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INDIAN WELLS



THE BNP PARIBAS OPEN IS HERE!

The BNP Paribas Open is back, presenting exciting competition and events for tennis aficionados from Indian Wells and beyond. The BNP Paribas Open is the largest ATP World Tour and WTA combined two-week tennis event in the world, and the City of Indian Wells is proud to occupy the global stage throughout this renowned tournament.



The event will feature an exceptional player field when it officially kicks off on March 7 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Ten former BNP Paribas Open and 14 Grand Singles Champions are on the entry list, including Serena Williams and her sister Venus Williams. Further star entries include Angelique Kerber, Simona Halep, Maria Sharapova, four-time and Defending BNP Paribas Open Champion Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and more. The stellar player field makes it likely that this month's tournament will exceed last year's record-setting attendance of more than 456,000 tennis fans and 350 media from around the world.

Once again, the City of Indian Wells also presents the March 11 "Salute to Heroes," a memorable tribute following the first evening session match recognizing all military, veterans, police and fire personnel (who will receive two complimentary tickets for the evening match by showing proper ID at any of the box offices). Show your appreciation to those who serve by wearing red, white and blue – an inspiring way to express your patriotic spirit. For younger visitors, BNP Paribas Open Kids Day is also set for Saturday, March 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. For further details, please visit www.bnpparibasopen.com.



A FEW INSIDER TIPS:

- Watch the first ball to the last on Tennis Channel and ESPN platforms. Tennis Channel begins coverage with the first day of play, while ESPN continues with the quarterfinals, semifinals and final. Also, more than 120 matches will be streamed Live on TennisTV and ESPN3.
- Go mobile and you won't have to miss a second of the action. In between sets in Stadium 1, just pull up the event's mobile app to watch live streaming of some of the practice courts, and follow other match courts on-site so you never miss a point. Follow the players on social and view the best shots and videos of the day. Plus, when you're headed out at the end of the day, the app can help you find your car.
- The 20 on-site practice courts provide great seating to watch the players up close and personal in a more relaxed environment. You will get great shots and who knows, maybe even an autograph or selfie with your favorite player.



DON'T FORGET: PICK UP YOUR FREE BNP PARIBAS OPEN RESIDENTS' DAY TICKETS BY MARCH 4!

Remember, complimentary March 10 Residents' Day tickets and "additional day" BNP Paribas Open tickets reserved online in February must be picked up at City Hall by Friday, March 4 no later than 5 p.m. Tickets will not be distributed after March 4. Also, a reminder that BNP Paribas Open tickets are non-transferable.

JOIN US FOR THE RESIDENTS' DAY TENNIS SOCIAL AT THE BNP PARIBAS OPEN

Enjoy an exclusive resident-only Tennis Social from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 10 in Hospitality Tent A (next to the Fila sportswear boutique and Rumchata Bar) at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. The fun includes a cash bar, complimentary light refreshments, and a special autograph signing with one of the tournament's tennis pros. You must have a BNP Paribas Open ticket to access the venue, and then a valid Indian Wells Resident Benefit Card to attend the social. Space is limited to two residents per household, and no RSVP is needed.



Calling All Golfers: March 9 Resident Cup Golf Tournament

The day is almost here, as this year's Resident Cup golf tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Now in its seventh year, this Indian Wells resident-only competition will kick off with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and feature competitive and social divisions.

Feel free to assemble your own foursome or the City will place you into one. The cost is \$100 per person, which includes a full breakfast, one round of golf, barbeque lunch in the Golf Resort Pavilion, and a variety of fun activities on the course. Golfers are welcome to invite a guest for lunch for an additional \$25 per person. Reserve your space in the Resident Cup by e-mailing Nancy Samuelson, nsamuelson@indianwells.com, or pick up a registration form at City Hall. A valid 2016 Resident Benefit Card is required for registration.

Resident Cup Competitive Division

Format: Best Ball—Two best balls of the foursome

Scoring: Best two net scores from each hole to reach a team score for that hole.

Entry Criteria: To enter this division, each player must have a current SCGA or GHIN index, and a valid handicap number. If no valid number is available, a player's handicap will be set at zero.

Main Prize: Indian Wells Mayor's Cup

Resident Cup Social Division

Format: Scramble

Scoring: Four-person with Callaway handicap.

