtually connect with your neighbors to create safer neighborhoods? The City, in partnership with Ring.com, will launch a pilot program “Connected Neighbors, Safer Neighborhoods,” which will enable residents who own a Ring device within a defined proximity to connect using the free Ring app to virtually share information in real time. No Ring device is needed to connect. Scan the QR code to download 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@rpvca.gov.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES AND ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

Once you’ve installed your Ring device at your residence, City Staff wants to hear from you about how your Ring device(s) increased safety and security at your home. Did you prevent a crime from possibly occurring, such as package theft? Share your video and submit by April 30, 2018, to be entered into the raffle! All RPV residents that participate by the deadline will be entered into a raffle to receive a City emergency backpack with useful goodies (valued at $60). Residents that have previously received the City incentive are not eligible for an additional one.

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CITY’S 45TH ANNIVERSARY!

Rancho Palos Verdes incorporated in 1973 which means it is time to celebrate our fine City’s 45th Anniversary. Visit the City’s booth at the following event where we will have games and fun prizes. April 14 45th Anniversary Booth at Whale of a Day July 4 45th Anniversary Booth at Independence Day event

A CITY WITH A VIEW

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is undeniably a beautiful place to live with its semi-rural character, open space, and scenic views of the Pacific Ocean, Catalina Island and the Los Angeles basin. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes incorporated in 1973 to protect and preserve these characteristics. In 1989, voters of Rancho Palos Verdes passed Proposition M which, among other things, protects views being blocked by foliage. The City’s residents have certain roles and responsibilities in protecting views from view-impairing foliage. Tree owners are reminded to be mindful of their foliage growth and to perform periodic foliage maintenance so as not to create needless view impairments from neighboring properties. If a view is impaired by a neighbor’s foliage, then you should contact the foliage owner directly to amicably resolve the view impairment. When resolution cannot be resolved privately, the City’s View Restoration Division is here to assist and can be reached at 310.544.5288 or by emailing Senior Planner John Alvarez at johna@rpvca.gov.

For more information about the City’s view protection policies, please visit the City’s View Restoration Division webpage at http://www.rpvca.gov/164/View-Preservation-Restoration

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

READY! SET! GO!

Using these three words, you can prepare your own Wildfire Action Plan and be prepared should a wildfire threaten your home.

READY!

You can help protect your property by creating defensible space around your home. That means removing brush for a minimum of 100 feet. Be sure there are no tree limbs hanging over your house and the roof and gutters are free of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Make sure ornamental shrubbery is set back from the sides of your home and that leaves under them are cleared away. One of the most common dangers in a wildfire is free-falling embers landing in these places and igniting your home. Replace shake-shingle roofs with tile or other fire-resistant materials. Use fire-safe building materials when constructing or remodeling your home and plant fire-resistant landscaping.

Assemble emergency supplies and prepare a list of the things you want to take with you if you need to evacuate. Remember to think about things like cash, medications, phone chargers, computers and food for your pets. Plan your escape routes; you should know at least two different ways out of your neighborhood.

SET!

If a wildfire threatens your neighborhood, act immediately. Back your vehicle into the driveway with the hood (front) facing the street. Next, roll up the windows, and load your vehicle with everything you want to take with you. Make certain your valuables are either in your vehicle, or are safety stored in a (fireproof) safe.

Remove flammable materials from around your house. This includes patio furniture, firewood, decorations and anything else that could catch fire. Then monitor the news, your fire department’s website, and MySafe:LA website for closures.

GO!

In the past, the LAFD and other city agencies suggested residents await evacuation instructions prior to leaving their homes. The latest information suggests that you should not wait to be told to leave. Go early! If you’ve followed the suggestions noted here and on the MySafe:LA website, as well as related publications on the subject, you’ve already done what you can to protect your home and property. Firefighters need room in which to work. By leaving, you give them the best chance to protect your property.

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

THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

“THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BE MORE PREPARED AND LA COUNTY FIVE STEP NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION KIT”

Please take a moment to consider this:

• Are you prepared for a disaster?
• Do you know what to do when disaster strikes?
• Do you know how to recover from a disaster?

These questions, and more, can be answered by the City’s Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) in interactive and informative sessions that can be brought to you! The members of the EPC are now taking requests to share their emergency preparedness presentations at Rancho Palos Verdes homeowners associations and faith-based organizations, along with Rancho Palos Verdes independent neighborhood residents and business owners. This program offers an interactive and practical approach designed to familiarize residents with preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural and/or human-made disasters. Presentations can be customized in length and content to your group’s particular needs and interests.

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Los Serenos de Point Vicente Docents lead nature hikes year-round at a variety of beautiful sites in the City. Join us and get fit while having fun!

FORRESTAL NATURE RESERVE

Saturday, March 24, 9:00am
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MCBRIDE TRAIL

Saturday, April 21, 10:00am
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ALTA VICENTE RESERVE

Saturday, May 5, 9:00am
Walk the Alta Vicente Trail through coastal sage habitat. Enjoy the wild flowers, visit one of the original Japanese-American Truck farms, and see WWII and Cold War installations. Moderate to Strenuous. (Meet at RPV City Hall).

