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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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let's watch out for each other

Neighborhood Watch 101: Back to Basics/Our Charter

1. know your neighbors
2. see something? say something!
3. lock up everything

- Increase communication and cooperation in crime prevention and safety between residents and the Police Department.
- Develop and coordinate resident-oriented crime prevention, safety programs literature and publicity.
- Increase awareness and educate residents, including children and business partners, in crime prevention.
- Increase resident awareness of criminal activity and the functioning of the criminal justice system.
- Inform residents how, what and when to report information to assist the Police in the apprehension of suspected criminals.
- Encourage and assist neighbors knowing neighbors.

Grade Yourself on Safety

Kids, parents and neighbors! Take 2 minutes and give yourself a grade on how you're doing with these easy and basic ways to prevent crime in your home and neighborhood.

If we all do our part to make an "A", we'll tell criminals that we are watching. Don't become a victim of an easily preventable crime!

Report Card

GRADES
 A = Excellent
 B = Good
 C = Average
 D = Below Average
 F = Fail

Spring Semester, 2015
 Palos Verdes Estates

CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR HOME		
Locking your doors when you leave home.		
Locking your car, hiding valuables from sight.		
Setting your alarm when you leave home.		
Keeping your garage door closed.		
Locking gates to back and side yards.		
Setting lights on timers when you're away.		
BEING A CONNECTED NEIGHBOR		
Having a trusted neighbor watch out for your home when you're away.		
Being watchful and aware in your neighborhood.		
Reporting suspicious activities to the PVE Police Department.		
Completing a Police Department Vacation form while away for an extended time.		

NW Area Coordinators

With 6 amazing areas in Palos Verdes Estates, each have their unique character and their own special challenges. PVE NW is currently seeking energetic and engaged residents to serve as Valmonte and Lunada Bay East Area Coordinators, also known as "Cheerleading Coaches". As part of the NW Board of Directors, they work with the PVE Police Department to engage Block Captains and general membership in NW and be your area point of contact.

NW Block Captains

Block Captains, aka "Spirit Team Captains" are the heart and soul of the NW Program, connecting neighbors and sharing safety awareness. They are the main communication link between NW Board and their neighbors. We need Block Captains to help neighbors get to know one another, work together, look out for each other to make neighborhoods safer. Whether you're a new or long-time resident of PVE, you're a perfect candidate to be a NW Block Captain.

NW Members

That's you, "The Winning Team". Neighborhood Watch only works if you are part of the team, so join or renew today. The immediate benefit of membership is getting to know your neighbors and learning how to support one another in preventing crime. Your membership keeps you connected with vital community messages and weekly crime reports from the Police Dept. Sign up via PayPal at www.pvenw.org or use the enclosed envelope. Get involved and join!

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NW website: www.pvenw.org

President's Message:

By Karen Logan



Hello PVE Neighbors!

The theme this issue is **"Neighborhood Watch 101: Back to Basics"**. We've taken a fun approach to the essential ingredients of Neighborhood Watch by including articles in a "back to school" approach.

With changes in the state's laws, now is the time to emphasize the fundamentals of what makes Neighborhood Watch effective and strong:

- Being watchful and aware
- Engaging in behaviors that deter crime
- Being a part of the NW Membership

Our city is fortunate to have its own Police Department dedicated to our community's safety. Neighborhood Watch is a key partner in alerting police to suspicious activities -- being their extended eyes and ears.

Your membership in Neighborhood Watch is a "yes" to be watchful and aware. The more members we have, the more eyes and ears watching our streets, our trails, our backyards, our public places.

Neighborhood Watch is all of us working together to keep our community safe.

Looking forward to working with you!

Karen Logan

2015 PVE Neighborhood Watch President
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Join NW Today and Show Your Team Spirit

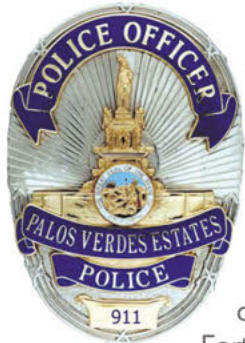
Use the enclosed envelope or PayPal at www.pvenw.org to join Neighborhood Watch or to renew your membership. The PVE Neighborhood Watch Program began 30 years ago, and for the first time dues will be \$10 a year effective April 1, 2015 (still the price of two Venti Lattes). Dues cover the cost of publishing and distributing two newsletters a year and supporting events that promote safety education and community support.

