Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Parklands Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the Traffic Safety Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 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 and the City Website at least 72 hours before the meeting. For more information call City Hall at (310) 378-0383; Fax: (310) 378-7820.

With significant rain expected this winter, will the drought be over? Are residents still required to achieve 36% reduction in water use? I’m paying more for exceeding my water allocation; is there anything else going to happen? To answer these and other questions, the City of Palos Verdes Estates is hosting, and invites all residents, to a water conservation forum on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. with representatives of California Water Service and West Basin Municipal Water District. This event will take place at Palos Verdes High School (600 Cloyden Road, PVE), in the Multi-purpose Room. RSVPs are not necessary but are encouraged for attendance. Please RSVP by calling City Hall at 310-378-0383 or email jcampbell@pvestates.org or schase@pvestates.org.

In order to achieve state-mandated water use restrictions imposed by the drought, Cal Water has filed “Schedule 14.1: Water Shortage Contingency Plan.” Schedule 14.1 provides household and business water budgets, waste penalties, and enforcement measures to
reduce water use. The City’s previous Summer Newsletter identified the types of restrictions, violations, and water budgets that have been placed upon each resident/business.

Although a lot of information has been disseminated to educate the public on these conservation requirements, representatives from the City, Cal Water, and West Basin Municipal Water District will be providing information on current water use restrictions, our community effort to reduce water use and what is in store for the future. In addition, this event will provide an opportunity for you to share your questions, comments and specific interests.

We look forward to seeing you on the 30th. If you would like to RSVP or if you have any questions, please call 310-378-0383 or email jcampbell@pvestates.org or schase@pvestates.org.

And, how are we doing with water conservation in PVE?

by Justin Scarb, California Water Service

Since June 1, California has been under mandatory water use restrictions, implemented in response to the State’s historic drought. California Water Service’s (Cal Water) customers in its Palos Verdes District, which encompasses the entire Peninsula including Palos Verdes Estates, have responded in a big way.

In June, water demand on the Peninsula decreased by 32% as compared to 2013, and that figure improved to more than 33% in July. Residents in Palos Verdes Estates ended up only slightly behind the rest of Peninsula, reducing their water use by 29% in the June billing period and 30% in July.

On the downside, the Peninsula did not reach the water-use reduction mandate established by the California State Water Resources Control Board (Board). In May, the Board mandated that Cal Water’s customers on the Peninsula achieve a combined 36% reduction in water use between June 1, 2015, and February 28, 2016. Residents of the Peninsula are clearly moving in the right direction and can make up the difference between now and the end of February, especially since water use tends to still be relatively significant in September and October.

Cal Water has a number of programs designed to help its customers meet the water-use reduction mandate. For example, residential customers can have a water conservation specialist come to their home to evaluate their indoor and outdoor water use, and make suggestions on how the customer can be more efficient. There is no cost for the Residential Water Use Evaluations, and customers can schedule an appointment by calling (844) 207-1313 or filling out a simple form at www.calwater.com/conservation/eval.

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Lessen your chances of becoming a victim of a burglary or theft! The following are three of the most common crimes that the Police Department sees in our City and in the South Bay.

**Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles**

The majority of vehicle burglaries that occur in Palos Verdes Estates and the rest of the South Bay are the results of a purse, wallet, laptop, tablet or valuable items left in plain view within the vehicle. Many people make the mistake of covering up their valuables with a towel or other objects. Burglars know this trick and will frequently target vehicles with items obviously covered up. To greatly reduce your chance of becoming a victim of a vehicle burglary, remember to never leave valuables inside your vehicle. If your vehicle has an alarm, use it!

**Thefts through Open Garage Doors**

Secure and close your garage door any time you are not in the garage. In a matter of seconds, criminals can remove bicycles, skis, golf clubs, power tools, as well as your vehicle(s). Look out for your neighbors and notify them if their garage door is open too.

**Opportunity through Open and Unlocked Windows and Doors**

Be careful about leaving house doors unlocked and windows open, especially when not at home, and always activate your home alarm when you are away.

Talk with your family, neighbors and friends to share this information and help prevent vehicle and home burglaries and thefts. Always report suspicious persons to the Police Department. To report crimes in progress, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency reporting, call 310-378-4211.

