



Newsletter

December 2011



Stay Safe This Holiday Season

Since the holiday season is upon us, the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department would like to offer the following safety tips to ensure a safe and festive holiday season.

If you're traveling

- Ask a neighbor to watch your home when you are away.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper deliveries stopped or picked up by a neighbor.
- Leave copies of your itinerary and phone information with a relative, or trusted neighbor, so you can be easily contacted.

At home

- When you leave your home, remember to close and lock your windows and doors; if you have an alarm make sure you set it.
- Don't display holiday gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- If you have items delivered to your home, try to be there when they are delivered, or have the items delivered to a trusted neighbor.
- Be careful when someone you do not know comes to your door. Be aware that criminals often pose as couriers delivering gifts. When in doubt, call the police.

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Palos Verdes Estates City Council

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 Councilmember..... **James F. Goodhart**
 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

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Shopping

- Park in a well-lighted area and if possible, take another person with you.
- When you are out shopping and enjoying the holiday season, remember to be aware of your surroundings.
- While shopping, do not take out your wallet until you actually need it; never put your wallet down on a restaurant table or alongside a cash register.
- To discourage purse-snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages.
- Lock your packages and gifts in your vehicle's trunk.

Children's Safety during the Holiday Season

- Do not leave children alone in vehicles.
- Make sure children are aware of what to do if you become separated from them.
- Always bring young children into the restroom with you.
- Make sure that your child knows your cell phone number and home address.
- Reiterate to your children to NEVER talk to strangers!

Holiday Fire Prevention

- If you have purchased an artificial tree, please be sure it is labeled "Fire Retardant."
- Make sure natural trees are well watered.
- Keep trees securely upright in a stand to ensure that it will not accidentally tip over.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, gaps in the insulation, and broken or cracked sockets.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Unplug your tree lights before leaving your home or going to bed.
- Make sure all fire, smoke, and carbon monoxide detectors in your home are in good working condition with working batteries.
- Keep fire extinguishers accessible on every level of your home.

Important Phone Numbers

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| • Emergency: | 911 |
| • Palos Verdes Estates Police Dept. | (310) 378-4211 |
| • LA County Fire Dept. Station #2 | (310) 373-6539 |
| • Palos Verdes Estates City Hall | (310) 378-0383 |



MALAGA COVE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

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Holiday Events and Services



PV Transit Will Offer FREE New Year's Eve Rides

PV Transit will once again offer FREE New Year's Eve transportation service, to residents on the Palos Verdes Peninsula only, on December 31, 2011. This service will be provided from 6 p.m. December 31, 2011 to 2 a.m. January 1, 2012. Reservations (one-way or round trip) may be made in advance **starting December 27, 2011** by calling (310) 544-3710 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you do not make a reservation in advance, you may call on the day of December 31, 2011 for evening reservations. Remember to plan ahead for a safe and very Happy New Year!



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Athens Services, the City's waste hauler, will provide FREE Christmas tree removal from your curb on your normal pickup day from December 26, 2011 through January 6, 2012.

For pickup, place your whole tree in the trash barrel storage area and be sure to remove stands and decorations such as tinsel and ornaments. Lightly flocked trees are acceptable. Please contact Athens Services at (888) 336-6100 for more information.



Santa's Coming to Palos Verdes Estates

Santa Claus will visit PVE two times in December! His first stop will be at Lunada Bay Plaza on Thursday, December 15th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Then, on Saturday, December 24th he will arrive at Malaga Cove Plaza at 6 p.m. for those last minute requests of good boys and girls.



Green Tip: Holidays in the Kitchen

Provided by the South Bay Environmental Services Center

*M*ake your holiday season even more special by considering these green tips to help you save money and reduce energy in the kitchen:

- Buy an oven thermometer and hang it in the oven where you can see it without having to open up the oven door.
- Bake your holiday cookies in large batches.
- Cover your pots and pans while they are simmering to keep the heat in.
- Choose the economy settings on your dishwasher (air dry for example).



