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CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

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Regular Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (dark in August) at 6:30 p.m. All City Council meetings are open to the public. Notice of the meetings and agenda items are available at least 72 hours in advance.

To View Agendas, Action Minutes, and Audio/Video Recordings:
www.pvestates.org/government/city-council/city-meetings

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TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL

DOs & DON'Ts



✓ DO'S

- ✓ **• Check where your property line is and verify ownership of the tree.**
Even if the tree appears to be in your yard or private property, the tree may actually be in the public right-of-way or parklands and be a public tree. Contact Urban Forester Carl Moritz at (310) 750-9813 or cmoritz@pvestates.org to confirm ownership of the tree.
- ✓ **• If the tree is confirmed to be private, contact the Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) at (310) 373-6721 for next steps.**
The PVHA's contact information and hours are available on their website, www.pvha.org.
- ✓ **• Get a proposal from a qualified tree trimming company for standard trimming.**
Standard trimming means no height reduction, no topping, and no aggressive thinning, which is typically more than 25% reduction of the density. The City requires contractors to have a business license, a C61/D49 tree trimming specialty contractor's license, and liability insurance of \$1,000,000 and Workman's Compensation.
- ✓ **• If the tree is public, determine if Parklands Committee approval is required.**
If the tree is not immediately adjacent to your property (i.e., in an area that appears to be your front or side yard), if the tree is adjacent to your neighbor's property, or if you wish to remove the tree, top the tree, or trim the tree in excess of what the City considers to be "standard trimming," Parklands Committee approval is required. Contact Urban Forester Carl Moritz at (310) 750-9813 or cmoritz@pvestates.org for additional information and to discuss the request. A permit application to the Parklands Committee and payment of the applicable fees is required.

If the tree is adjacent to your neighbor's property and the request is to complete standard trimming only, written permission from the property owner adjacent to the tree can be submitted to the City for review and may waive the requirement for Parklands Committee approval.

After submission of the application, the request will be reviewed by the Parklands Committee. Action taken by the Parklands Committee is advisory, and City Council will take action on all items at a subsequent City Council Meeting.
- ✓ **• If Parklands Committee approval is not required, or after the Parklands Committee recommends approval and City Council takes action on the approval, hire a qualified tree trimming company and the tree trimming company will request the applicable type of tree trimming permit from the City.**
The City requires contractors to have a business license, a C61/D49 tree trimming specialty contractor's license, and liability insurance of \$1,000,000 and Workman's Compensation.
There are multiple types of permits, such as tree trimming, tree topping, and tree removal, and there are different fees associated with each permit type and the extent of trimming that is to be completed. Permits can be applied for and the associated fees can be paid in person at City Hall. It is recommended that requests be discussed with Urban Forester Carl Moritz prior to applying for a permit, if you have not done so already.
- ✓ **• Schedule the work for the season appropriate for the species of tree(s) to be trimmed.**
This will be discussed with Urban Forester Carl Moritz when applying for a permit or when reviewing an application to the Parklands Committee.
- ✓ **• Schedule the work for the season appropriate for bird nesting season, and conduct a bird nest survey prior to any work.**
Bird nesting season is February through September, so this time of year should be avoided. In California some bird nests can be found at any time of year, so a bird nest survey is needed any time of year.

Tree Trimming and Removal continued



• **Stop all work if active bird nests are found and reschedule the tree trimming or removal.**

It is illegal to destroy a nest or eggs of any bird and violators are subject to Federal, State, and local enforcement.



• **Stop all work if the tree is within 50 feet of an active Songbird nest or 500 feet of an active Raptor nest.**

Songbirds and Raptors are protected, and tree trimming is not permitted near their nests. Violators are subject to Federal, State, and local enforcement.



DO NOT:



• **DO NOT TRIM OR REMOVE A TREE WITHOUT CHECKING IF IT IS A PUBLIC TREE**



• **DO NOT TRIM OR REMOVE ANY PUBLIC TREES WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMIT(S) FROM THE CITY.**



• **DO NOT HIRE AN UNQUALIFIED CONTRACTOR.**



• **DO NOT TRIM A TREE DURING THE INCORRECT SEASON FOR THE SPECIES OF THE TREE.**



• **DO NOT TRIM OR REMOVE A TREE WITH AN ACTIVE BIRD NEST, WITHIN 50 FEET OF SONGBIRD NEST, OR WITHIN 500 FEET OF A RAPTOR NEST.**



FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE URBAN FORESTER, CARL MORITZ, AT (310) 750-9813 OR CMORITZ@PVESTATES.ORG.

