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## Join Us As We Celebrate

## 50 Years of History



### Indian Wells 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Indian Wells Golf Resort.

February 27, 2017, 5 to 9 p.m.  
\$10 per person. RSVP will  
begin on January 9; please  
look for an email with further  
details from the City. Two  
residents per Resident Benefit  
Card may attend.

Please join us on Monday February 27, when residents are invited to celebrate the rich history of Indian Wells at the City's 50th Anniversary celebration. This will be the event of the year for the City, and we look forward to sharing it with residents.

For those who may be new to Indian Wells' colorful history, it all started with early inhabitants who unearthed the area's namesake well. Over the centuries, Indians, explorers, pioneers, and prospectors began to call this part of the Coachella Valley home, as the location ultimately became a stagecoach stop and then a key railroad destination. The reason? A natural source of water which continued to be treasured by all who came.

Fast forward to the 1950s, and to a landscape filled with pools, movie stars and amazing golf — and Indian Wells could be found playing host

to names like Desi Arnaz, Frankie Avalon, Ray Bolger, Kirk Douglas, James Garner and Bob Hope. Arnold Palmer himself won the first local golf tournament here in town, and President Eisenhower visited regularly, ultimately becoming an Indian Wells homeowner.

To ensure that Indian Wells would be a community characterized by this distinctly fine residential/country club living and resort hotels, in 1957, E.M. "Pete" Peterson, who became the city's first mayor, established the first property owners association. On July 14, 1967, Indian Wells officially became California's 400th city (and Riverside County's 16th city).

Today, our long-time City residents and our newcomers live in a community of beauty, tranquility, beautiful weather and an ideal location where friendly, resort-style living is within easy reach of major metropolitan areas.



# The Indian Wells Pro-Am Invitational Returns this February!



A few spots remain for the popular Indian Wells Pro-Am Invitational, to be held February 3 and 4 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Festivities kick off on Friday evening with a 6-9 p.m. event reception and mixer, along with a mobile shop for amateurs. Competition then begins with an 11 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, February 4.

Teams for this third annual event will consist of one professional and four amateurs or members. Professionals play their own ball in a standard stroke play format. Amateur's play a 2 best ball net shamble format. Teams can use their Pro's score

on any hole but are NOT required to do so. The pros will play for their share of the \$10,000 cash purse, eligibility for a \$3,500 skins purse and the coveted title of Indian Wells 2016 Pro-Am Champion. Winning amateur teams will receive awards and prizes including plaques for team members and stay-and-play golf packages to some of the top resorts in the nation. The winning pro will receive the Champion's Trophy and his/her name added to the perpetual Invitational Cup.

The entry fee of \$1,600 per team includes: tournament play with on-course competition, the February 3 Pro-Am reception

and mixer, a gift card for the Titleist-FootJoy Mobile Shop (amateurs only), a Tournament Tee gift (amateurs only), awards reception complete with hosted food and beverage, and a tournament highlight video. The City of Indian Wells has also created an online entry portal so that this year's teams can sign up and pay their entry fee online. A sellout field is expected for what is a highlight of the year for resident golfers. To register, visit [www.indianwellsgolfresort.com](http://www.indianwellsgolfresort.com). For more details, email Michael Tebbetts at [mtebbetts@iwgr.com](mailto:mtebbetts@iwgr.com).

## Surf the Fairways

The Indian Wells Golf Resort is happy to announce it is offering GolfBoard for the 2017 season. If you're unfamiliar with GolfBoard, it is a motorized scooter that allows a player to traverse the course in a manner similar to surfing, skiing or skating. The experience is called "Surfing the Earth" (see [www.golfboard.com](http://www.golfboard.com)). GolfBoards can now be found at more than 200 courses worldwide, and the new experience is already attracting our local golfers as well as players visiting Indian Wells. A short training session is required before players can begin their course surfing. For details, visit [www.indianwellsgolfresort.com](http://www.indianwellsgolfresort.com).



# Cold Weather Safety Tips for This Winter

Here are a few tips to use in order to protect yourself, others and your home when outside temperatures drop. Special thanks to the Riverside County Fire Department for sharing this guidance with our Indian Wells residents.



