



# Newsletter

September 2013

## Palos Verdes Estates 75th Anniversary in 2014 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

***In December 2014, the City will celebrate its 75th Anniversary, an important milestone in the City's history and an opportunity to celebrate the community.***

Anyone interested in participating in the planning of the celebration festivities is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Montemalaga Elementary School, 1121 Via Nogales. Volunteers of all ages are encouraged. Additionally, attached to this newsletter, is an interest card that can be completed and returned to City Hall.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please email [PVE75@pvestates.org](mailto:PVE75@pvestates.org) or call City Hall at (310) 378-0383.

## Prevent Burglaries and Thefts From Your Vehicle

Vehicle burglaries and thefts from vehicles are commonly reported crimes. A theft occurs when you leave your vehicle unlocked, and a thief steals property from inside. A burglary occurs when your vehicle is locked, and a thief enters your car by means of force, and then steals property. The difference between a burglary and a theft is whether or not your vehicle is locked. Recently, we have experienced an increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles.

To prevent becoming a victim of theft, always lock your vehicle doors. To lessen your chances of becoming a victim of a burglary, know that there are two basic criteria that burglars look for prior to committing the crime. First, they want to steal money or an object that they can easily sell. Second, they want the easiest target with the lowest risk. For example, a purse that has been left on the front seat of a car is an easy target that can be quickly stolen, especially if the vehicle is unlocked. The majority of vehicle burglaries that occur in Palos Verdes Estates and the rest of the South Bay are the result of a purse, wallet, laptop computer, iPad or other valuable item left in plain view within a vehicle.

Many people also make the mistake of covering up their valuables with a towel or other object once they have parked their car. Unfortunately, burglars know this trick also and will frequently target vehicles with

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### 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 7:30 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

# Prevent Burglaries and Thefts From Your Vehicle

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items obviously covered up, but still in plain view. To greatly reduce your chance of becoming a victim of a vehicle burglary, remember to never leave valuables inside your vehicle. If you keep valuables inside, inconspicuously hide them. If you have a vehicle alarm, use it!

Also remember to secure your garage and close the door anytime you are not in the garage. This means at night as well as when you are in the side or backyard doing yard work or just running to the store for a few minutes. A passing burglar can remove bicycles, skis, golf clubs, power tools and other items in a flash. Do not leave these items lying on the lawn or unsecured outside at any time. Be sure to notify a neighbor who may have left their garage door open.

It only takes a few seconds for a criminal to burglarize your garage and it is a potential signal that your home may be fair game as well. Be conscientious about leaving house doors

unlocked and windows open, especially when not at home. During the hot weather you can place a dowel in the window or sliding glass door to keep the opening small. Just be sure to educate the entire family on how to remove it if an emergency exit is required. Always activate your home alarm when away.

Talk with your family, neighbors, and friends to get the word out and help prevent vehicle and home burglaries and thefts. Always report suspicious persons to the police department. To report crimes in progress, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency reporting, call 310-378-4211.

To assist in preventing crime in your neighborhood, join Neighborhood Watch, a community participation program committed to educating residents on crime prevention and disaster preparedness. To learn more, contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at (310) 378-4211 or visit [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org).



## **SPEED LIMIT CHANGES**

To enforce speed limits using radar or other electronic speed measuring devices on most roadways, Engineering and Traffic Surveys are required by the State of California. These surveys must be updated periodically to ensure the speeds reflect current conditions as dictated by the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

As a result of Engineering and Traffic Surveys recently performed, Palos Verdes Drive West from the southerly City limit to Paseo Lunado, will increase from 30 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. This limit will match the 35 mile per hour limit found elsewhere on Palos Verdes Drive West and Palos Verdes Drive North.

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at (310) 378-0383.



## **Tennis Club Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Palos Verdes Tennis Club opened for tennis on July 20th 1963. A group of local tennis enthusiasts gathered in 1959 to discuss the creation of the first tennis club on the Peninsula. After four years of efforts seeking a location, permits, funding and construction, the Palos Verdes Tennis Club opened with five courts. Over the years, the membership has added seven more courts and a large Clubhouse. To learn more about the Tennis Club and how to become a member, please contact the Club directly at (310) 373-6326.

