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let's watch out for each other

PVE Took a "Bite Out of Crime" During 2013 National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, the PVE Police Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 2, PVE Neighborhood Watch and city officials joined 13 block parties with an estimated 500 residents coming outside to meet on front lawns and parks throughout the city.

Celebrating its 30th year, National Night Out is an annual effort to promote community involvement in crime prevention. It's a time to meet and bond with neighbors as well as law enforcement, fire personnel and city officials. It also sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

There were two caravans that included Mayor Jim Goodhart, Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Perkins and City Council members George Bird, Rosemary Humphrey and John Rea, along with City Manager Anton Dahlerbruch, police and fire officials, special guest crime dog Officer McGruff and PVE-CARES' Rob Blee, Neighborhood Watch President Karen Logan and Editor, Kay Haggard.

Because caravan stops are limited, plan ahead for your 2014 NNO Block Party. Contact Officer McCullough at mmccullough@pvestates.org



Enjoy more photos of 2013 National Night Out on page 2 and at www.pvenw.org

FALL 2013 PHOTO CONTEST



Congratulations to Tory Todaro, winner of the "My Neighborhood" photo contest. Her image of son, William (age 3-1/2), was taken at the PVE Independence Day Picnic and captures the spirit of the theme. Tory writes, "PVE means bike parades and puppet shows on the 4th of July". As the winner, Tory receives \$100 cash from PVE Neighborhood Watch.

Honorable Mention images from "My Neighborhood", along with next years' themed contest can be found on page 3.

Chief John Eberhard Reflects on NW

As I reflect back on my nearly thirty years working for the City, I can honestly say that I've seen my fair share of change. However, the one constant through the years has been the Neighborhood Watch program and their relationship with the police department. In the wake of AB109 (Public Safety Realignment), I encourage everyone to stay vigilant and continue to be the extra eyes and ears of the department so that PVE can continue to be ranked as one of the safest cities in the country. As I leave, I wish to thank all of you who so generously donate your time to help us achieve this goal. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for this year's Neighborhood Watch Annual meeting: Sunday, November 17, from 1-3pm

Join us at the Palos Verdes Golf Club for a fun agenda that includes special guest comedian Byron Walls; *Laughter is the Best Weapon*, our photo contest winners and celebrating the 2013 accomplishments of Neighborhood Watch! The agenda will also include viewing an informative Documentary on AB 109 (Early Prison Release) followed by Q&A with PVE PD Officer Tomlins. We will recognize our 2013 NW contributors and elect our 2013 Board so be there for a fun and informative afternoon with friends and neighbors. RSVP to mmccullough@pvestates.org.



PVE-CARES Senior Health Fair: October 25, 2013

PVE-CARES Senior Health Fair will be held at the Neighborhood Church from 10am to 1pm on Friday, October 25. The fair offers free flu shots for seniors, other medical screenings, a sampling of local resources available for seniors, and drawings for prizes.



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New NW website: www.pvenw.org

President's Message:

By Karen Logan

This has been a big year for Neighborhood Watch and its not over yet!! Our membership has been growing and the Board has been working hard to make bigger and better connections with all of our neighbors – of all ages! This newsletter is filled with exciting contributions that our community is making.

As you probably notice through the news, www.Nixle.com and the Police Department's crime reports, Neighborhood Watch is more important than ever – all of us keeping an eye out and contacting our PVE Police Department when we see suspicious activities is one of the key things we can all do to "take a bite out of crime".



I continue to be honored to serve my community by being president. This year's Board has been incredible as they have put a new website in place: www.pvenw.org, participated in PVE-CARES and DDP

events and have been active in getting new members and Block Captains. On behalf of the board we'd like to thank our members who renew each year and welcome you to be a part of making Neighborhood Watch successful and fun by being a renewing/new member, Block Captain or Area Coordinator.

And a reminder that as the holidays approach with colder weather and end of daylight savings, it's a good time to revisit how we are keeping our homes safe. Make sure you have fresh batteries in your flashlights and smoke detectors. Have blankets and provisions in place in case of a power outage.