## Remember the three feet rule.

If you are using a space heater, place it on a level hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away (such as paper, clothing, bedding, and rugs.)



## Supervision is required.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.



## Kitchen appliances are for cooking only.

Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.



## Prevent catching yourself or items on fire!

When using a fireplace, make sure to use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance from your home.



## Layer up!

Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.



## Use generators outside.

Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage. Don't hook up a generator to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.



## Don't forget about your furry family.

Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm.

## Congratulations to the City of Indian Wells Hospitality Awards Honorees



The City of Indian Wells held its annual Hospitality Employee of the Year Award luncheon on December 6, 2016, as local resort staff members were honored for their outstanding efforts and achievements in customer service. Two recipients were chosen from each of the four hotels in Indian Wells and from the Indian Wells Golf Resort, with the following named as new award winners:

### HYATT REGENCY INDIAN WELLS RESORT & SPA

Elvire Canseco & Sammy Rodriguez

### INDIAN WELLS RESORT HOTEL

Thomas Aguilar & Pedro Mercado

### RENAISSANCE INDIAN WELLS RESORT & SPA

Raul Chavez & Refugio Diaz

### MIRAMONTE RESORT & SPA

Monica Gamino & Joey Torres

### INDIAN WELLS GOLF RESORT

Tom Burley & Felipe Gutierrez



Don't Forget

# 2017 BNP Paribas Open RESIDENT TICKET LOTTERY

Don't forget that as an Indian Wells resident, you can take advantage of an outstanding benefit—two complimentary tickets to the BNP Paribas Open, set to take place March 6-19, 2017 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. There are two different lotteries. The first lottery takes place January 18-20 for the Premier Finals Weekend. The regular complimentary ticket lottery for all other sessions takes place February 6-10.

## PREMIER FINALS WEEKEND "RANDOM" LOTTERY:

Residents will have three days to enter their name in a random lottery. You can request tickets for either the Saturday or Sunday of Finals Weekend (only one entry per household for either Saturday or Sunday). Entries will be assigned a number and will be randomly chosen via public lottery.



## REGULAR TICKET LOTTERY

Residents who did not receive Finals Weekend tickets will be notified and then can enter the "regular" free ticket distribution system, which will operate as in years prior.

Please complete ticket entries online at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org). If you do not have Internet access at home, you may use a computer at City Hall or the Indian Wells Golf Resort to apply for tickets. All tickets must be picked up and used by the 2017 Resident Benefit Card-holder; BNP Paribas Open tickets are non-transferable. Please review the tournament schedule at [www.bnpparibasopen.com](http://www.bnpparibasopen.com) and make note of the important dates to reserve and pick up your complimentary tickets.

Announcing



# TASTE<sup>of</sup> TENNIS<sup>®</sup>

— INDIAN WELLS —

The first-ever Taste of Tennis Indian Wells is set for March 6, 2017, to take place at Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. Taste of Tennis is widely considered the world's premier food and tennis experience, and 2017 will mark its first visit to Indian Wells. Local festivities will include tasting stations, cooking demonstrations, special appearances by renowned chefs, visits from pro tennis players and celebrities, and more. For details on this exciting new event, visit [www.tasteoftennis.com](http://www.tasteoftennis.com). Taste of Tennis was founded in 2000 and currently takes place in conjunction with major tennis championships in New York, Miami and Australia.





## IMPORTANT DATES:

### JANUARY 18 – 20

*FINALS WEEKEND LOTTERY  
Entries accepted online  
over three days*

### JANUARY 23 – 27

*Final Weekend ticket  
lottery and notifications*

### FEBRUARY 6

*8:30 a.m.  
Request Form goes live for  
general ticket distribution*

### FEBRUARY 10

*5:00 p.m.  
General Ticket Request  
Form is closed*

### FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 3

*Distribution of tennis  
tickets to residents*

### MARCH 9

*Residents' Day at 2017  
BNP Paribas Open*



*Get Involved!*

## Be a Champions Volunteer at the 2017 BNP Paribas Open.

Indian Wells residents are invited to volunteer their time and be a part of the largest combined ATP World Tour and WTA tennis tournament in the world. The Champions Volunteer Foundation recruits more than 1,200 volunteers who come together from our local community and beyond to support this event, while making new friends and watching great tennis. With a variety of committees, there is much to do and new volunteers are always welcome.

