



Rolling Hills Estates

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER

Conserving Water

Cal Water recently reported water conservation data for our Palos Verdes District, which includes the City of Rolling Hills Estates, to the State Water Resources Control Board. Cumulatively for the past four months, the Palos Verdes District as a whole reduced its water consumption by 32% when compared to September 2013. As a reminder, the Palos Verdes District has a cumulative water reduction requirement of 36%, which must be met by the end of February 2016, per Governor Brown's Executive Order. The City of Rolling Hills Estates reduced its water use in September by 40% and over the past four months by 36%!



In appreciation of its customers' efforts to reduce water use and continue conserving during this historic drought, Cal Water has launched a rewards program. 25 customers who meet or are under their water budgets will be drawn at random to receive \$50 gift cards for the December 2015, January 2016, and February 2016 bill cycles. Customers' water consumption for each bill is the month prior to the billing date. Customers who qualify will be automatically entered into each drawing. *Those meeting budgets at multiple premises can win only once per month.* The drawings are open to all Cal Water customers with a water budget, both residential and non-residential, except for Cal Water employees, household and immediate family members, suppliers, and affiliates.

Reducing water use tends to be easier during the summer months, as most discretionary water use occurs outdoors when the weather is warmer. As we move toward winter and the weather is wet and cool, reducing water use becomes more challenging. The City encourages residents and businesses to continue conservation efforts. Learn more at www.RollingHillsEstatesCA.gov, "Greener Path," "Water Conservation."

Post Your Picture of Summit Trail (P.O.S.T.)

Four Girl Scouts from Troop 11665 Lomita/Harbor City completed their Girl Scout Silver Award project with Post Your P.O.S.T. (Picture of Summit Trail) to encourage people and their pets to hike to the top of the summit at the George F. Canyon hiking and equestrian trail. The project's aim is to help fight obesity and other health problems, promote exercise, motivate people to get in touch with nature, and bring awareness to the George F. Canyon Nature Center and Preserve by encouraging hikers to reach the summit and post their picture to a social media



site. Flyers are available with the instructions on how to Post Your P.O.S.T. and the basic idea behind it.

At the top of the summit, the Girl Scouts created a cement foot marker for hikers to place their feet in while taking a picture of themselves and then posting it the photo to a social media site. Also, hikers can take their photo with a City view next to a custom-made wooden sign. Down at the base of the trail on the Western wall of the GFC Nature Center is a display case that hikers can use to put in printed photographs of their summit hike. A brochure case located just under the display case provides additional information on how to post digital photos to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Preparing for El Nino

Weather forecasters are predicting record El Niño storms. When strong El Niño conditions exist, there is a higher probability of increased rainfall along the coast of California. The increased rainfall can result in heavier than normal runoff, causing regional and large-scale flooding. However, it is difficult to predict how strong this winter's El Niño could become, and the effects storms may have on the West Coast. So it is important to be aware of the possible impacts from an El Niño winter and plan accordingly.



has launched www.lacounty.gov/elnino to help communicate emergency information and share preparedness tips with residents, businesses, and community partners which includes

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The City has free sandbags and ready for you to fill with sand at both Ernie Howlett Park – Maintenance Facility and at Fire Station #106, 27413 Indian Peak Road. In addition, Los Angeles County

First Saturday Walk

Explore George F Canyon with an experienced nature guide on the first Saturday of each month. This popular casual walk provides a perfect introduction to the canyon and its surroundings. Meet at the George F Canyon Nature Center at the corner of Palos Verdes Drive East and Palos Verdes Drive North. A \$3 donation per person helps support the Nature Center.

First Saturday of each month • GFC

1/2 • 2/6 • 3/5

9:00 am



Bird Walk

Enjoy a slow, easy and quiet walk to catch our feathered friends coming in to roost. Beginners welcome. The bird walk begins and ends at the George F Canyon Nature Center, located at the corner of Palos Verdes Drive East and Palos Verdes Drive North. Binoculars will be available for those without. **FREE!**

First Sunday of each month • GFC

1/3 • 2/7 • 3/6

8:30 am

Night Hike

Held on the night of a full moon, this hike takes you to the other side of the canyon for an impressive view of city lights. Experience a 300 ft. rise in elevation on this popular two-mile nighttime adventure. Bring a flashlight. A \$12 per person donation supports the Nature Center. Children must be at least 8 years old. *Reservations a must!* Call (310) 547-0862.

Full Moon Nights • GFC

1/23 • 2/20 • 3/20

Time: TBA

Golf Lessons

Receive six lessons at the Los Verdes Golf Course with Mike Buroza, PGA Class "A" Member. Small class instruction will benefit players at all levels. Golf balls and golf clubs included.

RHE Resident Fee - \$109

Non-Resident Fee - \$120

Adult Classes (18+ yrs.)

Sat • 1/16-2/20 • 12:30-1:30 pm

Los Verdes Golf Course



Equestrian Class

Receive an introduction to horses, equipment, tack, saddling, bridling, leading and grooming at the RHE Equestrian Center, 26401 Crenshaw Blvd. Drink and snack will be provided. Class limited to four students. For more information, contact trainer Jan Ball at (310) 377-1335.

