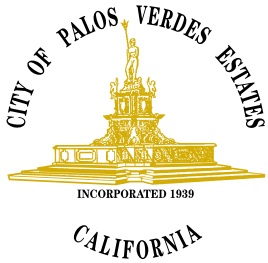


# Newsletter

Fall 2016



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## Living Among Coyotes



Coyotes are found throughout the Southern California and Los Angeles area, and thrive in the urban environment. They survive because the urban environment, though it poses some risks to coyotes, provides food, water, shelter, and space. During the past two years, coyote sightings have increased significantly in the South Bay area of Los Angeles.

Whether or not related to coyotes, incidents of missing pets have also increased throughout the region.

Most people see coyotes in the urban environment walking along trails, streets, or open spaces. Coyote attacks on humans are very rare, as coyotes are as scared of us as we may be scared of them. However, small pets, such as dogs and cats, are at risk of being the prey of coyotes if precautions are not taken.

Coyotes have adequate natural food supplies and are capable of surviving in the city without our help. Unfortunately, we sometimes unknowingly make it too easy or comfortable for the coyotes to eat and drink at our homes rather than forage for rodents in the open spaces. Many residents unknowingly create attractants by leaving pet food out or not picking up fallen fruit from fruit trees. The best way to protect people, pets, and coyotes is to discourage coyotes from visiting your property by modifying your behavior and reducing attractants.

In Palos Verdes Estates, the Police Department manages animal-related concerns. Ultimately, if a coyote becomes a significant risk to public

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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. The Parklands Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the Traffic Safety Committee meets the first 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, Commission and Committee 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 to (310) 378-7820, or email to [cityclerk@pvestates.org](mailto:cityclerk@pvestates.org).

# Living Among Coyotes continued

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safety or the protection of private property, the Police Department can initiate efforts for trapping. However, the ideal and preferred practice is that residents and coyotes learn to live symbiotically, as coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem. Residents are encouraged to notify the Police Department to report coyote sightings.

## Coyotes Do's and Don'ts

1. Never feed coyotes!
2. Coyotes are attracted to areas with rodents, so remove sources of food and rodent hiding places (wood piles, debris, etc.) in your yard and garden.
3. Remove fallen fruit and bird seed.
4. Secure trash with a locking lid, or put your trash out on the morning of trash pickup.
5. Use compost containers that do not attract rodents instead of having compost piles exposed in your yard or on your property.
6. Trim vegetation and remove unnecessary piles of wood and clutter to reduce rodent hiding places, and store necessary items off of the ground.
7. Work with your neighbors to discourage coyotes from your neighborhood.
8. Frighten coyotes away by spraying them with a garden hose, yelling, or banging pots and pans to help them re-learn their healthy and natural fear of humans.
9. Call the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department at 310-378-4211 to report coyote sightings, and dial 9-1-1 to report those that are behaving aggressively toward humans.



## Pets & Coyotes

1. Keep your pets on a short leash, 6' or shorter, when walking outdoors. Do not use retractable leashes or allow them to walk or run on their own, off-leash.
2. Keep your pets up-to-date on vaccinations.
3. Keep all pet food and treats indoors.
4. Never allow your pets to play with a coyote.
5. Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
6. If a coyote approaches you and your pet, yell, stomp your feet and throw small rocks or sticks at it.
7. Always supervise your pet whenever outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
8. Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
9. If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

## Facts About Coyotes

1. Coyotes are active year-round, especially during their breeding season from February to March.
2. Coyotes are active throughout the day, but especially at dawn and dusk.
3. Coyotes are highly adaptable and can live and make their dens in parks.
4. Coyotes may see pets as food, competition, or as a threat and can become aggressive.

5. Coyotes keep watch near their dens to keep threats away from their young.

## Things to Teach Children

1. Never approach wild animals (alive or dead) or dogs you don't know.
2. If a coyote approaches, wave your arms, stomp your feet, and tell it loudly to "Go away!"
3. Do not turn your back on coyotes or run away.
4. Call for help. If the animal doesn't leave, walk out of the area, keeping the animal in your sight.

## Adaptation to Humans

Coyotes have adapted to living in cities and neighborhoods because the urban environment supports them. The coyote population may fluctuate, but they typically won't leave an area once they are established. Coyotes that are trapped are euthanized since they cannot be relocated or released by law.

## Resources

Visit the Palos Verdes Estates website ([www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org)) for further resources pertaining to coyotes

