



Newsletter

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Energy Upgrade and Water Reliability 2020 Workshop

Through Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County, homeowners who complete qualifying energy-saving home upgrade projects can receive rebates and incentives of up to \$4,500. With a variety of improvement options, homeowners can increase their home's energy efficiency and reduce monthly utility bills.

Water is something we all take for granted, yet the South Bay is faced with a challenging water situation. Water Reliability 2020 is a program that focuses on reducing the South Bay's dependence on imported water from 66% today to 33% by 2020.

Palos Verdes Estates Homeowners can learn about both programs by attending the City of Palos Verdes Estates and the South Bay Environmental Services Center's workshop.

February 23, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 pm
City of Palos Verdes Estates
Council Chambers
340 Palos Verdes Drive West
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Please pre-register online at www.sbesc.com,
or by calling the
South Bay Environmental Services Center at
(310) 371-7222

Coffee and dessert will be provided.



Palos Verdes Estates City Council

Mayor..... Rosemary Humphrey
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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

Message from the Chief of Police

The PVE Police Department closely monitors crime statistics and looks for trends that provide insights into how to best provide police services. The review of crime statistics is presented on an annual basis and is normally outlined in the first City Newsletter of each year.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations, which is responsible for maintaining crime statistics, uses a national reporting system termed Part 1 Crimes. Part 1 Crimes are defined by the FBI for the purpose of tracking crime and for comparing one jurisdiction to another. Part 1 Crimes are not intended to paint a complete picture of criminal conduct but represent a cross-section of major crimes. It is important to note that some of the offenses that plague Palos Verdes Estates residents are not reflected in this chart. For instance, in the chart, the crime of Identity Theft is

there are two things I would like to point out: 1) Crimes against property (Larceny and Burglary) are our City's biggest challenge; and 2) Burglaries (breaking in and stealing) are becoming more prevalent than Larcenies (theft without a break-in). Over the last 3 years we have done much better at locking up our valuables and not leaving them inside our vehicles, and our crimes against property are the lowest of the decade. Burglaries, however, are on the rise and for the remainder of this article, I wish to discuss ways in which we can burglar proof our homes.

Fortunately, many of the things you can do to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of a burglary require little effort. For example, utilize automatic timers for lights and radios and ask your neighbors to bring in your mail and newspapers when you are away. This will make it appear as if you are home. Trim back foliage

Palos Verdes Estates - Part 1 Crime States

Crime	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Assault	11	20	17	21	11	10	10	15	10	7
Robbery	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Burglary	52	45	45	36	45	56	55	70	43	50
Larceny	99	133	125	132	63	69	126	38	22	47
Auto Theft	14	14	8	8	7	3	1	4	1	2
Arson	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	2
Total	182	216	195	200	128	141	197	127	78	108
% Change		+19%	-10%	+3%	-36%	+10%	+40%	-36%	-39%	+38%

recorded as occurring not where the victim resides, but where the goods were purchased. While Part 1 Crimes don't tell the whole story, they do provide some insight. That said, Part 1 Crime stats reveal that, once again, the City of Palos Verdes Estates is one of the safest communities in the nation.

Upon closer examination of the table depicting Part 1 Crimes over the first decade of the new millennium,

from the front of your home. Burglars like concealment and we advocate limiting view obstructions. Another great deterrent is having a dog that will bark if someone is trying to get into your house. Another great tool is the use of an alarm system, which will make a burglar think twice before breaking into your house. Advertise, with signs, that you have an alarm system. If you fill out a vacation home check with the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, officers will actually walk the

