

CITY HALL TELEPHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

This past year, the City completed a telephone system upgrade to replace the antiquated analog system, which had reached the end of its useful life. Residents calling the City in the afternoon may now listen to an automated attendant, select the Department they wish to reach and be directly connected, streamlining the process and saving time.

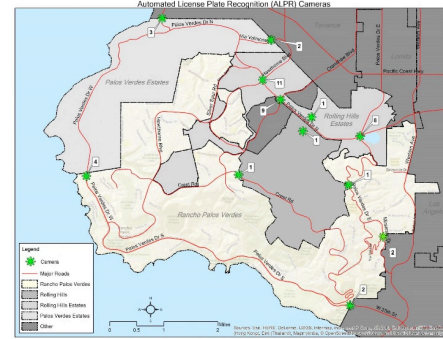
The new, modern system was installed utilizing Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology, which runs over the internet, as opposed to a traditional landline telephone service that is provided by a regional phone company. The quality and sound of a VoIP system have come so far that it's nearly impossible to tell the difference between landline and internet-based calls.

The new VoIP technology offers several advantages over the prior system, including lower cost of ownership and easier management. Additionally, the newer phone technology seeks to ensure that the City of Palos Verdes Estates operates as efficiently as possible and is in line with IT industry standards that have evolved over time.



AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) CAMERAS

The City of Palos Verdes Estates joined with the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates and Rolling Hills in a multi-city agreement for the implementation of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) at gateway locations around the Peninsula. This past year, ALPR cameras were installed at two locations: near Via Rosa and Palos Verdes Boulevard, and on Via Valmonte at the Torrance boundary.



The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department (PVEPD) has established protocols, trained its personnel, and is currently utilizing data/active alerts from other ALPR cameras, including those on the Peninsula, in Torrance and several other cities in Los Angeles County. Dispatch receives live alerts and the PVEPD Detective Bureau uses ALPR data as a very successful investigative tool. ALPR data has proven beneficial in investigating crimes, recovering stolen vehicles and aided in making arrests.

2017 COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Last September, the City of Palos Verdes Estates participated in the Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup Day. The Neighborhood Church, Sandpipers and Palos Verdes Estates Citizens Academy sponsored sites at Malaga Cove and Lunada Bay where 273 Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers collected trash and recyclables from the bluff tops and shoreline. Plastic beverage bottles, cigarette butts and food wrappers were the three most common items retrieved. Our volunteers learned first-hand the importance of keeping trash out of waterways and protecting the natural beauty we all cherish along our coastline. Please visit www.healthebay.org/events to learn more about how you can become involved in this year's Coastal Cleanup Day.



AFTERNOON TRAFFIC CONTROL STUDY AT PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST AND VIA CORTA

During the week of May 14 through 18, the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department and City Engineering Division conducted a study to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of implementing afternoon traffic control measures at the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive West (PVDW) and Via Corta.

The purpose of the study was to evaluate the traffic flow in and out of Palos Verdes Estates through the intersection of PVDW/Via Corta. Study results will not only assist in determining the effectiveness of manned traffic control at the intersection, but will also assist in determining the potential effectiveness of future street or traffic control modifications.

Results of the study are scheduled to be presented to the Traffic Safety Committee in September.



CITY APPROVES RECYCLING ORDINANCES

In February, the City Council amended the City's municipal code to address State regulations related to mandatory commercial and multi-family residential recycling and construction, and demolition (C&D) waste management. Recent legislation requires all California cities to divert 75% of waste from landfills by 2020. These laws also require businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste weekly, and multifamily complexes with five units or more, to participate in recycling programs. State recycling laws require local agencies to comply with these recycling goals, and to ultimately enforce these laws.

The new recycling ordinance implements the State's requirements on a local level and provides the enforcement tool for the City to address offenders who do not comply with recycling requirements. Further, California's Green Building Standards Code requires that at least 65% of the construction waste generated during most new construction projects, and 100% of excavated soil and land clearing debris, be diverted for recycling or remanufacturing.

This new ordinance requires C&D generators to submit a waste management plan and surety deposits prior to obtaining building permits. Upon completion of the project, C&D generators are required to submit documentation demonstrating mandated waste diversion for C&D waste.



BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY

Construction projects can be seen in every neighborhood as residents remodel existing and construct new homes. With 57% of homes in Palos Verdes Estates constructed from 1950 to 1969, an increasing number of residential properties are being redeveloped and remodeled. In Fiscal Year 16/17, the City's Planning Division conducted approximately 123 plan check services and issued 2,030 building permits. Based on the most recent information available, the City, inclusive of the Planning Commission and staff, have been quite active this year, with building activity culminating in 108 plan check services as of April and 1,493 building permits issued as of February!

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SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF MEASURE E MAINTAINS LOCAL PALOS VERDES ESTATES POLICE SERVICES

The City successfully conducted a Special Municipal Election on April 10, 2018. In a record 58% turnout, the voters passed Measure E to maintain the City's local Police Department. Measure E also established the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee to ensure taxes received are spent appropriately. Funds received by the measure are dedicated solely to the Police Department.