To learn more about crime prevention, please join Neighborhood Watch (www.pvenw.org). For more information, contact Community Relations Officer, Marcelle McCullough, at (310) 378-4211 or email: mmccullough@pvestates.org.
Similarly, Cal Water offers a number of rebates on high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances to its customers on the Peninsula. If you’re remodeling your bathroom, you may qualify for a rebate of up to $100 for installing a high-efficiency toilet. If you’re in the market for a new clothes washer, you might qualify for a $150 rebate for purchasing one that uses less water. And, if you’re redoing your landscaping, you may qualify for free sprinkler nozzles, a rebate on a smart irrigation controller, and a rebate of up to $1,000 for replacing your turf with drought-tolerant landscaping. For more information about all of the conservation programs Cal Water offers, visit its website at www.calwater.com/conservation.

If you have any questions about the drought, Cal Water’s conservation programs, or the water budgets Cal Water has established for its customers, please contact Cal Water’s Customer Center at (310) 257-1400 or infoRD@calwater.com.

By taking advantage of Cal Water’s programs and with just a little more effort in conserving water, PVE will be able to meet or even exceed the reduction mandate. Together, we can ensure we have a reliable supply of water, both during this historic drought and for generations to come.
The Police Department has been meeting with bicycle groups to address drivers concerns with organized groups riding through the community to minimize impacts and improve safety. Although the City of Palos Verdes Estates does not have acknowledged bicycle lanes through the City, cyclists have the same rights on the road as automobile drivers, which means they are subject to the same laws as well. We encourage cyclists and drivers alike to observe the following bicycle and automobile safety tips offered by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation:

**CYCLISTS**

- Ride with traffic and as safely to the right as possible.
- Stop at all stop signs and observe speed limits, especially when travelling downhill.
- Use lights and reflectors at night.
- Use hand signals to indicate your intention to drivers.
- Don’t block the road by riding side by side; ride single file.
- While children under 18 must wear a helmet, cyclists of all ages should value their own life and always wear a helmet.
- Make eye contact with motorists to make sure they see you.

**MOTORISTS**

- Be aware bicyclists have legal access to the roadway.
- Always look for oncoming bicyclists because any accident with them could lead to serious injury.
- Leave safe passing room of approximately 3 feet of space as a buffer.
- Bicyclists may have to swerve to avoid a car door suddenly opening, glass, storm grates, dogs and other hazards on the road.
- When the lane is too narrow to pass a bicyclist safely, wait until the next lane is clear and give the bicyclist all the rights of any other slow moving vehicle.
- Be observant of bicyclists signaling a turn – a rider may give right turn signals with their right arm held straight out or pointing right.
- Be patient.

For more information, visit Los Angeles Department of Transportation website: [www.bicyclela.org](http://www.bicyclela.org).
SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE

The City’s website is an excellent resource for information on upcoming events, news, traffic control matters and City projects. You can subscribe to the City’s Event Calendar to receive public meeting agendas, the City Newsletter, and/or General News via email. To sign-up, visit www.pvestates.org, click on Join E-News and simply complete the online form noting your preferences and click “Subscribe.” As new information is posted, an email will be sent to you. Note: Your information is secure; email addresses are never shared or provided to third party vendors.

CITY WEBSITE UPGRADES COMING SOON

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is redesigning the official City website, www.pvestates.org, to provide residents with improved access to information about your local government, more news about our community and various other upgrades. We have engaged Vision Internet, one of the leading website design companies for municipal governments.

There are several improvements on the way, such as a more streamlined path to popular documents and news. We also are utilizing any feedback we have received from you in recent months. Our goal is to provide residents with a website that is both attractive and functional, providing you information that is easy to access and timely.

The redesign process is expected to take a couple of months. We look forward to launching the new site.
On Saturday, August 16, 2015, a brush fire in the Malaga Dunes within the Palos Verdes Golf Course scorched three acres of City parklands before the L.A. County Fire Department (LACFD) was able to control and extinguish the blaze. City staff from your Police and Streets & Parks Department responded in support of the Fire Department. The Fire Department dispatched two of its $4,000/hour, Super Scooper firefighting fixed wing aircraft and one water dropping helicopter to assist in containing the fire. In less than one hour from when the fire was reported, firefighters were able to contain the blaze. Fortunately, no one was injured and no structures were damaged. This great level of service and the resources were available and provided at no direct cost to the City of Palos Verdes Estates thanks to the existing contract with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, paid through the Fire and Paramedic Tax approved by Palos Verdes Estates voters in 2007. “We are very fortunate to have the quality of the County Fire Department personnel, vast range of equipment at their disposal, responsiveness of Fire Station #2 in coordination with all the Stations in Battalion 14, great communication, and an excellent relationship with the Fire Department,” said City Manager Anton Dahlerbruch following the incident.

