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Public Safety

Public safety is a top City priority. Protecting yourself and those around you begins with learning what to do, how to prepare and react, and becoming connected in your community.

Quarterly Crime Report

From January-July 2021, there were 210 Part I Crimes in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Residential burglaries decreased by nearly 50% compared to the same period last year, but there has been an increase in vehicle burglaries and grand thefts.

To view weekly crime reports and an interactive map of crimes in the City, visit the City’s Nextdoor page or sign up for email notifications at rpvca.gov/notify.

Avoid Vehicle Burglaries: Lock it or Lose it!

- Always lock your vehicles.
- Never leave windows open in an unattended car.
- Keep your valuables, such as your purse, wallet, or bag with you or secure them out of sight.
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, lock them in your trunk before you reach your destination.
- Remove valuables, packages, garage openers, mail, or other devices from sight.
- Park in a locked garage or a well-lit area.

Avoid Residential Burglaries: Lock it, Light it, Hide it!

Follow a 9 pm routine! Every night, verify that your home is secured:

- Lock it: Keep all doors and windows locked at all times. This includes the garage.
- Light it: Set lights on a timer or use motion-sensor activated lighting to secure the perimeter of your property. If you must park outside, park in a well-lit area.
- Hide it: Keep valuables out of sight, preferably secured in locked cabinets or safes. If you must leave something in your car, place it in your trunk before you reach your destination – this includes garage door openers.

Going on Vacation? Rent a Security Camera from the City!

RPV residents may take advantage of the City’s Security Camera Loaner Program to check out a Ring security camera for up to 30 days, to be placed inside the home. For more information and full program details, visit the City’s website at www.rpvca.gov or contact Administrative Analyst McKenzie Bright at mbright@rpvca.gov.

Join Neighborhood Watch!

Connect with your neighbors and community and practice good public safety. The RPV Neighborhood Watch has been an active, community-run organization for over 29 years. To join, please contact Gail Lorenzen at rpvnw@ix.netcom.com.

Be aware. If you see something suspicious, say something! Report suspicious activity in RPV to the Lomita Sheriff’s Station at 310.539.1661, or 911 in an emergency.

Spotlight on Nubia Macias

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**MALAGA COVE LIBRARY**
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**MIRALESTE LIBRARY**
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**BOOK SALE AT ALL THREE BRANCHES!**
Miralette Book Sale has had a makeover! Come by and check out the new site and great books for sale!
Malaga Cove’s book sale is on the 3rd Friday and Saturday of the month from 10 am to 5:00 pm
The book sale is open at Peninsula Center library; it is an honor system where you place your payment in the wall slot. When the library is open, the book sale is open, too.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
If you would like to volunteer in the Gift Shop or Book Sale areas please call Colleen Cotter at 310.951.7505. Go to PVLGDRG for library program information.

THE CYCLE OF HOUSING LIFE: 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Rancho Palos Verdes is currently in the process of updating the Housing Element of the City’s General Plan for the 2022-2029 housing cycle. All cities in California are required to adopt a comprehensive General Plan, including a Housing Element, to guide land use planning decisions.

A major factor in this Housing Element Update is planning for the ability to accommodate housing units requested as part of the City’s Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation, which is developed by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the organization tasked with developing the RHNA allocation plan for the Southern California region. The City’s RHNA for the next housing cycle is 659 housing units. Although, the City is not required to build the units; the City must ensure there are no governmental or other barriers preventing the units from being built by a private developer.

The additional housing units may be accommodated by zoning options (e.g. ADUs and higher density), mixed-use overlay districts (e.g. along Western Avenue) and development of vacant and underutilized lots.

We want to hear your thoughts and ideas! The success of the Housing Element Update requires community input and engagement. The Housing Element Update is a community-based process that will include a variety of public engagement opportunities. This will include:

- A community survey
- Community-wide workshops
- Public hearings before Planning Commission and City Council

For more information about the Housing Element Update process and participation opportunities, please visit rpvca.gov/housingelement; and for updates, sign up for the Housing Element Update listserv at rpvca.gov/notify.

