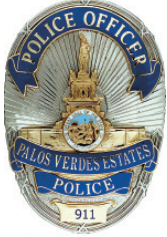




Newsletter

March 2013



Message from the Chief of Police Annual Crime Statistics

The PVE Police Department closely monitors crime statistics and looks for trends that provide insight into how to best provide police services. The review of crime statistics is presented on an annual basis and provided in the first City Newsletter of each year.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation which is responsible for maintaining crime statistics, uses a national reporting system termed Part 1 Crimes. Part 1 Crimes are defined by the FBI for the purpose of tracking crime and for comparing one jurisdiction to another. Part 1 Crimes are not intended to paint a complete picture of criminal conduct, but represent a cross-section of major crimes. It is important to note that some of the offenses that plague Palos Verdes Estates residents are not reflected in this chart. For instance, the crime of Identity Theft is recorded as occurring not where the victim resides, but where the crime (where the goods were purchased) took place. While Part 1 Crimes don't tell the whole story, they

do provide insight. That said; Part 1 Crime statistics bear out that, once again, Palos Verdes Estates is one of the safest communities in our nation.

It is important to note that in both 2011 and 2012, Part 1 Crimes decreased from the previous year, despite Assembly Bill 109 – commonly referred to as the Public Safety Realignment Bill. This Bill started with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that California prisons overcrowding violated prisoners' constitutional rights. In order to meet guidelines set by the court for the prison population, the State implemented AB 109, which shifts much of the prisoner burden to county jails.

Over 500 crimes have been re-classified as “non-serious”, “non-violent” and “non-sexual” which allows these perpetrators to be housed in county jails instead of the state prison system. Since Los Angeles County jails are also facing overcrowding issues, many of these prisoners are placed into the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) program instead of serving full sentences. It is anticipated that

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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

Message from the Chief of Police

Annual Crime Statistics

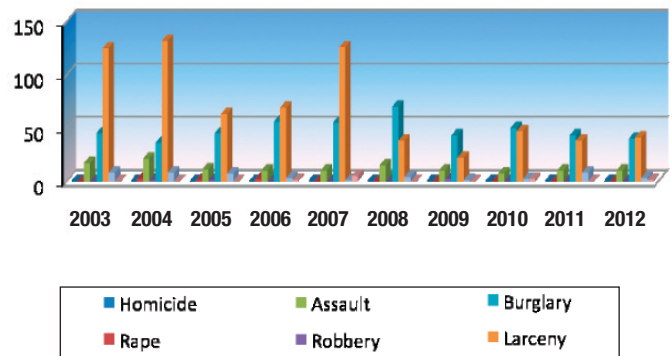
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some prisoners released into the PRCS program are at higher risk to commit more crimes.

The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department is well aware of the challenges AB 109 presents. Now, more than ever, we need our residents to help become our eyes and ears and report suspicious activity. If it seems suspicious, it probably is. I urge everyone to be vigilant, but not vigilantes. Our residents live here because it is safe. Let's keep it that way. You have my assurance that the Police Department will continue to do its part. I encourage each of you to play a part as well and join Neighborhood Watch because there is strength in numbers. If you would like an officer to inspect your home and make suggestions on how to minimize your chances of being victimized or if you are interested in joining Neighborhood Watch, please feel free to contact the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department at (310) 378-4211 and speak with Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	17	21	11	10	10	15	10	7	10	10
Robbery	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Burglary	45	36	45	56	55	70	43	50	43	40
Larceny	125	132	63	69	126	38	22	47	38	41
Auto Theft	8	8	7	3	1	4	1	2	8	3
Arson	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	1
Total	195	200	128	141	197	127	78	108	99	95
% Change	-10%	3%	-36%	10%	40%	-36%	-39%	38%	-8%	-4%

Part One Crimes Comparison



Nixle

BE IN THE KNOW!



Nixle is a communication system that connects residents with the agencies that serve and protect them. Residents can use Nixle to receive information ranging from emergency alerts to community news. This notification service will alert residents to emergency weather events, road closures, public safety advisories, natural and man-made disasters, and general community information by text message, email, over the Web or on a mobile device. Please note that your cell phone provider's text messaging rates will apply.

The Nixle program is free and it is easy to sign up.