For more information on the results of the election, please visit the City's website at <http://www.pvestates.org/elections>.

NEW PALOS VERDES ESTATES POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED

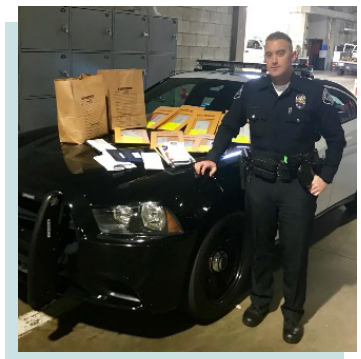
In January 2018, the City Manager appointed Captain Mark Velez as Police Chief of the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. Chief Velez has been with the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department since 1989 where he worked his way through the ranks of Reserve Police Officer, Police Officer, Detective, Field Training Officer, Sergeant and Captain of Operations. Chief Velez's priorities include increasing community engagement, connecting with the youth of the community, being fiscally responsible and transparent, and ensuring the safety of those who reside in, and visit, Palos Verdes Estates. Congratulations Chief Velez!



Chief Velez with Elected Officials and City Manager

PALOS VERDES ESTATES RANKED ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN CALIFORNIA

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has been ranked as the fourth safest city in California based on recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics from cities with populations of 10,000+ residents. We credit our proactive, community oriented police force for our safety. The approximate response time for an emergency call is 2 minutes and 45 seconds. Violent crimes are extremely low and a majority of the crimes involve thefts of property, primarily out of unlocked vehicles. During the period of July 1, 2017 through May 1, 2018, the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department made 462 arrests and issued upwards of 2,600 citations and warnings. We are proud to partner with our community to keep our citizens and our streets safe.



FOCUS ON COMMUNITY POLICE ENGAGEMENT

The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department (PVEPD) has increased its focus on community engagement. Police employees reach out through social media, street meets, elder programs, school engagement and other youth programs. Throughout the

year, Officers speak at community-wide events, including PTA meetings, Homeowners Association events, student group and School Board meetings, and PVE CARES events. If you are interested in scheduling an Officer or a representative of the PVEPD to speak at your event, please contact Chief Mark Velez at 310.378.4211 or via email at mvelez@pvestates.org. We also welcome you to connect with the PVEPD on social media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/PalosVerdesEstatesPD/>
- <https://twitter.com/pvepd?lang=en>
- <http://nixle.com/palos-verdes-estates-police-department/>
- <https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ca/palos-verdes-estates/palos-verdes-estates-police-department/>



CITY ESTABLISHES NEW COMMITTEES AND WELCOMES NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has established resident Commissions and Committees. The City Council appoints members of the community to serve on these boards to provide greater community participation and public input in the decision-making process.

The City Council established three new Committees this year, bringing the total number of resident Commissions and Committees to seven. Appointees serve two-year terms, except for newly created Committees where, in order to establish staggered terms, some appointments are for one year.

Finance Advisory Committee

- Amy Forte, Chair
- Mark Young, Vice-Chair
- Don Culler
- Ela Jhaveri
- David McGowan

Members of the recently created Finance Advisory Committee research City financial issues and provide advice and recommendations to the City Council regarding budget reconciliation and fiscal liability matters (including pension liability), as well as work with City Staff in preparation of long-range financial planning forecasts.

Investment Policy Advisory Committee

- Victoria Lozzi, Chair (Treasurer)
- Vacant
- Vacant

Members of the Investment Policy Advisory Committee will generally have knowledge of investments and banking practices, and make recommendations to the City Council related to investment policy and practices, presenting investment reports, and evaluating and recommending other banking-related matters.

Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee

- Wayne Windman, Chair
- Philip Solomita, Vice-Chair
- Sean Armstrong
- Gibson Cooper
- Michael Mangano

The Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee was created as a result of Measure E, as approved by voters on April 10, 2018. Funds raised by Measure E are solely dedicated to funding the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, and this committee ensures taxes received are appropriately distributed for that purpose.

Parklands Committee

- Robert Wade, Chair
- Caroline Leach, Vice-Chair
- Deborah Richie-Bray
- Amir Kaviani
- Paul McCabe

The Parklands Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to Parklands and landscaped portions of rights-of-way. The Committee works with the City's Parklands Policy, Tree Management Policy and Parklands Landscaping Policy for evaluating the addition or relocation of a pathway and introduction of landscaping, advising residents concerning designated street trees and the City's tree management procedures, and evaluating the use of parklands and landscaping on other public property, in order to maintain our unique charm for which Palos Verdes Estates is known.

Planning Commission

- Michael Thomas, Chair
- Winston Chang, Vice-Chair
- Stuart Criley
- Derek Lazzaro
- Wendy Walker

The role of the Planning Commission is to enhance and preserve the community character through the review and approval of proposed development for consistency with the General Plan and compliance with Neighborhood Compatibility, and to recommend zoning code and other pertinent ordinance modifications to the City Council.