You can also share your thoughts by emailing them to housingelement@rpvca.gov.

AGING GRACEFULLY

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LADERA LINDA: AT LONG LAST!

Since 1982, the former site of Ladera Linda Elementary School has been a City park, serving the recreation needs of nearby residents and park visitors. The City has built a multipurpose building to feature their useful life. Following extensive public outreach, a Master Plan prepared by the architecture and design firm of Johnson Favaro was approved by the City Council in August 2019, to replace the buildings with a single community center and improve the park grounds.

In 2021 the project was conditionally reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission in February. The findings were upheld by the City Council in April. Progress continues to be made on funding decisions, design issues, final cost estimations, and other project issues. A Project Manager is being brought on board to shepherd this complex project through its final design and construction phase, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2022 and is expected to last 14 months.

So, what will actually be there when the strictly-controlled dust settles and the construction fencing is removed? A true neighborhood park that the whole City can enjoy. The design significantly reduces the square footage of the existing buildings’ footprint, retains the park’s existing low-key neighborhood feel, and maintains and enhances existing popular elements such as the paddle tennis and basketball courts, playground and lower field.

Want To Learn More?
Go to https://www.rpvca.gov/982/Ladera-Linda-Park-Master-Plan to see Council, FAC, and Planning Commission reports and other Ladera Linda-related documents.

To Receive Notifications About This Project:
Go to the City’s Notify Me page at rpvca.gov/notify to sign up for future updates and meeting notifications.

DON’T BLOW IT (AT LEAST NOT WITH A GAS-POWERED BLOWER)

Leaves fall to the ground this time of year-that’s why we call it Fall after all-and while it’s fun to dive into giant leaf piles-something needs to be done about these beautiful remnants of autumn.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes prides itself on its beautiful landscapes, trees, and foliage, which line the streets of our neighborhoods and yards. As a friendly reminder, the use of gas-powered blowers in single-family residential neighborhoods is prohibited in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Only standard electric- and battery-powered blowers - such as handheld, corded, and cordless equipment are allowed to be operated throughout the City during the permitted times and days listed in the table below.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

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For more information on the program, visit: https://www.rpvca.gov/1102/landscaping-activities

BOOK PASSAGE TO THE PV LIBRARY DISTRICT!

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I am very excited to see this project working here. What do you hope started well before you began the latter stages of a lengthy re-designing process? The Community Center is in the unique challenges our park staff have handled these implementing the appropriate safety measures.

Can you tell us about the many hats you wear as a supervisor? Park Supervisors certainly do wear many hats from supervising park staff, responding to patron inquiries and complaints, being readily available to assist staff with any challenges that may arise at different park sites or events. We are responsible for keeping administrative/budgeting work and training and coaching staff. I love working in such a varied, interactive fast-paced environment, and enjoy the beautiful parks RPV has to offer!

You began work just before the COVID-19 pandemic. How did you and your staff adapt to face this daunting challenge? My first year working with the City of RPV was definitely challenging, because I was trying to learn my role and adapt to a new work culture, all while trying to address the COVID-19 pandemic at our parks and community centers. Recreation and Parks staff all had to be very flexible and adaptable in responding to the ever-changing needs of our residents and visitors. This required us to be very efficient and agile in providing programming and adapting to the ever-changing needs of our community. We worked hard at moving programs online and being very flexible and adaptable in the face of this pandemic.

What would you like the residents of RPV to know about you? I love working for the City of RPV, where we are passionate for public service and look forward to continuing serving and meeting the needs of the RPV community.

How do you enjoy spending time away from work? I love spending time with loved ones, going to the beach, exercising, exploring, reading new books, attending concerts and staying current for my book club and practicing mindfulness/meditation.

Favorite book, movie, type of music/sport? My favorite type of music is alternative rock/indie, favorite book is "Radical Acceptance" by Tara Brach and I like soccer. I used to play in high school!

