



Newsletter

April 2012

City Manager’s Message – Our Mission, Vision and Values

Palos Verdes Estates is a unique and wonderful place. We have an engaged citizenry who passionately protect the City’s look and feel. We are led by numerous volunteers who contribute time and energy in the true spirit of public service - giving back to their community. We also have an excellent staff, dedicated professionals throughout, who are proud to be associated with, and work on behalf of, the City and its residents.

Just as important as the services we provide, are the principles that guide the staff in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities. To that end, led by a group of five employees representing all facets of City service, we recently revised the City’s Mission/Vision/Values Statements. They are published here for your information and so you are all aware of what we, as City staff, expect of ourselves.

MISSION

Guided by the highest principles of public policy and law, our mission is to provide exemplary service to the Community, City Council and our fellow Employees with a commitment to integrity, efficiency, professionalism and cooperation.

VISION

To achieve the highest quality of life in Palos Verdes Estates by honoring the principles of the City’s founders, while adapting to future needs and challenges.

VALUES

As City of Palos Verdes Estates employees, we are proud of our organization and the community we serve. As City employees, we value:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Respect for Those We Serve and Each Other
- Teamwork
- Exceptional and Responsive Service
- Effective Communication
- A Safe Community and Work Environment
- Responsible Use of Resources – Natural, Fiscal, Human

We welcome your feedback on your experiences and interactions with the City, as we are always looking for ways to improve. Feel free to email me (jsmith@pvestates.org) or call (310) 378-0383.

Judy Smith
City Manager

Palos Verdes Estates City Council

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Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for study and closed session and 7:30 p.m. for the regular agenda. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Parklands Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The Traffic Safety Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00 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 at least 72 hours before the meeting. For more information call City Hall at (310) 378-0383. Fax: (310) 378-7820

City Council Accepting Applications for City Commissions and Committees

The City is accepting applications for appointments to the Planning Commission, Parklands Committee and Traffic Safety Committee. Interested residents of Palos Verdes Estates are welcome and encouraged to volunteer for positions on these City committees and commission.

As of July 1, 2012, there will be 3 vacancies on the Planning Commission, 3 vacancies on the Parklands Committee and 2 vacancies on the Traffic Safety Committee. Appointments are for a two-year term beginning in July. The meeting schedule for the

commission and committees is listed on the bottom front page of this newsletter.

Applications are due Monday, April 30th, with City Council interviews scheduled in mid-May. Applications are available at the City Hall offices or on our City's website at www.pvestates.org (to print a copy of the form, go to "I Want To..." then click "apply to serve"). Questions about applications, or this process, may be directed to the City Clerk's office at (310) 378-0383.

Trees: Walking Through the Tree Trimming/Removal Process

There can be some confusion about who has jurisdiction over granting approval for trimming/removal of trees within the City. This information is provided to clarify the process and help residents understand their responsibilities.

City trees are those trees that are in the public right of way (street), parklands, or on publicly owned property. They are maintained by the City and may be trimmed or removed by City personnel to maintain the safety of the public. These trees may not be trimmed or removed without the permission of the City. Depending on the resident's request, there are two separate processes that are utilized to grant permission:

Trimming a City Tree for maintenance - Apply for a no-fee permit at City Hall. The permit ensures that the trees are trimmed to City standard by qualified firms. This trimming does include requests for lacing, which, in some cases, can assist with view restoration. Some tree species can only be trimmed during certain months of the

year. City Hall personnel can assist you with this information. All trimming costs are paid for by the applicant.

Trimming or removing a City Tree for view or other purposes - Submit an application with the current fee of \$162 to the City Parklands Committee. The Parklands Committee will review the request and adjacent property owners will be notified by mail of the Committee meeting. The Committee's recommendation is reviewed and approved, as deemed appropriate, by the City Council. All trimming and removal costs are paid for by the applicant.

Private trees are those trees on privately-owned properties. The Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) has jurisdiction over these trees, and has a process for residents to request to have trees trimmed or removed that are located on another resident's private property. For an application, please visit the PVHA, located adjacent to the second floor of City Hall.

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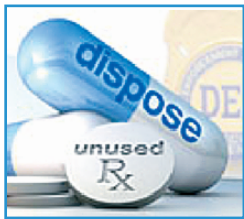
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In most areas of the City, property lines do not extend to the curb, and the publicly-owned parkway width varies. For this reason, it is especially important to verify the boundaries and location of your property prior to applying for a tree to be

trimmed or removed. Staff at City Hall can assist you at the public counter.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

National “Take-Back” Event – Prescription Drug Disposal



The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. At last year’s Fall event, close to 400,000 pounds of

unwanted or expired medications were safely and properly disposed of at over 5,000 disposal sites nationally. If you have any unwanted, over-the-counter medication or prescription drugs, you can drop them off at the **Palos Verdes Estates Police Department on April 28th, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Advanced Smart Gardening Workshop

A FREE Smart Gardening Workshop will be held at the South Coast Botanic Garden, located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., on May 26th from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. This workshop will provide more information on organic gardening, integrating pest management, water conservation when gardening and using native and drought-tolerant plants. There will be compost bins available for purchase. Please note: The workshop is free, but there is an \$8 entrance fee to the facility.