Considering the elevated risk of fire during the summer and fall months, the City is pursuing greater fire prevention by increasing its annual brush clearance program by providing additional fire weed abatement in parklands.
Over the last several months in Palos Verdes Estates, bulldozers and earth moving equipment have been busy removing seven homes located above Bluff Cove along Palos Verdes Drive West. The City of Palos Verdes Estates acquired the homes as part of a settlement agreement arising out of earth movement and subsidence damage to the homes in that area in 1983. Showing signs of long-term damage and disrepair, the City Council decided in 2012 that the homes should be deconstructed and the properties become open space for the public. In late 2014, plans were approved to demolish the structures and in April 2015, the City initiated the project.

Recognizing the opportunities for public benefit with the deconstruction, the City partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles who could deconstruct the homes by removing and salvaging other re-usable materials prior to demolition. The homes, which were built from 1940 to 1975, provided an ample resource to be picked apart for any items that could be reused or repurposed. In March 2015, Habitat for Humanity coordinated dozens of volunteers through a labor intensive process to remove items such as light fixtures, appliances, cabinets, fireplace mantels, floor grates and various common materials such as wall plates and interior doors. Even the outside of the structures were scoured by the volunteers for salvageable materials including hundreds of bricks removed from yards and stacked on pallets. Eight truckloads of salvaged items were donated to Habitat LA and sold to the general public in one of its three “ReStores”, which are used and surplus home improvement centers.
**Staying Connected:**

City Council & Planning Commission Meetings Moving to Live & Web Streaming

City Council and Planning Commission Meetings are going to be live-streamed on the City’s website in our continuous efforts to be connected with you! That is to say, you can watch meetings as they occur from the comfort of your own home on the computer, tablet or other device connected to wifi. The City will launch this new feature in October. You will also be able to view-and-hear public meetings 24/7 at your convenience via the City website rather than the limited opportunities provided on public access television. Twice-monthly broadcasts previously shown Cox Channel 35 will discontinue this fall; however, by cooperative agreement with RPV Channel 33, playback of City Council and Planning Commission meetings will continue on RPVtv. Look to the City’s website (www.pvestates.org) for broadcast schedule updates.

Other website upgrades are in the works to provide intuitive ways to access City Hall. Our aim? To further enhance timeliness and transparency of public information. Look for a newer, fresher, and more user-friendly web experience, providing better ways to stay connected to your City.

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**Rainy Season Preparation**

As we endure the current drought and welcome precipitation during the upcoming rainy season, it is also important to take steps to avoid unintended consequences due to heavy rains and potential flooding. Please be prepared as the rainy season approaches by following these guidelines:

- Keep trees trimmed to reduce foliage
- Clean rain gutters, swales and drainage pipes on your private property
- Inspect roofs, gutters, window caulking and insulation and repair if needed
- In case of electrical failure, be sure to keep flashlights and extra batteries on hand and keep utility contact numbers close by.

To help alleviate flooding when heavy rains occur, consider obtaining sandbags which can be purchased at any home improvement store. Empty sandbags are available 24/7 in front of the Police Department with sand available on the empty lot, just west of the Fire Department.

Please continue to be mindful of the drought, and turn-off irrigation sprinklers when it rains and consider utilizing rain barrels for the collection of irrigation water.

For storm-related concerns, please contact the non-emergency Police Dispatch line at (310) 378-4211.
Please join us and help the environment by dropping off your unwanted and expired medications at the PVE Police Department on Saturday, September 26th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The drop-off will take place in front of the Department at 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. Residents who are unable to visit a location on Take-Back Day can go to www.awarerx.org, which allows consumers to search for disposal sites year round. Sharps and other household hazardous waste can be taken to the collection center located at 1400 N. Gaffey Street in San Pedro. They are open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Over four years and during nine “Take-Back Days,” consumers in Los Angeles County have disposed of approximately 4.8 million pounds (2,411 tons) of unwanted medication. Properly disposing of prescriptions keeps medicine out of the hands of someone who might abuse them, away from animals, and protects our ocean environment. Additional info can be found at www.dea.gov.
Additionally, the City Council required that 70% of the demolition debris be reused or recycled, keeping it out of the landfill. This means that the majority of wood, concrete and other building materials were recycled.

The City Council’s goal with this project is to provide public, natural, open space similar in appearance to the bluffs throughout the City. A future project will address additional native landscaping on the properties.