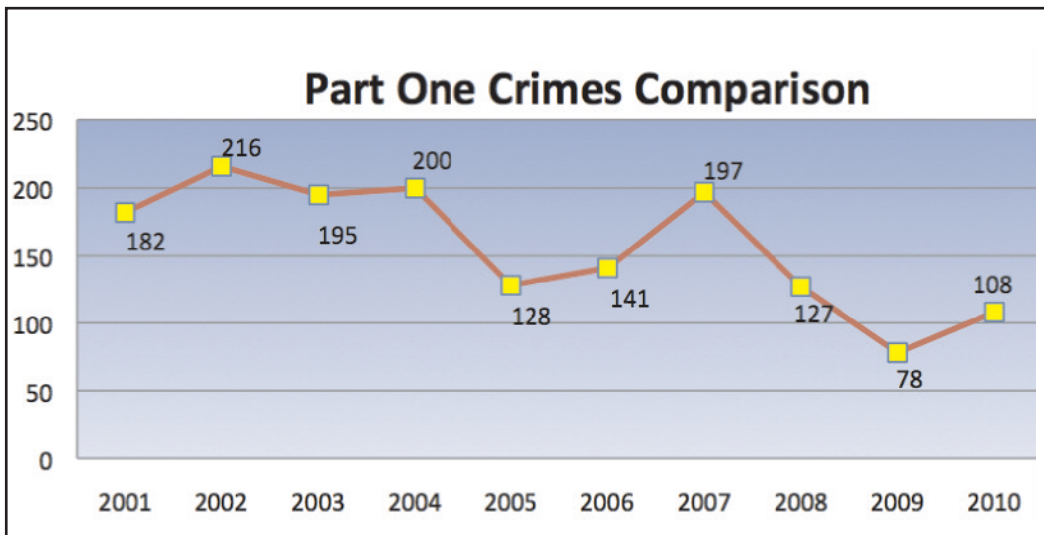
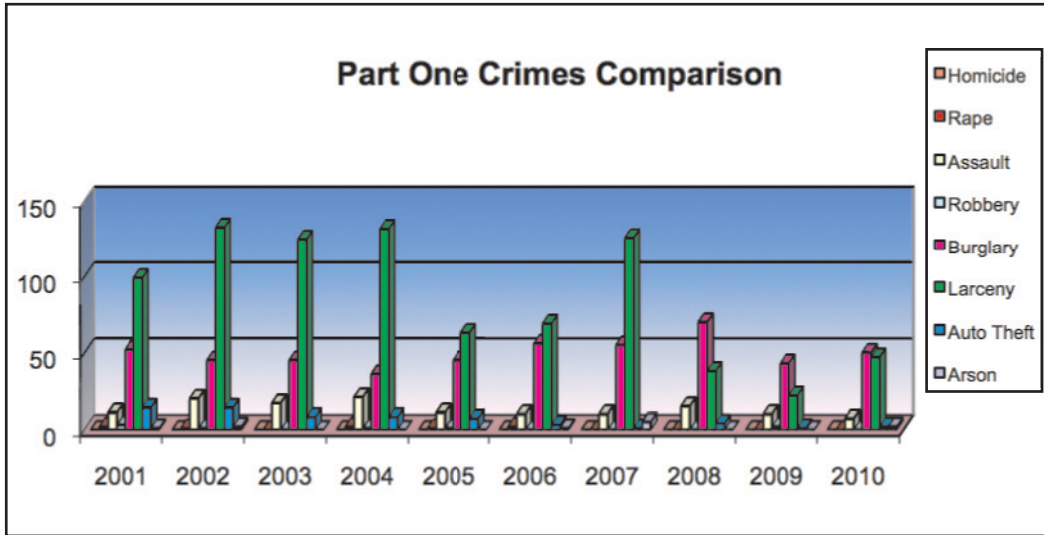
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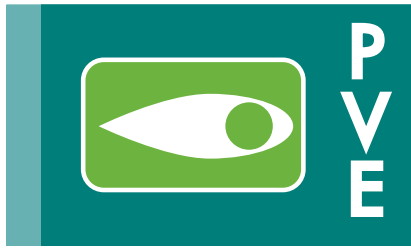
grounds of your house while you are enjoying your vacation. Finally, there is strength in numbers, so join Neighborhood Watch! If you would like an officer to inspect your home to make suggestions on how to

burglar proof your home, please feel free to contact the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department at (310) 378-4211, and Community Relations Officer Laurie Slawson will arrange the inspection.



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.



Neighborhood Watch Membership

By Community Relations Officer Laurie Slawson

Neighborhood Watch is enjoying an increase in membership thanks to the hard work of our Block Captains who continue to spread the word in their neighborhoods about the benefits of joining a Neighborhood Watch club.

Enclosed in this issue you'll find a Neighborhood Watch membership application. Please use it to either join or renew your existing membership. If you've already joined and are current with your dues, please pass the envelope on to a new prospect!

By joining, once a week you will receive an emailed crime report, which will list all the crimes happening

in our City listed by street name. You'll also receive invitations to attend our two events each year which are National Night Out in August and the Annual Meeting held every November. Additionally, you will receive Safety Alerts in the event something is occurring in our City such as a child predator, an identified burglar, or a particular scam.

If you would like to take an active part in Neighborhood Watch, please contact me, Laurie Slawson, at (310) 378-4211, or one of the board members. I look forward to meeting you. Our 2011 Neighborhood Watch Board members are:

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Vice President

Secretary

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Montemalaga Area Coordinator

Malaga Cove Area Coordinator

Valmonte Area Coordinator

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New CA Green Building Code and Sprinkler Requirements

California has recently adopted the California Residential Code (CRC), which became effective January 1, 2011 and governs residential construction. The impact is a mandatory requirement for fire sprinklers in all new one and two-family dwellings and townhouses throughout the state. In the past, sprinklers were only required in PVE when the Fire Department determined that water pressure in the area of a home was too low to ensure adequate fire protection.

