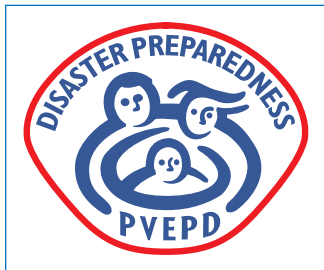




Newsletter

August 2012

Neighborhood Safety and Emergency Preparedness Fair Saturday, September 22nd



With 22 million people living and working in southern California, a major earthquake in the region could cause an unprecedented catastrophe. How we

plan today will determine what our lives will be after a disaster.

Through the Police Department, Palos Verdes Estates has many programs available to the community to help prepare for such a time. These programs include Neighborhood Watch, the Disaster District Program, Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team and PVE-Cares. To help our residents stay safe and further prepare for an emergency, the City will be hosting its first ever **Neighborhood Safety and Emergency Preparedness Fair** scheduled on **Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. located on the lawn in front of the Police Department.**

This event is FREE and open to the public.

Listen - To our speakers including Margaret Vinci from the Office of Earthquake Programs at California Institute of Technology Seismological Laboratory. Her presentation will cover topics on earthquake science, earthquake threats in southern California, a realistic portrayal of what could happen in a major magnitude 7.8 earthquake on the southern end of the San Andreas Fault and information and resources on how you can prepare and protect yourself, family and business.

Learn - What types of services are available following a disaster, many of which will be present showcasing what they have to offer. Also, all City programs listed above will be onsite to provide you with more information.

Fun and Food - Games for kids and adults alike. Food and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Build - You'll learn what you need in an emergency kit and have the opportunity to build and purchase a bag specific for you and your family.

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Palos Verdes Estates City Council

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Councilmember Rosemary Humphrey
Councilmember Ellen Perkins
Councilmember John Rea
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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

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Shred - Identity theft is a serious concern. The City's waste hauler will be onsite to shred your sensitive documents.

Read - Disaster Preparedness books from the Library, as well as many other references, will be available.

Care - Learn how to care for yourself and your family members, including your animals.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about preparation in the event of a disaster, as well as learn about city services and programs that can keep you and your family safe. For more information about this upcoming event, or the Police Department's community programs, please contact Community Relations Officer, Marcelle McCullough, at (310) 378-4211 ext. 2121.

Impacts of AB 109, Criminal Justice Realignment, and Importance of PVE Neighborhood Watch



On April 5, 2011, Assembly Bill 109 was signed into law by Governor Brown. AB 109 was a confluence of 3 separate concerns out of Sacramento including: a high rate of criminal recidivism (67.1%); a state budget deficit of \$26 billion and a federal court order to reduce the number of state prison inmates as a result of a finding that overcrowding prevented inmates access to adequate medical and mental health care. This bill constitutes the most significant change to our criminal justice system in the history of the State of California.

The 33 prisons which comprise the California penal system were designed to house 80,000 inmates. With the exponential increase of crime in the 1960's and 1970's, California voters passed a series of measures to increase prison terms, most notably the 3-Strikes Initiative, in the 1990's. As a result, State prisons experienced a 700% increase in inmate population; while the citizens enjoyed the first ever decrease in violent crime. AB 109 is expected to reduce the state prison population to 137.5% of the design capacity or a reduction of 46,000 prisoners.

The reduction in the state prison population is accomplished by reclassifying numerous felony crimes as non-serious, non-violent, and non-high risk sex registrant. These felons will no longer be incarcerated in state penitentiaries, but rather in county jails. This will also provide financial relief to the state by placing responsibility for these inmates on the counties. The counties will need to free jail space to accommodate this massive influx. While this is a complex issue, the bottom line is more criminals will be on the streets and there are other provisions of the bill that make it difficult to return post released inmates to prison, which will reduce recidivism.

Our Police Department and other departments throughout the county consider this issue to be extremely serious. Every member of our department is a professional dedicated to keeping our community safe. We are taking an aggressive and proactive stance. That is our commitment to you, but we need your help. **We are calling upon you, the citizens, to be our eyes and ears and ask that you join the Palos Verdes Estates Neighborhood Watch Program** to keep informed of crime in your area. Also, please call the Police Department anytime you see something suspicious. Let your Police Officers check it out. Your call is important. Help us to help you.

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For more information about Neighborhood Watch, please contact Community Relations Officer, Marcelle McCullough, at (310) 378-4211 ext. 2121.

To report suspicious behavior call 911 in an emergency or, in a non-emergency, contact the Police Department business line at (310) 378-4211.

Citywide Beautification & Parkland Enhancements – Help Identify Projects



The City Council has budgeted \$100,000 of restricted capital funds for each of the next two fiscal years to finance enhancement projects in the City. While there are likely many more needs than can

be met with this allocation, to help ensure that all areas of the City are considered, residents are invited to submit ideas for projects.

