



Newsletter

August 2011

Commemorating September 11, 2001

September 11, 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of one of the most tragic events this nation has ever faced. Our Country lost nearly 3,000 lives at the hands of a coordinated terrorist attack. To remember the victims and to honor affected families and those who protect and serve our Country, the City of Palos Verdes Estates will be commemorating this day in history. Please join City officials and City and Police Department staff at Memorial Garden (on Palos Verdes Drive West across from City Hall) on Sunday, September 11 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) for a “Freedom Tree” planting and flag ceremonies.



Parking on Narrow Streets

Several streets within Palos Verdes Estates are quite narrow and provide parking challenges. Even when cars are legally parked on both sides of a street, it can often be difficult for even one car to pass between them. This can create an even more difficult situation when larger vehicles, such as fire or trash trucks, try to navigate a street.

Many of the residents on these streets have recognized the challenge of these streets and minimize parking issues by simply not parking across from another parked vehicle. This allows at least one vehicle to easily travel the street. It also allows the

residents to avoid “no parking” restrictions within their neighborhood and the associated signage.

Often, these parking issues are exacerbated due to gatherings that draw a large number of people to a home and increase the number of parked cars. The guests are not familiar with the local parking issues and park across from one another, making it difficult to drive the street and upsetting the other residents. The City strongly suggests that residents plan ahead for parking issues when having gatherings, and make an effort to inform their guests how they can park to keep the streets as convenient and safe as possible.

Palos Verdes Estates City Council

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Councilmember..... Ellen Perkins
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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



City Website (www.pvestates.org) – Suggestions for Improvements - One Year Anniversary

The City's website, completely redesigned and refurbished last August, is celebrating a one-year anniversary! The new site included significant enhancements and additional information. The City is interested in hearing from regular and casual users alike about additional content, features and/or improvements they would like to see on the site.

Please take a moment and email the City Clerk's Office (Cityclerk@pvestates.org) to provide your suggestions, or go to the address above and click the link under "Current News" on the home page. We value your input and are always looking for ways to make the website more useful to our residents and customers.

Heal the Bay – Coastal Cleanup Day September 17th!

Join the biggest volunteer day on the planet! California Coastal Cleanup Day is open to all! With 90 countries participating, and all of California motivated to clean our waterways, L.A. County cannot skip a beat.

This year's event will take place on September 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). The local site in Palos Verdes Estates will be held at Malaga Cove Beach. Last year, students, community groups, residents and City staff collected close to 100 pounds of trash and over 20 pounds of recyclables! That was just a small portion of the over 100,000 pounds of trash cleared countywide!

This is a great opportunity for your family and your friends to do something great in honor of Oceans Day and the international effort of Coastal Cleanup Day. Get involved! Cleanup volunteers will enjoy a FREE pass to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium for use during the Coastal Cleanup Day weekend on September 17th and 18th.

Volunteers must be 13 years old or accompanied by a parent. Bags and gloves will be provided. However, to help cut down on the number of bags we use for our cleanups, please bring a reusable bucket or reuse a bag from home. We also encourage volunteers to bring, and use, reusable water bottles and garden gloves.

Registration is required...please do so today!

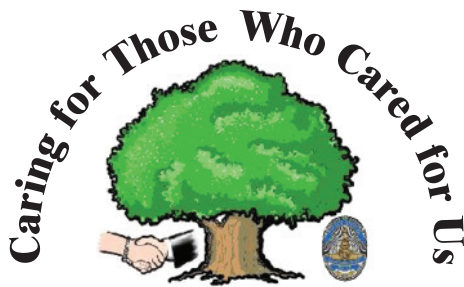
Volunteers may register at

<http://www.healthebay.org/event/california-coastal-cleanup-day-2011>



PVE-CARES Upcoming Events

*P*VE-CARES (Community Assistance and Resources for the Elderly and Seniors) is a program created by the Police Department to assist residents age 65 and older by offering resources to help them remain safe and independent in their homes. There is also support available for families with developmentally disabled adult dependents (age 18+). As part of their service, PVE-CARES sponsors senior-related events throughout the year and is pleased to announce the following upcoming events:



PVE-CARES

Thursday, September 15
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Palos Verdes Golf Club

“Taking Care of You”

Featuring Doctors from
Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital

Friday, October 21
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Neighborhood Church

Annual Senior Health Fair

For more information regarding the PVE-CARES program, please contact (310)378-4211 ext. 2131.

Council Agendas Available

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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.



**LIBRARY
SALE
DATES**
August 18 & 19
September 16 & 17



The PVE City Disaster Preparedness Program Needs Your Input

Our City's disaster preparedness program is named Disaster District Plan (DDP). The name was derived from the concept of having 6 districts within the City wherein emergency response equipment, supplies and expertise would be located to provide immediate community response in a time of need.

