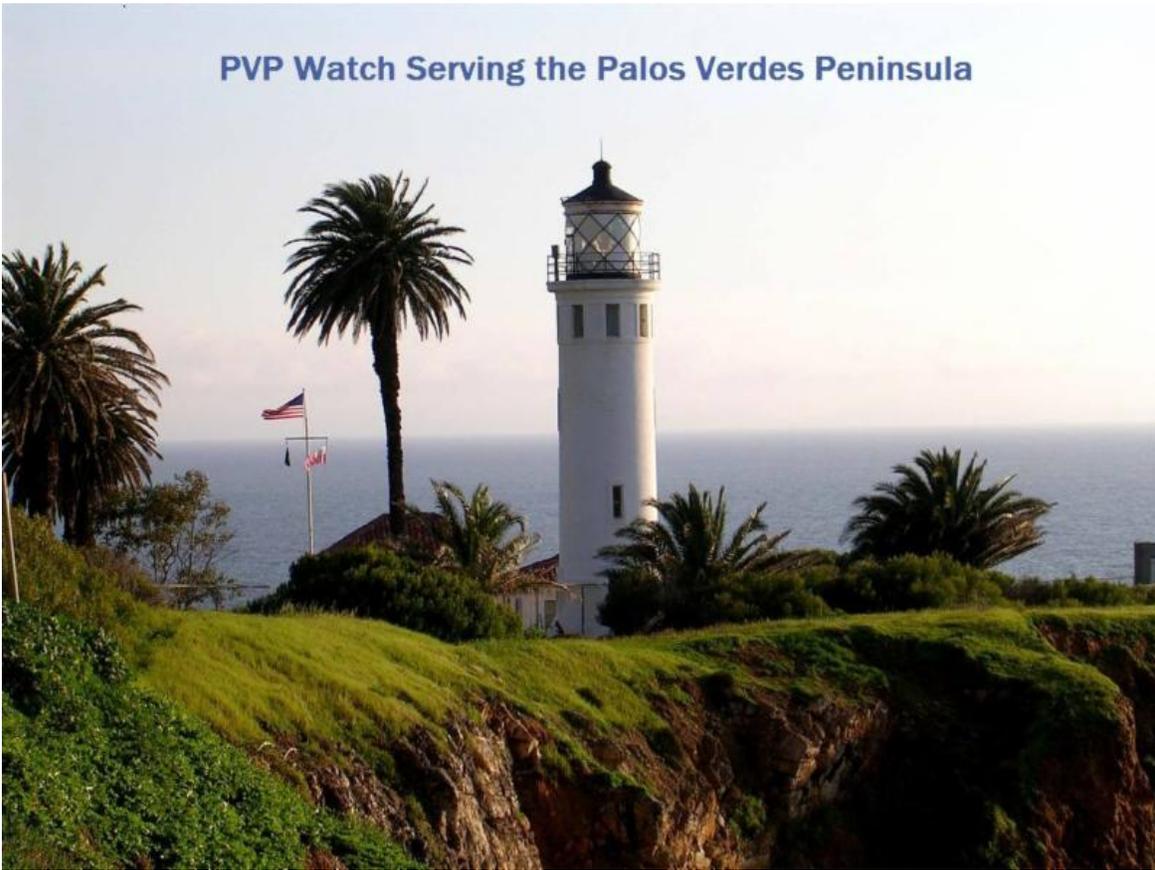


## PVP Watch Newsletter – May 2020

### PVP Watch Serving the Palos Verdes Peninsula



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The year 2020 has thus far been a difficult one for PVP Watch. On March 8, 2020, our founder and leader Ken DeLong died. Four days earlier the governor had declared the state of California in a state of emergency due to COVID-19, the coronavirus. Then on March 19<sup>th</sup> the state public health officer issued the statewide remain at home order, where we find ourselves today.

### **PVP Watch Status**

PVP Watch, like our entire community, has been trying to adapt to this new rhythm of life our society finds itself in. We are publishing this abbreviated edition of a

newsletter to let you know we plan to continue serving the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the tradition Ken DeLong began almost 20 years ago. When the restraints currently restricting our activities are relaxed PVP Watch will publish a more traditional newsletter pointing out community issues and opining on them.

### **Pandemic**

At this time, we feel it is appropriate to provide some information regarding the virus and its effect on our cities. The four websites of the peninsula cities have information regarding COVID-19 our readers might find interesting and useful. They are:

Rancho Palos Verdes...[www.rpvca.gov](http://www.rpvca.gov)

Palos Verdes Estates...[www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org)

Rolling Hills Estates...[www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us](http://www.ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us)

Rolling Hills...[www.rolling-hills.org](http://www.rolling-hills.org)

As of May 12, 2020, there were 33,180 coronavirus cases reported in Los Angeles County with 1,613 deaths. There were 75 cases in Rancho Palos Verdes with ten deaths. There were 40 cases in Palos Verdes Estates with no deaths. There were 13 cases in Rolling Hills Estates with no deaths. There were two cases in Rolling Hills with no deaths.

### **PVP Watch Grieves With You**

PVP Watch reports these statistics while realizing behind these numbers are friends and fellow citizens who are suffering or have been lost forever. Although words offer little solace, we extend our sympathy and condolences to all those directly affected by this sinister disease. These losses to our community cannot be replaced.

## **Neighbors Being Neighborly**

During these trying times many of our neighbors have stepped up to assist those in need. Some of these actions are highlighted on the city websites. We salute all of you taking part in these efforts and encourage others to step up and do the same if able.

## **Support Our Merchants**

PVP Watch cannot emphasize enough that patronage to our local merchants and those providing services is critical if they are open and as they are allowed to open. These are our neighbors who have their businesses in our midst to make our lives more pleasurable and easier to live. Many of them will be unable to survive this crisis if we do not utilize them. We need them...and they need us. Let us all do our part to keep them viable. Trump National, Los Verdes Golf Club and Palos Verdes Golf Club have recently opened, and all golfers are encouraged to return to the links at these excellent facilities.

## **Crime**

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Lomita Station, recently released crime statistics for the first quarter of 2020 show a slight decrease in the 11 Part I (serious) crimes in the three cities on the peninsula that they patrol. There were 102 reported in 2020 compared to 103 in the same quarter last year. This indicates the Coronavirus had no ill effects in that regard. The second quarter will be interesting since this entire period will be under the stay at home order.

## **Openings**

On May 13<sup>th</sup> RPV opened its beaches, parks and the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve to the public. Vehicles were seen parked at Abalone Cove, various parks, Los Verdes and Trump National as men and women once again begin to venture out. Bicyclists and runners were seen on the trails and all segments of Palos Verdes Drive. The peninsula is beginning to stir.

## **Reef Restoration**

There is currently a barge with a large crane about a quarter mile offshore at Trump National. This is implementing the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project, which was recently approved by the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission. According to an environmental assessment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration dated February 22, 2017, this involves placing 70,300 tons of quarry rock on 40 acres of the ocean bottom. This will hopefully mitigate wastewater discharges of harmful chemicals over the years on the Palos Verdes Shelf and improve the flora and fauna in that region.

## **RPV City Council**

The RPV city council will next meet remotely on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be shown on Cox channel 35/Frontier FiOS 38 and will also be streamed. To determine the exact time, go to the city website, [www.rpvca.gov](http://www.rpvca.gov).

## **Request**

PVP Watch would like to determine how many subscribers to the newsletter are opening it and what

cities they reside in. You are requested to send an e-mail to [info@pvpwatch.com](mailto:info@pvpwatch.com) simply stating your name and the name of your city.

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