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CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

E-Newsletter



IN MEMORIAM

As we spend time with loved ones this Valentine's Day, we ask that the community take time to think of the Tracy and Vanderpool Families. It was on this day in 1994 that forever changed the meaning of Valentine's Day for these families, our police department, and our city. Two veteran Palos Verdes Estates Police Officers, Captain Mike Tracy and Sergeant Tom Vanderpool were killed in the line of duty while at a training conference in Torrance, CA. During the conference, a masked gunman burst into the room in an apparent robbery attempt. Sergeant Vanderpool immediately lunged at the gunman and was shot. As Captain Tracy attempted to help Sergeant Vanderpool, he too was shot. Other officers in the room were able to get close enough to the gunman to take him to the ground. While on the ground, the gunman continued to fire his weapons as officers attempted to subdue him. The gunman, who was wearing a bulletproof vest, ultimately succumbed to injuries sustained during an altercation with other officers following the shooting. Although there are currently only four remaining city employees who were working for Palos Verdes Estates in 1994, we are committed to keep Captain Tracy and Sergeant Vanderpool's memories alive. Their photos adorn the department's halls, and memorials from Palos Verdes Estates to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. honor their sacrifice. Perhaps the greatest honor is hearing their names and stories spoken amongst the newest members of the department. Mike and Tom are an important part of our history and will never be forgotten. In honor of their service and sacrifice, flags in the City will be flown at half-staff on Sunday, February 14, 2021.



Honoring our fallen



Captain Michael Wayne Tracy
Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

End of Watch: Monday, February 14, 1994



Sergeant Vernon T. Vanderpool
Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

End of Watch: Monday, February 14, 1994

WELCOME TO PVE

Meet our newest Police Department Staff

Officer Aubin Corbin

Aubin Corbin started with the PVEPD in November of 2020. Prior to joining us, he worked for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a Security Officer for 5 years. He also worked as a Police Officer with Los Angeles Airport Police before lateraling to the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. He attended Los Angeles Trade Technical College where he earned an AA degree in Liberal Arts. He is thankful for the opportunity to work for The City of Palos Verdes Estates and looks forward to serving this community. Officer Corbin is pictured (right) with Sgt. Belda (left) during a recent cliff rescue.



Officer Craig Hart

Craig Hart has been hired as our newest police officer! Officer Hart came to us with 5 years of experience working as a Level I Reserve Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. He also brings with him experience from serving our country on active duty with the US Army and is now in the Army Reserves. He has been continuing his education at National University and will be graduating with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership this July. He is thankful to be here and looks forward to meeting everyone! Officer Hart is pictured (right) with Acting Chief Best (left) when he was sworn in and received his badge.



Police Service Aide Charles Gill

Charles (Charlie) Gill is 23 years old and currently a Junior at Marymount California University, majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He has lived in the area all his life and attended Lunada Bay elementary. He graduated high school from Rolling Hills Preparatory\Renaissance. He also obtained his Eagle scout when he was 18. He loves sports especially, baseball and before COVID was playing in a college league as well as a Sunday league. His career goals are to become a police officer and a drug recognition expert.



CITY HALL SERVICES - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The City of Palos Verdes Estates cares about your health and safety, and the health and safety of our staff.

We are working closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are temporarily limiting access to City Hall facilities and offering services by appointment only. Virtual meetings are encouraged.

- **For Permitting, Planning, Building and Public Works/Engineering:** email CDPW@pvestates.org
- **For Code Enforcement:** email syang@pvestates.org
- **For Urban Forestry:** email cmoritz@pvestates.org
- **For requests for public records, or City Council correspondence:** email cityclerk@pvestates.org
- **For business licenses:** call 310-773-3301 or email support@hdlgov.com

For a full staff directory, [please click here](#).

For the protection of the public and City Employees, all visitors to City hall are required to enter their names, phone numbers, and contact information on a log for emergency contact purposes only.

! SCE'S WILDFIRE PLAN UPDATE

On Feb. 5, Southern California Edison filed its [annual update to its 2020-22 Wildfire Mitigation Plan](#) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Given last year's devastating wildfires across California and increasing extreme weather conditions, this year's filing continues to demonstrate the company's commitment and urgency in reducing wildfire risk and protecting the safety of customers and the communities we serve.

Many of the upgrades will lead to the reduction and frequency of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), which have caused hardship to many customers and communities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about SCE's wildfire efforts, PSPS, and customer resources, visit www.sce.com/wildfire.



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

Planning Commission

- **Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

Finance Advisory Committee

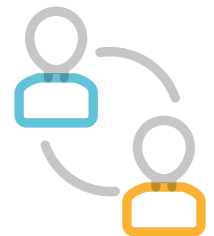
- **Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting



Meetings are currently being held via Zoom teleconference.

For the most up-to-date information and to view Agendas, please visit www.pvestates.org



Soon, the City of Palos Verdes Estates Planning Division will be hosting a **joint meeting** of the City Council and Planning Commission. Staff, the public, and elected officials alike have discovered several parts of the Zoning Ordinance which may be antiquated, confusing, or otherwise no longer best practice.

During this meeting, staff will present each of these challenges and offer options for solution. The goal is to end the meeting with clear direction on a draft ordinance to be presented to Planning Commission and City Council in public hearing for eventual adoption. If you are receiving this newsletter, you will also receive notice of this meeting in advance and a second notice of the agenda posting.

If you desire to speak, please email CDPW@pvestates.org at your convenience.