Entry Criteria: None; this division is ideal for players without an established index.

Main Prize: Indian Wells Resident Cup





OSHER CLASSES ADDED FOR MARCH

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has announced several new classes and a special art tour for this month. The series topics are varied and include the following, presented at the USCSB Palm Desert Campus:

- **Physics is Phun**
- **Karma and Reincarnation: How & Why They Work**
- **How to Think Like an Economist**
- **Film & Reality: A Survey of Non-Fiction Film**
- **Writing and Publishing Your First Book**

This enriching educational offering is complemented by the Institute's free Palm Desert Public Art Tour, scheduled for Tuesday, March 8. This private Osher walking tour of the Palm Desert Civic Center Park will take in more than 20 pieces of public art, including a piece created by Palm Desert's youngest public artist. The Park also features Holocaust and peace memorials. For details and/or to enroll in courses, visit cel.csusb.edu/osher/courses.html#free-courses.



Celebrate History and Hear The Success Story of Brandini Toffee



The Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation will hold its 13th Annual Spring Luncheon on Friday, April 1 at the Desert Horizons Country Club. The social begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12 noon. The event program will focus on the fascinating story of Brandini Toffee, founded in 2006 by then-La Quinta High School students Brandon Weimer and Leah Post. Brandon and Leah were seeking finances for a trip to Italy in their sophomore year, and the toffee idea grew from there. They made it to Italy, but what has happened to Brandon and Leah since then? Brandon will tell the story on April 1.

All members and friends of historic preservation are welcome to attend.

Cost is \$40 per person.

Reservations are due by March 25. For information and reservations, contact Adele Ruxton, (760) 346-8420, ARxtn@aol.com.



DESERT LEXUS JAZZ

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TENNIS GARDEN
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Be sure to save Saturday, May 7 for this year's Desert Lexus Jazz concert. An annual celebration of all forms of jazz, this much-anticipated evening is presented by the City of Indian Wells and takes place under the Indian Wells Tennis Garden's shade pavilion. In addition to music, the evening features a selection of food, wine and art.

The talent line-up for May 7 will feature Brian Culbertson plus Mindi Abair and The Boneshakers. Mindi Adair, a two-time Grammy-nominated saxophonist, and The Boneshakers will open the evening at 7:00 p.m. followed by Brian Culbertson at 8:30 p.m. Brian Culbertson is a leading voice in contemporary jazz, funk and R&B and has released 15 albums since his debut in 1994. Saxophonist/vocalist Mindi Abair has made her mark on several genres, including jazz, pop, rock, R&B, soul, funk and more. She performed with The Boneshakers at the Newport Beach Jazz Festival, which led to a full-length album, *Mindi Abair and The Boneshakers Live in Seattle*, released in 2015. Reserved and Table seating is available, and gates open at 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.iwtg.net, or call the box office at (760) 200-8000.



Celebrate Easter with Sunday Brunch at

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GRILLE & BAR

Enjoy Bottomless Champagne Brunch this Easter, March 27, as Indian Wells Golf Resort's VUE Grille & Bar presents breakfast and lunch favorites from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Easter egg decorating will be available for kids, and delicious holiday desserts are sure to delight as well.

The Easter Brunch menu will be available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with mouthwatering multi-course selections ranging from omelet and carving stations to chilled salads, seafood, main dish selections and an array of desserts. Cost is \$55 per adult, \$22.95 for children ages 6-11. Advance reservations are highly recommended and may be requested at (760) 834-3800. To view the full menu online, visit www.vuegrilleandbar.com (click on Grille & Bar Menus, then click on Holiday Menus & Special Events).



