



Fall 2017



## **Participate in our Community Conversations**

Want to help the City? Please join us in our upcoming community conversations about community priorities and sharing ideas for moving the City forward. Through this new and exciting program, our goal is strengthening and bonding the community in a positive, trusting, and collaborative manner. As professionally facilitated by the Davenport Institute, these community conversations will be in a format supporting frank, open and honest dialogue among neighbors and residents about the City. **You are personally invited** to attend one of the following meetings that we know you will find engaging and informative:

Date	Time	Location (in Multi-Purpose Room)
Thursday, October 12	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Montemalaga Elementary School
Saturday, October 14	9 – 11 a.m.	Lunada Bay Elementary School
Monday, October 16	6 – 8 p.m.	Valmonte Early Learning School
Wednesday, October 18	6 – 8 p.m.	PVPUSD at Malaga Cove School

Additionally, in support of our community building priorities, the City is pleased to be implementing OpenGov and Questys that will provide the public with direct and immediate access to data and records. Both provide the opportunity for self-directed research and access to unfiltered data from the City's archives and will be publicly available by January 2, 2018. More details will follow in the coming months. Questions about these programs can be answered by calling City Hall at (310) 378-0383 or visiting the City's website at www.pvestates.org.

**The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department** has historically been recognized for its community policing programs. Crime rates are low, response rates are 2 to 3 minutes, and programs like PVE-CARES and the Disaster District Program (for disaster response) serve the community. These services come at a cost and police services constitute approximately \$7.2 million of the City's entire operating budget.

Mindful of the City's current fiscal situation, the City Council is evaluating the Police Department's services in relation to the community's priorities, including an examination of potential savings and efficiencies. To do so, the City has retained an independent, neutral third party with expertise to conduct a study and prepare a report. The study has involved the collection of public input, an examination of the Police Department's budget and discussions with multiple individuals involved with the Police Department. It is expected that the final report will be presented to the City Council on September 26, 2017. The City Council will use the report to help determine whether the current level of police services is appropriate for the community.

With a current structural deficit of approximately \$5 million, new funding through a ballot measure may be necessary for maintaining the City's services.

The public is welcome to attend the September 26th meeting at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West, or stream it online through the City's website, www.pvestates.org.



## PVE receives GFOA Recognition of "Excellence in Financial Reporting" for 2016 CAFR

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is proud and honored to again receive a "Certificate of Achievement" from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in recognition of "Excellence in Financial Reporting" for its 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Under the auspices of the City Council and through the hard work of staff, the City continues to maintain strong financial reporting, controls and management practices that, per the external auditor, are continually found to be accurate and presented fairly.



## **Upcoming Dates**

Event Name	Event Details
Annual Coastal Cleanup	September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Malaga Cove and Lunada Bay
Bulky Trash & E-Waste Pick-Up	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Items must be at the front curb by 6 a.m.
Drug Take-Back Event	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PVE Police Department Station 340 Palos Verdes Drive West
PVE-CARES Senior Health and Wellness Fair	October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Neighborhood Church
Shredding & E-Waste Collection Event	October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Palos Verdes High School

For more information, please call (310) 378-0383 or visit www.pvestates.org.



Southern CA Edison will be making improvements to their underground structures in Palos Verdes Estates, which will include temporary closures of Palos Verdes Drive West. The project will take place from September to October 2017 and work will take place primarily between Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information, a map, and detour information can be found at www.pvestates.org. Traffic impacts and delays are expected, and drivers are asked to plan their travels accordingly.

- \*\*Closures are subject to change.\*\*
- \*\*Please check the website regularly for the latest updates\*\*

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