## SHOP “LOCAL FIRST”

Residents are encouraged to explore the business communities located at Malaga Cove and Lunada Bay Plazas. Both areas offer an array of unique retailers, financial institutions, non-profit organizations, real-estate, food/dining, home improvement and other professional services that may be just what you need.



There are many benefits to shopping locally. Local businesses tend to meet the needs and desires of the community in which they are found. The owners and their employees often are from the same community – they are your neighbors and will take the time to get to know you, their customers. Additionally, local businesses often give back to their own community. Studies show that small businesses provide as much as 350% more in charitable donations than larger businesses. Keeping funds in the community by shopping locally also helps strengthen the local economy, which helps support infrastructure and public safety.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce also encourages shopping locally through their “Local First” initiative. “Local First” educates the community about the benefits of supporting local businesses. More information about the initiative can be found at [www.palosverdeschamber.com](http://www.palosverdeschamber.com), or by calling the Chamber directly at (310) 377-8111. The Chamber’s PVP Coupons / Hot Deals promotion, also found on their website, is another way to encourage consumers to keep their business on the Hill. This program offers special savings and discounts to shoppers, at no cost to the merchant or shopper.

Help support local businesses by shopping locally!

## Installation of Wireline and Wireless Telecommunications –

### *What is the City’s role?*

Voice and electronic data are transmitted either through wires (wireline) such as fiber optics or through the air (wireless) such as cellular service. Being able to receive telephone service, television, computer access through both means are very important in today’s world, and the lack of such service is significantly frustrating. Frequently, the City receives inquiries from residents about why wireline and wireless service providers such as Verizon, AT&T and others don’t provide fiber optics to homes. To clarify the limited role of the City, please see below:

Wireline Services typically utilize existing telephone and cable television infrastructure (systems) that are either located on poles or underground. The City welcomes providers to consider deployment of high-speed fiber optics throughout the City; however, it is up to the telecommunication company to independently determine if the project fits within its business goals. The City’s only discretionary role in this type of project would be for the approval of above-ground structures within the public right of way.

Wireless Services are regulated differently than wireline services per the Federal Wireless Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The City can regulate only time, place and manner, but not preclude installations. Recognizing potential visual impacts, the City created a process that includes review by the Planning Commission. The process has been successful in developing antenna locations within the City that are camouflaged in order to reduce visual impacts. Ultimately, the telecommunication company, regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission, is responsible for identifying gaps of service and to proposing locations for such a facility.

If residents are interested in seeing either of these capabilities available or expanded within the City, they are advised to directly contact their telecommunications provider to report the concern or request.



## Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting

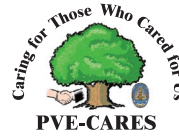
The Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 2013 at the City Hall Council Chambers, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. Please plan on joining us for an informative meeting and to learn what Neighborhood Watch has planned for 2014.

It has been a busy 2013 so far and we have accomplished many exciting things... Neighborhood Watch Board and volunteers have changed the NW Areas to reflect those of the 6 Disaster District Program, recruited 2 Area Coordinators and multiple Block Captains, sent out a Spring Newsletter, and is currently working on the Fall Newsletter, launched its 1st and 2nd Photo Contests, supported events such as the Earth Day and Independence Day Celebrations and the PVE-CARES Seniors' Prom. Most recently they have launched the new NW Website ([www.PVENW.org](http://www.PVENW.org)) and executed National Night Out which had over 500 residents at 13 events throughout the City.

The Annual Meeting is open to all NW members as well as those interested in joining Neighborhood Watch. The success of Neighborhood Watch depends on residents like you, so please support this vital community program. More information on Neighborhood Watch and the Annual Meeting can be found at [www.pvenw.org](http://www.pvenw.org) or by contacting Community Relations Officer, Marcelle McCullough at (310) 378-4211.

### ***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](http://www.pvestates.org). If you are interested in receiving the Agenda via email, please subscribe; click on "Join E-News" on the homepage.*



## PVE-CARES Needs Volunteers

**P**VE-CARES (Community Assistance and Resources for the Elderly and Seniors) is a community program serving as a resource and referral guide for seniors/elderly and any "dependent adult" age 18 to 64 in Palos Verdes Estates. The program is administered by the Police Department to assist these individuals in remaining safe and independent in their own homes.

