



Newsletter

Spring 2015

City Council Reorganization

All Palos Verdes Estates residents are welcome to attend the City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina when the City will honor three retiring City Council members, three new City Council members will take their Oath of Office, and the City Council will elect a new Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore. The community is thereafter invited to join in refreshments. A detailed announcement is available on the City website at www.pvestates.org/News.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE? WE WANT YOU.

Civic minded volunteers wanted. The City is accepting applications for the regularly expiring terms on the Planning Commission, Parklands Committee and Traffic Safety Committee as of July 1, 2015. Interested Palos Verdes Estates residents are encouraged to volunteer and submit an application for the positions.

There will be two available positions on the Planning Commission, two available positions on the Parklands Committee and three available positions on the Traffic Safety Committee. Appointments are for a two-year term beginning in July. Commission/Committees meet monthly. The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. **Effective July 1, 2015**, the Parklands Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Traffic Safety Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The applications are available at City Hall or online at www.pvestates.org (on the Home Page, click on "I Want To..." then "apply to serve..."). They are due to the City Clerk's office by Friday, May 1st. Interviews by the City Council will take place in late-May. Questions about applications, or this process, may be directed to the City Clerk's office at (310) 378-0383 or by email to cityclerk@pvestates.org.

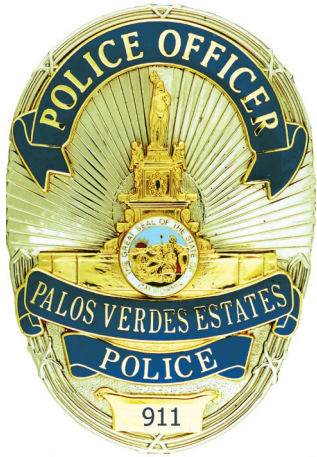
Palos Verdes Estates City Council

- Mayor Ellen Perkins
- Mayor Pro Tem Rosemary Humphrey
- Councilmember John Rea
- Councilmember George F. Bird, Jr.
- Councilmember James F. Goodhart
- Website: www.pvestates.org
- Email City Hall at: CityClerk@pvestates.org

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For March, April, May and June 2015, the Parklands Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and 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 and the City Website at least 72 hours before the meeting. For more information call City Hall at (310) 378-0383; Fax: (310) 378-7820.

CRIME TRENDS – A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF KEPLEY



In comparison to jurisdictions throughout Los Angeles County, Palos Verdes Estates is a very safe community, and we are pleased to report that the incidence of crime was lower in 2014

than 2013. Residents' personal prevention efforts and involvement in Neighborhood Watch (www.pvenw.org) contributed significantly to this positive outcome. However, diligence and continued deterrence efforts are important for preventing crime. The Police Department would like to provide the following overview of data for activities in 2014. In summary, Part 1 offenses (Major Crime as defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Report) decreased by 23%, a reduction

from 155 criminal offenses to 120 criminal offenses.

Crimes against persons remained very low with only five incidents reported; four involved incidents where the suspect and victim had a prior or current relationship, and one resulted from a traffic dispute between motorists. The City had no homicides and no armed robberies during the year.

Incidents of burglary decreased from 54 to 52, and larceny decreased from 89 to 57. Larceny crimes, commonly called "property crimes," have significantly decreased. The largest decrease is in thefts from vehicles. Although there is no single explanation for the drop, a number of factors were reviewed that may account for the positive change. First, residents are locking

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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 home page.



Nixle Public Safety Alerts

The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department has partnered with Nixle, a public safety communication system for Police personnel to send timely community safety information directly to subscribers via email or text message. Notifications can also be accessed online through the Nixle website. To sign-up and receive text alerts to your phone, text the number 888777 (in

the "recipient" field) and the zip code 90274 (in the message field). There are no spam messages associated with the service, but standard text messaging rates do apply. To subscribe online and receive email notifications, go to www.nixle.com, click "Sign up" in the top right corner, fill out the online form and click "I Accept. Sign me up!" Don't delay; do it today.



Join Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch groups are a smart and effective way for residents to deter crime, maintain community safety, and work in conjunction with the Police Department.

When you register for Neighborhood Watch (a tax-deductible donation of \$5 per year), you will receive weekly crime reports reflecting current crime trends and other Police Department communications and Neighborhood Watch newsletters. In addition, membership supports community programs such as National Night Out, the Independence Day Celebration, PVE - CARES,

and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Community Emergency Response Team.