Also effective January 1, 2011 is the new California Green Building Standards Code (CGBSC). This code has many mandatory measures that affect how all new construction is designed and constructed. The new code standards are implemented through five areas:

- Planning and Design
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Efficiency and Conservation
- Material Conservation and Resource Efficiency
- Environmental Quality

The anticipated impacts of the Green Building Code to Palos Verdes Estates construction will be: 1) weather sensitive irrigation controllers, 2) recycling of construction debris, 3) carpet and paint certifications, 4) more efficient mechanical equipment, and 5) building maintenance and operation manuals.

For more information on these new regulations, please contact Building Official Mike Ross at (310) 378-0383.

New Water Conservation Rules

The State of California adopted Assembly Bill 1881 requiring that cities and counties implement ordinances regulating the irrigation of landscaping to help address the ongoing water shortages that the State faces. The individual ordinances adopted by cities and counties must be as strict as a model ordinance that the State has created.

Accordingly, the City of Palos Verdes Estates recently adopted regulations to comply with this law. The first component of the regulations applies to every property in the City and requires that existing irrigation systems be adjusted and calibrated to prevent overspray and runoff into public streets. Not only will this help reduce water use, but it will greatly reduce the extensive damage to the asphalt on the streets caused by such overspray and runoff.

The second component requires landscaping plans to be prepared for single-family residential projects which are subject to discretionary review by the city (such as by the Planning Commission) and propose new or altered landscape area of at least five thousand square feet. These plans must comply with certain strategies to reduce water use, including using a water-efficient irrigation system, water-wise plants and mulch in areas not covered by plant materials. The regulations allow for a self-certification by the landscape designer for both the design compliance and the final installation.

For more information, or to report a violation, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Joe Mendoza at (310) 378-0383.

Junior Lifeguard and Dolphin Camp Programs Return this Summer

The Palos Verdes Beach & Athletic Club will again offer two popular club youth swim programs for City residents. While PVBAC members have priority on sign ups, PVE *non-member residents* will also have the opportunity to sign up beginning February 28th through March 6th. **NO CALL IN RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN.** Payment must be received at the time of sign up to reserve a spot. Please clearly specify name(s), time and day of classes requested. Space is limited. Contact Chris Manos at (310) 375-8777 for more information on the programs listed below.

Junior Lifeguard Conditioning (ages 9 to 17)

Cost: \$144 per person

Schedule: 8 week program

Monday/Wednesday – March 14th – May 4th

Class times: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday – March 15th – May 5th

Class times: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Dolphin Camp Training (ages 7 to 10)

Must be able to swim 50 yards freestyle w/o stopping

Cost: \$144 per person

Schedule: 8 week program

Tuesday/Thursday class only March 15th – May 5th

Class time: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. only



Stable Open House



The Palos Verdes Stable is holding a FREE Open House on Saturday, March 26th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stable, located at 4057 Via Opata, Palos Verdes Estates.

This is a fun day for the whole family! There will be horseback riding demonstrations and information sessions about horses and the sport of horseback riding. Information on lessons and stable programs will also be available.

For more information about the Open House, please contact the Palos Verdes Stable at (310) 378-3527.

Brandel Scholarship

The deadline for the Harry Brandel, Jr. Scholarship is **March 31, 2011**. Winners will be notified no later than April 27, 2011.

These education scholarships were established in memory of Harry Brandel, Jr. who served on the board of the Palos Verdes Homes Association for 44 years. Offered to qualified high school seniors, college students, and graduate students, eligible applicants must be accepted at, or attending, an accredited college or university and plan to major in architecture, civil engineering, land-use planning or fine arts. In addition, at least 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, essay, letters of recommendation and community activities.

Applications may be obtained directly from the Homes Association office, 320 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, or the high school's college career center.

For more information, contact the Palos Verdes Homes Association directly at (310) 373-6721.

Payment Option for Parking Citations

By mid-February, the City of Palos Verdes Estates will begin accepting online credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) for parking citations. This new online service will enable you to pay for a parking citation 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, helping to avoid late penalty fees.

For more information, please go to the City website, www.pvestates.org. The exact start date for this service will be highlighted as a "News" item on the City home page. For the first two months, click the

link that will be located under the news item. After that, please see our "Links" page and click on the first item "Pay Parking Citations Online". For any questions about this service, please contact the Finance Department at (310) 378-0383.

To receive an email notification of when this service is activated, please go the City website to "Join E-News" (under the arch) on the homepage. Fill in your email information and check the "General News" box.



Air Quality District Launches Voluntary "Check Before You Burn" Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is asking residents to participate in the "Check Before You Burn" program to help improve wintertime air quality by not burning wood in fireplaces when unhealthy air has been forecast.

Under this program, the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will issue voluntary no-burn advisories. To find out if an advisory has been issued visit www.airalerts.org, or call the AQMD 24-hour hotline at (866) 966-3293.

Mayoral Rotation

A special session of City Council is scheduled on **Wednesday, March 16th**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall to honor outgoing Mayor Rosemary Humphrey and install a new Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore. The public is encouraged to attend. There will be light refreshments following the ceremony.

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