

City of Palos Verdes Estates Newsletter

Supplemental Newsletter

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A Message from the Chief of Police

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016!**

As we begin a new year, it is customary in the police service that we reflect on the past year's crime rates. 2015 started out within the average annual crime rate, with no emergent issues. However, toward the end of the year, starting in October as the days grew shorter, there was a marked increase in home burglaries within PVE. Home burglaries continued to occur with increased frequency within PVE and the South Bay Region. PVEPD deployed additional officers performing burglar suppression patrols while patrol officers and detectives alike investigated each crime and worked to identify many out-of-area burglary crews. These criminal enterprises were targeting wide ranges throughout Los Angeles County. PVEPD tracked them down and made 15 arrests for residential burglary throughout the year. Following those arrests, the crime spree ended as 2015 came to an end.

While the home burglary spree of 2015 appears to have ended, your police department urges residents to stay engaged in crime prevention efforts. PVEPD continues to use many burglary suppression strategies, including deploying extra uniformed and plain-clothed officers which are directly engaged in burglary suppression efforts, but neighbors watching out for neighbors is a very effective tool to keep our community safe. If you see something, say something - REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR VEHICLES TO POLICE. Enter the PD's phone number into your cell phone contact list (310-378-4211).

Visit the City's website (www.pvestates.org) to view the video from our Community Crime Update and Prevention meeting held on December 12, 2015, to learn more about the crime prevention steps you can take. The City of Palos Verdes Estates remains one of the safest cities in Los Angeles, but you can help keep it that way by taking crime prevention measures today. We are looking forward to a safe and prosperous 2016 for all PVE residents.

Jeff Kepley
PVE Police Chief



Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Parklands Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the Traffic Safety Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in Council Chambers—340 Palos Verdes Drive West. All agendas for City Council, Committee and Commission meetings are posted on the City Hall bulletin boards and the City Website at least 72 hours before the meeting. For more information call City Hall at (310) 378-0383; Fax: (310) 378-7820.



PVE Citizens Academy

Would you like to learn more about your local City government? If so, you should apply to be a part of the PVE Citizens Academy. This free program will familiarize and inform participants on municipal operations/services, budgeting, police and fire services, environmental programs, community recreation as well as the City's history and vision for the future. The program will help prepare local citizens who may serve as resources, ambassadors, volunteers, and future elected and appointed leaders of the City.

The City will hold the PVE Citizens Academy to a maximum class size of 27 people (25 adults and 2 high school students). Participation will be limited to Palos Verdes Estates residents only. The Academy is to begin this spring (March) and end in the fall (October). Applications are now available on the City's website and at City Hall. For more information, please call (310) 378-0383.



Street Sweeping Schedule Change

Effective February 1, 2016, your City street sweeping schedule will change from Thursday to Friday. This change is being made in order to provide a more efficient and environmentally responsible service to the community. For more information, please contact City Hall at (310) 378-0383.

Jan. 27: Meeting About the PVBAC



The Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic Foundation who operates and maintains the Beach and Athletic Club facility has requested, under the existing terms of the concession agreement, a 10-year extension. As such, the City is obligated to evaluate the Foundation's compliance with the agreement. On January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Palos Verdes Golf Club (3301 Via Campesina), the City Council will be holding a meeting to



receive public input from members, residents on the wait-list, non-members who use the club on day-passes, and residents who do not use the Club. Please attend to share your input. In addition or alternatively, written correspondence on this topic received by the City (cityclerk@pvestates.org) by 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2016 will be included with the agenda materials provided to City Council. If you are unable to attend the meeting, it will be recorded and subsequently available for public viewing on the City website under City Government/City Meetings tab (<http://www.pvestates.org/index.aspx?page=233>).

The Rainy Season Is Upon Us

Weather experts predict significant rain throughout January, February and March with heavier than normal runoff that could cause large-scale flooding. Please take precautions and be prepared.



- Trim trees to reduce foliage.
- Clean rain gutters, swales and drainage pipes on your private property.
- Lower the water level in your swimming pool to minimize overflow.
- Have emergency supplies and personal plans in response to emergency conditions. In case of electrical failure, have flashlights and extra batteries on hand and keep utility contact numbers close by.

Sandbags can be purchased at any home improvement store. Empty sandbags are also available 24/7 in front of the Police Department with sand available on the empty lot, just west of the Fire Department.

Please also remember to keep your lawn and landscaping sprinklers off. There is no need to waste potable water when nature has and hopefully will continue to provide enough for all our outdoor landscaping. State regulations mandate that all sprinklers be off for 48 hours following measurable rain; however, your lawn and landscape may have sufficient water for longer.

PVE Hazard Mitigation Plan – Share Your Insights

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is updating the 2004 Hazard Mitigation Plan to prepare for the impact of natural disasters in our community. The Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan will identify local policies and actions for reducing risk and future losses from natural hazards such as floods, severe storms, wildfires, and climate change.



If interested, please go to www.pvestates.org and complete an online survey to share knowledge of your neighborhood's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities that help lessen the impacts of future disasters. Your comments are important to us and we encourage residents to take the online survey. **To hear more about the Plan, come join us on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for a community meeting at Palos Verdes Estates City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West.**

If you have any questions regarding this survey, or if you would like to learn more about how you can participate in the development of our Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact one of the Planning Team Coordinators:

Emergency Services Coordinator Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211 or mmccullough@pvestates.org

Planning & Building Director Sheri Repp-Loadsman at 310-378-0383 or srepp@pvestates.org

Business License Renewals Are Now Due

Business licenses are required for anyone doing business in the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Annual business licenses expired December 31, 2015. Please renew your business license by January 31, 2016 to remain in compliance with the City Municipal Code and to avoid late penalties. If you are currently licensed, you will have received a renewal notice by mail in December 2015. If you do not receive a license renewal, or are a new business, please contact or visit the City's Finance Department at City Hall, or call (310) 378-0383. New applicants must complete an application which is available on the City's website at www.pvestates.org.



Renewal forms should be mailed to, or returned at, City Hall. All pertinent information on the renewal form must be fully completed and include a signature of an authorized representative of the business.

Note: If you operate any business from your home, you need to secure a home occupation business license.

Please call the Finance Department for more information at (310) 378-0383.



January 23: E-Waste & Water Based Paint Event

Saturday, January 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates will hold a FREE E-Waste & Water-Based Paint Disposal Event, in partnership with its waste hauler, Athens Services, **on Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the public parking lot located in the 300 block of Paseo Del Mar between Malaga Cove School and The PV Beach & Athletic Club.



Residents may bring TVs, DVD players, radios, printers, computer monitors, microwaves, etc. In addition to e-waste, water-based paints, batteries and fluorescent light bulbs will be accepted. **Other household hazardous waste such as solvents, automotive fluids, cleaning products, pool and garden chemicals, pesticides and sharps/needles will NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

This event is for Palos Verdes Estates residents only – please be sure to bring proof of residency.

Note: As of January 1, 2016, the City has discontinued e-waste drop-off in front of City Hall and will host quarterly e-waste events.

For more information, please contact City Hall at (310) 378-0383 or Athens Services directly at 1-888-336-6100.