I hope that I will get a chance to see you at our Annual Meeting on November 17th. It will be fun, informative and a great celebration of our wonderful community. Save the date and come meet the Board!

Be Aware, Be Prepared, Be Safe!!

Karen Logan

75th Diamond Jubilee

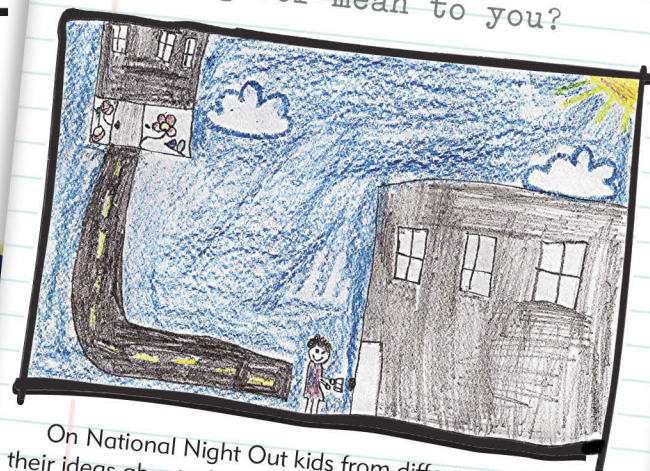
In December 2014, the City will celebrate its 75th Anniversary, an important milestone in the City's history and an opportunity to celebrate the community. Anyone interested in participating in the planning of the celebration festivities is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Montemalaga Elementary School, 1121 Via Nogales. Residents of all ages are encouraged to help organize volunteers and support the celebration's festivities. For more information, or if you have any questions, please email PVE75@pvstates.org or call City Hall at 310-378-0383.

Lost Your Pet?

If you've lost your pet be sure to contact BOTH the **PVE PD at 310-378-4211** and the **LA County Animal Care and Control at 310-523-9566**.

GOOD NEIGHBOR QUESTION:

what does being a good neighbor mean to you?



On National Night Out kids from different areas shared their ideas about what it means to be a good neighbor. K.C. writes, "Being a good neighbor is like being my nana. She always brings food when her neighbors are going through hard times, and she always tries to help everybody. That is what it means to be a good neighbor." Thanks, K.C., we agree!

2013 National Night Out (continued)



Thieves Enter through More than Doors!

By Karen Logan

With technology ever growing and scammers getting bolder and more clever, it becomes increasingly important to consider our home's safety includes not only locks and alarms but also careful phone and internet behaviors. The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) says, "Most people think they're too smart to fall for a scam, but the opposite is true." Identity theft is one of the common crimes within our city.

Many thieves find information through "dumpster diving"—going through people's trash and finding personal information like accounts, credit card numbers and social security numbers. Email scammers may send convincing looking demands for sensitive personal information and threaten shutting off services if a reply

is not made. Phone callers will pretend to be from government or other official-sounding companies and request charge numbers, social security numbers or other private data in order to save you from some certain plight. They may even offer compelling stories about fund-raising or home loan help. Seniors become a growing target for these crimes. Don't let these criminals get your information.

The National Crime Prevention Council provides tips to protect yourself:

- Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the "amazing prize offer" or the "unbelievable deal" in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.
- Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Legitimate business callers will never ask you for this information over the phone.
- If a caller asks you to pay for an offer in advance or asks for your credit card number or Social Security number, tell the person you don't give out personal information over the telephone.

Here are some other tips that are worthwhile considering:

- **Computer & Internet Security**
 - Make sure your wireless server is password protected. Thieves in the area can gain access to your computer and personal information through unsecured networks.

- Don't provide information on sites that you are not familiar with and that don't have a secured site (look for <https://> in the URL and a "Lock" icon).
- Make sure you have the latest antivirus software installed.
- Don't provide your personal information to email requests. If in doubt, contact the organization through a known website or phone number.
- Don't open attachments or click on links in your email. This may launch a virus or introduce some other problem to your computers.