Palos Verdes Estates Police Department Crime Prevention Tips



Although we live in one of the safest cities in the State, that does not mean that crimes doesn't occur in PVE. The most common crimes in PVE are theft and burglary. We can dramatically lower our crime rate with everyone's proactive actions.

Here are 10 tips to help keep you from being a victim of a burglary or theft. Use these tips along with your home security system to protect your home and your loved ones.

1. **Secure your car and home.** Whether you are at home or away, lock your doors and set your alarm. If you have a security camera system, make sure it is recording and storing. Install 1-inch deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. If you have sliding or French doors consider putting motion detectors on them. If you park your car on the street, take your valuables in with you, or lock them in the trunk, lock your doors, and set the car alarm.
2. **Be aware of who is at your door.** If you get a knock at the door, look who is knocking before opening the door. Beware of distraction burglars where one person will keep you distracted at the door while another enters the rear of your home. Never let strangers in to use your bathroom or make a phone call. If someone suspicious is at your door, call the police immediately.
3. **Don't leave spare keys out.** Don't leave extra keys under doormats, potted plants, or any other obvious outdoor location. Thieves will generally find them. Find an inconspicuous place to hide the keys, or give a set to a neighbor you can trust. Do not park your car and leave the key on the tire, or hidden in the fender well. Thieves know this trick.
4. **Keep garage doors closed at all times.** Keep your garage door closed and locked. Your garage door leads directly into your home, and your garage has many things that someone may want to steal.
5. **Store cash, and valuables off site.** Don't keep large amounts of money in your house. Use a safety deposit box in a bank to put your valuables when they are not in use.
6. **Use Technology.** Technology has several ways that help you to secure your home. You can use your phone to turn on and off lights, giving the appearance someone is home. You can purchase a camera system at a low cost that will allow you to monitor your house. Finally, there are doorbell cameras that notify you when someone rings your doorbell, and gives you the ability to tell the person you are busy.
7. **See something, say something.** If you see something suspicious at your house, at your neighbor's house, or in your neighborhood, call the police and let them know. We will send an officer out to investigate and ensure the neighborhood is safe.

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8. **Join Neighborhood Watch.** Join neighborhood watch to keep up to date what is going on in your neighborhood, get to know your neighbors, and help understand what is suspicious in your neighborhood.



9. **Follow the Police Department on social media.** Follow the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department on Facebook (palosverdesestatespd), Twitter @pvepd, and Instagram (palosverdesestatespd) to stay up to date on arrests, crimes, public information, and safety tips. Subscribe to the Weekly PD Update by emailing Community Relations Officer Merlin David at m david@pvestates.org with a message to add you to the distribution list.

10. **Call for a home security assessment.** You can call the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department to set up an appointment for an officer to come to your house and give a home security assessment. The officer will look at your doors, gates, vegetation, etc., and give an assessment of what you can do to make your home safer. Just call 310-378-4211, and ask for Community Relations Officer Merlin David or Captain Hellinga.