If not now, when? If not you, who?



VOCABULARY POP QUIZ: *complacency*

Conducted By Police Chief Kepley



Complacency. The Merriam-Webster dictionary describes complacency as, "A self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies." Complacency can take on many forms and be applied to many aspects of our lives, but I am referring to the complacency in our community with respect to property crime prevention. Many of our residents are feeling safe while unaware of the actual dangers of property crime, or their deficiencies in simple crime prevention steps.

Fortunately our community is very safe compared to most other communities which results in some residents failing to take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming a crime victim. Did you know that many of the crimes that occur are what is commonly referred to as "property crimes?" Such examples include stolen vehicles or thefts of property from within vehicles.

Our South Bay and Palos Verdes Peninsula region continues to enjoy a decline in violent crime against people, but at the same time some communities are seeing double-digit increases in property crimes. Recently, in Palos Verdes Estates, there were a few auto thefts due to keys being left in the ignition, and several window smash vehicle burglaries with visible property taken -- all of which were completely preventable! In each case, the owners were complacent, feeling safe, and left property in plain sight

inside their cars or keys in the ignition.

Unaware of the dangers or deficiencies: Thieves canvass neighborhoods looking through car windows, into back seats, floor board areas, and center consoles looking for purses, wallets, computers and tablets, cell phones, cash and pocket change, GPS devices, and other valuable property. They will keep looking too, because people keep leaving these items in plain sight. Burglars have demonstrated that they are efficient at finding these cars full of goodies and will not hesitate to break open a window to steal their loot. Don't think that you are safe if you hide your valuables under your car seats, burglars often look there too.

With the passage of California's proposition 47 last November, some have predicted that these property crimes will continue to increase. It is therefore critically important that you do your part in preventing these crimes by locking your home and automobile, remove valuables and never leave anything of value in your car. The simple crime prevention you take will be a huge help and will be a deterrent for those who may be intent on committing crime in Palos Verdes Estates.

Do not be complacent about crime prevention. Be vigilant and take the simple steps necessary to keep you from being a victim of a property crime. Contact Marcelle McCullough for tips and crime prevention information at 310-378-4211, x 2121 or MMcCullough@pvestates.org. Until next time, stay safe.

CINCO DE MAYO

Graduates



PVE-CARES Senior Program

11:00 a.m. May 5, 2015

PV Golf Club

In Palos Verdes Estates we have established a network of residents over 65 who want to enjoy staying in their homes for as long as possible. On occasion this requires some assistance. Did you know our own PVE-CARES program offers phone and home visits, resources from handy-helpers, educational programs and special events for our more mature residents?

Open to both new and existing PVE-CARES members, our May 5, 2015 event will be an INTRODUCTION/UPDATE TO PVE CARES SENIOR SERVICES.

Join us at PV Golf Club at 11:00 a.m. to lunch and learn what PVE-CARES can offer you or a senior you love. Police, Fire, Neighborhood Watch and many others will be on hand to answer questions about living in PVE as a senior. The event is free and lunch will be served. Contact Community Relations Officer McCullough at 310-378-4211 for more information.

MOST POPULAR Neighborhood Watch Voted Most Popular Club on Campus

JOIN NOW
at www.pvenw.org



Home Safety & Security
Crime Trends & Updates
Connecting with Police
Reporting Odd Activities
Knowing your Neighbors
Being Helpful to Neighbors
Avoiding Identity Theft
Identifying Scams

DETENTION

LUNCH IN THE SLAMMER!

Having won the Grand Prize at the NW Annual Meeting, Ron Sears, wife Marilyn & their guests Wayne & Barbara Smith of Lunada Bay, joined officer Marcelle McCullough and Chief Jeff Kepley on February 4th in the PVE city jail enjoying a nice catered lunch by Mama Terano.

Following lunch, there was an educational tour of the Police Department. The highlight of the experience was a visit to the pistol range in the basement of City Hall where our officers train & qualify. Each of the guests had an opportunity to fire a few rounds with a Glock Model 21 45 caliber pistol with instruction and assistance by Officer Eckert.

