



Newsletter

December 2010

HOLIDAYS IN PVE

The holiday season is filled with family, food and fun. As you prepare for the season, please take note of City programs and services offered, as well as some safety tips for you and your family...

Santa Visits Palos Verdes Estates!

There must be many good boys and girls in Palos Verdes Estates as Santa will once again be visiting two times in December. He will first stop at Lunada Bay Plaza on Thursday, December 16th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Then, on Friday, December 24th, he will arrive at Malaga Cove Plaza at 6 p.m. by driving down the hill from Coronel Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up



The City's waste hauler, Athens Services, will provide FREE Christmas Tree removal for all residents of Palos Verdes Estates

on normal pickup days from Monday, December 27, 2010 through Friday, January 7, 2011. Place your whole tree in your trash barrel storage area. Be sure to remove stands and decorations such as tinsel and ornaments. Lightly flocked trees are acceptable. For removals after January 7th, trees that are more than 4 feet in height will need to be cut in half; cut and bundle your tree securely with twine or rope and place it in your trash barrel storage area for removal. Please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 for more information.

FREE Bus Service on New Year's Eve through PV Transit



As is customary each year, PV Transit will offer FREE New Year's Eve bus service on the Palos Verdes Peninsula

on December 31, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. on January 1, 2011. Reservations (one way or roundtrip) may be made in advance starting on December 20th by calling (310) 544-3710 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Same-day

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Palos Verdes Estates City Council

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Website: www.pvestates.org
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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 4:00 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

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reservation service will also be provided during these special hours on Dec. 31st. Remember, do not drink and drive, and plan ahead for a safe and Happy New Year!

Season Safety Tips

1. *Stay Healthy:* Wash your hands. Manage Stress. Prepare food safely. Eat healthy and stay active.
2. *While Shopping:* Stay alert. Park in a well-lighted space. Lock your vehicle at all times.
3. *At home:* Keep doors and windows locked. Inspect holiday lights for frayed wiring. Keep fresh greenery watered. Use caution with lighted candles. Be aware of strangers coming to the door and don't be afraid to ask questions -when in doubt, call the Police Department.
4. *Traveling:* Stop mail and newspaper deliveries. Request Police surveillance by completing the "Residential House Information" Form online at www.pvestates.org (go to Police Department, then click Forms).



From everyone at the City, please have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Local First — Shopping, Dining, and Doing Business



Through the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce "Local First" Program, residents are encouraged to shop, dine, and do business locally to support businesses in Palos Verdes Estates and throughout the Peninsula.

Added convenience for residents, keeping sales tax local, reduced travel time and pollution, and support for local jobs are all good reasons to shop local first!

We join the Chamber in encouraging residents to visit stores in Malaga Cove Plaza, Lunada Bay Plaza, and the commercial areas in Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes for your shopping needs. Also, please keep in mind that the local professional services include many of the region's finest. If you are in need of financial or insurance services, banking, assistance in marketing your business, legal help, realtors, travel agents, printers, architects, interior designers, medical offices or just about any other service you can think of, you'll find it locally.

For more information, please visit the Chamber's website at www.palosverdeschamber.com.

Malaga Cove Library Book Sale
December 17 & 18 • January 21 & 22



Ham Radio Operators Still Needed

During times of disaster, the systems that are relied upon for everyday communication (landline phones, cell phones, the Internet, etc.) will likely be damaged and disrupted – making it more difficult for the City to be aware of conditions in your neighborhood. To overcome this communication challenge, the PVE Police Department has partnered with the Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART) to recruit and retain local residents to volunteer as ham radio operators.

The Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team is a vital element in the City's disaster preparation efforts. While NART's ranks have grown to 27 skilled and licensed ham radio operators within the City, there is a need for a total of 50 licensed operators. We are

half way there, and with your help, we will reach our goal of 50 NART members!

How can you become a licensed ham radio operator? It's easy! A basic ham license requires minimal technical experience; NO Morse Code knowledge is needed. Free training is readily available and only requires approximately eight hours at a given time. It is a great way to serve your community and to increase your overall awareness of the City's disaster preparedness plan. For more information, please contact local resident Bryant Winchell, the head of PVE NART, at bryantcw@cox.net, or Laurie Slawson, PVE Police Department Community Relations Officer, at lslawson@pvestates.org.



Memberships Available - Palos Verdes Tennis Club

The Palos Verdes Tennis Club is now accepting new members! There is no waiting list for PVE residents or property owners. This beautiful facility, which includes a clubhouse and 12-courts, offers a full schedule of programs, lessons and other activities. There is a very

manageable initiation fee installment plan and incredibly reasonable monthly dues (\$65 for residents). The Palos Verdes Tennis Club is a gem among the City's recreation concessions. Please contact Club Manager John Hall at (310) 373-6326 for further information.



Palos Verdes Golf Club Membership Update

As a reminder, the Palos Verdes Golf Club continues to accept membership applications. Membership at the Golf Club provides the best access to one of the most scenic and challenging 18 hole golf courses in Southern California. To learn more about Golf Club membership, please contact Diane Linares in the Club's membership office at (310) 375-2533 X 228.

Business License Renewals Due Soon

Business licenses are required for any business conducted in the City. In order to avoid late penalties, please renew your business licenses no later than January 31, 2011. All existing businesses should receive a license renewal form in the mail during the month of December. If you do not receive it, or are a new business within the City, please contact the City's Finance Department at (310) 378-0383, or visit the City website, www.pvestates.org under the "I Want To..." section to find the form.

Please note, home occupation businesses are only allowed under certain conditions. Individuals with a home business will need to secure a home occupation permit for 2011. If your business is solely operated from a location outside of the city, you should use that location's address for any state licenses or correspondence so you are not subject to a City business license as well.