If you are interested in becoming a member, a Block Captain or an Area Coordinator for Neighborhood Watch, please contact the City's Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at (310) 378-4211 or visit www.PVENW.org for more information. Always remember, if you spot any criminal activity, the best thing to do is call 310-378-4211 immediately or 9-1-1 for life threatening emergencies.

Award Winning Financial Results



The City has again received the distinguished national “Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting” award from the Government Finance Officers Association” (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year-ending June 30, 2013. In combination with the recently completed CAFR for year ending June 30, 2014, the City continues to be in a very favorable financial position and under prudent and responsible fiscal management. Both reports are available in full on the City website www.pvestates.org under the Finance Department tab.



MID-CYCLE & MID-YEAR FINANCIAL HEALTH STATUS

At the meeting of January 27, 2015, the City Council received a status report on the Fiscal Year 14/15 revenues and an analysis of the City’s fiscal health. The reports convey that the City maintains close control over expenditures and oversight of long-range costs. Both the mid-year budget update and the fiscal health report can be found at www.pvestates.org under the section of Finance / Financial Reports. Highlights of the mid-year report include:

- The City is maintaining “Rainy Day Fund” reserves of at least 50% of operating costs.
- Revenues are trending up moderately.

- Property tax, as a revenue source, remains strong.
- Building related revenue is lower than last year.
- The City’s long-term vision includes a strong commitment to citywide capital improvement projects.
- Economic uncertainties remain.

Through conservative fiscal management and appropriate constraint, the City is in a sound financial position and well positioned for the future.

WHAT'S GREEN IN PVE?

As part of the "Get to Know Your City" forum series in 2014, the City will be hosting its first *Energy and Environment Expo* on April 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event will take place on the **greenbelt** in front of Palos Verdes Estates City Hall (340 Palos Verdes Drive West) and at Civic Center Park adjacent to City Hall. In conjunction with this event, the City and its waste hauler will be providing free compost (while supplies last) to residents. Please note this is a self-serve pick-up program; residents must bring their own sturdy containers/buckets. Plastic bags will not be allowed and shovels will be provided for all able-bodied residents. Assistance will be provided to the elderly and disabled.

Please look for more information regarding the variety of educational booths and activities at the expo on the City's website www.pvestates.org or contact Administrative Analyst Joe Mendoza at (310) 378-0383 or email: jmendoza@pvestates.org. **Go Green** to Protect our Valuable Environment.

FAQ RIGHTS-OF-WAY **FAQ AVAILABLE ONLINE**

What are the City "Rights-of-Way"? The definition and allowed uses of Rights-of-Way can be confusing. To help address the uncertainty, please see the frequently asked questions (FAQ) on the City's website at www.pvestates.org. The FAQ answers questions about permitted and unpermitted structures in the City's Right-of-Way. Please share the FAQ with your contractors too!

BULKY TRASH PICK-UP – MAY 2ND

Palos Verdes Estates' Annual Bulky Trash Pick-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. Items should be placed at curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. **Items placed at the curb after 6:00 a.m. will not be taken.**

Bulky trash is defined 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 the waste hauler directly if you have construction waste and are in need of a temporary debris container. For more information you may contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 or visit www.AthenServices.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup



The Palos Verdes Peninsula's next Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/ Electronics Waste (E-Waste) Roundup will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 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.

As a reminder, the City of Palos Verdes Estates is unable to accept hazardous materials. Electronic waste may continue to be dropped off at the City Streets & Parks Department at 340 Palos Verdes Drive West, Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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their vehicles and removing valuables from plain sight within vehicles. Secondly, the Police Department was successful in arresting several suspects who were in the act of committing crime “clusters.” Clusters are multiple events (typically 3-5) being committed in a short time frame, usually overnight and in the same neighborhood, when several vehicles have

property removed. Third, we believe that the Police/community partnership with Nixle alerts and information sharing assisted in the positive outcome. Prevention measures, coupled with vigilance by neighbors to report suspicious persons or activity, and effective policing has been proven a successful formula for deterring crime.

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75th Anniversary Celebration Merchandise - 50% Off Sale!

Merchandise commemorating the City of Palos Verdes Estates 75th Anniversary is now on sale at City Hall. Available merchandise includes (at the stated discount price):

- Collared Polo Shirts (men’s & women’s sizes)\$10.00
- T-shirts (adult and children’s sizes).....\$ 5.00
- Visors and Caps\$ 5.00
- Commemorative Pins\$ 5.00

Wearing these items is a great way to show community pride and celebrate the memories! To purchase these items, please visit City Hall (340 Palos Verdes Drive West) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Cash, check, Visa and Mastercard credit cards accepted. For more information, please call the City at (310) 378-0383.