The Parklands Committee will begin the process of developing a projects list at its meeting on Monday, September 10th at 7:30 pm located in the Council

Chambers of City Hall. Possible projects include:

- City entryways
- Median islands
- Pedestrian trails
- Street trees

Residents can speak to the Parklands Committee at its meeting, or provide written information prior to the meeting. Please direct any project suggestions, or questions, to City Forester, Carl Moritz at (310) 378-0383 ext. 2219, or cmoritz@pvestates.org. The City is eager to leverage its capital funds and welcomes private donations for the enhancement projects, which will be accepted through Palos Verdes Beautiful at P.O. Box 212, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

Council Agendas Available

To enhance service to residents, City Council agendas are posted at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West, the Golf Club Pro-Shop, 3301 Via Campesina and 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.

E-Sample Ballots Available for L.A. County Voters



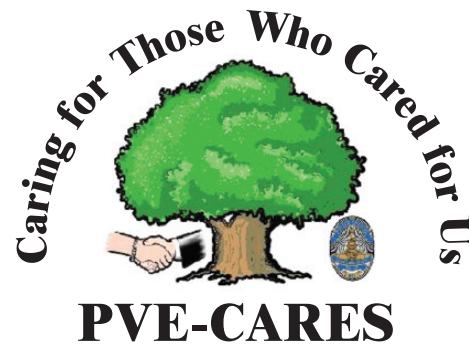
The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is now making election information access more conveniently available to voters – and saving trees in the process! The service

provides registered voters the option to receive their Official Sample Ballot booklet and other important election information via email. Registered voters can subscribe for an e-Sample Ballot by visiting the County Registrar’s website at www.lavote.net under “Voting and Elections”. The subscription process is fast and secure, and only requires a few clicks. Subscription requests will be acknowledged with an email asking for confirmation. Once confirmed, approximately 30 days prior to every election voters will receive an email with a link to where the voter can view/download a copy of the sample ballot. The email will also provide other helpful links to other important election information, such as Voting by Mail and polling place location. Subscribers will no longer be mailed a hard copy of Sample Ballots, but can unsubscribe at any time. For more information, visit www.lavote.net or call the Registrar’s office at (562) 466-1310 or (562) 466-1323.

PVE-CARES – Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 18th
from 10:30 a.m. – noon

PVE-CARES will be hosting a presentation at the Palos Verdes Golf Club called “Taking Care of You,” which will feature three physicians from Providence Little Co. Mary Hospital and will focus on senior-related issues.



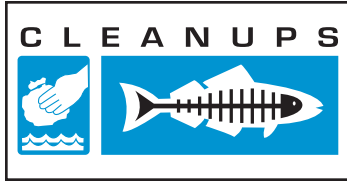
Friday, October 19th
from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

PVE-CARES will be hosting the Seventh Annual Senior Health Fair at the Neighborhood Church. The Health Fair will feature free flu shots for seniors, available resources, raffle for prizes, music by “Chaussee’s Big Band” and a free lunch.

MALAGA COVE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

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Heal the Bay – Coastal Clean-up Day and Tsunami Debris Monitoring



The annual Coastal Clean-up Day (CCD) is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012. CCD is a

worldwide beach clean-up day and the largest volunteer event on the planet. There are more than 60 sites in Los Angeles County, with one site being Malaga Cove. The City has partnered with Heal the Bay for this annual event since 1985.

In addition to the annual CCD, Heal the Bay is also working on monitoring the Japan tsunami debris

landing at Malaga Cove. While some debris has already arrived on northern California beaches, it is expected that southern California beaches will start seeing debris towards the winter months. The City will be responsible for its removal. We ask that beach visitors not remove anything suspected to be tsunami debris, but contact the City directly at (310) 378-0383.

For more information about how to sign-up for CCD, please visit www.healthebay.org. The City will provide future information on the tsunami debris as more becomes available.



PV Transit Information for the 2012-2013 Fall/Annual School Year

The first week of school kids ride free if they have a pass on order!

During the 2012-2013 Fall/Annual school year, PV Transit will again be operating seven fixed routes serving the Peninsula. Please take a few minutes to learn more about their service, and how to purchase a bus pass.

FYI: PV Transit operates seven fixed routes throughout the Peninsula as follows:

225/226 Operates M-F from approximately 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The **225/226** services the Peninsula, San Pedro, and the Redondo Beach areas. The **225** stops on Silver Spur/Crossfield and Silver Spur/Hawthorne, and several other locations in the nearby area.

White, Silver, Blue and Green provides service on the Peninsula, and operates M-F during peak hours only. Morning hours are approximately 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Afternoon hours are approximately 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. These routes stop at the Peninsula Library on Deep Valley Drive, and several other

locations in the nearby area.