Technology Advisory Committee

- Jim Roos, Chair
- Steve Friedrich, Vice-Chair
- Bernardo Buelga
- Tim Massey
- William Peckovich

This recently created Technology Advisory Committee advises the City Council on technology for resident engagement, government transparency, future technologies and structuring relationships with City vendors. Special thanks go out to our Technology Task Force—David Wagman (Chair), Reggie Jue, Lisa Juelle, Desiree Myers and William Peckovich—who were instrumental in defining the goals and objectives of the Committee.

Traffic Safety Committee

- Frank Adams, Chair
- Kevin McCarthy, Vice-Chair
- Clark Margoff
- Richard Phillips
- Zoe Unno

The Traffic Safety Committee reviews specific traffic-related requests and concerns, which often involve requests for traffic calming. Typical requests such as changes to parking restrictions, new signage and changes to striping are also reviewed by the Committee.

For more information on Palos Verdes Estates Commissions and Committees, please visit the City's website at www.pvestates.org/government/commission-and-committees. You may also contact Lauren Pettit, City Clerk at 310.378.0383 ext. 803 or via email at lpettit@pvestates.org.

Like the City Council, all Commission and Committee members are volunteers who serve without any compensation. Thank you to all our citizens who have generously volunteered their time and welcome new Committee members!

CITIZENS ACADEMY

The City is pleased to be embarking on the third session of the Palos Verdes Estates Citizens Academy, a 10-session civic engagement program designed to inform residents about many aspects of the City through hands-on experiences. Subject areas include municipal operations/services, budgeting, police and fire services, environmental programs and community recreation, as well as the City's history and vision for the future.

The program serves as a forum to provide residents with a foundation for serving as City ambassadors and volunteers, and several graduates have become members of the City's Commissions and Committees. The application process starts after the first of the year, and applications are encouraged from all segments of the community. Enrollment for each class session is limited to 27 participants, who must be 15 years or older and City residents.

"The Citizens Academy was a fantastic experience for me," said Charles "Skip" Collinge. "As an almost 30-year resident of Palos Verdes Estates, I had no idea how complicated the workings of a city can be, and I never really properly appreciated all the incredible hard-working people who are so dedicated to the City of Palos Verdes Estates."

Thanks to all our citizens who have participated!



2nd Citizens Academy class learning about Public Works



2nd Citizens Academy class learning about Fire & Paramedic Services

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Did you know approximately 150 residents volunteered an incredible 7,000 hours of service to the community last year? The City of Palos Verdes Estates would like to acknowledge and thank our volunteers for their contributions in making Palos Verdes Estates a better place to live.

In a show of support, the City hosted the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast to honor all our deserving volunteers. The City offers a special thanks to the Spontaneous Pancake Club from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School for cooking and serving pancakes to nearly 50 volunteers and to the Peninsula Junior League Baseball for helping us with this fantastic event!

Volunteers are ambassadors of the City and we are truly grateful to all who give so much of themselves. The City is always looking for citizen volunteers and there are many ways to contribute—from advising the City on long-range financial planning, to sharing your knowledge of local plants and trees, to connecting with our senior residents, to helping to ensure the

safety of your neighborhood. Opportunities include:

- Disaster District Program (DDP)
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Investment Policy Advisory Committee
- Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee
- Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART)
- Neighborhood Watch Board of Directors
- Parkland Rangers
- Parklands Committee
- Planning Commission
- PVE-CARES
- Reserve Officers
- Technology Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Committee
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

For more information on how you can become involved in our many exciting volunteer opportunities, please contact Lauren Pettit, City Clerk at 310.378.0383 ext. 803 or via email at lpettit@pvestates.org.

We appreciate the achievements and accomplishments of all our volunteers – thank you!

CITY NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH AT COUNTER

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has converted to a cashless system for those who conduct business at the City. If you visit the City to pay for such services as building permits, appeals or traffic tickets, the accepted payment methods now include: checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express. Debit cards bearing the Visa or MasterCard logos are acceptable. However, cash will no longer be accepted. This move will allow us to improve customer service by expediting the payment process, making your visit quick and easy.

We recognize that many still carry and use cash, and we apologize for any inconvenience the new adjustment may cause. Thank you for your cooperation.

2018 ADOPT-A-TREE INITIATIVE

Earlier this year, the City asked our residents to work together in finding locations for trees to be planted along City streets to maintain and enhance the urban forest throughout the community. Palos Verdes Estates is slowly losing trees due to damage, disease, old age and removal due to view impacts.

The City is able to purchase and plant new trees at no additional cost. When residents obtain permits for tree removal, the funds are received and then held in trust in the City's "Tree Bank," which has accumulated funds over the years for this specific purpose. The funds are then used to purchase and plant new trees throughout the year.

The City's Adopt-a-Tree initiative provided an opportunity for more than 50 residents to have a designated street tree planted in the parkway in front of their home in recognition of National Arbor Day on April 27, 2018. Our residents then commit to the tree's care and maintenance in their first years of life.

Not only do trees beautify our community, but they also increase aesthetics, help with erosion control and air quality, reduce temperatures, encourage outdoor activities, and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

The City appreciates and thanks those residents who adopted a tree.