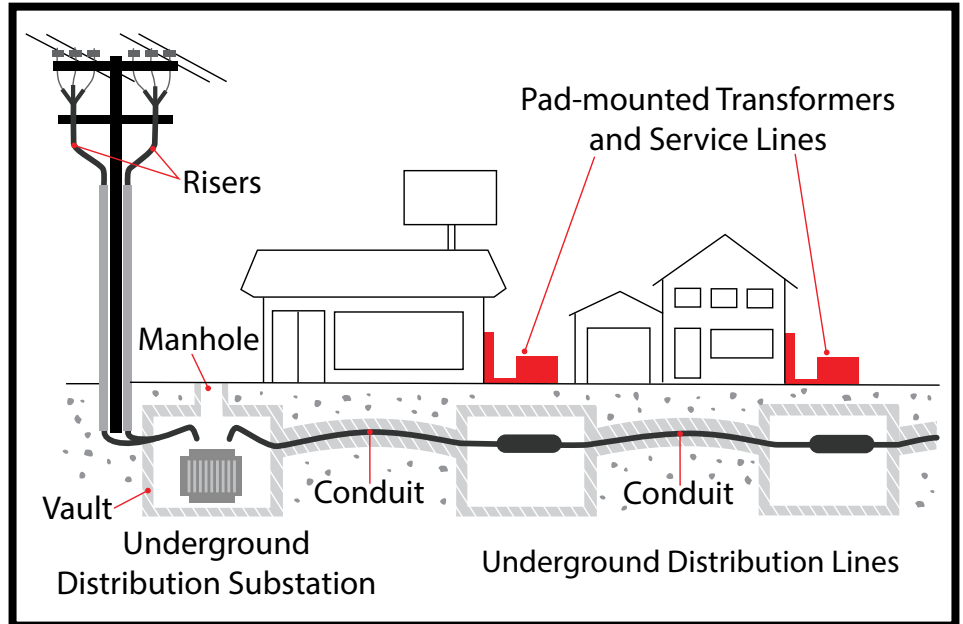
- Living with Urban Coyotes
- Home & Yard Checklist for Coyote Attractants
- Coyote Hazing Techniques
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Brochure: Keep Me Wild

# Underground Utility Assessment Districts

“Utility Undergrounding” is the process of placing underground all overhead utilities (electric, telephone, and cable TV wires) and electrical facilities such as transformers. Undergrounding provides benefit in terms of enhanced aesthetics appeal, system upgrades during the undergrounding process, and reduced risk of live-wire contact injuries.

The electrical system in the City of Palos Verdes Estates is owned and operated by Southern California Edison. As such, utility undergrounding is performed and funded pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) Rule 20 policies and procedures. Under Rule 20, undergrounding projects are financed by utility rate money, combined rate funds and local tax proceeds, or private funds depending upon what section of the Rule is applicable.

Costs to underground utilities vary substantially depending on the size, physical constraints and specific benefit of each property; how many overhead lines need to be placed underground; how many poles need to be removed; labor and material costs; and inflation. Costs per household are estimated between \$40,000 and \$75,000. The assessment can be paid in cash or through bond financing. Bond financing is generally paid through annual installments collected with the property tax bill, typically over a 15 to 20-year period. The assessment amount does not include the private



conversion portion of the project, i.e. converting the electrical service panel to receive the service from underground. Estimated cost for the service panel conversion is between \$5,000-\$15,000 per household and will depend upon the terrain, type of soil, the distance from the house to the road or easement, and connection to the main conduit.

The City has a process in place for residents who desire the utilities in their neighborhood to be undergrounded. The process starts with a neighborhood group creating a committee of at least three people who will be responsible for organizing neighborhood meetings, obtaining support, and distributing information about the project. The minimum area for formation of an underground District is one whole

City block or minimum 600 feet of overhead lines. The City’s role is to facilitate meetings, coordinate tasks, and hire and manage consultants. After a committee is formed, the City will work with the Committee to facilitate a community meeting to explain the process to property owners in the neighborhoods within the proposed district boundaries. With a letter of support signed by at least 60% of the property owners in the proposed district, the process begins.

For detailed information on the creation of an undergrounding District, please visit the Utility Underground Assessment Districts page on the City’s website ([www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org)).

# Yes, It's The City of Palos Verdes Estates Calling To Survey You...



**We want to hear from you. On October 17, the City Survey will be available online at [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org). If you have not already completed the survey, let us know your thoughts.**

This month, the City of Palos Verdes Estates is conducting a professionally administered formal survey of residents to ascertain community satisfaction with, and priorities for, City services.

The survey, conducted by the firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3), will include a random number of registered voters who are representative of the City's demographics in order to achieve a statistically significant sample. If you receive a telephone call for the survey, please don't hang up! We want to hear from you. Your input is very important.

This independently conducted survey will ensure participation is

anonymous as individual respondents cannot be identified, and all responses will be completely confidential.

Through the survey, the City is interested in hearing how we are doing, the community interests and priorities, and residents' visions for the City's future. The survey results, which also will be available to the public on the City's website, will assist City officials in current and long-term planning and resource allocation.

So, if you receive a call from FM3 purporting to be representing the City for conducting a survey, it's true. Don't hang up. Please participate; we want to hear from you.

## Palos Verdes Estates Citizens Academy

In April this year, following the vision and direction of past and current City Council members, the City initiated its first-ever PVE Citizen Academy composed of 18 courageous and curious resident volunteers. Designed as a leadership program, the PVE Citizen Academy is structured to educate residents about how the City works through experiential, interactive and behind-the-scenes activities.

The graduates participated in 11 intensive 3-hour sessions that concluded in July. Subject areas of the PVE Citizen Academy included

municipal operations and field services, budgeting, police and fire services, environmental programs, community recreation, and City planning and history.