• Identity Protection

- Shred any mail or paperwork with personal information such as name, address, account numbers, etc.
- If a bill does not arrive on time, follow up with the company to find out why. It may have fallen into wrong hands.
- Obtain a free credit report every year to verify that no improper activity has occurred (www.annualcreditreport.com).
- Pick up new checks at the bank instead of having them mailed.

It's not always easy to spot con artists. They invade your home through the telephone, computer, and mail; advertise in well-known newspapers and magazines; and come through your door. Aware and prepared citizens can help protect themselves by applying these tips. Remember, "its not rude to be shrewd".



Independence Day Celebration Enjoyed by All

In 1962, the Palos Verdes Estates Independence Day Celebration "volunteer" Committee was founded by PVE residents Bryan and Denise Hardwick, along with some of their close friends and Malaga Cove Plaza merchants. More than a half century later the Hardwick children proudly carry on the much-loved tradition. This year marked the 52nd anniversary of the "all-volunteer" Committee's Independence Day Celebration at the Malaga Cove School

grounds. Private contributions (not public money) are the sole source of funds for this free event which is open to all guests. The budget this year was \$10,000. The celebration has become a community tradition where our families gather to applaud American values, celebrate our nation's independence, magnify our heritage of freedom, and promote patriotism. The 4th of July Celebration is a memorable day of family fun and a time to renew our appreciation for daily liberties. Along with the guest speaker and patriotic music, activities include a parade of elaborately decorated bicycles, Jim Gamble's puppet show, an apple pie contest, and fun family games. For more information or to donate, visit the website at: www.pvJuly4.org. Or write to The Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration Committee, P.O. Box 1182, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274, or contact Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211 Ext. 2121. Your generous support is welcome.



McGruff says, "We need you!"

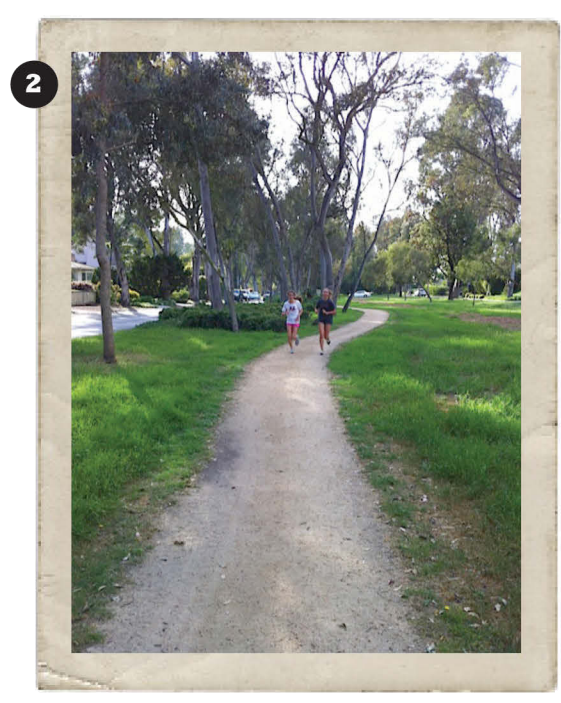


Your local Law Enforcement is dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. But there are many things each and every community member can do to reduce his or her chances of becoming a victim. A great first step is supporting or starting a Neighborhood Watch on your block. Neighborhood Watch programs are the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented, i.e., a good neighbor. For more information on becoming a Neighborhood Watch Member, Block Captain or Area Coordinator, please contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211 Ext. 2121.