MALAGA COVE LIBRARY BOOK SALE



MARCH 20 & 21
APRIL 17 & 18
MAY 15 & 16

Palos Verdes Tennis Club Junior Round-Up



The Palos Verdes Tennis Club offers fun and challenging group workouts for juniors age 4 to 17. The Club has six USPTA certified tennis professionals with years of experience training junior players. With a combination of coordination and agility drills, the juniors are quickly becoming well-rounded tennis players.

Quick start tennis equipment is utilized to get the most out of the “Hot Shots” program which is available to children as young as 4 years old. The “Hot Shots” workout is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The older juniors (age 7 and up) are grouped by level from 1 to 4. Level 1 and 2 are beginners to intermediate, and level 3 and 4 are more experienced players. Level 1, 2 and 3 workouts are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and level 4 workouts are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

You do not have to be a member of Palos Verdes Tennis Club to participate in the junior workouts. For more information, and to sign up, please visit the Club’s website at www.pvtennisclub.com.

Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic – 2015 Summer Swim Lesson Program

The Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic Club (PVBAC) will once again offer youth swim lessons at the PVBAC pool, beginning in June, for club members and non-members.

SWIM LESSON SESSIONS (TUESDAY – FRIDAY)

Session 1: June 16 - July 3

Session 2: July 7 - July 24

Session 3: July 28 - August 14



Lessons are provided for children of all skill levels beginning as early as age 6 months. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration with the first session beginning at 10 a.m. and the last session beginning at 12:30 p.m. This is a lesson program only – no recreational swimming is available. PVE resident, non-member cost is \$180/session. Space is limited, so contact the PVBAC at (310) 375-8777 now for more information or to enroll. Sign-ups begin May 1st for PVE residents. The PVBAC will handle registration and payments directly.

Palos Verdes Stables Lesson Program



Palos Verdes Stables offers a multi-tiered lesson program starting with beginner ponies to advanced horses. Lessons are provided for all ages from tots to adults.

Palos Verdes Stables takes great pride in providing a safe and supportive environment for children to thrive and succeed. The tots program introduces young children to not only ride horses but love them. Children are

taught how to appropriately brush, tack and ride ponies. The lesson program offers a wide range of options from 1/2 hour private lessons for beginners to hour long group rides for more advanced riders.



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For more information, call (310) 378-3527.

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With regard to calls for service and self-initiated activity, the Police Department handled 20,562 incidents during 2014. This was a slight decrease over the 21,881 incidents handled last year. A hallmark and value of the Police Department continues to be the excellent response time. During 2014, the average time for Priority 1 calls (immediate response) was 1 minute and 55 seconds. Priority 2 events (routine response) was 3 minutes and 14 seconds.

Traffic safety throughout the City is of critical importance and a priority of the Police

Department. The Department issued a total of 3,295 citations in 2014, of which 2,496 were for parking offenses. The remainder were related to speed and various other moving and equipment violations. These policing efforts are augmented by the work of the City Traffic Engineer who works in concert with Police staff to identify areas where engineering design, signage, and traffic calming concepts can be employed to maximize safety throughout the community.

Enforcement, coupled with engineering and traffic calming efforts, also contribute to accident