The program provides a forum for residents to personally engage with City representatives about services and operations through structured activities. Applications for the next PVE Citizen Academy will be available in early Spring 2017. The City looks forward to continuing this program in the years to come.



Historical Tour & Discussion



Parklands Field Trip & Tour

# Fire and Paramedic Services

When you call 911 for a medical emergency or a fire, the responding trucks and personnel are from the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Under a contract service to the City, county services include fire suppression, emergency medical response, dispatch service for 911 calls, brush inspection, cliff rescues, emergency roadway clearance, hazardous material responses, and inspections for new construction. These services include all the associated equipment and personnel.

The public safety services provided by the County will cost the City \$4,703,820 in fiscal year 2016-17, and is paid by an assessment collected with property taxes (as a special parcel tax) based on a formula approved by our residents in 2007. In that year, 87.3% of City voters approved the parcel tax for a term of 10 years that sunsets in 2017. This means the source for continued funding of fire and paramedic services must be determined. Renewing the parcel tax must be placed on the City's regular election ballot in March 2017.

The City's operating budget (General Fund), inclusive of its contract with Los Angeles County, totals \$17,736,594 for fiscal year (FY) 2016-17. Fire and paramedic services represent \$4,703,818 (26.5%) and police services account for \$7,124,549 (40%) of the total. Together, the City's commitment to public safety totals \$11,828,367 (66.6% of the City's operating

budget). The remaining operating expenses of \$5,908,227 (33.3%) cover general municipal services consisting of Finance, Planning, Building & Safety, Human Resources, City Clerk, Information Technology, Public Works, Street and Parks Maintenance, and various other functions.

Clearly, the City relies significantly on the special parcel tax for providing fire and paramedic public safety services. The property tax assessment is calculated annually based on a formula that directly matches and corresponds to the annual contract expenditure for service. The proceeds of the tax are deposited into a dedicated account established for the single purpose of covering the fire and paramedic services, and the proceeds of the tax are audited annually by the City's external auditor. The annual charge for a median-sized home in Palos Verdes Estates (2,450 square feet) is currently \$788.64.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has provided fire suppression and paramedic services, enforcement of the City Fire Code and support services to the City of Palos Verdes Estates since 1986. For more information including operational statistics, a comparison of cost for service, and the 2007 ballot measure, please visit the City's website at [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org) (tab under "Services" then "Fire and Paramedic Department").



For as little as \$2.16 per day, the city has access to all of Los Angeles County's Fire & Paramedic Services

# Interested in City Information? Visit Our New Website

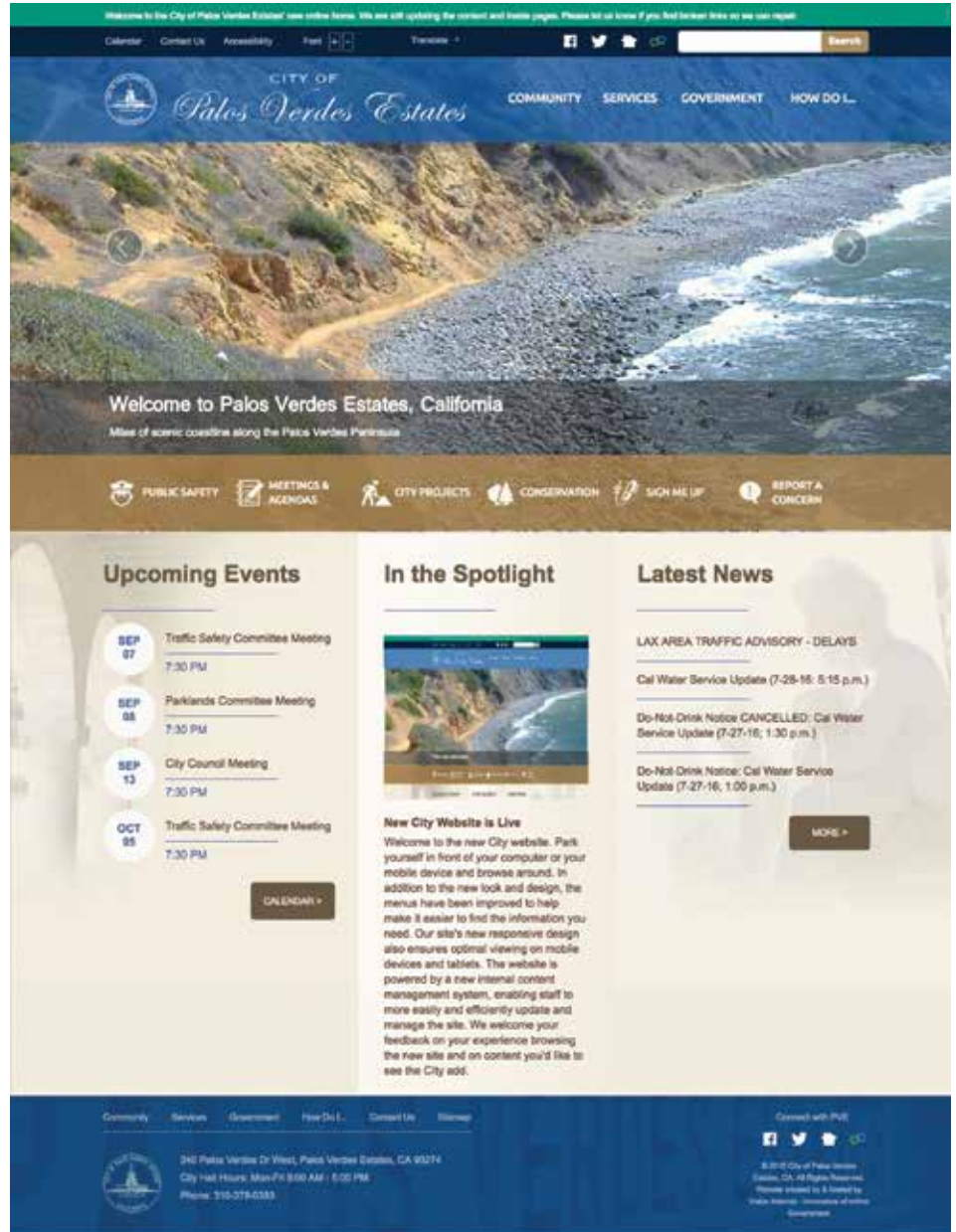
The City of Palos Verdes Estates has refreshed and upgraded its website and launched a Facebook page, complementing our current use of Nextdoor.com and Nixle to post messages for the community.