- Volunteers are required to commit to 48 hours of service between Monday, March 6 and Sunday, March 19.
- Volunteers are required to sign a waiver and release.
- Volunteers are required to be photographed for identification purposes.

The Champions Volunteer Foundation represents a diverse group of people donating their time to raise funds for charitable purposes. There are 15 committees, many which fill up very quickly. Committees still open for the 2017 BNP Paribas Open are Ambassadors, Gates, Shuttles, Transportation, and Ushers. For more details, call (760) 200-8415, email [volunteers@iwgtg.net](mailto:volunteers@iwgtg.net), or visit [www.bnpparibasopen.com](http://www.bnpparibasopen.com). Applications must be completed online.

## Palm Springs Art Museum Unveils Famed Glass Exhibition

*Glass for the New Millennium: Masterworks from the Kaplan-Ostergaard Collection* is a striking new display presented at the Galen/Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden of the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert. For lovers of art glass, this noted exhibition celebrates and showcases 63 objects by the most dynamic glass artists in the field today. With representation from more than ten countries, the exhibition traces the history of studio glass and heralds its future as a major sculptural medium. Offered through March 7, 2017, the event is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with docent tours offered Tuesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For details, visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).



Toots Zynsky, *Giubilante*, 2009, fused and molded glass threads, David Kaplan–Glenn Ostergaard Glass Collection, © Toots Zynsky



# Happenings & Events in and Around Indian Wells



ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
AT THE JOSLYN CENTER

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 22, when The Joslyn Center Arthur Newman Theatre presents David Geist, the Piano Man and an evening of Cabaret. This event is a celebration of special birthdays, including those of Arthur Newman (93 years) and The Joslyn Center (35 years of service). For more information, visit [www.JoslynCenter.org](http://www.JoslynCenter.org) or call (760) 340-3220.



FIRST DESERT X TO STIMULATE  
NEW ART, GLOBAL DISCUSSION

The Coachella Valley landscape will become the canvas for a curated new exhibition of site-specific artwork addressing global and local issues over three months this winter and spring. Participating artists will create works that depict everything from climate change to starry skies, from Tribal culture and immigration to tourism, gaming, and golf. The artworks, in various indoor and outdoor locations, may be viewed at no charge and will offer visitors a way to see the Valley and reflect on serious as well as playful issues through the lens of the participating artists' work. Dates for this inaugural event are February 25 to April 30. For details, visit [www.desertx.org](http://www.desertx.org).



MODERNISM WEEK ANNOUNCES  
SCHEDULE FOR 11-DAY  
FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY

The cultural phenomenon known as Modernism Week — an annual celebration of mid-century modern design, architecture, art, fashion, and culture — will take place February 16-26 and will feature more than 100 different events. Highlights will include tours of iconic homes in more than 25 neighborhoods, architectural walking, biking and double-decker bus tours, a world-class lecture and film series, nightly parties, live music events, the popular Modernism Show and Sale, tours of the Annenberg Estate at Sunnylands, a Palm Springs Walk of Stars dedication for Southern California architect John Lautner, vintage fashion, classic cars, garden tours, a vintage travel trailer exhibition, and a special series of talks on Mexico City Modern. To purchase tickets, please visit the event website at [www.modernismweek.com](http://www.modernismweek.com).

## RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO GOOD HEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

The Wellness Center at Indian Wells Country Club and Keck Medicine of USC will present non-profit public service health education events throughout the coming season. These complimentary events are offered from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Bob Hope Ballroom of the Indian Wells Country Club, and country club membership is not required to attend. RSVP is requested but not required. Please call (760) 834-6060 or RSVP online at [www.keckmedicine.org/indianwells](http://www.keckmedicine.org/indianwells) to attend and learn about the following:

January 19	Joint & Spine Health
February 9	Arthritic Diseases
February 16	Women's Health
March 16	Diseases of the Brain
April 13	Eye Health



City Council and staff will convene in February to develop a comprehensive blueprint for current and future City objectives. Residents are encouraged to attend this Strategic Planning Workshop, which is scheduled for February 3 and 4 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in the Celebrity Ballroom at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. The session is open to the public, with no RSVP required.

## Attention Runners



### Is Set for February 25, 2017

Few people can experience running competitions within sight of zebras, camels and cheetahs, but this unique opportunity awaits at The Living Desert. The third annual Living Desert Cheetah Run will begin at 7:30 a.m. on February 25 and will provide a rare opportunity to race through the park while seeing its majestic animals enjoy their surroundings. The course is both beautiful and challenging and offers a combination of pavement and trail running. Runners, please arrive early to get your race gear, and bring your family to enjoy a day at The Living Desert at the end of the race. Children under 3 can enter free. Parking will be available on-site and also along the street.

## Annual Reminder about Short-Term Rentals

As the month of March nears, please remember that owners wishing to rent out their homes for a minimum of seven days and seven nights during the 2017 BNP Paribas Open must secure a short-term rental business license and permit. License and permit holders should also be sure to file their TOT forms every quarter (even if there is a zero balance), and fill out the Renter Registration form on the City website at [www.cityofindianwells.org/rentals](http://www.cityofindianwells.org/rentals). For further details, please call (760)346-2489. Residents with concerns about nuisance properties may call the hotline at (760) 883-1822.



## A Look Back 50 Years

### The Cost of Living in 1967

Year End Close Dow Jones Industrial Average **905**

Average income per year **\$7,300.00**

The Federal Minimum Wage is increased to **\$1.40 an hour**

Average cost of a new car **\$2,750.00**

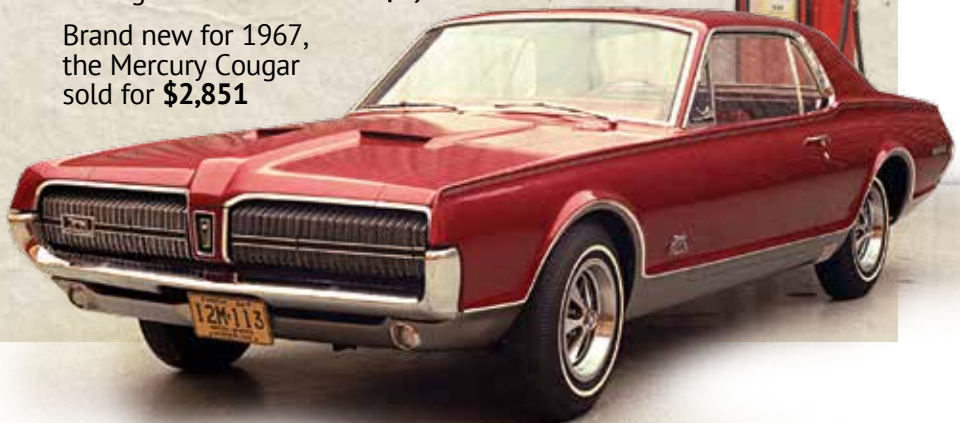
Brand new for 1967, the Mercury Cougar sold for **\$2,851**

Average cost of new house **\$14,250.00**  
Average monthly rent **\$125.00**



Movie ticket **\$1.25**

Gas per gallon **33 cents**





*Now Appearing*

## **Barbra – The Concert, at Frank’s Place**

The Indian Wells Resort Hotel is offering three performances of *Barbra – The Concert*, featuring Rebecca Clark as Barbara Streisand in her one-woman show, “Hello Gorgeous.” Presented at Frank’s Place restaurant and lounge, the three Wednesday show dates are confirmed for January 25, February 8 and March 8, 2017, with show times at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call (760) 345-6466, extension 7584.