PVE-CARES is pleased to announce its 10th annual resident Senior Health and Wellness Fair that will be held Friday, October 23, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Church, located at 415 Paseo Del Mar in Palos Verdes Estates. All seniors are welcome at this event.

The Health Fair will feature free flu shots, other medical screenings, opportunity drawing for prizes, music from the 50’s featuring Chaussee’s Big Band, lunch and over 30 exhibitors of local resources geared toward services to our seniors. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date.

For more information about the Palos Verdes Estates’ Senior Program PVE-CARES, please contact the Police Department at (310) 378-4211.
Join us for the
PVE Neighborhood Watch
35th Anniversary
Celebration!

Sunday, November 8, 2015
3 – 5pm
Palos Verdes City Hall

Special Guests & Entertainment
Refreshments – Celebration – Officer Elections

In 1980, the PVE Neighborhood Watch began when residents decided to take back their community after some local crimes had occurred. 300 block groups formed and residents became vigilant and took on preventive actions. During those first years, crime was reduced and a new community message was sent to “would be” criminals that PVE was being watchful and aware.

35 years later, we continue the tradition. Please join us for a celebration of partnership, residents and police, making our community safer!

www.pvenw.org - pvenwboard@gmail.com

MALAGA COVE
LIBRARY BOOK SALE
SEPTEMBER 18 & 19  OCTOBER 16 & 17
NOVEMBER 20 & 21
The City of Palos Verdes Estates (City) is pleased to announce, following a competitive and thorough recruitment process, the appointment of Rebecca Burtt, Permit Technician; Carl Moritz, Urban Forester; and Donna Coonan, Financial Services Manager, Karina Bañales, Administrative Analyst in Human Resources, Karli Pooler, Traffic Control Officer, Police Cadet – Interns: Melissa Garcia and Chris Dunn as new additions to the City team to fulfill City goals and objectives and move the City forward in meeting the needs and expectations of residents.

Ms. Rebecca Burtt has served as the City’s part-time Permit Technician for the past seven years. Having been appointed into the full-time Permit Technician position, Rebecca will provide customer service regarding building and public works inquiries and the issuing of permits, maintain permit data, conduct research, and address project and application processing.

Mr. Carl Moritz brings over 30 years of arboriculture and forestry experience and a strong familiarity with the City’s unique character, customer service expectations, landscape design and contract service needs, and urban forest. For the last 15 years, Carl has served as the City’s part-time contract forester where he has supported City management of the City’s urban forest. In this full-time capacity, Carl’s responsibilities will include coordination and input for the maintenance and upgrade of public landscape areas, enhance technical advice and recommendations for water-efficient practices and participation in efforts to improve ordinances and policies for the public use of parklands and open spaces.
**What is an Energy Home Upgrade?**

Home Upgrade is a “whole house” approach to home energy efficiency. Rather than focusing on individual energy efficiency upgrades, the program addresses your home’s energy needs as a complete system. For example, your air conditioner can keep your house cool and use less energy if you seal the air ducts to eliminate drafts. Home Upgrade helps you maximize your energy efficiency, lower your energy bills, and increase your home’s comfort. The Energy Upgrade program is now offering rebates and incentives of up to $6,500. For more information about qualified upgrades, available incentives, program guidelines or finding a participating contractor, visit [http://www.energyupgradeca.org](http://www.energyupgradeca.org) or call 1-877-785-2237 before beginning any upgrade work.

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**PARKLAND RANGERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL SUPPORT**

The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department wants you. We are now accepting applications for two new volunteer programs. Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) and Parkland Rangers (PRs) are individuals who provide a minimum of 12 hours of their time per month to assist the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department by performing non-hazardous duties that do not require the expertise of peace officer powers.

The following are examples of tasks that volunteers may perform:

- Watch for and report criminal activity
- Report safety hazards
- Conduct school security checks
- Conduct business district security checks
- Make vacation house checks
- Patrol parks, parklands and bluffs
- Report vandalism and graffiti
- Act as a resource of community information (directions/map assistance)
- Conduct traffic control and crowd management during community events or disasters
- Search for missing persons
- Deliver material, property or documents to other police agencies or locations
- Post “No Parking” signs or barricades for special events
- Remove hazards/clear pathways in Parklands as directed by authorized City Staff
- And much more

For more information on any of our programs, please contact Community Relations Officer McCullough at 310-378-4211 Ext. 2121 or mmccullough@pvestates.org.
Ms. Donna Coonan brings to the City over ten years of experience in governmental accounting in the public arena, is a California Certified Public Accountant, and has an Accounting/Economics degree from the University of California Santa Barbara. Donna’s technical expertise, combined with an affable personality, will maintain the City’s strong conservative fiscal policy while providing and implementing best practices, new ideas, and improved systems and processes in support of the City’s efforts toward greater operational efficiency and transparency.