## www.pvestates.org

The City's website features many new tools and functionalities for finding information about the City more easily and quickly. On the top tool bar, please note the ability to modify the size of the text and the preferred language. "Drop-down" menus appear by hovering the computer cursor over the headings: "Community," "Services," "Government," and "How do I?" As the website is further developed, more information will be incorporated, permit requests will be added, and the photo gallery of community images will be enhanced.

The upgrade also represents the City's foray into social media channels that will be utilized as additional resources to share information. From the website, click on the Facebook, NextDoor and Nixle icon links (left of the search bar) to connect into the City's social media presence.

We are pleased to be introducing these significant enhancements for providing improved communications and services to the community. Stay connected to us by bookmarking the website, liking us on Facebook, and registering on Twitter, NextDoor and Nixle for ongoing updates and stay tuned for further enhancements.



## Traffic Safety, Parklands Committee meetings now live-streamed

In our continuous effort to help you stay connected, the City's Traffic Safety Committee and Parklands Committee meetings are now live-streamed on the City's website. You can watch meetings as they occur by selecting the "Watch Live" link on the City Meetings & Agendas page. Video of past meetings is also available with the 'time-stamped' feature, so you'll be able to watch what interests you by a simple click on the agenda item.

# Commercial Use of Residential Property

Effective July 15, 2016, the City of Palos Verdes Estates prohibits the use of residential property for short-term rentals. Municipal Code Section 17.08.378 defines short-term or vacation rentals as “the rental of a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, to a person or group of persons for compensation of any kind, for lodging or sleeping purposes for a period of less than thirty consecutive calendar days whether or not the property is concurrently occupied by the property owner, except for bed and breakfast inns as provided in PVEMC 17.08.055.” Municipal Code Section 18.12.030 also prohibits advertising short-term rentals.

The ordinance was adopted to prevent transient, hotel-like use of residential property that can have a negative impact on neighbors and in neighborhoods. However, the new provisions of the Municipal Code do not prohibit property owners from having personal overnight guests, nor do they prohibit the rental of residential property for a period of 30 days or longer. With a Conditional Use Permit (necessitating approval by the Planning Commission and the City Council) a “Bed and Breakfast Inn” is a permitted use of a property. A “Bed and Breakfast Inn” is defined in Municipal Code Section 17.08.055 as “a facility offering transient lodging accommodations to the public and providing kitchen facilities adequate to provide meals to guests of the facility only and not otherwise open to the public.”



The City also prohibits commercial events at a residential property with twenty or more people/ guests. Municipal Code Section 18.08.015 states: “Any event located on property which includes a dwelling, anticipating or prepared to accommodate more than twenty people, where the property owner or his or her representative advertises, requests, or charges an admission fee, rental fee, or other form of payment for the use of the property or any facilities or residence located on the property shall be prohibited. Any event held in violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance punishable as a misdemeanor. Any person owning property found to be in violation of this section and any other person found to have paid for, rented, or otherwise occupied such property in violation of this section shall be jointly and severally liable for any

and all penalties that may be imposed pursuant to PVEMC 1.16.010 and/or Chapter 8.48 PVEMC.”

Use of residential property for rental purposes for thirty consecutive days or longer or commercial events with fewer than twenty people/guests requires a Business License. A Business License can be obtained from the City from the Finance Department. Please call the City at (310) 378-0383, visit the City’s website at [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org), or stop by City Hall for more information about Business Licenses. The City’s Code Enforcement Officer will respond to violations of the Municipal Code pertaining to the unauthorized commercial uses of residential property; please contact the City at (310) 378-0383 to report violations of the Municipal Code.