now is the time to get your family disaster-ready

5 prep steps

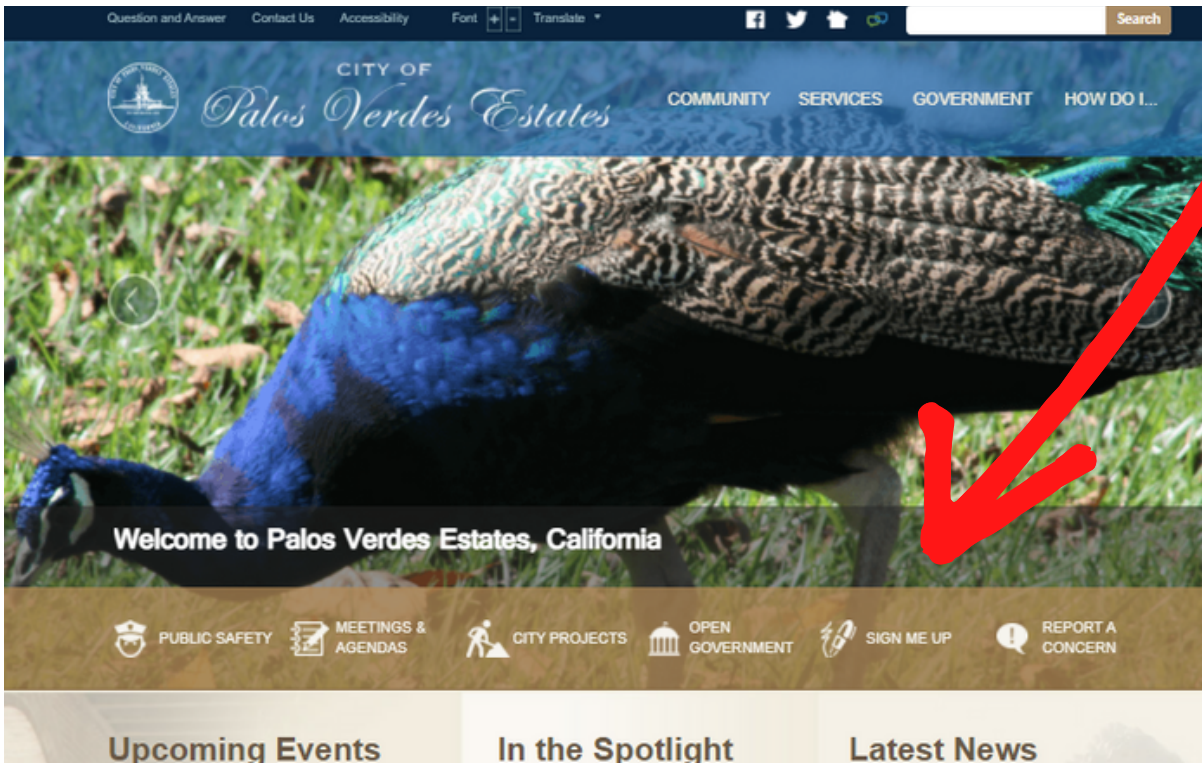
- ✓ PREPARE YOUR FAMILY
- ✓ PREPARE YOUR HOME
- ✓ GET EMERGENCY SUPPLIES
- ✓ GET OFFICIAL ALERTS & INFO
- ✓ PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

KNOWTHEDRILL.ORG

MAKE SURE YOU STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL CITY NEWS!

 *sign up for e-notifications*

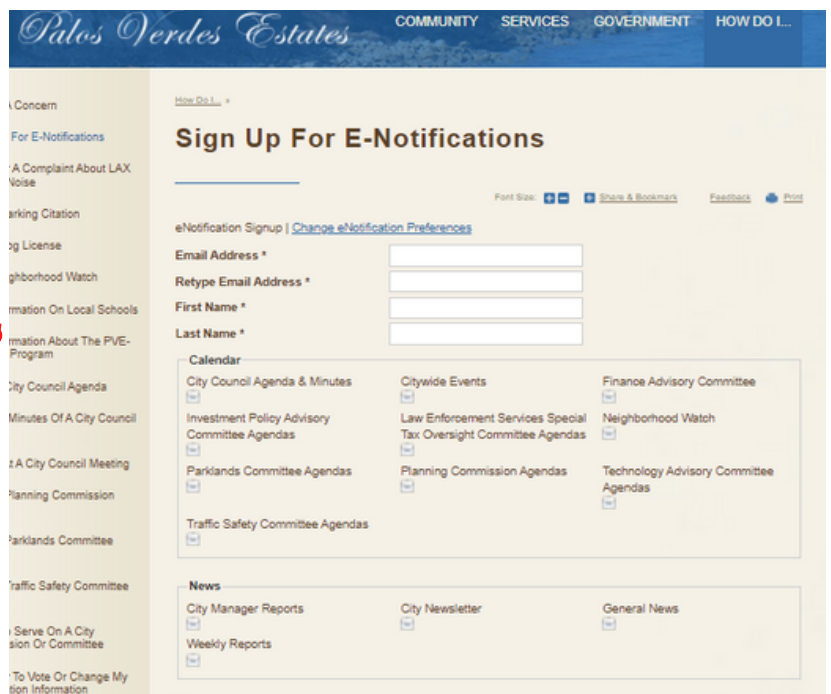
ON THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE, CLICK "SIGN ME UP"