EDCO'S FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

Do your part to help prevent brush fires! EDCO's bi-annual brush collection can help you dispose of your excess vegetation, overgrown shrubbery, and tree trimming - all free of charge.

Regular Trash Day | Brush Collection Day
Monday | Saturday, October 2
Tuesday | Saturday, October 9
Wednesday | Saturday, October 16
Thursday | Saturday, October 23
Friday | Saturday, October 30

Brush Collection will take place rain or shine. If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or go to http://www.rpvca.gov/327/Recycling-Programs

CIVIC-MINDED PROJECT

Civics may not have been your favorite school subject, but the Civic Center Master-Plan project is gathering momentum and getting more attention. Staff and the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) are hard at work moving the challenging project forward.

What’s in the Plan Currently?

In 2019, the City Council, following a CCAC recommendation that was based on a study and master plan, approved a program document for the site which included physical components and approximate sizes.

Since approval, two years have passed and a global pandemic raged around the planet. Staff and the Civic Center Advisory Committee, with the help of a new consultant, are taking a fresh look at the program document to determine if any design changes need to be made.

Too short an article? Want to learn more and get involved? Be informed and be part of this exciting and important community process. Send your ideas to Staff. Read up on the project at the City’s website. Go to http://www.rpvca.gov/1009/Civic-Center-Master-Plan to learn about future meetings. Send your ideas to Staff. Read up on the project at the City’s website.

WHAT’S NEXT IN THE PROCESS?

A lot!
• A project schedule is being updated.
• A project management firm is being hired to assist with all elements of this challenging project from design through completion.
• Financial options are being explored.
• An extensive public outreach process, perhaps the largest in the City’s history, will take place including multiple workshops, presentations to HOAs, and meetings with interested parties.
• Following Council direction in August, the CCAC is looking at naming all or part of the site after City Founder and current Councilmember Ken Dyda.

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 Vaccination Record at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov
If you have received the COVID-19 vaccine, you can print your official vaccination card or digital record, or get an email or text within seconds. You can take a screenshot of your record or print it out. It also includes a QR code that makes your digital COVID vaccination record readable by a QR scanner.

In addition to the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 vaccination digital record, several other kinds of digital records are being used in Los Angeles County. The type depends on the record keeping system used by the provider who administered the vaccine. Most systems require the person being vaccinated to give an email address and/or cell phone number when they make an appointment or get vaccinated.

NEED AN IN-HOME VACCINATION?

If you are home-bound, you can request an in-home vaccination form by calling the L.A. County Department of Public Health by calling the DPH Vaccine Call Center 855 540 0475 (open daily from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.), or by filling out an online request form at vaccinetaco.com.

SISTERS FOR A YEAR!

Sister Cities that is! Rancho Palos Verdes and Sakura City celebrated their one-year anniversary as Sister Cities on August 4. Paper is the traditional one-year anniversary gift, but this first anniversary was marked with an international, virtual celebration. The milestone was marked by a fun and innovative in-person/virtual ceremony held concurrently in both cities with guest speakers, live performances, cultural exchange videos, the unveiling of a sister city directional sign at RPV City Hall, and the presentation of a Japanese commemorative stamp collection. Performances included musician Yuki Yasuda, who played a magnificent song on a koto, a traditional Japanese 15-string instrument, and danced in traditional Japanese costumes by students in RPV's Sora Class led by instructor Sachiko Matsumoto. Video presentations included compilations by students from Miraleste Intermediate School, Uijeon Junior High School, and Sakura City's Hamegg volunteer group. The City will share video coverage of the celebration on its website, social media platforms and RPVtv. Building on a bond established 20 years ago by middle school students, Rancho Palos Verdes and Sakura City made their cross-cultural friendship official by becoming sister cities in August 2020. Learn more at rpvca.gov/sistercity.

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COVID-19 UPDATES (Continued from page 1)
HEED A HIRE CALLING!