Should you require additional information, or have any questions, please contact the Finance Department.

Building and Safety/Planning Departments

The City's review of private development is coordinated through the City's Building and Safety and Planning Departments. These departments are comprised of a full-time Building Official, a part-time Building Inspector, a full-time and a part-time Permit Technician, a Planner, and the Planning Director. The Planning Director also serves as the City's Public Works Director, which allows him to have a broader view of the issues facing the City. These employees are responsible for making sure that construction within the City complies with all applicable local and state regulations.

The Building Department implements the California Building Codes through the review and inspection of construction on private property within the City. The Department helps ensure that private development complies with pertinent codes and regulations through diligent inspections, plan check reviews, and attentive project management. Upcoming challenges will be to implement the new California Green Building Code and the latest regulations requiring sprinklers in new homes. Both of these regulations will become effective January 1, 2011.

The bulk of planning work includes the review of applications for the Planning Commission process, most notably the Neighborhood Compatibility

application. Staff reviews the plans, verifies that the design complies with the Municipal Code, and prepares a report for Planning Commission review. Recently, the Planning Department has additionally been reviewing new Wireless Telecommunication Facilities applications as these companies request extra sites.

The Building and Safety/Planning Departments are critical to ensuring that construction in the City is safe and allowable per our carefully crafted regulations. These Departments are constantly evaluating processes to improve their effectiveness and to meet ever-changing State mandates.



From L to R: Allan Rigg (Director of Public Works/Planning), Rebecca Burt (part-time Permit Technician), Don Olson (Building/Public Works Inspector), Stacey Kinsella (Associate Planner), Mike Ross (Building Official), Donna Shellabarger (Permit Technician)

Rainy Season Reminder...

Please do not park in front of storm drains; access is needed for maintenance and cleaning. The City appreciates your cooperation.

Rainy Season Contact List

Do you know who to call when an issue arises during rainy season on or around your property? Many concerns can be directed to the City's Streets and Parks Department during regular business hours at (310) 378-0383, or the Police Department outside of regular business hours at (310) 378-4211.

Review the list below for the best resource:

Flooding from storm water –

Streets and Parks Department Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Please call the Police Department outside these hours.

Tree or limbs down from trees on private property –

Your tree service company.

Tree or limbs down from trees on public property—

Streets and Parks Department Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Please call the Police Department outside these hours.

Public storm drains stopped-up –

Streets and Parks Department Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Please call the Police Department outside these hours.

Need Sandbags?

Bags are available in the Police Department lobby with sand available in the parking lot at the west end of Via Tejon. Additionally, filled sandbags are available inexpensively from home improvement stores.

South Bay Environmental Services Center: *Whole House Energy Efficiency*



www.sbesc.com

*W*hole House Energy Efficiency is a new comprehensive and systemic way to look at your home. The whole house approach looks at the entire house as an interconnected,

interactive energy system. For instance, the benefits of an energy efficient heater are lessened when a duct system leaks, windows don't close tightly, attic insulation is insufficient, and cool ocean breezes drift in under the door.

This approach recognizes the interaction of windows, attics, foundations, mechanical equipment, and all other components within the home. Modifications in one or more components can cause changes in how other components perform.

Why is this approach important? The benefits of the whole house approach include better diagnostics of energy problems, reduced utility and maintenance costs, increased comfort, and it helps the environment. Energy efficiency not only saves you money, it also saves natural resources. Generating electricity for your home typically uses nonrenewable resources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil, which also impacts the environment. Energy efficiency helps reduce the negative effects of burning fossil fuels by providing the same quality of services

with reduced energy inputs and emissions.

Water is also a big part of this equation. It takes water to process fuels to generate electricity and, in turn, it takes energy to distribute and treat water.

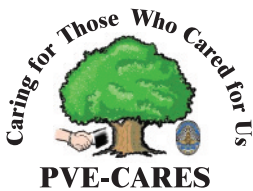
There is exciting news on the horizon that will assist homeowners achieve energy efficiency in their home, using the whole-house approach. The Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County, with incentives of up to \$4,000, will soon be available to homeowners with detached single-family homes who complete qualifying energy-saving home upgrade projects. For more information on this program, please visit www.EnergyUpgradeCalifornia.org.

The South Bay Environmental Services Center will be presenting a **workshop on "Whole House Energy Upgrades" for Palos Verdes Estates residents on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West.** This workshop will provide more detail on "Whole House Energy Efficiency," as well as provide an update on the Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County program and other rebate and incentive programs offered through the utility companies. For more information on ways to save water, energy, money, and the environment, please contact the South Bay Environmental Services Center at (310) 371-7222, or visit us online at www.sbesc.com.

Palos Verdes Homes Association 86th Annual Meeting

Attention all Property Owners! The Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Palos Verdes Estates City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. Your help is needed to establish a quorum. You may return

your membership verification and ballot by mail, fax or email. If you have any questions, or did not receive the Annual Meeting mailing, you may call the office at (310) 373-6721 or email pvha@pvha.org. The PVHA looks forward to seeing all the members at the meeting.



PVE-CARES Senior Health Fair...A Great Success!

A big Thank You to all PVE-CARES (Community Assistance and Resources for the Elderly and Seniors) volunteers and vendors for contributing to another successful health fair in November. There were medical screenings, medication disposal and flu shots offered free to

seniors. Seniors also were able to enjoy a free lunch as they listened to great music from the 40's and 50's.

Once again, there was a great turn out on a beautiful day. Hope to see Palos Verdes Estates' Seniors back again next year!

**CITY HALL
OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 31ST IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS, AS WELL AS MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.

Council Agendas Available



To enhance service to residents, City Council agendas are posted at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West and the Golf Club Pro-Shop, 3301 Via Campesina, and agendas and related materials are placed at the 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 homepage.

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