THEN SELECT YOUR E-NOTIFICATION PREFERENCES



OR SELECT "SUBSCRIBE TO ALL EMAILS"



The screenshot shows the 'Sign Up For E-Notifications' form. The form includes fields for 'Email Address *', 'Retype Email Address *', 'First Name *', and 'Last Name *'. Below these fields is a 'Calendar' section with a grid of checkboxes for various city services and committees, including 'City Council Agendas & Minutes', 'Citywide Events', 'Finance Advisory Committee', 'Investment Policy Advisory Committee Agendas', 'Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee Agendas', 'Neighborhood Watch', 'Parklands Committee Agendas', 'Planning Commission Agendas', 'Technology Advisory Committee Agendas', and 'Traffic Safety Committee Agendas'. There is also a 'News' section with checkboxes for 'City Manager Reports', 'City Newsletter', 'General News', and 'Weekly Reports'.

www.pvestates.org/how-do-i/sign-up-for-e-notifications



It is against the law to take, damage, or move any political sign without authorization from the owner of the sign(s) with the intent to prevent, substantially alter, or substantially obscure communication of the sign.

For concerns, please contact the City's Code Enforcement Officer, Kash Pickens
codeenforcement@pvstates.org or
(310) 750-9800

Additionally - Please do not place signs on utility poles!

This practice violates California Penal Code 556.1 and 591, which prohibits posting political placards and leaflets, or any other information or advertisement (e.g., community events, garage sales, lost animals, etc.). Listed as a misdemeanor, the Penal Code states that the offense is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and a maximum of five-year imprisonment.

In addition, this law protects linemen and their crews who use the poles in their work. Nails or other fasteners used to hold signs create a hazard for these employees.



CITY COUNCIL DISCONTINUES WORK ON ROUNDABOUT DESIGN

A Project Update for the Palos Verdes Drive West Corridor Project was presented at the August 22, 2022 City Council Special Meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council directed staff to discontinue work on a roundabout design at the Palos Verdes Drive West/Via Corta intersection.

The City Council requested a formal report back to be presented at a future Council meeting with recommendations related to project implications, improving the intersection's performance, and community engagement. Previously scheduled parking mitigation outreach open houses have been canceled.



STAGE 2 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT



California continues to experience an increasingly severe drought. As a result, Cal Water has deployed their Stage 2 Drought Contingency Plan. As a result, outdoor landscape irrigation is now limited to two days per week as follows, between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.:

- Addresses ending with an odd number: Tuesday and Saturday
- Addresses ending with an even number or with no street number: Wednesday and Sunday
- All leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in a customer's plumbing fixtures and/or irrigation system must be repaired within five business days of written notification by Cal Water.
- Vehicles may only be washed with a hose that has a shutoff nozzle or similar device.
- Water may not be used on driveways or sidewalks, unless for health and safety purposes.
- No watering of outdoor landscapes may occur during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

For more information on water restrictions, please visit the Cal Water website by clicking [here](#).

City Council Adopts Annual Workplan

City Council Work Plan Guides Fiscal Year 2022-23 Policy Initiatives

Developing an agreed upon and unified City Council vision for the fiscal year's organizational priorities provides several benefits for the organization:

- Supports the City Council's proactive focus on accomplishing work objectives rather than reacting to issues;
- Provides a clear message from the City Council to the community and staff of what the City Council aims to accomplish;
- Fosters consensus on policies and projects within the City Council;
- Assists in allocating staff time and other needed resources, including budget appropriations to support project delivery/initiatives; and
- Creates a more transparent and accountable government.

The City's [adopted 2022-23 workplan](#) contains 32 initiatives which are organized into the following themes:

- Financial Management
- Capital Improvement + Operations
- Communications + Customer Service
- Parklands
- Information Technology
- Planning

To provide transparency on City initiatives and their progress, the City Council will review the status of Work Plan initiatives quarterly at a City Council meeting. The initial Council status review is planned for the Council Meeting of October 11, 2022.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