Information provided by the Energy Services Center and:



## Earn up to \$200 in Bill Credits

Earn up to \$200\* in bill credits with a discount plan that makes it easy to conserve energy over the summer. Summer heat can put a strain on electrical grids, so allow us to remotely turn off or cycle off your air conditioner (A/C) for a limited time.

### How it Works

When customers participate in the SCE Summer Discount Plan, they save by voluntarily allowing SCE to shut down their A/C for up to six hours a day during “energy events” SCE may call during periods of electricity demand, or emergencies. SCE supplies and installs a device on your home or central unit to remotely shut it off during energy events.

You can choose your level of participation from four options: Save more with SCE’s “standard” option, or choose the flexibility of SCE’s “override” option, which lets customers opt out of up to five energy event days a year. Then decide between Maximum Savings (100% cycling) or Maximum Comfort cycling (50% cycling).

|          | Maximum Savings Cycling: A/C may be shut off for up to 6 hours a day | Maximum Comfort Cycling: A/C may be shut off for 15 minutes each half hour for up to 6 hours a day |
|----------|--|--|
| Standard | Save up to \$200*  | Save up to \$100*  |
| Override | Save up to \$100*  | Save up to \$50*   |

\*<https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/rebates-savings/summer-discount-plan>

Visit South Bay Environmental Services Center [www.sbesc.com](http://www.sbesc.com) for information regarding free work-shops and information for saving water, energy, money and the environment.

## Energy Conservation and Rotating Outage Procedures

SCE encourages energy conservation with the restriction of SoCalGas’s Aliso Canyon facility. SCE is working to minimize the impact to customers.

SCE believes it is prudent to review with our customers Southern California Edison’s rotating outage procedures and policies, as well as the Outage Notification Communications (ONC) programs that SCE would use in the event of rotating outages. This year there is a possibility of multiple rotating outage events due to the recent restricted operations of Southern California Gas Company’s Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility that services Southern California.

In the event of a CAISO [California Independent System Operator] Stage 3 alert leading to a rotating outage event, SCE will use both the ONC and

the SCE Alert programs that we have established over the past few years to communicate with local city and county jurisdictions.

SCE is here to help local governments, their residents and businesses prepare for rotating outages should the CAISO determine they are necessary.

SCE also will be providing additional information and resources to help urge both residential and commercial customers to conserve energy, both electricity and gas, wherever possible. Note that SCE also will follow these same notification procedures for other major emergencies such as wildfires, inclement weather or earthquakes that can cause interruptions in the transmission system that can also result in Stage 3 alerts.

SCE, Southern California Gas Company, the CAISO and other energy providers in Southern California are urging customers to conserve energy this summer, including reduced use of electricity and natural gas. Please watch for more information in the next few weeks that will help all customers conserve and prepare. Here is the link to an infographic on SCE’s website: Summer Conservation Tips.

This SCE article is provided as a courtesy by South Bay Environmental Services Center, a program of South Bay Cities Council of Governments [www.sbesc.com](http://www.sbesc.com) or call (310) 371-7222 for information regarding saving water, energy, money and the environment.



# Message from the City Manager



City Manager, Anton Dahlerbruch

With July 1, 2016, as the start of a new fiscal year, the City now embarks on implementing a new bi-annual budget that extends to June 30, 2018. The budget reflects City resources allocated to the priorities of sustaining the quality of life and neighborhood character that distinguish Palos Verdes Estates and to the continuity of services that represents the varied reasons residents choose to live in this wonderful community.

The City aims to achieve these goals through a variety of initiatives, projects and on-going services. Concurrently, the City will be focusing on increasing public information and engagement for the broadest range of resident inclusiveness in municipal affairs. Specifically, the adopted budget was based on:

- (1) Continuing the important tradition of conservative fiscal planning,
- (2) Maintaining a fiscal plan that strengthens the organization's

efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness; and

- (3) Sustaining the operational, capital, technological, and human resource and capacity infrastructure for serving the community at the highest levels.

Along with direct attention to many priority programs, including public safety, parkland maintenance and improvements, roadway maintenance, code enforcement specifically addressing unauthorized encroachments, improvements for disabled accessibility, risk management, and fire prevention - the City also will be focusing on a significant number of newer initiatives. As we solidify and enhance the qualities of living in Palos Verdes Estates, we look forward to that effort. The following will be addressed over the next two years:

- Enhancing the City's new website, launched last month, with more information and functionality for the public.
- Full deployment of social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, and Nixle) for the dissemination of timely communications and information.
- Continuing Fire and Paramedic service funding. (Note: The 2006 voter approved special parcel tax that covers the cost of emergency services expires in 2017.)
- Community Enhancement Projects for Lunada Bay Plaza, Malaga Cove Plaza, parklands in general, and the median triangle at the intersection of Palos Verdes Blvd., Palos Verdes Drive West, and Palos Verdes Drive North.