1. Go to www.Nixle.com and click on the "Sign

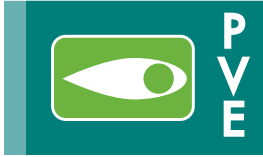
Up Free!" button

2. Create a user name and password and identify where you would like to receive the notifications.
3. Finally, click on the "Sign Me Up" button to complete the registration. To select which notifications to receive, go to "Settings" and check the agency. You may check only "PVE" or others, depending on your interest. Please note: to receive only emergency alerts, select that item only. LAPD and Sheriffs send many routine announcements in which many of our residents are not interested.

If you would like assistance in registering for Nixle, or for more information, please contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211.

Neighborhood Watch Annual Report

by Marcelle McCullough



Neighborhood Watch (NW) is proud to share several exciting updates with our residents for 2013.

First, the NW Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Valmonte resident and Block Captain Karen Logan as the new Neighborhood Watch President.

Second, with the reassignment of NW Area Coordinators to 6 areas which include Malaga Cove, Montemalaga, Valmonte and Lunada Bay East, Lunada Bay West and Lunada Bay South, we welcome Kyle Daniels as Valmonte Area Coordinator. This leaves two spots open for Area Coordinators in Lunada Bay West and Lunada Bay South. If interested, please contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211 or by email at mmccullough@pvestates.org.

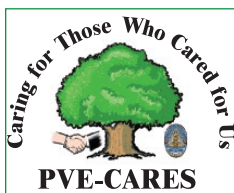
Other News from NW:

- Neighborhood Watch invites you to be a member and be connected with updates and information that will help keep your family,

home and neighborhood safe. Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a Neighborhood Watch membership application.

- NW is always looking for members, block captains and other volunteers. It's an easy way to get informed and get to know your neighbors.
- NW encourages all members to renew their dues so that we can continue to grow the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are unsure when your renewal date is, contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at (310) 378-4211.
- Did you know your NW dues provide: regular full crime reports and announcements for community safety-related events; support for community safety events; education of block captains and area coordinators; Neighborhood Watch newsletter twice a year to every household; year-end holiday thank you meals to our Fire & Police departments? And, for this we thank you!

Scam Targeting Seniors



Recently, the PVE Police Department has taken several reports regarding a scam lately known as the “Grandparent Scam.” This has

happened to several generous victims lately, costing them thousands of dollars.

What is the “Grandparent Scam?” Scammers can obtain your phone number or email address through

various public sources including telephone lists, social network sites like Facebook or Twitter, obituaries and even lists from hacked email accounts. They typically call elderly people, often in the middle of the night, and claim to be a friend or relative, often a grandchild, and need help dealing with an emergency: their car is broken down or they have been in an accident; they need bail money; they need to pay customs fees to get back into the US from another country; they have been mugged. The

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Scam Targeting Seniors

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scammer will request that you send them money *immediately*, often via wire transfer, and may ask you to not tell anyone because they are embarrassed or scared of getting into trouble. They may also have you talk to someone else who claims to be an attorney, law enforcement official or a judge.

What can you do to protect yourself? If you get a call or email from someone claiming to know you and asking for help, check to confirm that it's

legitimate before you send any money. Ask some questions that would be hard for an imposter to answer correctly – the name of the person's pet, for example, or the date of their mother's birthday. Directly contact the person who the scammer claims to be. If you can't reach the person, contact someone else – a friend or relative of the person. Don't send money unless you're sure it's the real person you know. For more information about protecting yourself from fraud, go to www.consumerfed.org/fraud.

Brandel Scholarship



The Palos Verdes Homes Association is once again offering the Harry Brandel, Jr. Scholarship, established in memory of past PVHA board member Harry

Brandel, Jr. The scholarship is offered to qualified high school seniors, college students and graduate students. Eligible applicants must be accepted at, or attending, an accredited college or university and plan to major in architecture, civil engineering, land-use planning or fine arts. In addition, at least one parent must be a property owner in Palos Verdes Estates or the original Miraleste area of Rancho Palos Verdes. Selection criteria include academic achievement, essay, letters of recommendation and community activities.

Applications may be obtained directly from the Homes Association office, 320 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, or the high school's college career center. **Deadline is TBD.**

For more information, contact the Palos Verdes Homes Association directly at (310) 373-6721.

Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Saturday, May 4th

Palos Verdes Estates' annual Special Refuse Collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. 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; rugs. Unacceptable items include: construction waste; green waste; hazardous waste; electronic waste.