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RHE Resident Fee - \$165 • Non-Resident Fee - \$183

Tu 1/12-2/2 Adult 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Tu 1/12-2/2 7-12 yrs. 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

W 1/13-2/3 7-12 yrs. 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Pintsize Sports & Soccer

A perfect introduction to pre-school aged-children to a variety of sports in a positive and fun environment! Students learn the basic skills of soccer, hockey, basketball and tee-ball in Saturday Pintsize Sports classes, while the Wednesday classes focus on individual and team skills only. Both programs consist of warming up, stretching, and skill drills focusing on individual and team play. Your child will gain improved fitness, agility, stamina, and coordination. All equipment is provided. Classes will be held at Ernie Howlett Park.



RHE Resident Fee - \$86 • Non-Resident Fee - \$95

Parent & Preschooler

W 1/13-3/2 Aged 3-5 + parent 4 Sports 10:00-10:45 am

W 1/13-3/2 Aged 3-5 + parent Soccer 11:00-11:45 am

Sat 1/17-3/7 Aged 3-5 + parent 4 Sports 10:00-10:45 am

Sat 1/17-3/7 Aged 3-5 + parent Soccer 11:00-11:45 am

Tennis Lessons

Learn the fundamentals of tennis and the strategy of match play with USPTA certified RHE Resident Tennis Pro, Bob Krueger. Bring a tennis racquet and one unopened can of balls to the first class. Classes meet once each week at the RHE Tennis Club at Ernie Howlett Park for eight weeks, beginning January 11. *No class on January 18 or February 15.* Please call (310) 541-4585 for more information.



RHE Resident Fee - \$68 • Non-Resident Fee - \$75

Skill Levels

I Rules, scoring, forehand, backhand and serve

II Lob, volley, overheads, ground stroke, serve, footwork

III Drills, strategy, games and review for players with 60% - 80% consistency at skill level I and II

M 4-6 yrs. I 2:00-3:00 pm F Ladies III 9:00-10:00 am

M 7-10 yrs. II 3:00-4:00 pm F Ladies III 10:00-11:00 am

M 7-10 yrs. I 4:00-5:00 pm F Ladies II 11:00-12:00 pm

Tu 11-13 yrs. III 3:00-4:00 pm F Ladies I 12:00-1:00 pm

Tu 13-18 yrs. III 4:00-5:00 pm F 11-13 yrs. I 3:00-4:00 pm

W 13-18 yrs. II 3:00-4:00 pm F 7-10 yrs. I 4:00-5:00 pm

W 11-13 yrs. II 4:00-5:00 pm Sa Adult II 9:00-10:00 am

Th 4-6 yrs. I 3:00-4:00 pm Sa Adult I 10:00-11:00 am

Th 7-10 yrs. III 4:00-5:00 pm Sa Adult III 11:00-12:00 pm



Dog Agility

Come play with your dog! Enjoy the sport of Dog Agility and learn to guide your dog through a course of obstacles. One-hour classes will be offered for varying skill levels from Beginner to Advanced on Fridays at Ernie Howlett Park. Please call (310) 200-0357 for more information about class levels and times.

Instructor: Daniell Dumais

RHE Resident Fee - \$160

Non-Resident Fee - \$176

Welcome New City Employees

The City of Rolling Hills Estates welcomes two new employees to our Planning Department.



Our new Senior Planner, Jeannie Naughton, has worked in the Community Development field since 2001, serving communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles County. She is an avid outdoors-person, particularly fond of open water swimming, trail running, and backcountry exploring. In 2012 she completed her first Ironman triathlon, and in 2014, celebrated life with a year-long, solo trip around the world. Jeannie received her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and her American Institute of Certified Planners certification.



Jessica Slawson has been hired as the City's new Code Administrator/Planning Assistant in October. She was born and raised locally in the South Bay. She spent her early years volunteering for various communities within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a Police Cadet. While law enforcement was an initial

interest, with a strong customer service background, she ultimately pursued public administration and received a B.A. from California State University-Dominguez Hills. She has studied abroad and enjoys traveling. After college, she married her fellow Cadet sweetheart. Together, they love to travel and enjoy outdoor activities with families and pets. She is thrilled to be a part of the Rolling Hills Estates family,

We welcome both Jeannie and Jessica and are happy to have them join our City team!

Preparing for El Nino From page 1

safety tips, weather forecasts, and information for homeowners affected by floods and mudslides. Additionally, visitors can find info guides, PSAs, and a dedicated Twitter feed of first responder agencies tweeting about this year's storms.

Southern California Edison's (SCE) is prepared...

SCE is planning and preparing for the storms and ready to respond to any potential impacts to our electrical system. You can learn more useful El Niño safety and preparedness information at: <https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/safety/family/emergency-tips>

Rolling Hills Estates Neighborhood Watch



As one of his final acts as Mayor and Council Member before his retirement, former Mayor Addleman recognized neighborhoods and homeowners' associations for their interest and participation in this year's RHE Neighborhood Watch activities.