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is hiring! And the person we’re looking for may be you! To view our current job opportunities, visit our careers page at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rpvca

DON'T BE TRASHY: TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE
EDCO 310.540.2977, www.rpvrecycles.com

October 2021: No changes.
November 2021: No service on Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday and Friday routes will be delayed by one day.
December 2021: Due to December 25, 2021, falling on a Saturday, there will be NO DELAY in service.

Regulations for Hours for Trash Cart/Can Placement and Storage: Leave all containers at the curb no later than 7 am, on collection day and remove empty containers by no later than 10 pm on collection day. Empty carts cannot be left on the street overnight. Containers have to be stored on the side or back of the property, at a location that is substantially screened from view from the public or private street right-of-way. Please help keep your neighborhood attractive and aesthetically pleasing.

If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977, check www.rpvca.gov/527/Recycling-Programs.

READY, AIM, PREPARE FOR FIRE

As Southern California heads into peak fire season, Peninsula residents are reminded to be on heightened alert and prepared for fire.

Take time to educate yourself on the following tips and best practices to safeguard your home and prepare your family.

• Check out these tips sheets with low and no-cost ways to protect your home from wildfire: https://bit.ly/3ycRjpK
• Download the L.A. County Fire Department’s “Ready Set Go!” Personal Wildfire Action Plan at fire.lacounty.gov/rgs
• Purchase or make an emergency kit
• Make an evacuation plan and practice it with your family.
• Sign up for Alert SouthBay emergency notifications by texting “alerts” to 888-777, visiting alertsouthbay.com, or downloading the Everbridge app.
• Reach out to the RPV Emergency Preparedness Committee about how to create a plan and be prepared for a wildfire. Go to www.rpvca.gov/167/Emergency-Preparedness-Committee
• Find more resources at readyforwildfire.org

Be prepared, RPV!

HOW TO DEAL WITH COYOTES

Concerned about coyotes? Follow the guidelines described in the City’s Coyote Management Plan at rpvca.gov/coyotes. Learn about eliminating attractants and increasing pet safety to reform coyote behavior.

To report coyote sightings in your neighborhood, visit rpvca.gov/reportcoyotes.

Feeding Coyotes?

The act of feeding wildlife is known to lead to an increase in wildlife activity. Feeding can attract coyotes and their prey which can lead to an increase in coyote and human interactions. Without food, water, and shelter, the coyotes will likely move on from your property.

The City of RPV strictly prohibits feeding wildlife. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor and will result in an administrative fine of $2,500 for the first offense, $5,000 for the second offense, and $7,500 for the third offense. Harassing coyotes is also illegal. Harassing is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal’s normal behavior patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

PUBLIC FORUM NEWS

This year RPV will host a coyote public forum for residents in mid-late October. Staff and county agencies will provide necessary training and practical application. All residents and City Staff are encouraged to attend.

Topics and agenda will include coyote facts, behavior, attractants, and hazing techniques.

For more recent coyote news check out https://www.rpvca.gov/1087-Recent-News

GREEN CORNER

GETTING RID OF BULKY ITEMS AND ELECTRONICS WASTE

Want to get rid of an old couch, mattress, water heater, TV or appliance? Try to donate it first. First see if a charitable organization wants it, or try to place it on Craigslist or Nextdoor under “free items”. If you had no success, then call EDCO at 310.540.2977 and schedule a free bulky item or e-waste pickup. EDCO provides bulky item/e-waste collection up to four times a year free of charge. Do not leave abandoned items at the curb without calling first. You must call EDCO and schedule a pickup day!

Please help keep our neighborhoods clean.

USED OIL, OLD PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS?

If you have old paint (oil or water based) and household hazardous waste material or electronic waste take it to the Caffey SAFE Center located at 1440 N. Caffey, San Pedro. The center is open to LA County residents every Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm. Check https://www.lacsd.org/solidwaste/swfacilities/recycle-contact/hhw_e_waste/ for more information.

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

The next shredding event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 8 am to 11 am! Due to COVID, please check the City’s website and Nextdoor email announcements to learn if the event will be held or not.