NW Accomplishments

- Your \$5 annual membership dues go a long way toward:
- Developing PVE's Neighborhood Watch website (www.PVENW.org) with information promoting safety and awareness
 - Realigning Neighborhood Watch Areas to match the DDP Regions to better support residents in the event of an emergency
 - Recruiting members, Block Captains and Area Coordinators
 - Distributing the NW Newsletter to every PVE household and PO Box
 - Conducting National Night Out, supporting 13 neighborhood events
 - Block Captain training: September 30, 2013
 - Annual Meeting: November 17, 2013
 - Increased support at community events:
 - Supported the PVE-CARES Seniors Prom
 - Donated to the 4th of July Committee
 - Supported the DDP Disaster Drill

"My Neighborhood" Photo Contest Honorable Mention



Dozens of wonderful photos were submitted to the "My Neighborhood" photo contest, making the selection process tough! Three honorable mention photos creatively convey meaningful places in PVE. A heartfelt thanks to all who shared their work.

1. "Elevation" – Leanna King
2. "Running on the Drive" – Allison Westley
3. "Malaga Cove Fountain" – Ashley Overbeek

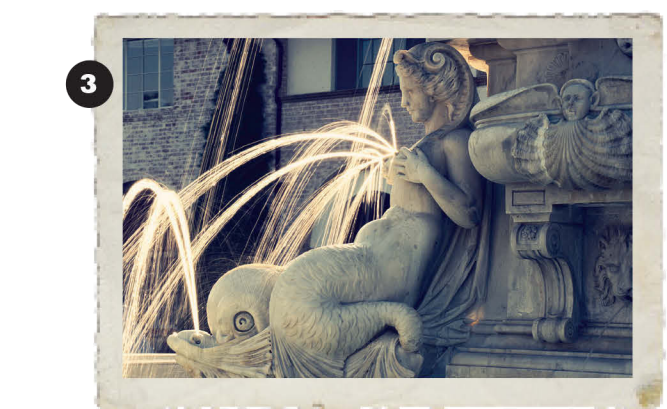
2014 PHOTO CONTEST

"75th Diamond Jubilee"

In 2014 the City of Palos Verdes Estates will be celebrating its 75th birthday, the theme for the upcoming photo contest "75th Diamond Jubilee". Enter your earliest, historic, artistic photos that emanate PVE, along with your reasons for living here.

PVE residents can submit photos between now and August 31, 2014 to pvenwboard@gmail.com. Winners notified by September 21, 2014, with the winning photos appearing in the Fall NW Newsletter.

"75th Diamond Jubilee" Photo Contest information can be found at the new Neighborhood Watch website: www.pvenw.org



Area Coordinator Reports

MONTEMALAGA Position Open

The Neighborhood Watch Board would like to thank Paula Van Adelsberg who provided outstanding leadership as Area Coordinator for Montemalaga the first part of the year. It was through Paula's commitment and enthusiasm for PVE NW that she successfully added a number of Block Captains as well as members, and coordinated a very successful Block Captain event. And although stepping down in her role as Area Coordinator, we know she continues to support NW. Thanks Paula!

With the great momentum in Montemalaga we would love to keep the NW spirit going, and we need you. If you are interested in supporting your neighborhood by becoming a Block Captain or Area Coordinator, please contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211 Ext. 2121 to find out more.

MARCELLE mmccullough@pvestates.org

LUNADA BAY EAST Carolyn Lizdenis

I hope everyone had a safe summer! Now that summer has ended, people are getting back into their regular routines. Right now is a great time to get to know your neighbors' common practices. With many new families having moved into our neighborhoods over the past few months, different people and cars will be around. I encourage everyone to be cognizant of everyone's schedules and the vehicles that are commonly in your area. This attention to detail could mean identifying a crime before it is committed. We all need to help our police department. They can't be everywhere all the time. They, and all of us in beautiful and safe PVE, need your help to keep it that way. As your Area Coordinator, please feel free to contact me at any time. Telephone: 310-308-9299 or email: Teamdonate.re@cox.net

CAROLYN LIZDENIS Teamdonate.re@cox.net

MALAGA COVE Margo Greenberg

National Night Out had a great turnout--13 gatherings in all--two of which were held in Malaga Cove. Thank you to The Friedrichs, Cheryl Kohr, Joan Ernster and Elaine Bohner for hosting these successful events offering neighbors a chance to meet and learn about the many programs available in PVE. Police, Fire, city officials and Officer McGruff made the rounds, visiting each and every party.