PVE-CARES is now seeking volunteers! Volunteers need not be seniors themselves. Training will start later this year and will require only one night per week for eight weeks. Each session will last approximately an hour. Once the training is complete, volunteers will help by enrolling new members in the community and will assist at events held throughout the year.

For more information please call the PVE-CARES office at (310) 378-4211 ext. 2131. Do you have the desire to help our aging residents? Give us a call!!

## PVE-CARES to Host 8th Annual Health Fair

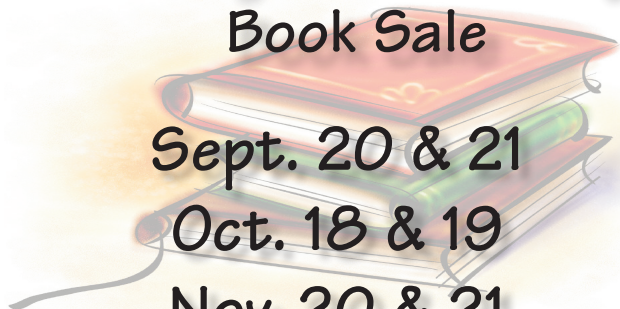
**O**n Friday, October 25, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., PVE-CARES will be hosting its 8th annual Health Fair at the Neighborhood Church, 415 Paseo Del Mar. All seniors are welcome to attend. The Fair will have Health Care Screenings, Health Resource Booths, Flu Shots, Shredding Service, Live Entertainment and Lunch --- all FREE to those attending. Every year proves to be more successful than the last, so we hope you can make it!

## Malaga Cove Library Book Sale

Sept. 20 & 21

Oct. 18 & 19

Nov. 20 & 21



# Cars and Bicycles Share the Road



Although the City of Palos Verdes Estates does not have bicycle lanes, the roadways can also be used by cyclists. Cyclists have the same rights on the road as automobile drivers, which

mean they are subject to the same laws as well. We encourage cyclists and drivers alike to observe these bicycle and automobile safety tips offered by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation:

## Cyclists

- Ride with traffic and as near to the right as safely as possible.
- Stop at all stop signs and observe speed limits, especially when travelling downhill.
- Use lights and reflectors at night.
- Use hand signals to indicate your intention to drivers.
- Don't block the road by riding two bikes abreast; Ride single file.
- Honor others' right of way.
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line even with parked cars.
- While children under 18 must wear a helmet, cyclists of all ages should value their own life and always wear a helmet!
- Make eye contact with motorists to make sure they see you.

## Motorists

- Be aware bicyclists have legal access to the roadway and must obey stop signs, speed limits and most other traffic laws and signs.
- Special care must be used near bicyclists because any accident with them could lead to serious injury.
- Leave safe passing room of approximately 3 feet of space as a buffer; if you are not sure you have enough room to pass, don't.
- When turning, provide enough space to allow a safe area between the car and the bicycle.
- Bicyclists may have to swerve to avoid a car door suddenly opening, glass, storm grates, dogs and other hazards on the road.
- When the lane is too narrow to pass a bicyclist safely, wait until the next lane is clear and give the bicyclist all the rights of any other slow moving vehicle.
- A motorist parked at a curb must not open a door on the traffic side of a vehicle without looking for other vehicles, including bicycles or motorcycles.
- Be observant of bicyclists signaling a turn – a rider may give right turn signals with their right arm held straight out or pointing right.
- Don't honk at bicyclists. Loud noise may startle and distract them.
- Be Patient.

For more information, visit the Los Angeles Department of Transportation website: [www.bicyclela.org](http://www.bicyclela.org)

## Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Time Change

**B**eginning Wednesday, September 11, 2013, Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. The Traffic Safety Committee is responsible for reviewing the best means for coordinating and administering traffic regulations and traffic-related concerns, with consideration of speeds and traffic volume. The time change will make it more convenient for members of the community to attend and participate in Traffic Safety Committee meetings, and is consistent with the Monday evening Parklands Committee meetings, which also begin at 7:30 p.m.

### REMINDER:

- Planning Commission - third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Parklands Committee - second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Traffic Safety Committee – second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

For more information, please visit [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org), under "City Government," "Commission and Committees," or contact City Hall at (310) 378-0383.