- Numerous studies for planning, considering options, and the future allocation of resources including a traffic engineering study of the intersection of Via Corta and PV Drive West, tree inventory of street trees, and a Citywide resident survey to assess priorities for, and satisfaction with, City services.
- Wireless telecommunications ordinance inclusive of cellular antenna siting.
- Update of the Tree Management Policy in regard to "how" and "when" unpermitted street trees should be removed.
- Safe shared use of the roadway by bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
- Removal of the unpermitted patio structure on the shoreline in Lunada Bay.
- Continuous improvement in internal City operations with regard to addressing City Hall safety and security, emergency/disaster preparedness, staff training and development, technology improvements that automate operations.
- Implementation of body-worn and in-car video cameras for Police Officers.
- Continuing to build and improve upon the City's new Citizens Academy as a civic engagement opportunity for residents.

The City team is engaged to serve the public good by working toward goals, including those enumerated herein, which establish a meaningful foundation for the City's future and legacy.

Thank you for your support.

# Bicycles and Vehicles Shared Use of the Road



The City of Palos Verdes Estates has embarked on developing plans and programs for bicyclist and motorist mutual use of the roadways. Palos Verdes Estates, like other cities in urban areas, faces ongoing challenges to ensure the safety of bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

The City has some unique characteristics – such as hilly and curvy roads, and a desire to not over populate the city with signs -- that add to these challenges. When the City founders master-planned Palos Verdes Estates over 75 years ago, the large number of vehicles and bicycles using our roadways today was not anticipated. Now, they are used for both residential and peninsula-wide destinations, school transport, and viewing and access to the majestic coastline, as well as by individuals for training and recreation. In other words, bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians must share the same narrow and hilly real estate.

For bicyclists and motorists in particular, provisions exist in the Califor-

nia Vehicle Code that prescribe rules for the shared use of the roadway. These laws exist for public safety and are intended to mitigate hazards arising from the intersection of bicycles and motor vehicles as well as prevent unintended events that could have life-changing impacts.

Bicyclists and motorists both have equal right to the roadway; “share the road” does not unilaterally mean that a vehicle is entitled to the whole lane except for a small portion of asphalt along the curb for a bicycle. Rather, it means that bicyclists may take the whole lane if conditions warrant. It is incumbent upon motorists and bicyclists to be mutually respectful of each other, patient when sharing the road, and courteous when interacting on the road. Cooperation is the hub of a successful experience and safe outcome.

Over the next many months, the City will be developing a plan to further address the shared use of the roadway. It plans to develop an educational and informational pro-

gram to inform bicyclists and motorists of the laws, common courtesies for shared use of the roadway, and preferred bicycle routes. As an initial step, the City installed “3-feet; it’s the law” signs to remind drivers that State law requires drivers to maintain a 3-foot separation with bicyclists. The City’s focus in developing a plan is to maintain and enhance public safety. In this effort, we will be in communication with our neighboring cities.

The City’s foremost priority is the safe use of the roads and the safety of bicycle riders, drivers and pedestrians. Through police enforcement, traffic engineering, and education, the City will be addressing the concerns and interests of parties who share the road. If everyone is respectful and works together, it will be a safer and more enjoyable experience for all. We encourage all who travel our roads - motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike – to follow the law, share the road and be courteous to one another.



## Please drive and ride carefully, sharing the road, mindful of the following:

### Drivers

- The speed on the roadway needs to be safe for conditions (22350 CVC).
- Prior to turning, use your vehicle's turn signal (100 feet prior). If your vehicle does not have turn signals, use the appropriate hand signals (22110(a) CVC).
- Headphones and cell phones are unlawful to use while driving as they cause distraction, so don't use any kind of headphones or cell phones when driving a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle (23123(a) CVC). Bicyclists may use one earbud, but must keep one ear open.
- Before passing a bicyclist, motorists should make sure there is at least 3 feet of clearance between the motor vehicle and the bicyclist. If there is insufficient safe space for a car to pass a bicyclist (3') then the car must allow the bicyclist to take the full lane and the car must follow the bicyclist until such a time when it can pass safely.
- Check blind spots prior to changing lanes or turning.
- If parked, motorists should check their mirror before opening their car door to prevent causing a collision with a bicyclist approaching from behind.

### Bicyclists

- Bicycles and motor vehicles need to stop at all posted Stop Signs (22450(a) CVC).
- The speed on the roadway needs to be safe for conditions (22350 CVC).
- Bicyclists riding on the roadway need to ride as close to the right of the roadway as safely as possible, unless special circumstances interfere such as passing another bicyclist, a parked vehicle or some other roadway obstruction (21202(a) CVC). When riding in a group, this can be interpreted as riding in single-file and not side-by-side.
- Headphones and cell phones are unlawful to use while driving as they cause distraction, so don't use any kind of headphones or cell phones when driving a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle (23123(a) CVC). Bicyclists may use one earbud, but must keep one ear open.



## Drug Take-Back Event – October 22

The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department will be hosting a DEA Drug Take Back event on Saturday, October 22, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Turn in your unneeded or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal at the drive-through collection site in front of the Police Station at 340 Palos Verdes Dr. West.

## Bulky Trash Pick-Up – September 17



The next combined Bulky Waste and E-Waste collection day of 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. 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 and rugs. E-waste such as TVs, DVDs players, radios,

printers, computer monitors and microwave ovens also will be accepted. Unacceptable items include: construction waste; green waste; and hazardous waste such as cleaning products, automotive fluids and pool chemicals. You may contact the waste hauler directly if you have construction waste and are in need of a temporary debris container.