Gold/Orange provides service on the Peninsula, and operates M-F during peak hours only. Morning hours are approximately 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Afternoon hours are approximately 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. These routes serve the areas along PV Drive East and PV Drive South (Marymount College area).

If you would like more information on the routes, please visit: www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit/

Fall passenger timetables will be available approximately August 15th or before, on the PV Transit website, at the Peninsula Center Library, and the PV Transit office located at 38 Crest Road West, in Rolling Hills. For passengers that used PV Transit in 2011-2012, routes and schedules will be similar.

How to Pay *Please no cash!* This applies for passes only. Tokens can be purchased at the PV Transit

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office and City Hall for \$2.50 each. Cash for Tokens is okay at PV Transit office, but checks are preferred. City Hall does not accept cash for tokens – checks only (payable to PV Transit).

There are several ways to pay for the service. The one-way fare is \$2.50 (tokens or cash – exact change only when boarding). Only the annual and semester passes offer unlimited rides and cost the following:

	Semester Pass (Aug 28 to Feb 1)	Annual Pass (Aug 28 thru June 15)
One Pass	\$295	\$590 each
Two passes in a family	\$290 each	\$580 each
Three passes in a family	\$280 each	\$560 each
Monthly Passes	\$ 77 each	Tokens \$2.50

How to Buy a Bus Pass

As usual, **passes will not be available at school registration.** Passes will be sold by mail only starting August 6, 2012. Application and instructions are available by visiting the PV Transit website or directly contacting PV Transit.

PV Transit Contact

Phone: 310-544-7108 (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.)

Fax: 310-544-7109

E-Mail: pvtransit@palosverdes.com

For route information call Mike Douglas at (310) 544-3710 or (310) 345-5486.

REMINDER - Saturday Mornings with the Mayor

Please recall, every first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., the Mayor will be available to meet with residents and other interested parties at the front entrance to City Hall (upstairs from the Police/Fire Departments). Upcoming dates include September 1st, October 6th and November 3rd. This provides an opportunity to meet with the Mayor and express concerns/comments or ask questions. Residents are also encouraged to obtain information by visiting the City website at www.pvestates.org or to make comments by emailing Citycouncil@pvestates.org or attending a City Council meeting.

New State Recycling Regulations for Businesses and Multi- Family Buildings

AB 341 is a new State regulation that requires recycling from businesses beginning July 1st. It specifies that a business which generates four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week, or is a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more, shall arrange for recycling services. It is up to the individual business and building owners to comply. The City is required to educate and monitor the compliance with this regulation.



FREE Lamp Exchange – August 18th in Carson

SCE residential customers may bring in their old lamps (limit of 5 lamps per household) in working condition (no lamp shades) to exchange for a new, Energy Star labeled lamp. This free service is sponsored by Southern California Edison in partnership with the South Bay Environmental Services Center. The event will be held **on Saturday, August 18th from 8 a.m - 3 p.m. at the Kmart parking lot located at 500 Carson Town Center, Carson CA 90745.**

You must bring your SCE bill and/or a CA driver's license with an address in the SCE service area to qualify. Be sure to come early for the best selection of more efficient lamps, as quantities are limited.

For more information about this free lamp exchange, please visit www.scelampexchange.com or call 1-800-865-6483.



Recyclables and Refuse Now Combined

The City began a new contract with its waste hauler, Athens Services on July 1st. **REMEMBER, you no longer need to separate recyclables from refuse.** Residents can continue to use the existing “blue” containers for comingled waste; however, as they deteriorate, Athens will remove blue containers and they will not be replaced.

Each week, Athens will transport the comingled waste to their Material Recovery Facility, and remove the recyclable materials for reuse. This process increases the amount of materials that can be recycled and reused, and decreases what is diverted to a landfill. For more information, please contact Athens Services directly at 1-888-336-6100.



Brandel Scholarship Winners PV Homes Association Scholarships Awarded

The recipients of the 2012-2013 Harry Brandel, Jr. Scholarships have been selected. The four exceptional individuals selected include two returning college students and two recent high school graduates.

Hannah Chute was a recipient in 2010. She is a harpist and will be a Junior this fall at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. The second applicant, Monica Allan, graduated from Los Angeles County High School for the Arts where she spent her junior and senior year after previously attending Palos Verdes High School. At the time of her application, she

had already been accepted by numerous performing arts colleges and was still undecided as to her final choice. Madison Murray, a graduate from Palos Verdes High School, is a very talented visual artist who will be attending Lafayette College in Pennsylvania this fall. Cameron Bird, a graduate from Palos Verdes High School, will be a sophomore this fall at UCLA. He is a graphic artist and a design intern for a fashion publication.

Congratulations to all Harry Brandel, Jr. Scholarship Recipients!

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City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

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