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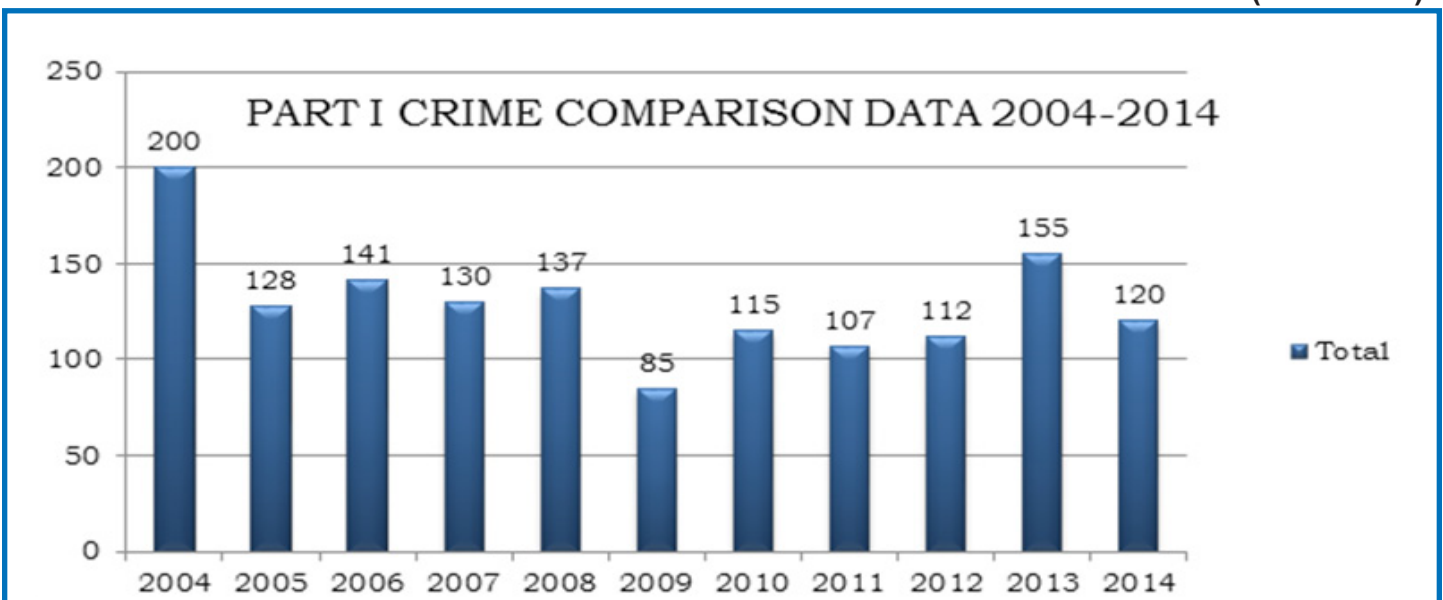
reduction. For the past four years, the accident rate has remained fairly static. There were 75 accidents in 2011, 77 in 2012, 73 in 2013, and this year a total of 59 accidents were investigated. A decrease of 13 hit-and-run accidents accounted for a majority of the decrease. Of the reported accidents, 18 involved injuries, and no fatal accidents were reported.

Based upon the data, Palos Verdes Estates remains as one of the safest cities in the region with an extremely low per capita crime rate. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank residents for their involvement in Neighborhood Watch

and diligence toward maintaining the personal and property safety, and the Police Department staff for their 24/7 commitment and hard work for public safety. And, as a final reminder, please secure your belongings, lock cars and homes and if you see something out of the ordinary, call the police. We encourage all residents to join Neighborhood Watch (www.pvenw.org) for enhancing crime prevention by working together. For more information on the Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Neighborhood Watch directly or our Community Relations Officer at (310) 378-4211.

Below is a chart illustrating Part 1 crime data for the past eleven years in the City.

Historical Crime Data (2004-2014)



Palos Verdes Estates Part I Crimes: Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Auto Theft, and Arson.

Join E-News

The City website home page, at www.pvestates.org, has a handy and easy tool to allow you to stay connected to City news and events. Just click on "Join E-News" on the front page of the web site and you are seconds away from automatically connecting to agenda items, newsletters and city announcements. Links are included for City Council meetings, and meetings of the Planning Commission, Parklands Committee and Traffic Safety Committee to subscribers. A link to Neighborhood Watch is also available. You can connect with one or all. Please join us!



Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration

The annual Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015 on the grounds of Malaga Cove School. This longstanding, successful community-wide event could not happen without the hard work and dedication of the Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration Committee. This committee was initially founded in 1962 by PVE resident volunteers. The event continues to be funded by private donations from Peninsula residents and is supported by the City of Palos Verdes Estates. The goal of this event is to applaud American values, celebrate our nation's independence, magnify our heritage of freedom and promote patriotism.

The committee welcomes residents interested in joining the committee and presenting this community event. For more information on the event or how to donate your time or resources, please contact Sharon Ryan at (310) 378-3370 or by email: travelser@yahoo.com.

HARRY H. BRANDEL, JR. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you a student majoring in, or intending to major in architecture, landscape architecture, civil engineering, land use planning or fine arts?

Scholarship applications are now available at the Palos Verdes Homes Association (320 Palos Verdes Drive West). Note that in order to qualify, one parent must be a property owner in Palos Verdes Estates or

the original Miraleste area of Rancho Palos Verdes. Selection criteria includes academic achievement, a written essay, letters of recommendation and community activities. Completed applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

If you have any questions, contact the Palos Verdes Homes Association at (310) 373-6721.

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