The Terraces; Vantage Point; Ponderosa Lane; Strawberry Lane; Lariat Lane; Harbor Sight

RHE Neighborhood Watch Program. Membership is FREE.

You can sign-up today to receive a weekly email area crime reports, crime prevention tips and disaster preparedness information. RHE Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Bob Closson at Rhenw90274@dslextreme.com If you, or your neighborhood, would like to learn more about RHE Neighborhood Watch, please contact Assistant the City Manager, Alexa Davis at alexad@rollinghillsestatesca.gov or at (310) 377-1577 ext. 111.

Congratulations to: Palos Verdes Drive North; Branding Iron Lane; Rollingwood; Montecillo; Rolling Hills Country Club Estates; Los Verdes; Lariat Lane; RH Park Villas; Tanglewood; Masongate; Marloma; Hidden Valley Rd.; Georgette Canyon/Hitching Post; Empty Saddle; Hillcrest Meadows; Latigo Lane; Larga Vista; Los Ranchos Verdes; Roanwood;

Water Efficient Landscaping

Did you know that about half of all urban water is used for landscaping? California isn't out of the woods yet when it comes to severe drought conditions. As a result, the California Department of Water Resources updated their water efficiency in landscaping regulations, and this past October, the City of Rolling Hills Estates followed suit.



The new regulations require proper landscape design, installation and maintenance, in order to achieve significant water savings. If you're planning on installing a brand new landscape area that is greater than 500 square feet, or rehabilitating an existing landscape area that is greater than 2,500 square feet, make sure to check in with the Planning Department to learn about the new requirements!

residential yard areas. High-quality, professionally-installed artificial turf may comprise no more than 25% of a street-facing yard, and cannot be installed in the City's Right-of-Way. Most residential streets in the City of Rolling Hills Estates do not have improved sidewalks, which means that part of what you think is your front yard, may actually be the City's Right-of-Way. If you're planning on installing high-quality artificial turf in a street-facing yard, please confirm with the Planning Department to ensure you're putting it in the right place.

In addition to adopting new water efficiency regulations, the City also adopted new regulations regarding the use of artificial turf in street-facing,

For more information, or to confirm the requirements for your property, contact the Planning Department at (310) 377-1577.

Emergency Preparedness for You

Be prepared. Create an easily accessible emergency kit for you (considering each member of your family, including pets!):

- Food and water to last at least 3 days
- First aid kit
- Flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Radio (and extra batteries)
- Medications (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Cash and important documents
- Clothing and sturdy shoes
- Tools (wrench, duct tape, fire extinguisher, sturdy gloves, whistle)
- Sanitation and hygiene supplies

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • 2016

JANUARY	18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (City Hall Closed)
FEBRUARY	14	VALENTINE'S DAY
	15	PRESIDENT'S DAY (City Hall Closed)
MARCH	13	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
	17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	20	SPRING BEGINS

For City Council, Commissions and Committees meeting dates and times, please visit the City's Calendar online at www.rollinghillsestatesca.gov

Emergency Preparation for Horses

Kee your horse(s) safe in the event of a fast moving fire (or other emergency event), with these tips:

1. Plan for Emergency Sheltering for your horse.
2. Train your horse to trailer; if your horse is not yet trained to load into a trailer, or will not load easily or safely.
3. Have an emergency contact list, including your veterinarian. Keep the information with you and with your horse.
4. Take photographs and have a written description of each horse and include it with your emergency kit.
5. Microchip your horse.
6. Have a halter and rope readily available for each horse.
7. Have at least a three day supply of feed and water available for your horse, including any medications your horse may need.
8. Prepare an emergency kit for your horse.

For more information, email the Los Angeles County Equine Response Team at ERT@animalcare.lacounty.gov or visit <http://animalcarelacounty.gov>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Name _____ Emergency Phone _____

Participant's First Name	Last Name	Age	Class Name	Day/Week	Time	Fee
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. To register, complete and mail form to address below with check or money order. YOUR CANCELED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.
2. No refunds will be made after the first class meeting. All requests must be made in writing. Please allow 3-4 weeks for refund. A \$10 administrative fee per person, per class will be deducted from all refund requests. FULL REFUND given only if class is canceled.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES"

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, ATTN: RECREATION

4045 PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274

RELEASE OF LIABILITY - Signature required for all participants

I have elected to participate in the recreation activity stated above. In consideration for and as a condition of such participation, I agree to assume any and all risks arising out of or incident to such participation. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Rolling Hills Estates, its instructors, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, damages, losses, expenses or any person, arising out of or incident to my participation in this recreation activity.

I hereby represent that I understand and am familiar with the nature of the activities in which I will participate in this recreation program, that I am in good physical health, and that I do not have physical or emotional conditions, past or present, of which I am aware, which would in any way affect my ability to participate in this activity.

Signature of Participant (18 years or older)

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CLASSES, PLEASE CALL (310) 377-1577, EXT 100

NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ONLY IF YOUR FIRST CHOICE CANNOT BE FULFILLED.