For more information contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 or visit [www.athensservices.com](http://www.athensservices.com).

## PVE-CARES: Annual Senior Health & Wellness Fair



PVE-CARES is pleased to announce its 11th annual resident Senior Health and Wellness Fair will be held Friday, October 28, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Church, located at 415 Paseo Del Mar in Palos Verdes Estates. All seniors are welcome at this event.

The Health Fair will feature free flu shots, other medical screenings, opportunity drawing for prizes, music from the 50's featuring Chaussee's Big Band, lunch and over 30 exhibitors of local resources geared toward services to our seniors. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date.

For more information about the Palos Verdes Estates' free Senior Program PVE-CARES, please contact the Police Department at (310) 378-4211.

### City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed during regular business hours on:



Columbus Day  
October 10



Veterans Day  
November 11



Thanksgiving  
November 24 & 25

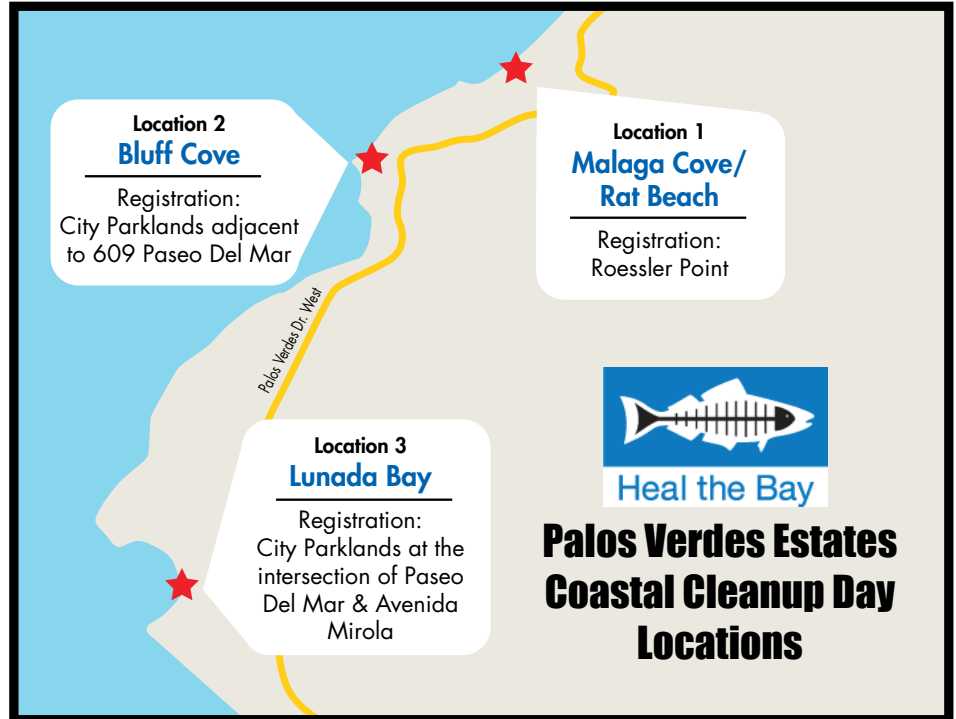
# Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup Day – September 17

Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event on the planet. More than 10,000 volunteers from all over Southern California will do their part to clean up their local beaches, rivers, creeks and parks. Last year, 9,604 volunteers collected 22,611 pounds of trash and recyclable materials for the Los Angeles County’s coast and inland waterways.

Since 1985, the City of Palos Verdes Estates has teamed with Heal the Bay to host a cleanup site in Malaga Cove. Coastal Cleanup Day is a great opportunity for your family and friends to do something wonderful for our beloved beaches and oceans.

This year Coastal Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. As in past years, the registration table will be located near the gazebo in the parking lot adjacent to the Palos Verdes Beach and Athletic Club (lower Malaga Cove).

New this year, the City has worked with Heal the Bay to expand the cleanup to include Bluff Cove and Lunada Bay. The check-in tables for these two new locations



will be on City Parklands adjacent to 609 Paseo Del Mar (Bluff Cove) and at the intersection of Paseo Del Mar & Avenida Mirola (Lunada Bay).

Heal the Bay is promoting zero waste and asking participants to bring their own re-usable gloves and buckets.

Volunteer registration is required. Please note that everybody who participates in Coastal Cleanup 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.

Visit [www.healthebay.org/volunteer/coastal-cleanup-day-1](http://www.healthebay.org/volunteer/coastal-cleanup-day-1) for more information or to sign up for this event, or call the City’s Site Captain, Elizabeth Corpuz at (310) 378-0383.



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# Time to Prepare for Winter Rains

As summer draws to a close, it soon will be time to begin preparing for winter rains that everyone hopes will materialize this year to help end the drought, water the hills, and replenish groundwater. Residents can prepare for the approaching rainy season by following these guidelines:

- Keep trees trimmed to reduce foliage;
- Prevent erosion of soil by using mulch that does not readily float;
- Clean rain gutters, swales and drainage pipes on your private property;
- Lower the water level in your swimming pool prior to prediction of heavy rains to minimize overflow;
- Inspect roofs, gutters, window caulking and insulation, and repair if needed; and
- In case of electrical failure, be sure to keep flashlights and extra batteries on hand and keep utility contact numbers close by; invest in a generator.