## **Protect Your Identity and Shred Sensitive Documents**



The City of Indian Wells, in partnership with Burrtec Waste and Recycling, will hold a Document Shredding Event on Saturday, January 28 and Saturday, April 29 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Burrtec’s facility in Palm Desert. Indian Wells residents are encouraged to bring obsolete documents as well as file folders and envelopes for secure shredding. It is not necessary to remove staples or paper clips. Please note that proof of current Indian Wells residency is required, and a maximum of six banker-size boxes per vehicle will be accepted. No commercial businesses, please. Burrtec Waste and Recycling is located at 41575 Eclectic Street, one block west of Cook Street between 42nd and Hovley Lane. For more information, call City Hall at (760) 346-2489.

## **Nixle Alerts Help Keep Residents in the Know**

Residents can receive emergency alerts and messages from local government agencies by signing up for Nixle. Nixle is designed to keep citizens up-to-date with relevant information from local public safety departments and schools, providing alerts on severe weather emergencies, severe traffic, criminal activities, missing persons, local events and more. The notification system is relied on by more than 8,000 agencies, fire and police departments, schools and hospitals. To sign up, please text 98877 and enter zip code 92210.





# Please Help Us Keep Our Roadways Clear



The Code Enforcement team would like to remind residents that materials used for home activities such as rock and sand, pallets of grass and other yard materials must be placed directly on your property. Nothing can be placed or stored on the street itself. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our city's thoroughfares remain unobstructed.

## City Awards Grants to 20 Community Organizations

In 1999, the City of Indian Wells formally established the Community Assistance Program by City ordinance, in order to support the efforts of non-profit and community-based organizations that provide diverse and needed programs to the citizens of our valley. The City's Grants-in-Aid Committee is made up of Indian Wells residents and provides guidance to City Council regarding the distribution of charitable funding. For the fiscal year 2016-17 funding cycle, a total of \$180,410 in grants was awarded. The recipients are:



ACT for MS/Multiple Sclerosis .....	\$5,000
Angel View Inc. ....	\$10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert .....	\$8,850
Boys and Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley .....	\$8,000
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission .....	\$30,000
Desert Arc .....	\$7,000
Desert Cancer Foundation .....	\$7,500
Desert Best Friends Closet .....	\$4,500
Family YMCA of the Desert .....	\$4,310
Galilee Center, Inc. ....	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity .....	\$5,000
Hidden Harvest .....	\$5,000
Jewish Family Service of the Desert .....	\$10,000
JFK dba Ophelia Project .....	\$5,250
Loving All Animals .....	\$7,500
Martha's Village & Kitchen .....	\$20,000
Mizell Senior Center of Palm Springs .....	\$10,000
Operation Safehouse .....	\$10,000
Shelter from the Storm .....	\$5,000
Well in the Desert .....	\$7,500

# Be Prepared. Earthquake Advice for California Residents

In a recent City newsletter, tips were shared for creating household supply and survival kits to be used during emergencies. Our next series of tips relates specifically to earthquake emergencies — what to do and where to go. Here are some best practices for these situations:

**DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON.** Emergency authorities agree that this is the best procedure for protection indoors during an earthquake. Drop to the ground; take cover under heavy furniture such as a desk, table or bench; and hold on to your position until the shaking stops. Most earthquake fatalities result from collapsing walls, flying glass and falling objects. Do not attempt to leave the building because falling debris may strike you. Furthermore, the American Red Cross and federal government agencies have not advocated the use of a doorway for earthquake protection for more than two decades. Many doorways are not built into the structural integrity of a building.

**IF YOU ARE IN BED** and cannot drop and take cover under heavy

furniture, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. **IF YOU ARE IN A HIGH-RISE BUILDING**, expect the fire alarms and sprinklers to go off during a quake. Familiarize yourself with the nearest emergency exits. **IF YOU ARE OUT-OF-DOORS**, avoid standing directly outside of buildings, at exits and next to exterior walls. Find a clear spot, drop to the ground, and stay there until the shaking stops. Many fatalities occur when people run outside of buildings and are killed by falling debris from collapsing walls. **IF YOU ARE IN A MOVING VEHICLE**, move immediately to a clear area away from buildings, trees, bridges, overpasses or utility wires. Stop and stay in the vehicle until shaking completely subsides, then proceed with caution — avoiding bridges or ramps that may have sustained damage.