Know Your Disaster District – Montemalaga and Bottled Water Preparedness Event Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon

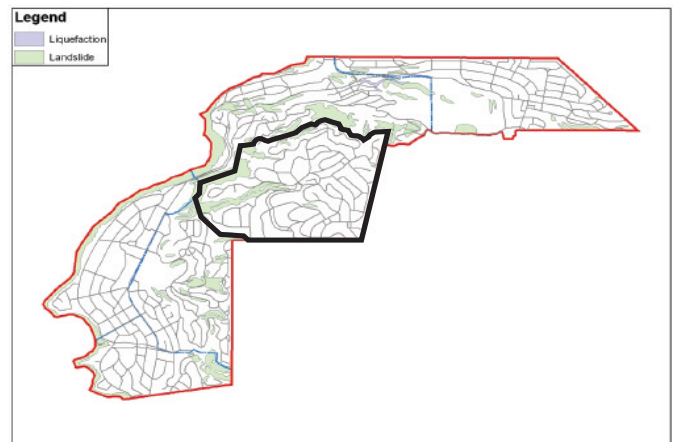
The Sparkletts Water Company, in cooperation with the City, has agreed to visit each disaster district site in the City (one every two months) in an effort to support residents who wish to increase their personal disaster readiness supplies.

The next Bottled Water Day Event is scheduled for the Montemalaga District, at Montemalaga Elementary School (located at 1121 Via Nogales in P.V.E.) on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is open to all P.V.E. residents. Sparkletts provides a discounted rate to PVE residents (which includes the CRV charge). Residents will be able to purchase their emergency water supply right off the truck to take home that day, or you may sign up for the discounted home delivery service. Sparkletts Water offers all the popular sizes, 24-packs, 1 gallon, 2.5 gallon, 5 gallon, coffee products, dispensers and other variations including storage racks. *Remember*, the new minimum recommendation is to maintain 10 days of supplies, which includes one gallon/person/day of water. This plan is convenient and affordable and will help keep you prepared in the instance of a disaster.

Additionally, this event allows the community to meet their local Montemalaga DDP Disaster Service Workers. Disaster Service Workers are community volunteers with expertise in various fields to help lead each district during a catastrophic event. The

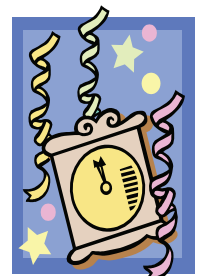
Montemalaga District Leader, Heidi Furer, and her deputies, Karen Galati and Neil Jivrajka, will be available at the Water Day Event. All District Leaders are CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trained and many of the volunteers have expertise in the medical field, Red Cross Shelter Training, Search and Rescue and Incident Command. Additionally, the Montemalaga neighborhood is home to many other community support teams such as NART (Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team) and Neighborhood Watch.

If you live in the Montemalaga area and would like to volunteer, please contact Community Relations Officer, Laurie Slawson, of the Police Department at (310) 378-4211, or by e-mail at lslawson@pvestates.org. You may also access this information by visiting the City's website at www.pvestates.org and clicking on "Disaster Prep" on the homepage.



City Hall Observed Holidays:

City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, as well as Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Presentation Concerning Maintenance Activities of Southern California Edison 7:30 P.M. December 13th City Council Meeting

Representatives of Southern California Edison are scheduled to appear at the Tuesday, December 13th City Council meeting at City Hall to provide information on the electric transmission network, the status of maintenance activities and an update on the proposed capital program for Palos Verdes Estates and the peninsula. This presentation is in response to the City’s request for information regarding recurring power outages that have affected both residential and business customers. If you are interested in this matter, please

plan to attend the Council meeting. If you are unable to attend, a rebroadcast of the Council meeting and presentation will air Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30 P.M. on Cox Channel 35.



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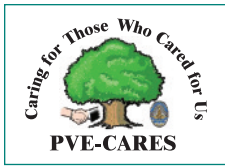
Business License Renewals Due

Business licenses expire December 31, 2011. Please renew your business license by January 31, 2012, in order to avoid late penalties. Business licenses are required for any business conducted in the City. If you do not receive your license renewal notice by mail in December, or are a new business requiring licensing, please contact the City’s Finance Department at (310) 378-0383 or obtain an application from the City website under the “I want to” tab.

The City authorizes home occupation businesses under certain limited conditions to ensure there is no impact on neighbors. If you are operating a home business and were not previously licensed, please contact the Finance Department. If you operate a business solely from a location outside the city, you should use that location’s address for any state licenses or correspondence so that you are not required to obtain a City license as well.

