



**June 7, 2024**

**The Peninsula's Oldest Independence Day Celebration is back to Celebrate 59 Years of Family Fun with Patriotic Music and Civic Awards [www.PVJuly4.org](http://www.PVJuly4.org)**

The Palos Verdes Independence Day Celebration in Malaga Cove [www.PVJuly4.org](http://www.PVJuly4.org) is back after a 5-year hiatus. Produced by the 501 c(3) Palos Verdes Independence Day All-Volunteer Committee this beloved South Bay tradition is a family-friendly day of music, games and civic awards. For hundreds of residents this event is a highlight of their 4th of July festivities and there's no better place to celebrate our nation's independence than on the picturesque playing fields of Malaga Cove School overlooking the blue Pacific. All festivities at Malaga Cove School, 300 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, July 4<sup>th</sup> are funded by residents and online donations in any amount [www.PVJuly4.org](http://www.PVJuly4.org) are welcomed.

This year's Kenneth T. Norris, Jr. Heritage of Freedom Award keynote speaker is Mark Langill, the team historian of the Los Angeles Dodgers. A local talent from South Pasadena, he fell in love with baseball listening to stories from Vin Scully on the radio. He attended his first Dodger game in 1972 and remembers, "like it was yesterday", sitting in aisle 44, row M seat number 1. After several years covering sports for the Pasadena Star he joined the Dodgers' front office. He is the author of six books about baseball including, All for One, the official commemorative book of the 2020 World Series champions. His many television appearances include ESPN and the History Channel.

The Van Dine Family Americanism Award will be presented to Monique Sugimoto, Archivist and Local History Librarian with the Palos Verdes Library District (PVLDD). Monique was instrumental in the creation of the Doors Open Peninsula Commemorative Booklet celebrating 100 Years of history on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Monique is the broadcaster of the entertaining electric bike tour video series, Pedal PV which airs on PVLDD's YouTube channel. Monique is also adjunct faculty with UCLA Department of Information Students, and volunteers with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village.

## **Event Schedule**

Come early and enjoy patriotic music, food provided by Palos Verdes Estates Boy Scout Troop 257

- 8:30 a.m. Apple Pie Entries Accepted for judging. All pies must be homemade and contain apples. All ages accepted.
- 9:30 a.m. Apple Pie Judging takes place.
- 9:30 a.m. Face Painting.
- 9:30 a.m. Line up for Children's Bicycle Parade.
- 10:10 a.m. Children's Patriotic Bicycle Parade.
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Puppet Show
- 10:30 a.m. Formal Program and Awards**

## **Invocation**

## **Presentation of Colors**

## **Recognition of Armed Services**

## **Welcome**

**Kenneth T, Norris, Jr. Heritage of Freedom Award  
and keynote speaker: Mark Langill - Historian for LA Dodgers**

## **Apple Pie Winners Announced**

**Van Dine Family Americanism Award: Monique Sugimoto – Local Librarian & Archivist**

## **US Flag flown over State Capitol Drawing**

## **Benediction**

11:30 - 1:00pm Sousa Palooza Band Concert, Vocals by Brenda Lynn

12:00pm Picnic and Family Games

Website: [www.PVJuly4.org](http://www.PVJuly4.org)

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