The DDP recognizes that all immediate resident needs cannot be met by quickly overwhelmed professional police and fire first responders. Accordingly, the program is conceived to incorporate and utilize the participation and skills of residents. The participation of all PVE residents in disaster response planning is encouraged. In fact, the DDP is termed "community-based" because it includes the community for disaster response without total reliance on professional first responders.

Following an activation of a district disaster response site, volunteer search/rescue and response teams will be formed to assess neighborhood conditions and immediate needs. To be effective, these volunteer responders need information about the needs, available skills and equipment in the neighborhood.

This information is currently being gathered by the survey form included in this newsletter. It provides information as to:

- household special needs for assistance (shut-ins, disabled, diminished mobility)
- available skills and special training
- specialized equipment useful in immediate response.

Your household participation, via the accompanying survey form, is requested. All information will be compiled and be kept confidential by the Police Department for City emergency purposes only. Once you have completed the form for your family, please bring it, or mail it, to the Police Department.

PVE resident participation as a DDP volunteer is encouraged. Additional information on the DDP is available on the PVE website at www.pvestates.org. Go to the bottom, left corner of the homepage and click on "Disaster Prep". Call the PVE Police Community Relations Officer, Laurie Slawson, at (310) 378-4211 for further information on volunteer participation.

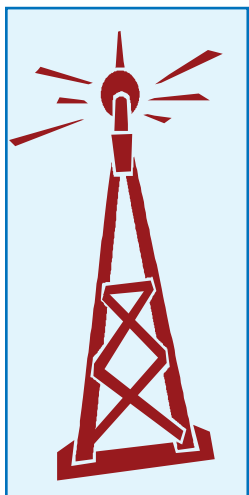
Brandel Scholarship Winner



The Palos Verdes Homes Association is proud to announce this year's Harry M. Brandel, Jr. Scholarship recipient, Blair Miller. Blair will be a third year student at Virginia Tech's School of

Architecture and Design. Last year, Blair was selected for the Dean's List for the School of Architecture and Design as well as participated in the Virginia Tech University Honors Program. Congratulations to Blair!

Amateur Radio Courses –Free Training



The Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART) is an imperative communication element to the City's disaster preparation efforts. In times of disaster, normal communication systems (phones, walkie talkies, Internet, etc.) can be severely disrupted. NART provides skilled and licensed ham radio operators in the City to help keep the communication lines open during these critical moments.

So, how can you become a licensed ham radio operator?

A basic ham license requires minimal technical experience; NO Morse Code knowledge is needed. Attend your free FCC training sessions (each course is two sessions):

FCC Technician (entry level) -

September 24th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and
October 1st 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FCC General (2nd level) -

September 24th 2:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. and
October 1st 2: 15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Both trainings are located at Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd. in Rancho Palos Verdes. No pre-registration is required. There is no charge for the course; however, to become licensed, you must take the FCC exam (cost \$15), which will be held on October 8th from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) at Hesse Park. For more information regarding the training sessions, please email walt.ordway@yahoo.com.

To learn about Palos Verdes Estates NART, contact NART Coordinator, Bryant Winchell at bryantcw@cox.net, or PVE Police Department Community Relations Officer, Laurie Slawson at lslawson@pvestates.org.

FREE Lamp Exchange – August 27th & 28th

A free lamp exchange, sponsored by Southern California Edison in partnership with the South Bay Environmental Services Center, will be held at The Forum parking lot located at 3900 W. Manchester Blvd. in Inglewood on both Saturday, August 27th and Sunday, August 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SCE residential customers may bring in their old lamps in working condition (no lamp shades) to exchange for a new Energy Star labeled lamp. You must bring your SCE bill and/or a CA driver's license with an address in the SCE service area. There is a limit of up to 10 lamps that may be exchanged per household per day. Be sure to come early for the best selection of more efficient lamps as quantities are limited.



For more information about this free lamp exchange, please visit www.scelampexchange.com or call 1-800-865-6483.



Energy Upgrade California - Summer Bonus Incentives

\$2,000 from the County and up to \$4,000 from the Utilities

*H*omeowners in Palos Verdes Estates Can Beat Summer Heat with Home Energy Upgrades and Find More Money in Their Pockets with Increased Energy Efficiency Incentives from L.A. County!

From now through Labor Day, homeowners who achieve at least 20 percent energy savings through qualified home energy improvements performed by a participating Energy Upgrade California contractor can receive \$2,000 back from Los Angeles County. In addition, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company are offering up to \$4,000 back through Energy Upgrade California, which means that L.A. County homeowners who achieve maximum energy savings with home energy upgrades may receive a **total incentive of \$6,000**. The incentives are available to homeowners in Palos Verdes Estates and other parts of the South Bay as part of [Energy Upgrade California](#) in L.A. County, a program designed to help homeowners save money through energy efficient improvements in their homes.

The Energy Upgrade California in LA County program rolled out to residents in early 2011 to provide homeowners in Los Angeles County who make energy-saving home improvements with initial rebates and incentives of up to \$4,500—in addition to savings on monthly utility bills. Energy Upgrade home improvements that qualify for

rebates and incentives include insulation, sealing, HVAC upgrades, energy-efficient windows, tankless water heaters and other “fixed” improvements. The program emphasizes a “whole house” approach, rather than installing individual improvements, as the most efficient and effective way to save money on energy bills and qualify for the maximum rebate available.