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FEBRUARY 20, 2018
Modification of Scope of Services for Daniel B. Stevens & Associates to Allow for Additional Work on Portuguese Bend Feasibility Study Update
Approved modification of scope or services to respond to public comments. Council directed the consultant to update the feasibility study and develop a new presentation for the City Council.
www.rpvca.gov/Modification_Scope_Services_Daniel_B_Stevens_Associates

PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE
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Authorized trails have trail markers, names, and are noted on trail maps. These trails were thoughtfully designed to take into consideration public use and facility maintenance. Social/spur trails are redundant trails that cause habitat damage and fragmentation, and require revegetation. Another form of deviating from trails is stepping or riding outside of the trail bed. This action erodes habitat, and ruins the narrow trail experience many visitors cherish.
Here are some helpful tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience:
• Before your hike, review trail maps (trails.rpvca.gov) and trail conditions (trailalerts.rpvca.gov)
• Know Reserve and trail names in case you need to call for help.
• Know your limits! A hike from the top of Portuguese Bend Reserve to the beach is not recommended, and it is 6 miles round-trip with the last three miles uphill (1,150 foot elevation gain).
• Bring enough water for yourself AND your pet.
• Know the dangers of rattlesnake bites to you AND your pet.
• When visiting the beach, check ocean conditions and swim near a staffed lifeguard tower.
• Hike with a friend or a group.
• Never smoke or introduce open flames in the Preserve or at adjacent beaches.

CRIME BUSTER CORNER
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City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation, Parks, and Open Space
www.rpvca.gov/Portuguese_Bend_Landslide_Report
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
310.544.5286
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
PVPLC.org
310.541.7613

RUFF night sleep? Do you have a dog in the neighborhood that barks constantly? Do the dog owners seem well kept? Do you know what do do? Who do you turn to? All barking dog complaints are to be reported to Los Angeles County Animal Control.
Beginning December 1, 2017, the County began implementing a new process as part of their barking dog complaint procedures. Barking dog complaints are to be reported to Los Angeles County Animal Control at 310.525.9566 or on-line at http://animalcare.lacounty.gov. Once a complaint is received, Animal Control will send a courtesy letter to the dog owner and the complaining party notifying both parties of the complaint and the need to resolve the situation. An affidavit will be included with the letter to the complaining party. If the barking dog complaint is resolved, Animal Control, an officer will visit the animal owner’s address and speak to the responsible party. The Officer will issue a Warning of Excess Noise form (WEN). Once the WEN has been issued, they have 10 days to address the complaint. If the barking dog continues beyond the 10-day period an administrative citation is issued to dog owner. Additional citations with penalties increase on a progressive scale may be issued to the dog owner if the disturbance continues.
For additional information, please visit the Los Angeles Animal Control website at http://animalcare.lacounty.gov or phone the County at 310.525.9566.

BARKING UP THE RIGHT PROCEDURAL TREE

SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT
Remove excess greenery at no cost! No need to rent bins or haul away your trimmings!
Find your regular collection day below and then see your brush clearance day. Plan to complete your brush cleaning before your designated day.

REGULAR TRASH DAY BRUSH CLEARANCE DAY
Monday Saturday, April 21, 2018
Tuesday Saturday, April 28, 2018
Wednesday Saturday, May 5, 2018
Thursday Saturday, May 12, 2018
Friday Saturday, May 19, 2018

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

SPRING 2018
COYOTE SIGHTING APP
Did you know that you can use an app on your smartphone or an online form on your desktop to report a coyote sighting? It’s easy to use and only takes a few minutes to complete. The Peninsula Cities created this feature in response to increased coyote sightings and is encouraging residents to use the app so that they can better track coyote activities and trends.

HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION SECURITY CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM
Is your HOA interested in increasing neighborhood safety? HOAs may apply for the City’s HOAs camera security system grant program, and may be eligible to receive a match of $3,750 for each security camera system at an approved HOA entrance location(s). The City will also waive related permit fees. Grant funds will be distributed on a “first come, first serve” basis. Send your story to Jacqueline Ruiz, Administrative Analyst in the City Manager’s office, at 310.544.5305 or jruiz@rpvca.gov for additional information.

INTERACTIVE ONLINE CRIME MAP
Interested in learning more about crime reports? Crime information is a valuable tool for Neighborhood Watch, HOAs and residents. Information on crimes, including approximate location and summary information, may be easily viewed by using the City’s interactive Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map at http://map.rpvca.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=CityofRPV_MajorCrimes
The data in the map is updated directly from the Lomita Sheriff’s Station crime report.
**HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

**EDCO 310.540.2977 or www.RPVrecycles.com**

**March and April 2018:**
- No Changes

**May 2018:**
- No service on Monday, May 28, 2018, Memorial Day
- Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

**June 2018:**
- No changes.

Remove empty containers after collection day.

**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.

**BACKYARD SERVICE:**
- EDCO will collect and recycle them.
- You may have an additional charge. Contact EDCO for more information.

**SOMETHING’S ROTTEN IN RPV: COMPOSTING WORKSHOP**

*Saturday April 21, 2018, 8:00am to 11:00am*

**RPV Civic Center (City Hall), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.**

Certified shredding trucks will be on-site during this event and will shred all your documents confidentially on-site. Additionally, bring your unwanted electronics such as TVs, computer monitors, CPUs, printers, fax machines, VRs, DVD players, and answering machines. EDCO will collect and recycle them. However, absolutely no household hazardous waste (HHW) material (e.g., no paint, no fluorescent light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted. 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 trashcans or sturdy yard bags, gloves and a shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bag per vehicle. If you plan to haul your compost in an open truck or trailer, please remember to bring a tarp to cover your material. This event is offered exclusively to RPV EDCO residential customers. Please bring proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill. Can’t make it that day? No worries! There is a convenient and free weekly alternative. The Coffee SAFE center located at 1400 N. Caffey Street (opposite the DMV) in San Pedro is a permanent H&W & E-Waste collection center that is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm to LA County residents.