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CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

E-Newsletter



CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF BEST!



The City of Palos Verdes Estates is pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Best as the new Chief of Police. With more than 25 years of service to the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, Chief Best has been serving as the Acting Chief since November, 2020. The City is eager to have him serve as a permanent leader.

Starting his career with the City as Dispatcher and Jailer, Chief Best has served in almost every capacity, including Police Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Canine Officer, Corporal, Field Training Officer, Sergeant, and Captain. He has overseen training, operations, and support services and helped lead the Department through its most challenging times. Recently, Chief Best provided support for the Police Ad Hoc Committee recommendations that resulted in City Council's decision on January 30, 2021 to retain the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department rather than contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff.

Chief Best's experience, dedication to the City's community policing model, and strong leadership skills make him the right person to lead the department through its next evolution as recommendations from the Police Ad Hoc Committee are put into action. He understands both the benefits and challenges of leading a small police department in today's world, and is committed to making the department viable for the long-term.

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City Manager Laura Guglielmo expressed her overwhelming support of Chief Best for this position, "I can think of no one more qualified to serve as Chief of this Police Department than Tony Best. He brings exceptional integrity, personal commitment, and unsurpassed knowledge of our City and the needs of our residents, and stakeholders and Police Department employees to this role. He is the right person at exactly the right time!"

Mayor Michael Kemps enthusiastically supported the selection, "At this critical juncture, Chief Best's promotion from within provides the Department with calm, experienced leadership. We are delighted to move the Department to the next level, by ensuring accountability while continuing to build culture from within."

"I am truly honored to be in this position and proud to lead a department of so many dedicated professionals," said Chief Best. "Palos Verdes Estates has a unique and special character and keeping it a safe place to live, work, and visit is my top priority. I look forward to the challenges ahead and working with department members, city staff, and residents to meet the needs of the community. "

Prior to joining the Department, Chief Best served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has a Bachelor of Science from Cal State Long Beach and a Master's Degree from National University. In 2016, Best graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Please join us in congratulating and supporting Chief Best as he continues to serve the residents of Palos Verdes Estates and rebuild and prepare the Department for the future.

SOUTH BAY RAINWATER HARVESTING

Each year in LA County, enough fresh rainwater to meet the needs of 3.5 million people for a year is lost to the ocean. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments has released this Rainwater Harvesting Guide, designed to help homeowners learn to intercept and capture rainwater and put it to beneficial use on their property to avoid losing this valuable freshwater resource.

Click on the image below for the Rainwater Harvesting Guide.



DON'T MISS IT:



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FIRESCAPING WORKSHOPS
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA CLASS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST | 6:00 PM



www.westbasin.org/firescaping



Calling all Palos Verdes Peninsula residents:

Join West Basin MWD on Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00PM to learn how you can protect your home from wildfires at West Basin's FREE Palos Verdes Peninsula Firescaping Workshop.

For registration and details, please visit:
www.westbasin.org/firescaping.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is holding its annual **FREE bulky waste and e-waste** collection event in partnership with Athens Services.



BULKY WASTE

Bulky waste includes large items that do not fit into barrels or bins, such as: water heaters, furnaces, bed springs, mattresses, dressers, couches, washers, dryers, stoves, tables, chairs, refrigerators (compressors removed), freezers, air conditioners, and patio furniture. These items are to be placed at curbside (not in the street).



ELECTRONIC WASTE

Electronic waste includes TVs, printers, DVD players, computers, etc.



NOT ACCEPTED

No hazardous waste (such as paint, oil, light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#),
CONTACT CITY HALL
(310) 378-0383 OR ATHENS
SERVICES (888) 336-6100.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in serving your local community?

The City Council has established resident commissions and committees to review certain projects and community issues. Members of the community are appointed to serve on these groups to provide greater community participation and public input in the decision-making process.

Like the City Council, all commission and committee members are volunteers and serve without any compensation.

Any citizen interested in volunteering to serve on one of these bodies is invited to submit an application. Applications are generally accepted in April of each year as two-year terms are set to expire and openings become available.

Applications for July 1, 2021 appointments are due May 14, 2021. For more information or an application, [please click here.](#)

The City is also seeking qualified residents who have expertise in engineering, design and constructions and/or seismic retrofit of public facilities, and community outreach for various special projects volunteer opportunities. If interested, please email cityclerk@pvestates.org.



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.](#)



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.**
Planning Commission
- **Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.**
Finance Advisory Committee
- **Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.**
City Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.**
Planning Commission



Meetings are currently being held via Zoom teleconference.

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