The NW Board and Block Captains have worked hard to involve the community in home and personal safety education, deterring crime and looking out for one another. Although there are more than 60 Block Captains in PVE, many blocks are still without one. Join NW for only \$5 a year. Receive weekly crime updates, invitations to city events such as disaster preparedness. Be a good neighbor, and report anything suspicious.

MARGO GREENBERG lomagreen@cox.net

VALMONTE Kyle Daniels

Thank you for a great turnout for National Night Out. The Valmonte area continues with sporadic criminal activity so it's important to look out for our neighbors, especially when they are out of town. Our area still needs more block captains and as I end my term as Area Coordinator, we need your help to take over where I have left off. Thanks for all your support, and let's keep PVE a safe place to call home!

KYLE DANIELS surfrealtor@gmail.com

LUNADA BAY SOUTH Larry Manth

Fall is near with shorter daylight hours. Let's keep in mind the safety of our neighbors, especially with the early release of prisoners from the CA prison system. Report anything suspicious. Many Lunada Bay homes were burglarized this past year. We need Block Captains to help put a stop to this and keep alert. If you can volunteer contact me at 310-793-6206. We need you. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe!

LARRY MANTH Larrymanth@gmail.com

LUNADA BAY WEST Position Open

Recent Crime Reports show an increase in home burglary in neighboring cities. We are not immune and need your help. We need an Area Coordinator to work with the Police Department and the NW Board to support our Block Captains in Lunada Bay West. If you have leadership skills, know many of your own neighbors and want to ensure a safer community, contact Community Relations Officer Marcelle McCullough at 310-378-4211.

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PVE-CARES Senior Prom

Approximately 100 members of PVE-CARES attended the first "Senior Prom" held at the Palos Verdes Golf Club May 15, 2013. Edward Gentsch (pictured left with Council Member Bird) celebrated his 100th birthday. Seniors and Adult Dependents can register for PVE-CARES by calling 310-378-4211 EXT 2131.



NW Treasurer's Report by Ron Sears

Your Neighborhood Watch operates as a Small Tax Exempt Organization for States and Federal tax purposes. Financial data is reported monthly to the NW President and Board of Directors and to Members at our Annual Meeting. Income for NW is derived solely from membership dues and additional contributions many of you make which has the organization in good financial condition. Major expenses are for the design, printing and mailing of our twice a year Newsletter, the National Night Out Block Parties (13 this year) and this year enhancements to the NW website www.pvenw.org. Dues of \$5 can be mailed to P.O. Box 925, PVE, CA 90274.

Senior Scams on the Rise!

Scams targeting seniors are now considered "the crime of the 21st century". The National Council on Aging reports it's not always strangers who target seniors; over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by family members, often adult children and grandchildren. If you feel you are the subject of a scam or know someone who may be, contact PVE-CARES at 310-378-4211. Be aware of ongoing scams in PVE, join Neighborhood Watch.



Special thanks to PVLifeToday for providing a Neighborhood Watch PSA in their 2014 publication. Check out www.PVLifeToday.com for "Happenings in Your Neighborhood", community information, local events, and contacts in PVE and the rest of the Peninsula and the South Bay.

NW 2013 Board of Directors

Left to Right: Steve Burns-Membership Coordinator, Janet Earl-Vice President, Carolyn Lizdenis-Lunada Bay East Area Coordinator, Margo Greenberg-Malaga Cove Area Coordinator, Karen Logan-President, Larry Manth-Lunada Bay South Area Coordinator, Kyle Daniels-Valmonte Area Coordinator, Betty Tatge-Secretary, Ron Sears-Treasurer, Marcelle McCullough-Community Relations Officer PVE PD.



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