Chief Kepley was a part of the whole tour and entertained the "detainees" with tales of incidents from his long career in law enforcement. Ron Sears summed up the day, "This was a wonderful event thoroughly enjoyed and never to be forgotten."



2015 PHOTO CONTEST

Enter to win \$100 in the 2015 Neighborhood Watch Photo Contest "Neighborhood Watch Pet Mascots".

- Open to all PVE residents and students that go to school in PVE.
- Winning photo will appear in the fall 2015 Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.
- Deadline for entries: August 31, 2015.
- Maximum of 5 photos per person.
- Email entries as high resolution JPEG files to (pvenwboard@gmail.com).
- Include name, contact info (phone# or email address) and if under 18 include your parents' name and contact information.
- Date photo taken and kind of camera used.
- Winner will be notified by September 21, 2015.
- Judging will be done by a panel of three NW Board of Directors, and photographer's names will be revealed to Judges after the winner is selected.
- Full recognition will be given to the lucky winning photographer. All entries may be used by PVE for use in future newsletter or city brochures. Have fun and start shooting!



HOMECOMING

Plan Early for National Night Out--Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015

Once upon a time, we kept our porch lights on. We opened the door even if we didn't know who rang the bell. And parents weren't afraid to send their children out riding bicycles, going to a neighbors or trick-or-treating in their own neighborhood.

What if there was one night a year when neighbors across the country came outside, locked their doors, and turned on their porch lights in effort to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back?

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits. Much like a homecoming, in 2014 Palos Verdes Estates residents hosted 19 events and the city provided 3 caravans to share in the community spirit.

"...a chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men and women who protect them. The safety of our communities depend on both law enforcement and the citizens they serve, and (National Night Out's) events will enhance that cooperation." Joe Biden, Vice President

National Night Out does just that. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and

law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. The night provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together to stand together for safety and partnership.

Consider hosting an event on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Plan early and stay connected with Neighborhood Watch as we announce party registration instructions this summer.



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HIGH TECH CLUB

Keeping Your ID Safe!

Technology is a growing part of our lives. Scammers are bolder and more creative than ever. It's important to consider careful phone and Internet behaviors as part of our home's safety plan.

Phone call solicitations are increasing! They pretend to represent 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 offer compelling stories about fund-raising or home loan help. Seniors are a growing target for these crimes. Don't let these criminals get your information - be a part of the High Tech Club and keep your ID safe!

Here are some tips you can use to be tech-safe:

- Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact
- Don't always believe the "caller ID" -- these can be faked
- Don't provide personal information to email requests. If in doubt, contact the company or organization through a known website or phone number.
- Make sure your wireless server is password protected
- Don't provide information on sites that you are not familiar with or 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
- Shred any paperwork that has personal information on it

It's not easy to spot con artists. Aware and prepared citizens can help protect themselves by applying these tips. Remember, "It's not rude to be shrewd"

Area Coordinator Reports

LUNADA BAY SOUTH Larry Manth

Our country is built upon the strength and character of our citizens. Sometimes situations call upon us to be the eyes and ears of the police department. Neighborhood Watch is a program that allows us to fight crime and bonds us through service to our community. The PVE Police Department helps keep us safe and responds quickly to any issue we communicate to them. I encourage you to help by being part of our NW program, whether as Block Captain or just keeping your eyes and ears alert to any potential issue in your neighborhood. We need everyone's help!

LARRY MANTH Larrymanth@gmail.com

LUNADA BAY EAST Carolyn Lizdenis

Palos Verdes Estates is a great place to live, especially Lunada Bay. Although we live in a safe place, we need not take it for granted. There are plenty of people who would like our material items. Please don't make it easy for them. Lock your cars, your houses, close your garage doors, and keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. If we relax our safeguards, word gets out, and then we all are a target. Let's not entice the criminals.