✓ Residential earthquake planning is key. The most important action you can take surrounding a major earthquake is to develop an action plan and prepare by obtaining all the supplies you will need to be self-

sufficient for at least seven days after a major quake strikes. If you live alone, establish an emergency plan with relatives, friends, co-workers or a community-based organization. Families should plan to share responsibility and work as a team. Knowing what to do when disaster strikes is your best protection.

- ✓ Know your environment. Determine the safe spots in each room, such as under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls. Also, know the danger spots including windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall furniture. Usually, an uncrowded hallway is one of the safest places. Kitchens and garages tend to be the most dangerous.
- ✓ Fasten large shelves and furniture securely to walls.
- ✓ Teach all family members how to shut off gas, water and electricity in case the lines are damaged.
- ✓ Conduct practice drills by physically placing yourself and your family members in safe locations.

## Update on Landscaping Projects and Approval Processes

The City of Indian Wells has programs in place to make it easier for residents to adjust their landscaping to a more drought-tolerant palette. Please remember that any changes such as lawn/turf conversion or other landscaping adjustments require that residents get proper City permits, and that landscape projects within the City are first subject to review by the City's Planning Department and applicable homeowners

association (HOA). It is expected that the associated plans presented for review shall comply with the basic zoning and design parameters set forth in the Municipal Zoning Code and such design guidelines established by the City, and shall show size, location, spacing and species (common and Latin name) of proposed planting, including a complete plant palette. All residential structures must be landscaped to provide a mature

appearance so as to blend with existing neighborhoods and enhance the overall appearance of the residential areas. Use of rocks or bare earth in lieu of ground cover plantings may not exceed 20% of the total front yard landscaped area excluding driveways, decks, pools, or walkways. On a related note, individual HOAs may have more restrictive landscaping requirements, so please be sure to contact your



- ✓ Always know the alternative exits for your home and workplace in emergency situations.
- ✓ Have disaster supplies readily available, and learn first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from your local Red Cross or American Heart Association chapter or other community organization.
- ✓ Decide where your family will reunite if separated. Make sure that young children learn to recite or write their names, parents' or guardian's names, and their phone number and address.
- ✓ Create a neighborhood plan. Identify neighbors who have special needs or will require assistance.
- ✓ Develop an emergency communications plan. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers and instruct all family members, especially children, on how and when to call 9-1-1 and other emergency services, as well as which radio station to tune into for emergency information. Choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom family members can call after the quake to report whereabouts and condition.

- ✓ Should the accidental or intentional release of chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants occur, local authorities will provide information on radio and television on how to protect you and your family. Consequently, it is important to keep a TV or radio on, even in the workplace. For a detailed fact sheet on how to shelter-in-place, log on to [www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace.pdf) or call the Riverside County Chapter of the American Red Cross, (951) 656-4218.

#### Home Planning Tips:

- ✓ Check chimneys, roofs and wall foundations for stability. Make sure your home is bolted to its foundation. Call a licensed contractor if you are not certain or have questions.
- ✓ Store breakable, hazardous and flammable items in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- ✓ Hang heavy items away from areas where people sleep or sit and brace overhead light fixtures.
- ✓ Secure your water heater by strapping it to wall

- studs and bolting it to the floor.
- ✓ Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects and repair deep cracks in the foundation or ceilings.
- ✓ Maintain emergency food, water and other supplies, including medicines, protective clothing, battery-operated radio or television, and first aid kit.

#### Survival Kit for Automobiles:

- ✓ Drinking water (preferably in Mylar packets to conserve space) as well as non-perishable food.
- ✓ Change of clothing and blankets, pre-moistened towelettes, and toilet tissue.
- ✓ First aid kit with manual and prescription medicines.
- ✓ ABC-type fire extinguisher and Emergency Signal Device such as a light stick or battery-type flasher.
- ✓ Small mirror and whistle to signal for help.
- ✓ Flashlight with spare batteries and bulbs.
- ✓ Polyethylene rope for towing, short rubber hose for siphoning and tools — including spare tire, jack, lug wrench, pliers, and screwdriver.

respective HOA for written approval prior to submitting your mandatory application to the City's Planning Department.