Bulky Trash Pick-up - Saturday, May 5th

Palos Verdes Estates’ annual Special Refuse Collection (bulky trash) is scheduled for Saturday, May, 5th. Items should be placed at curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. *Please note:* Any items placed at the curb after 6:00 a.m. will not be taken.

The City’s waste hauler, Athens Services, defines special refuse as furniture, appliances, water heaters, refrigerators (compressors removed), stoves, sinks,

lawn furniture, doors, windows, screens, mattresses, beds and rugs. Unacceptable items include: construction waste, green waste, hazardous waste and electronic waste. You may contact Athens Services directly if you have construction waste and are in need of a temporary debris box.

Please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100, or visit www.AthensServices.com, for more information.



Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up *Saturday, May 5, 2012*

The Palos Verdes Peninsula's next Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/Electronics Waste (E-Waste) Disposal will be held **Saturday, May 5, 2012**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall/City Yard located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. This event is

jointly sponsored by the [Los Angeles County Sanitation District](#) and the [Department of Public Works](#). The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program provides the opportunity to properly dispose unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

What can you bring?

- Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Paint, Paint Thinner
- Turpentine, Cleaners with Acids or Lye
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Household and Car Batteries
- Old Computers and Television Sets
- Sharps or Used Needles
- Expired Pharmaceuticals and Mercury Thermometers

What will not be accepted?

- Explosives, Ammunition or Radioactive materials
- Waste from Businesses will NOT be accepted
- Trash or Old Tires
- White Goods such as Washers, Stoves, Refrigerators or Air Conditioners

In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle. Please bring items in their original labeled containers in a sturdy box that can be left at the site. Do not mix products together. For more information please contact (800) 238-0172.

Also, remember, the City of Palos Verdes Estates accepts electronic waste Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City Yard (found at the lower level of City Hall, adjacent to the Police Department). Drop-off is for electronic waste only. For safety

reasons, please park on the street in front of the building (parallel to Palos Verdes Drive West).

You may also drop-off both HHW & E-Waste year round at the Gaffey SAFE center located at 1400 N. Gaffey Street (opposite the DMV), which is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Latex paint may also be disposed of at Lunada Bay Hardware located at 2216 Via Anacapa in Palos Verdes Estates on the first Saturday of every month between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. only.

MALAGA COVE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

APRIL 20 & 21 MAY 18 & 19

Replace Your Old Pool Pump and Motor

Did you know there are over 1,000 pools in Palos Verdes Estates? Your pool pump and motor operate 365 days each year, regardless of the season and whether or not you are swimming laps or playing around in the water. Southern California Edison (SCE) is offering a generous \$200 cash rebate on the purchase of a new variable-speed pool pump and motor.

in a pool slowly rather than rapidly. Replacing a power-hungry, single-speed pool pump with a slower, more efficient variable-speed pump is a money-saving, energy-wise decision.



Some of the benefits of replacing your old pool pump and motor to more efficient equipment are:

- Save \$400 annually on energy bills
- Enjoy quieter and longer-lasting pool pump and motor models
- Achieve cleaner and clearer pool water with more efficient daily filtration

An example of savings for an average-size pool with 20,000 gallons of water that needs cycling once a day:

- A single-speed motor takes 6 hours to cycle at an average cost of approximately \$870 per year
- A variable-speed motor takes 12 hours to cycle at an average cost of approximately \$436 per year

How is it possible to run a pool pump for twice as long and still save 50% in energy and money? It takes less energy to move the large amount of water

Pool pumps and motors aren't the only equipment for which SCE is providing rebates. Other examples include: Energy Star Qualified Refrigerators; Whole House Fans; Energy Efficient Single Stage or Two Stage Ducted Evaporative Cooling Systems; Portable Room Air Conditioner; Efficient Electric Storage Water Heaters; Hybrid Electric Heat Pump Water Heaters. For a rebate form and a list of qualifying equipment, please visit www.sce.com/rebatesandsavings or <http://www.sbesc.com/programs/residential/electricity-rebates>. Contact the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) if you need assistance in completing your rebate application, or would like more information on these programs, (310) 371-7222.

Council Agendas Available

To enhance service to residents, City Council agendas are posted at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West and the Golf Club Pro-Shop, 3301 Via Campesina, and agendas and related materials are placed at the Malaga Cove Library, 2400 Via Campesina, by the Saturday morning preceding the Tuesday evening City Council meeting. Agenda and staff reports are also available online on the City website at www.pvestates.org. If you are interested in receiving the Agenda via email, please subscribe; click on "Join E-News" on the homepage.