Top Ten Fire Safety Tips for Residents

The Riverside County Fire Department recommends these important tips to improve your knowledge of household fire safety:

- 1. Install Smoke Detectors:** Working smoke detectors can alert you to a fire in your home. Install a smoke detector in every area and be sure to replace batteries at least once a year.
- 2. Plan Your Escape:** If a fire breaks out in your home, make sure you have an escape plan in place.
- 3. Keep an Eye on Smokers:** Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. If someone smokes in your home, make sure you have a large deep ashtray and extinguish any smoldering cigarettes.
- 4. Cook Carefully:** Never leave a cooking fire unattended and keep cooking areas clear of combustibles. If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat.
- 5. Give Space Heaters Space:** Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- 6. Matches and Lighters are Tools, Not Toys:** Use only child-resistant lighters and store lighters and matches where small children can't see or reach them.
- 7. Cool a Burn:** Run cool water over a burn for 10-15 minutes. Never put butter or any grease on a burn. If the burned skin blisters or is charred, see a doctor immediately. Never use ice.
- 8. Use Electricity Safely:** If an electrical appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it serviced. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed. Don't overload extension cords or run them under rugs. Don't tamper with your fuse box or use improper size fuses.
- 9. Crawl Low Under Smoke:** During a fire, smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat and the air is cleaner near the floor.
- 10. Stop, Drop and Roll:** If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.



Happenings & Events in and Around Indian Wells



March 5 Indian Wells Animal Clinic

Presented Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Indian Wells City Hall parking lot, this special event will offer free microchipping, low-cost vaccinations, and licensing for residents' pets. There will also be a few animals up for adoption. The City's municipal code requires that all dogs four months or older be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Please bring proof of Indian Wells residency. All dogs must be on leash and cats in carriers. This event is sponsored by the City of Indian Wells and Riverside County Department of Animal Services. For further information, call City Hall, (760) 346-2489 or contact Riverside Department of Animal Services, (760) 343-3644, www.rcdas.org

March 10 & March 24 Desert Town Hall Annual Lecture Series

Indian Wells is the proud location for Desert Town Hall, the acclaimed annual lecture series featuring upcoming presentations by former **President Felipe Calderón** (March 10), and **retired U.S. Army General David Petraeus** (March 24). Individual tickets are sold out for 2016; please call (760) 610-2852 to inquire about waiting list access, or visit www.deserttownhall.org for complete speaker bios. All lectures are presented at Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa, off Highway 111.



March 26-27 Easter Eggstravaganza

Celebrate the season at The Living Desert, as its two-day Easter "Eggstravaganza" takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 26 and 27. VIPs will include the Easter Bunny and his strolling friends (photo opportunities available), while a huge Easter Egg Hunt at Gecko Gulch will feature 10,000 eggs. Easter crafts, face painting, bounce houses, a parade, games, prizes and more await. Eggstravaganza is included with paid admission to the park, and parking is free.



April 2 Brew at the Zoo

The Seventh Annual Brew at the Zoo will take place on April 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Living Desert. Designed to help save wildlife "one beer at a time," the festivities will include unlimited samplings of handcrafted beers, food and entertainment from more than 50 local breweries and restaurants.



ANNOUNCING THE SPECTRUM INDIAN WELLS ART SHOW

For those seeking added diversions during this month's tennis dates, the Spectrum Indian Wells Art Show will take place March 17 through 20 at Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa. The four-day juried art experience features top contemporary artists and galleries from across the U.S and will include paintings, photography, sculpture, glassworks, performances and more. Free general admission is available to anyone with a ticket to the BNP Paribas Open, or tickets may be purchased at www.spectrum-indianwells.com



The City of Indian Wells Takes a World Stage with Artists from more than 30 Countries Showcased at the Indian Wells Arts Festival

Two-hundred top artists from around the world and across the nation have been juried into the 14th annual Indian Wells Arts Festival in an international palette of painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, wearable-art and more. Headlining the art festival season April 1 - 3, the prestigious event transforms the world-renowned Indian Wells Tennis Garden into a colorful artisan village.

In addition to art, wine, food, live entertainment and interactive children's activities, the Indian Wells Arts Festival features its popular "Eggs + Champagne in the Garden" brunch from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For complete details on the Indian Wells Arts Festival, visit www.indianwellsartsfestival.com.



INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL
APRIL 1, 2 + 3, 2016 AT THE TENNIS GARDEN, INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



Premier Southern California artist **Marna Schindler**, whose family enjoys a homestead in Indian Wells, has been selected as the 2016 commemorative poster artist for her distinct ability to create expressive celebrations of nature. Schindler's composition, "Spirit of Indian Wells," an original 32" x 24" acrylic painting on canvas in the style of Gauguin's cloisonnism with bold colors and strong lines that draw subtle details from the background strikingly into the foreground, was unveiled at the February 18 Indian Wells council meeting.