Coachella Valley Water District programs are in place to assist Indian Wells homeowners interested in reducing their water usage by converting lawns to drought-tolerant landscaping, by installing smart irrigation controllers, by replacing inefficient spray nozzles and by

installing water-efficient toilets. Reducing outdoor usage is the best way to save water and, as an example, the CVWD turf-replacement rebates offer \$1 per square foot up to a maximum of 2,000 square feet per project, with a maximum specified per home. More information on this rebate, pricing and installation incentive program is available at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org). Pre-approval and advance applications are required for CVWD rebates and incentives.



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## City Meeting Schedule

January 2	Holiday Closure, New Year's Day (federal holiday observed)
January 5	City Council Special Study Session, 9:00 a.m. & City Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
January 16	Holiday Closure, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (federal holiday)
February 3 & 4	Strategic Planning Workshop, 9 a.m., Indian Wells Golf Resort
February 20	Holiday Closure, Presidents Day (federal holiday)

For further information on commission and committee meetings, please see the monthly calendar at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org). All City Council, Housing Authority, Special Meeting agendas and associated staff reports are available for download in PDF format at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) no later than noon on the Monday prior to the meeting date. Printed versions may be obtained in the reception area at City Hall. City Council Meetings are broadcast live, and are also archived for later viewing in video and MP3 format at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org). You can also watch Council Meetings on IWTv (Time Warner digital channel 122 and Frontier Fios channel 32).



### Connect with Us!

Be sure to visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) for the latest updates throughout the fall! Register to receive the latest city news via e-mail by clicking on the "I WANT TO" section where you'll find "Email Sign Up" under "Apply for."

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## Just a Few Days Remain for Christmas Tree Recycling

Burrtec Waste and Recycling will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling on your regular trash collection day, through the second week of January. Please remove all decorations and stands, cut trees in lengths not exceeding four feet, bind branches together, and place next to your trash and recycling carts. Flocked trees must also be cut into four-foot lengths and placed next to trash containers but, unfortunately, cannot be recycled and will be sent to the landfill. For more information, visit [www.burrtec.com](http://www.burrtec.com) or call customer service at (760) 340-2113.





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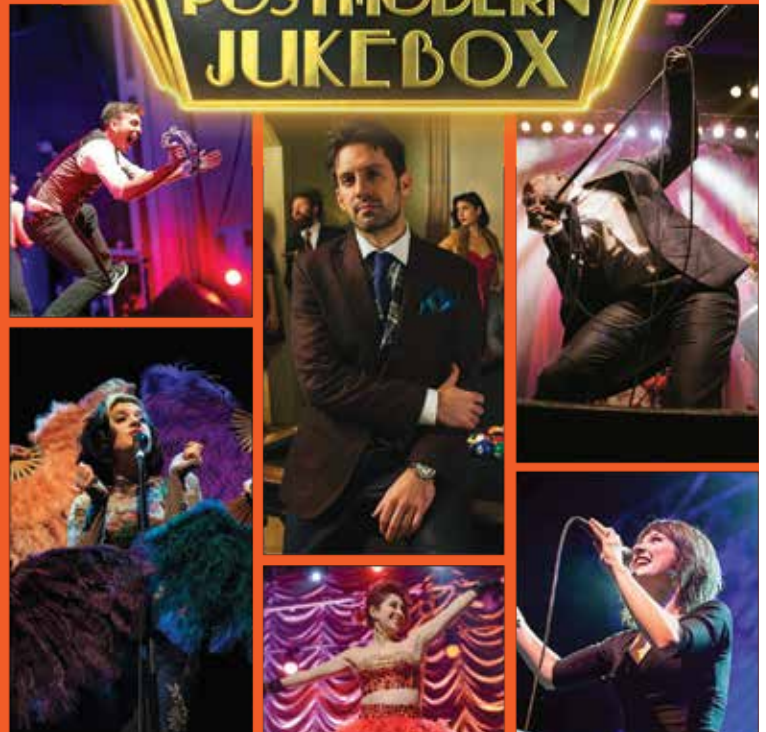
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## INDIAN WELLS RESIDENTS STILL EMBRACING SOLAR ENERGY

**Planet Solar Largest Solar Contractor in the City**

Indian Wells homeowners continue to recognize the power and economic reality of solar energy for their residences, whether installed during construction of a new home or retrofit on an existing building.