2012 Youth Swim Lessons at PVBAC



The City and the Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic Club (PVBAC) are pleased to announce that the Club will once again offer youth swim lessons at the PVBAC pool beginning in June for club members and non-members.

Lessons are provided for children of all skill levels. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration; beginning at 10 a.m. with the last session beginning at 12:30 p.m. No recreational swimming is available; this is a lesson program only. PVE resident, non-member cost is \$180/session. Class enrollment will be capped at ratios of 1 instructor per 6 students and space is limited.

Program flyers with detailed lesson information, participant regulations and registration / waiver forms will be available at the PVBAC, City Hall and the City website (www.pvestates.org) beginning Monday, April 23, 2012. The first day for registration will be Tuesday, May 1st. The Beach Club will handle all registrations and payments.

Three-week Swim Lesson Sessions; Tuesday – Friday (12 lessons/session)

- Session 1:** June 19 through July 6
Session 2: July 10 through July 27
Session 3: July 31 through August 17

Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration

Celebrating Fifty-one Years

The committee for the Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration, scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, 2012 on the grounds at Malaga Cove School, is pleased to announce Richard Riordan, former Los Angeles Mayor, as the 2012 Heritage of Freedom Award recipient and guest speaker. The committee is seeking new volunteers this year to join the committee. They are looking particularly for volunteers to run the Family Games; a great opportunity for a youth group to volunteer. The committee meets monthly through June.

About the Palos Verdes Independence Day Committee

The Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration Committee was founded in 1962 by PVE resident volunteers. The Celebration continues to be funded by private donations from Peninsula residents and is supported by the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Their goal is to applaud American values, celebrate our

nation's independence, magnify our heritage of freedom and promote patriotism. The celebration has now become an annual community tradition where volunteers work together to provide a day of family fun and to renew a sense of appreciation for our independence. For more information, please visit www.pvJuly4.org. To volunteer, contact the chairs, Sharon Ryan at (310) 378-3370 or traveler@yahoo.com, or Milt Lane, (310) 796-6535 or Milt.lane@atipacements.com





Know Your City's Website – Public Works

The City's Public Works Department oversees all projects and work occurring within the City's public right-of-way. The Public Works Department webpage, found on the City's website (www.pvestates.org), offers information pertaining to City standards and requirements for work performed in the public right-of-way, as well as information on obtaining wide & heavy load permits. The City's Sewer System Management Plan, trash collection/dumpster delivery and street

sweeping information are also accessible. You can also find up-to-date news and upcoming events such as Parklands and Traffic Safety Committee meetings. Our Water Quality and Conservation page will also assist you with questions regarding water pollution prevention and recycling. Many answers are already addressed in the FAQ section of the site; however, should you need further information, please contact our Public Works Department at (310) 378-0383.

Get the best introduction to Equine Education at the Palos Verdes Pony Camp!

Campers not only learn the fundamentals of **safe riding skills**, but also **increase their self confidence** as they learn about the physical **care of the horse**. Camp is for riders of all levels and special attention will be given to each individual's level of experience.

Daily Schedule

Camp begins with grooming and saddling, under close supervision and encouragement from the instructors. Then each small group rides in a lesson in the arena, followed by horsey games. There are no more than 2 children per pony. **Every child has a guaranteed ride time everyday**. Campers are guaranteed to ride everyday. After riding, the campers untack and groom their horses while learning and practicing essential barn chores.

What to Wear

Equestrian safety helmets and 1/2 chaps are mandatory for all campers and will be provided. Paddock riding boots, or heavy shoes with 1/2" to 1" heel are also required. Britches make riding more comfortable but long loose fitting pants are acceptable. *Riding clothes are available, please ask Erin Isom.*

Summer Camp Fees:

Half-Day: \$275 (Residents)
\$295 (Non-residents)

Summer Camp Hours:

Morning Session Tues - Fri 9:00am - 12pm

Summer Camp Sessions:

Run Tuesdays - Fridays for 9 weeks with 2 week breaks.

SESSION 1 June 19 thru June 22
SESSION 2 June 26 thru June 29
BREAK WEEK July 3 thru July 6
SESSION 3 July 10 thru July 13
SESSION 4 July 17 thru July 20

SESSION 5 July 24 thru July 27
SESSION 6 July 31 thru August 3
BREAK WEEK Aug 7 thru Aug 10
SESSION 7 Aug 14 thru Aug 17
SESSION 8 Aug 21 thru Aug 24
SESSION 9 Aug 28 thru Aug 31

- The Camp deposit is non-refundable
- Please provide your child with a sack lunch

To enroll online please visit our website at: www.PalosVerdesStables.com

For more information call Erin at 301.634.8969 or e-mail: erin@palosverdesstables.com

4057 Via Opatá, Palos Verdes Estates CA 90274



IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BEST CAMP EXPERIENCE WE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CAMPERS, SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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