Visit Spa Esmeralda at Renaissance Indian Wells on Friday, March 4th between 4 and 8 p.m. for the launch of ELEMIS. Complimentary ELEMIS BIOTEC technology facials, aromatherapy massage and hand treatments will be offered in the spa garden, along with appetizers and cocktails. Learn why Spa Esmeralda is excited to introduce ELEMIS and take home a personalized gift. Please RSVP to 760-836-1265 by Thursday, March 3.



Fireworks Alert

There will be private fireworks displays at Eldorado Country Club the evening of Saturday, March 19, and Renaissance Indian Wells on Thursday, April 7. These events are not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

Salute St. Patrick at Joslyn Center

The Joslyn Center will hold its pre-St. Patrick's Day party on Thursday, March 10, with members invited to bring friends and neighbors for the 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. festivities. Entertainment will be provided by the Debonaires, with light refreshments provided. For ticket details, visit www.joslyncenter.org or call (760) 340-3220.





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City Meeting Schedule

City Council Meeting Thursday,
March 3, 1:30 p.m.

For further information on commission and committee meetings, please see the monthly calendar at www.cityofindianwells.org/cals/default.asp. All City Council, Housing Authority, Special Meeting agendas and associated staff reports are available for download in PDF format at www.cityofindianwells.org no later than noon on the Monday prior to 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. You can also watch Council Meetings on IWTv (Time Warner digital channel 122 and Verizon FIOS channel 32).



American Documentary Film Festival to Screen 140 Films

The American Documentary Film Festival (AmDocs) will celebrate its fifth year in 2016, presenting an impressive line-up of 140 films from more than 35 countries. The festival begins March 30 and continues through April 4, offering screenings at the Camelot Theatres in Palm Springs and the Indian Wells Theater and Oliphant Auditorium on the Palm Desert campus of California State University, San Bernardino in Palm Desert. The Opening Night Screening will feature the film Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru, with Academy Award®-nominated producer Joe Berlinger and philanthropist/business and life coach Tony Robbins on hand for an in-person Q&A. Festival Passes are now on sale at

www.americandocumentaryfilmfestival.com.

RESIDENT MOVIE NIGHT AT THE INDIAN WELLS THEATER – March 30, 2016 - 6 p.m.

Join fellow residents to enjoy a complimentary movie night at the Indian Wells Theater and see *STEVE McQUEEN: The Man and Le Mans*, a film by Gabriel Clarke and John McKenna – A Cannes Film Festival Official Selection. This story of obsession, betrayal and ultimate vindication shows how one of the most volatile, charismatic stars of his generation, who seemingly lost so much he held dear in the pursuit of his dream, nevertheless followed that dream to the end. The evening will be highlighted by a special appearance by Steve McQueen's son, Chad McQueen, who will answer questions after the film. RSVP online at cityofindianwells.org.





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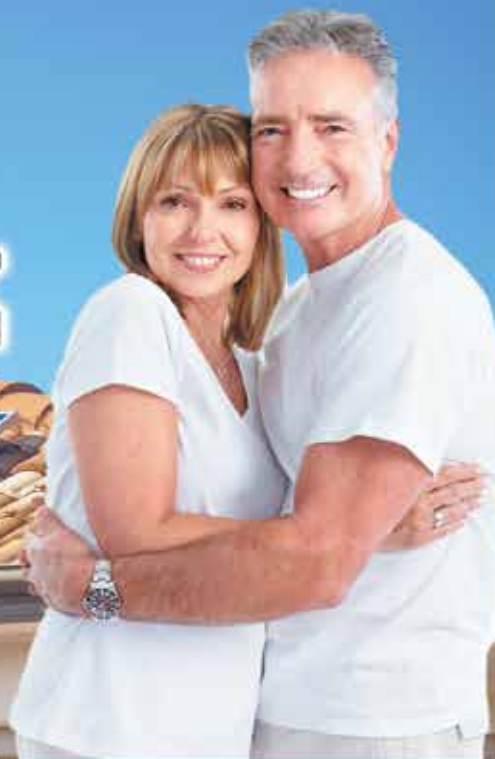
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