Solar power results in annual savings on electrical costs, whether the homeowner is a full-time or seasonal resident, as the solar system is custom designed based upon historical or projected electric usage. Annual audits of system production provide analysis of actual solar panel production and electric consumption to ensure the homeowner is on track for savings.

Planet Solar continues to be the largest solar contractor within the City of Indian Wells, completing installations in every Country Club and area of the community. Planet Solar also continues to be the Preferred Vendor for Sunrise Company, developer of Toscana Country Club. As Preferred Vendor for the past 6 years, Planet Solar has applied their knowledge and experience to ensure every homeowner and home builder receives the most aesthetically pleasing, cost efficient, custom-designed solar system available.

Planet Solar offers its clients the full spectrum of financing options for solar power systems, including cash purchases, loans, leasing and the PACE property tax loan.

To inquire about a custom designed solar power system for your home, contact Kirk, Steve or Jill at Planet Solar, 760-341-1413.

### Federal Tax Credit Extended



The federal government has extended the tax credit for solar installations to 2023! The credit is 30% of a solar system cost and can be used by homeowners who purchase their system.

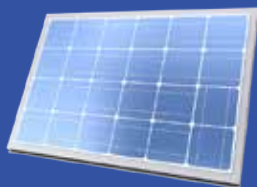
The tax credit may be used in the year the system is installed and does not have to be used in

its entirety in one year. It can be divided into numerous years.

We recommend you check with your tax advisor/preparer regarding your individual situation. The tax form and instructions can be found at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

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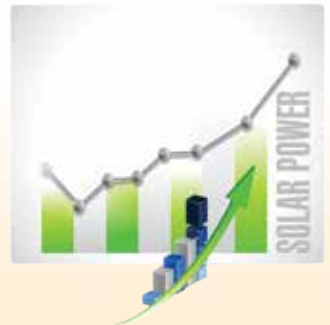
Planet Solar is one of very few companies in the US, and the only one in the Coachella Valley, authorized to offer the Tesla Powerwall whole home battery storage product. This collaboration brings together Planet Solar's deep experience with solar PV and battery back-up energy systems, and Tesla's leading knowledge in energy storage solutions. Together, we can deliver energy that is less expensive than your utility company, is 100% renewable, and will never leave you in the dark.



## SCE COSTS KEEP INCREASING

SCE customers continue to see increases in their bills annually in excess of 10% and the trend is projected to continue indefinitely. Methods used by SCE to increase the costs customers pay include:

- Altering the amount of allowable kilowatts per tier each month, forcing the customer to purchase more energy in the more expensive tiers 2-4.
- Reducing the number of tiers (recently from 5 tiers to 4 tiers).
- Increasing the cost per kW in each tier.
- Introducing minimum monthly admin charges.



SCE has also received approval to switch its residential customers to a Time of Use (TOU) rate system beginning in 2017. In TOU, customers are charged by the time of day they use energy, rather than by how much they use. The cost charged in peak daytime hours is much higher than in the evening, overnight and early morning. There are only 2 rates: High Peak and Low Demand.

TOU rate plans are excellent for customers with solar panels. During the day, when the panels are producing all the power needed, there are no SCE charges incurred. Any power sent out to the grid is credited at the high rate. When solar customers pull power from SCE during non-producing hours, they pull from their stored credits first, then incur charges at the lower rate.

Installing a solar energy system protects homeowners from many of SCE's price and rate increases. For more information contact Planet Solar at 760-341-1413.

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