## Heal the Bay - Coastal Clean-Up Day on September 21st!



The 28th Annual Heal the Bay Coastal Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st from 9 a.m.

to 12 p.m. With over 50 locations in Los Angeles County, this annual worldwide Coastal Clean-up Day is the largest volunteer event on the planet. The local clean-up site in Palos Verdes Estates will be Malaga Cove/RAT Beach.

Heal the Bay is promoting zero waste and asking participants to bring the following:

- Bucket — any type of bucket to collect trash in
- Gloves — garden gloves are the best, but you can also bring any other types of household gloves
- Water — Bring a reusable water bottle

(Remember hydration is important)

- Snacks — Pack a snack in a reusable lunch bag or lunchbox
- Don't worry if you don't have any of these supplies! We will provide them for you at the site. Your participation in "zero waste" helps create a "greener" cleanup site.

This is a great opportunity for your family and friends to do something wonderful for our beloved oceans and beaches. **Volunteer registration is required.** For more information on how to sign-up, please visit [www.healthebay.org](http://www.healthebay.org). Please note, everybody who joins us for Coastal Clean-up Day is required to sign a waiver and **ALL** volunteers under the age of 18 must have the appropriate liability waiver **signed by a parent or legal guardian** before participating.

## West Nile Virus Advisory

The West Nile Virus (WNV) has been a prevalent and local risk throughout the summer months. All residents should continue to be mindful and take necessary precautions. West Nile Virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito and can be passed to animals. While household pets can be infected, they rarely become ill; however, if you are concerned about your pet, contact your veterinarian. Birds and squirrels are animals that are more likely to suffer significant health impacts from the WNV.

Most humans infected with WNV will not experience any illness, while others will have only mild symptoms, such as fever, headache and body aches. Less than 1 percent of individuals will develop serious illness that will require medical attention. The elderly and those with lowered immune systems are considered high-risk of developing the West Nile fever if bitten by an infected mosquito.

Reduce your risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

1. Avoid spending time outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
2. When outdoors, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
3. Apply insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon, eucalyptus, or IR3535 before going outdoors.
4. Repair doors and windows that may have broken, torn, or loose screens.
5. Eliminate and drain all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding. This includes neglected swimming pools, bird baths, pet dishes, flower planters, etc.

Visit <http://westnile.ca.gov> for more information. To report a dead bird or squirrel, please contact 1-877-WNV-BIRD.

## October Document Shredding Event

At the October 25<sup>th</sup> Senior Health Fair, all residents, including non-seniors, may take advantage of free document shredding provided by Athens Services, the City's waste hauler. The shredding truck will be placed at the Malaga Cove School District site/PV Beach and Athletic Club shared parking lot.

Shredding any document that has your personal information (such as birth date, social security number, bank or credit card account numbers, etc.) will greatly reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of identity theft. Please take advantage of this local opportunity. Shredding is done onsite and there is no limit as to how much you can bring. For more information, contact City Hall at (310) 378-0383 or Athens Services directly at (888) 336-6100.



## PV Transit Information for the 2013-14 Annual- Fall/Spring School Year

During the 2013-14 Annual-Fall/Spring 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/](http://www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit/)

**Fall passenger timetables** are now available on the 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 2012-2013, 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 office and City Hall for \$2.50 each. Cash for Tokens okay at the PV Transit office, but checks are preferred. City Hall does not accept cash for tokens – checks payable to PV Transit only.

**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:

	<b>Semester Pass (Aug 28 to Feb 1)</b>	<b>Annual Pass Aug 28 thru Jun 15)</b>
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 may be sold by mail. The application and instructions are available on the PV Transit website or by contacting them directly.

### PV Transit Contact Information

Phone: 310-544-7108 (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) Fax: 310-544-7109

E-Mail: [pvtransit@palosverdes.com](mailto:pvtransit@palosverdes.com)

For route information call: (310) 544-3710 or (310) 345-5486.

## “Just One” from the Palos Verdes Homes Association

The PVHA is doing their part to be green and save money by providing “just one” mailing of your proxy packet. Only one ballot, one mailing, one chance to sign your proxy and attend the Palos Verdes Homes Association’s 89th Annual Meeting & Election of

Directors on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014. When you receive your packet in October, please follow the directions and respond by mail, fax or email. Please be sure to return it promptly! If you have any questions, contact the PVHA directly at [310] 373-6721.

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City will be closed for the following holidays:

- Labor Day - Monday, September 2nd
- Columbus Day – Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th

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