To help alleviate flooding when heavy rains occur, consider obtaining sandbags which can be purchased at any home improvement store. Empty sandbags also are available 24/7 in front of the Police Department with sand available on the empty lot just west of the Fire Department.

This is a good time to become aware of how we all can prevent stormwater pollution. Stormwater is polluted by runoff water from rainstorms, garden hoses and sprinklers that collect harmful debris that flows through streets, storm drains and local creeks - eventually draining, untreated, into the ocean. Here on the Peninsula, stormwater runoff ulti-

mately ends up in one of two places: in our beautiful tide pools and coves below the bluffs, or in Harbor/Machado Lake. The results of stormwater pollution can include: beach postings due to elevated bacteria counts, damage to sensitive wetland ecosystems by trace metals and pesticides, algae blooms and altering of the lake's habitat due to overgrowth of plants from fertilizer and sediment in runoff. Cities are mandated by Federal and State laws to have clean – and to clean up – stormwater to prevent pollutants in the water from entering the ocean.

Everyone can help the City of Palos Verdes Estates comply with stormwater regulations and protect the environment. Here are a few tips that can help protect our environment.

- Don't put anything in storm drains but rainwater. Make sure that runoff carries only rainwater.
- Keep trash cans covered. This keeps trash safe from wind and critters.
- Avoid throwing litter into the street. Trash-laden gutters increase neighborhood pollution and clog storm drains causing street flooding and more traffic congestion.
- Pick up after your pet. Animal waste, when left on the ground, washes down storm drains and contaminates beaches. Picking up dog waste is a City ordinance and dog owners disregarding this law may be cited.
- Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste. Soggy yard waste is a major contributor to clogged storm drains, and street and neighborhood flooding.



- Use yard waste as mulch, as natural fertilizer, or as ground cover. Nearly 20 percent of the waste buried in landfills is from our yards, like grass and tree trimmings.
- Make sure you grasscycle. You can save water, fertilizer and your back by grasscycling; that is leaving lawn clippings on the lawn.
- Prevent sewer overflows. Keep your sewer lateral clear of tree roots and debris, and refrain from pouring grease, oil, coffee grounds or other oily foods down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Give stormwater a chance to soak in. Direct roof drains into vegetated areas and consider using porous paving for drive-ways and patios.
- Do not pollute our canyons. Never throw grass clippings, yard waste, manure or pet waste into our canyons.
- Report illegal dumping. To report illegal dumping any time, day or night, please contact the non-emergency Police Dispatch line at (310) 378-4211.
- Be smart when you apply pesticides or fertilizers. Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before it rains. Not only will you lose most of the chemicals through runoff, but you also will be harming the environment. Do not over-water after application. Read the product's label and do not apply more than recommended.

# PVE Police Captain Tony Best Attends the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, VA



From mid-July to mid-September 2016, PVE Police Captain Tony Best's duties at PVEPD are being assigned to an acting captain so he may attend the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico. Tony Best is the first PVEPD officer to attend this rare training opportunity in many years.

The FBI Academy, which occupies 547 acres in the middle of the US Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, just 40 miles from Washington D.C., is the same academy grounds where regular FBI agents attend entry level basic training. However, the program known as the FBI National Academy offers in-service and experienced high level law enforcement leaders a comprehensive course of study in police management and leadership

taught by experienced FBI agents.

The goal is to elevate standards in law enforcement and cooperation between police departments and agencies the world over. The emphasis is on preparing these leaders for complex contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, superior education, research and a network of partnerships unmatched by any other law enforcement training.

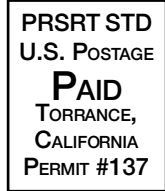
This training is fully funded by the federal government including airfare, housing, meals and training expenses. Four times yearly, 250 law enforcement command staff and executive leaders (police commanders, captains, chiefs, sheriffs, etc.) from across the U.S. and around the world come together to attend 10 weeks of advanced

training at the FBI National Academy taking courses in:

- Criminal Law
- Behavioral Analysis and Psychology
- Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation
- Cyber and Computer Science
- Weapons and Chemical Agents
- Terrorism and Homeland Security
- Communications and Media Relations
- Health and Fitness
- Police Leadership and Management Development

The National Academy's physical fitness program culminates in a final test, euphemistically called, "The Yellow Brick Road," which is a grueling 6.1-mile run through the obstacle course on Quantico's Marine Corps Base. Participants run as a group through deep forestlands and woods, through muddy waters, up and down hills, while tackling obstacles such as simulated windows, scaling over walls, climbing ropes, crawling under barbed wire and traversing across cargo nets suspended by telephone poles. Those who successfully complete the challenge are awarded an actual yellow brick with their class number inscribed as a symbol of their accomplishment and membership to a small fraction of law enforcement leaders who have been fortunate enough to attend the FBI National Academy and earn the right to become alumni. We look forward to Captain Best's return in mid-September!

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