You may contact Athens Services directly if you have construction waste and are in need of a temporary debris container. Please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100, or visit www.AthensServices.com, for more information.



Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Saturday, May 11, 2013



The Palos Verdes Peninsula's next Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/Electronics Waste (E-Waste) Round-up will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 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 Districts and the Department of Public Works. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program provides the opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of regularly.

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.

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, 2013, there will be an appointment of 2 positions on the Planning Commission, 2 positions on the Parklands Committee and 3 positions on the Traffic Safety Committee. Appointments are for a two-year term beginning in July (PVEMC §2.24). The meeting

schedule for the commission and committees is listed on the bottom front page of this newsletter. Applications will be available at the City Hall offices or online at www.pvestates.org (click on "I Want To..." then "apply to serve..."). Applications are due to the City Clerk's office by Friday, April 26th, with City Council interviews scheduled in late-May to early-June. Questions about applications, or this process, may be directed to the City Clerk's office at (310) 378-0383.

PVBAC Summer Swim Lesson Program



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.

**Three-week Swim Lesson Sessions;
Tuesday – Friday (12 lessons/session)**
Session 1: June 18 through July 5
Session 2: July 9 through July 26
Session 3: July 30 through August 16

Lessons are provided for children of all skill levels. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration, beginning at 10 a.m. The last session begins 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 in person at the PVBAC, City Hall and on the City website (www.pvestates.org) beginning Wednesday, April 24, 2013. The first day for registration for non-members will be Wednesday, May 1st. The Beach Club will handle all registrations and payments.

Malaga Cove Library Book Sale

March 15 & 16
 April 19 & 20
 May 17 & 18

Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration

Celebrating Fifty-two Years



The committee for the Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration, scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2013 on the grounds at Malaga Cove School, is pleased to announce Father Gregory Boyle, author and founder of Homeboy Industries as the 2013 Heritage of Freedom Award recipient and guest speaker. Sam Goldberg will also be honored as the recipient of the Van Dine Family Americanism award for his key role in founding the Peninsula Education Foundation. The committee is seeking volunteers to join the steering committee. The committee meets on the third Thursday of the month, at the Malaga Bank Community Room at 6:00 p.m., monthly through June.

About the Palos Verdes Independence Day Committee

The Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration Committee was founded in 1961 by PVE resident volunteers. It is funded by private donations from Peninsula residents and is supported by the City of Palos Verdes Estates. The 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 country's independence. For more information, please visit www.pvJuly4.org. To volunteer, contact the 2013 chairman: Milt Lane, (310) 796-9536 or milt.lane@atlplacements.com.



Palos Verdes Tennis Club Announcements

New Head Pro

The Palos Verdes Tennis Club recently completed an intensive search for a new Head Tennis Professional. After receiving 75 applications and interviewing several top candidates, the Selection Committee announced that Pedro Alipio is the new Head Pro. Pedro has been a Tennis Pro at PVTC for the past 12 years and previously taught tennis at West End in Torrance. Pedro has a strong group of Tennis Pros supporting him including John Carrizosa, Jason Sikola, Ted White, Kristen Flagler, and Ken Shoji. In order to set-up private tennis lessons, Pedro can be reached at 310-373-6326. In addition to private lessons, the PVTC Pro Staff offer an excellent Junior Program. Please visit www.pvtennisclub.com for more information, and to sign up for the PVTC Junior Program.

New Tennis Court Lights

The Club also recently completed a complete retrofit of their tennis court lighting. They replaced their old 1000 watt fixtures with new, tennis court specific 750 watt fixtures. The new technology takes advantage of state of the art reflectors which direct the light evenly across the court. The courts are now three times brighter and use 25% less electricity. Evening play has improved dramatically with the installation of the new lighting. Memberships are currently available for Palos Verdes Estates residents. For more information and a tour of the facilities, please contact the Club Manager, John Hall, at 310-373-6326.



Mayoral Rotation Council Meeting

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, you are cordially invited to attend the Regular Meeting of the City Council on **Tuesday, March 26th**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chamber of City Hall.

The City will honor the outgoing Mayor and the City Council will elect and install a new Mayor and

Mayor Pro-Tempore. Thereafter, we invite you to join us in honoring our current Mayor, the newly-elected Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore, for refreshments following the ceremony.

We hope you will be able to join us for this festive evening.

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.

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 *City Hall will be closed on May 27, 2013 in observance of Memorial Day*

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