Council Agendas Available

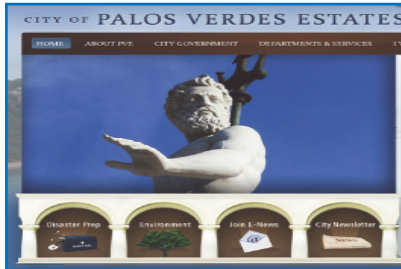
To enhance service to residents, City Council agendas are posted at City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West and the Golf Club Pro-Shop, 3301 Via Campesina, and agendas and related materials are placed at the Malaga Cove Library, 2400 Via Campesina, by the Saturday morning preceding the Tuesday evening 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.



6th Annual PVE-CARES Annual Health Fair....Record Attendance!

This year's Senior Health Fair, which was held on Friday, October 21st, was the most successful to date. The Health Fair attracted well over 300 attendees and PVE-CARES signed-up **fifty** new members. The document shredding service proved to be a huge hit, as did the disposal of unused/expired medications. There were 240 flu shots provided and more than 400 hot dogs served. We appreciate the Neighborhood Church for once again allowing us to host the Health Fair at their facility. Thank you also to all who participated in making this a special day... a good time was had by all.

If you would like to learn more about PVE-CARES, please contact a PVE-CARES Volunteer at (310) 378-4211 ext. 2131.



Know the City's Website (www.pvestates.org)

We encourage you to continue browsing the City's website to learn more about City operations and services. Recently, the City has updated pages to provide more information and resources to residents.

Meetings

Viewers can access Action Memos from Planning Commission, Parklands and Traffic Safety Committee meetings. These can be found by accessing the appropriate body under "City Government" and then "View Past Meetings".

Employee Compensation

Additionally, the "Human Resources" page under the City Manager's Department has been updated. The site has always listed current job openings and the City's employment application. It now also provides expanded information on employee compensation, which includes the City's most recent State

Controller's Report with 2010 W-2 compensation data, Employment Agreements and a list of authorized budgeted positions with salary ranges for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

City Finances

Lastly, viewers might be interested in the Finance Department's page "Financial Reports," which provides links to the City's FY 2011-12 Budget, the 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the 2010 Fiscal Health Report. Dog license and business license applications are also located within the Finance Department pages.

To keep updated on City news and information, we encourage interested individuals to sign-up for news alerts by clicking "Join E-news" on the homepage. Should you have any feedback on the website, or have a question about City-related business or services, please email cityclerk@pvestates.org.

Rainy Season Resident Preparation

*H*ow can you be prepared for a wet season as the winter months approach? Follow these guidelines to make sure you are well-equipped during the rainy season:

- Clean all rain gutters, swales and drainage pipes on private property.
- Evaluate problem areas. In a 50-year storm, is your property subject to flooding? How can water be diverted? Obtain sand bags for emergencies. Empty sandbags are available 24/7 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 most home improvement stores.
- Trim your trees, especially if they are large, densely-foliaged and/or shallow-rooted.
- If needed, examine and repair roofs, gutters, window caulking, and insulation.
- Keep large flashlights, extra batteries and/or lanterns on hand in case of an electrical failure.
- Turn off automated sprinkler systems when rain is expected.
- Keep the following utility company phone numbers handy:

Southern California Gas Company:	(800) 427-2200
Southern California Edison:	(800) 655-4555
California Water Service:	(800) 257-1400
Verizon:	(800) 483-4000

Call the City Public Works Department or the City Streets and Parks Department at (310) 378-0383 for storm-related concerns during regular business hours. If outside normal working hours, call the non-emergency Police Dispatch number at (310) 378-4211.

Palos Verdes Homes Association 88th Annual Meeting

*A*ttention all Property Owners! Your help is needed to establish a quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 10, 2012. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of PVE City Hall, 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. If you cannot attend the meeting, please sign and return your ballot as soon as possible by fax (310-373-9115), email (pvha@pvha.org), or mail (320 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274).

All members are invited to the January 10th meeting where issues will be discussed formally or informally, and refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact the PVHA office at (310) 373-6721.

The Palos Verdes Homes Association, established by the Deed Restrictions of 1923, is now in its 88th year of continuous service.

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