The increased summer rebate is retroactive for homeowners who have already begun upgrades through the Energy Upgrade California program and is available while funds last, or through Labor Day 2011. After Labor Day, the L.A. County rebate will return to its original amount of \$500, and homeowners will be eligible for a maximum of \$4,500 in incentives.

For more information about qualified upgrades and available incentives, program guidelines and finding a participating contractor, visit www.energyupgradeca.com/LACounty before beginning upgrade work. In order to be eligible for all rebates and incentives, energy efficiency upgrades must be performed by an Energy Upgrade California participating contractor. Through the Energy Upgrade California website, homeowners will be directed to the list of participating contractors specially trained in energy efficiency upgrades.

PVHA Volunteer Needed

*P*alos Verdes Homes Association is seeking a volunteer to set-up an internet site for the Association.

Please contact Sue at (310) 373-6721 for more information or to submit your interest.



PV Transit Information

for the 2011-2012 Fall/Annual School Year

(The first two weeks of school kids ride free if they have a pass on order!)

During the 2011-2012 Fall/Annual school year, PV Transit will again be operating seven fixed routes serving the Peninsula. Please take a few minutes to learn more about our service, and how to purchase a bus pass.

FYI: PV Transit operates seven fixed routes throughout the Peninsula as follows:

225/226 Operates M-F from approximately 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The **225/226** services the Peninsula, San Pedro, and the Redondo Beach areas. The **225** stops on Silver Spur/Crossfield and Silver Spur/Hawthorne, and several other locations in the nearby area.

White, Silver, Blue and Green routes provide service on the Peninsula, and operate M-F during peak hours only. Morning hours are approximately 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Afternoon hours are approximately 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. These routes stop at the Peninsula Library on Deep Valley Drive, and several other locations in the nearby area.

Gold/Orange routes provide service on the Peninsula, and operate M-F during peak hours only. Morning hours are approximately 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Afternoon hours are approximately 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. These routes serve the areas along PV Drive East and PV Drive South (Marymount College area).

If you would like more information on routes, please visit: www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit/

Fall passenger timetables will be available on the PV Transit website, at the Peninsula Center Library, and the PV Transit office located at 38 Crest Road

West in Rolling Hills. For passengers that used PV Transit bus service in 2010-2011, routes and schedules will be similar.

How to Pay Tokens can be purchased at the PV Transit office and City Hall for \$2.50 each (payment by check only at City Hall).

There are several ways to pay for the service. The one-way fare is \$2.50 (tokens or cash – exact change only when boarding). Only the annual and semester passes offer unlimited rides and cost the following:

	Semester Pass (Aug 30 to Feb 1)	Annual Pass (Aug 30 thru June 15)
One Pass	\$295	\$590 each
Two passes in a family	\$290 each	\$580 each
Three passes in a family	\$280 each	\$560 each
Monthly Passes	\$ 77 each	Tokens \$2.50

How to Buy a Bus Pass

Passes will not be available at school registration. Passes will be sold by mail only starting in August 2011. Application and instructions are on the PV Transit website.

How to Contact PV Transit

Phone: 310-544-7108
(between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.)
Fax: 310-544-7109
E-Mail: pvtransit@palosverdes.com

For route information call Mike Douglas at (310) 544-3710 or (310) 345-5486.

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Get Ready. Get Certified.

Skills, Equipment and Needs Survey

The Palos Verdes Estates Disaster Preparedness Program continues to gather and update community information valuable in disaster response. Please provide the following information to assist in your family's disaster needs and response. Information on this form will be kept confidential for City emergency purposes only.

Name _____ Date _____
PLEASE PRINT

PVE Address _____

How many persons in household? Adults _____ Children _____ Disabled _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

List any special needs your household may have during disaster: _____

Please check all applicable skills:

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CERT trained | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical training | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd language, specify | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care/teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder care | <input type="checkbox"/> Search/Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Suppression | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur radio | <input type="checkbox"/> City utilities |

Other applicable skills _____

Please check all applicable equipment:

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ham radio | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-road vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent/spare bedding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walkie-Talkie | <input type="checkbox"/> Generator | <input type="checkbox"/> Large ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp stove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Chain saw | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy jack | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong rope |

Other applicable equipment _____

Residents may be asked to volunteer assistance with Disaster Recovery. Please provide a self-assessment of your ability to respond to such a request:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to respond | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical duties | <input type="checkbox"/> Light field duty | <input type="checkbox"/> Full field duty |
|--|--|---|--|
- (Field duty includes recovery team leadership, light search & rescue, medical/triage, message running, etc.)

**Please mail or return this completed form to the PVE Police Department,
340 Palos Verdes Drive West, PVE, CA 90274 or fax to 310-375-5076**