CAROLYN LIZDENIS Teamdonate.re@cox.net

LUNADA BAY WEST Anne Celestin

Spring in Lunada Bay... is there anything better. I love this time of year when the flora and fauna come into bloom with their beautiful fragrance and vibrant colors. I don't know about you but as I walk around this amazing part of our little community I feel SO incredibly grateful to get to live here. My goal this year is to be able to meet and connect with so many more people in our "village" to enjoy this amazing place together. In the meantime, be safe, watch out for one another and enjoy this place we are so blessed to call our home. See you in the neighborhood.

ANNE CELESTIN anne@prosourceadvisors.com

MALAGA COVE Cheryl Kohr

Connecting with other people makes you feel good! Being acquainted with neighbors is what makes a community. It also provides a measure of security when we look out for each other. After being a Block Captain for many years, I am pleased to be an Area Coordinator. Working with the PVE Police Department is a privilege. If you live in Malaga Cove and are interested in being a Block Captain, contact me.

CHERYL KOHR c_kohr@hotmail.com

VALMONTE Karen Logan

I love living in Valmonte! The trail, the eucalyptus trees and the neighbors make it a wonderful place to call home. Valmonte is unique as a main point of entry to PVE from the streets and the bridal trail. Let's all ensure that crime is not invited in by being watchful and vigilant. If you see something, say something – it is part of being a good neighbor and keeping our neighborhood great!

KAREN LOGAN kklogan1@mac.com

MONTEMALAGA John Teng

Joining as the new Area Coordinator, John Teng will be supporting Block Captains and general NW members in Montemalaga. As a resident on the 1700 block of Via Coronel with his wife and 4 children, John is a licensed Civil Engineer speaking English, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. Please join the NW Board and PVE PD in welcoming John Teng.

JOHN TENG brotherteng@gmail.com

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, YES WE DO. WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, HOW ABOUT YOU?

Calendar of Events

1st Saturday of the Month – Meet Mayor George Bird at City Hall, 10am-12 noon

APRIL

18 Energy & Environmental Expo at City Hall, 10am-2pm

MAY

5 PVE CARES Senior Program Introduction PV Golf Club, 11am-1pm

11-15 Police Memorial Week

JUNE

2 Special Olympics Torch Run (PVDW), 10am – 11am

JULY

4 Independence Day Celebration at Malaga Cove School, 10am-12 noon

TBD Big Band Concert

AUGUST

4 National Night Out, 5:30pm-8:00pm

SEPTEMBER

10 PVE CARES "Doctors Talk" at PV Golf Club, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER

15 California Shakeout – Be Prepared, 10:15am

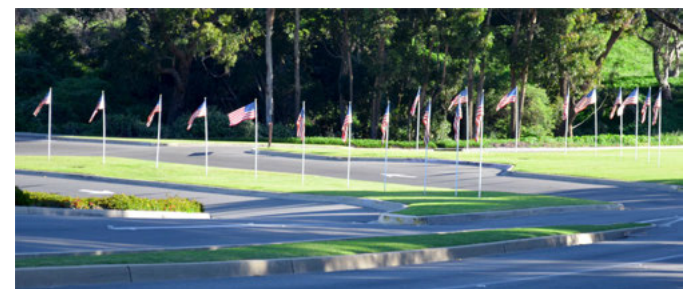
23 Senior Health Fair at Neighborhood Church, 10am

Our Flags, Our Spirit

Have you noticed the flags in the Malaga Cove traffic triangle? Prior to November 11, 2001 the flags were flown only in June and July to commemorate Flag Day and the 4th of July. However, the day after 9/11 (November 12, 2001), Pete Tepus of the City of PVE put up the flags in two rows – one of 9 and one of 11 -- so we would not forget.

Speaking of flags, show your spirit by being a part of the 54th Annual 4th of July Independence Day Celebration. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 4, 2014! The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at Malaga Cove School.

The Palos Verdes Independence Day Committee was founded in 1962 by PVE volunteers and continues to be funded solely by private donations from Peninsula residents. The Committee is now welcoming volunteers. Be a part of our community spirit: Contact Sharon Ryan at 310-378-3370 or by email: travelser@yahoo.com for more information. The event is free and open to all guests.



LOCK UP

STUDY HALL

Go to the PVE Neighborhood Watch website (www.pvenw.org) and check out the information about scams, safety tips, membership and more! New content updated all the time.

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