September

- **Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting

- **Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.**

Special Planning Commission Meeting



October

- **Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting

- **Tuesday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m.**

Investment Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

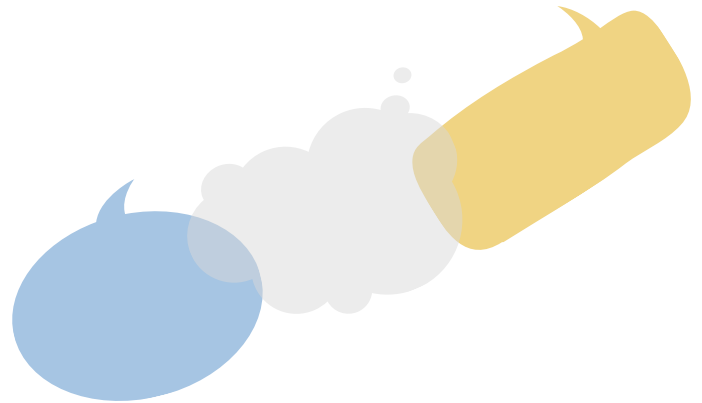
- **Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

Finance Advisory Committee

- **Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

City Council Meeting

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, unless otherwise noted on the meeting Agenda. For the most up-to-date information and to view Agendas, please visit www.pvestates.org



Athens Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up event is scheduled for October 15, 2022.

More information coming soon.

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Community Emergency Response Training

Training Classes starting
Saturday September 24, 2022

C.E.R.T. TRAINING IS COMING TO PALOS VERDES
SIGN UP NOW!
FREE!

The **Los Angeles County Fire Department** is proud to present this training to the public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire, and medical personnel may not be able to fully meet the demand. People will have to rely on each other to meet immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

Developed through FEMA, the L.A. County Fire Department's **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)** program provides basic training in safety and life saving skills for the public.

The course curriculum covers the following modules:

Saturday, September 24	Saturday, October 1	Saturday, October 8
1. Disaster Preparedness 2. Disaster Fire Suppression 3. Disaster Medical Ops 1	4. Disaster Medical Ops 2 5. Light Search & Rescue 6. Disaster Psychology	7. CERT Organization 8. Terrorism 9. Course Review & Disaster Simulation Exercise

The training course will be a series of three classes on:
September 24, October 1 & 8 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm

**Rancho Del Mar High School,
38 Crest Road West,
Rolling Hills, CA 90274**

C.E.R.T. training is free

Sign up by emailing gk1319@yahoo.com or 310 780-6867

Please include your name, phone number, and email address.

Class size is limited. Sign up today to reserve your seat.

CERT Class information is also posted on the Fire Department website: <http://fire.lacounty.gov>

*Students must complete all 20 hours of the course to receive a certificate of completion. If you must miss any units, you can make them up anywhere CERT is taught to receive your certificate.

PLEASE JOIN THE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES POLICE DEPARTMENT



FOR OUR FIRST "COFFEE WITH A COP"

COME JOIN US FOR **FREE** COFFEE!

TALK WITH US — GET TO KNOW US
WE'D LOVE TO GET TO KNOW YOU — AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU



MALAGA COVE RANCH MARKET

43 Malaga Cove Plaza, PVE, CA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

(10-4-22)

8 AM – 10 AM

Please stop by and see us — the Coffee is on us! If you have any questions, please contact
PVE PD Community Relations Officer, Merlin David: mdavid@pvestates.org or 310-750-9788

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

Palos Verdes Estates Residents

FREE COMPOST

Saturday, October 8th
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

City Hall Parking Lot
340 Palos Verdes Dr W
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Athens' compost is a blend of organics material including a mix of green waste, wood waste, and food scraps.* Our compost is OMRI Listed® and licensed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. *May contain small particles of glass.

- ▶ **PALOS VERDES ESTATES RESIDENTS ONLY**
(PLEASE BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY)
- ▶ **BRING STURDY CONTAINERS**
(32-GALLON LIMIT PER HOUSEHOLD)
- ▶ **NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED**
- ▶ **GLOVES AND EYE PROTECTION RECOMMENDED**

- ▶ **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**
- ▶ **NO CONTAINER LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS**
DUE TO SAFETY & WEIGHT CONCERNS
- ▶ **BE RESPECTFUL TO YOUR NEIGHBORS & KEEP**
THE AREA TIDY!

Participation in the event and all items accepted are at your own risk. It is the attendees' responsibility to practice safe lifting and take all protective measures to guard against injury or any other loss.