Ms. Karina Bañales brings over ten years of experience in Human Resources in both private and public sectors. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and is in the dissertation phase of a Doctoral program. Her experience, robust education, collaboration and teamwork will assist the City in developing employee focused programs, HR systems, policies and procedures.

Ms. Karli Pooler has served as a Police Department Intern for the past two years. She has performed various duties and has provided assistance to various divisions within the department. Her new role as the Traffic Control Officer will assist the City through the enforcement of parking laws, issuing parking citations and providing traffic control at accident scenes and at the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive West and Via Corta for morning commuters.

Christopher Dunn and Melissa Garcia will begin their law enforcement careers as Police Cadet – Interns for the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. Both are residents of the South Bay and will perform various duties such as processing mail, answering telephones, performing maintenance duties, and provide support to various divisions within the department.

The City congratulates and welcomes Carl, Donna, Rebecca, Karina, Karli, Melissa and Chris to the City team and serving the Palos Verdes Estates community.

Palos Verdes Estates
Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in El Segundo

Costume contest, games, tours, food, stage shows and a whole lot of water education!

West Basin Municipal Water District is hosting its 17th Annual Water Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 24th, at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility located at 1935 S. Hughes Way in El Segundo. The Water Harvest festival offers group tours of the water recycling facility to share how wastewater is purified into five different types of customer-designed, recycled waters.

The Water Harvest Festival is a FREE, fun and educational festival for the community that allows the West Basin to share important information about our water supply. Residents and businesses will receive information as to how to become more efficient with water use, learn easy conservation tips and gather information about the conservation programs West Basin and its partners offer to the communities they serve. There will be free food, games and prizes!

West Basin is a wholesale water agency, serving a million people in 17 cities – including the Palos Verdes Peninsula and South Bay. For more information, please visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org).

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**Palos Verdes Homes Association News**

The Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA) Board of Directors announces an upcoming vacancy. The PVHA is inviting interested members to submit their name for consideration.

Candidates will be members of the association (property owners) for at least five years. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: Palos Verdes Homes Association Board of Directors, 320 Palos Verdes Drive East, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 or via email: [pvha@pvha.org](mailto:pvha@pvha.org). The review process will be ongoing with interviews scheduled in October.

PVHA Board of Directors would like to welcome Kimberly Robinson as the new PVHA Manager. Trained in building design, construction, project management and sustainable building design, Kim also brings experience in business and operations management. Kim will be replacing Sue Van Every, who after 16 great years, has retired. Stop by and say hello.
SHREDDING & E-WASTE EVENT

Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates will hold its annual FREE Shred & E-Waste event, in partnership with its waste hauler, Athens Services, on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Palos Verdes High School parking lot located at 600 Cloyden Road. Residents may bring up to three banker’s size boxes per household (10”x12”x15”).

In addition to this year’s shredding event, you may bring and dispose of your electronic waste at the same time! Electronic waste includes TVs, printers, DVD players, computers, etc. No hazardous waste (such as paint, oil, light bulbs, etc.) will be accepted.

This event is for Palos Verdes Estates residents only – please be sure to bring proof of residency.

Please note: The City will be discontinuing the ability for residents to drop off e-waste in front of City Hall due to safety concerns with items left unattended in the grass parkway. As an alternative, in 2016, the City will host quarterly e-waste drop off events that are free to PVE residents. More information on these events will follow.

For more information, please contact City Hall at (310) 378-0383 or Athens Services directly at 1-888-336-6100.
PV TRANSIT
Information for the 2015-2016 Annual/Fall/Spring School Year

During the 2015-2016 Annual Fall/Spring school year, PV Transit will be operating the following routes:

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 provides service on the Peninsula, and operates 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 provides service on the Peninsula, and operates 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 the routes, please visit their website at: www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit/

Fall passenger timetables are now available on the 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 last year, routes and schedules will be similar.

**How to Pay:** Cash or Tap Card only. One-way fare is $2.50 (exact amount is required) or Tap Card. Tap Cards can be obtained at PVE City Hall; however, in order to add value to the card, visit [www.taptogo.net](http://www.taptogo.net) or call (866) TAP-TOGO/(866) 827-8646. Note: Passes will need to be obtained from PV Transit.

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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: 310-544-3710 or 310-345-5486.
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