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INDIAN WELLS

JOIN US AS WE SALUTE VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES

The City of Indian Wells is home to many veterans and active members of the military, and it is with pride and honor that we salute them in November. Please join us for our annual Veterans' Day tribute on November 11. This special ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. under the white tent front of City Hall, as we honor Indian Wells military veterans whose names are newly inscribed on the granite walls of the Eisenhower Walk of Honor. Light refreshments will be provided. All Indian Wells citizens are invited to attend, and no RSVP is required.

The Eisenhower Walk of Honor and Veterans' Memorial features a bronze bust of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and two seven-foot granite walls inscribed with the names of over 700 Indian Wells residents who served in the U.S. armed forces and have been a resident of the City for a minimum of three years. The 1.5x life-sized bust of President Eisenhower is set upon a red granite pentagon-shaped base, lined by five flags representing each branch of the armed services. Adjacent plaques describe Eisenhower's accomplishments as general and Supreme Allied Commander during World War II, and his service as the 34th President of the United States.

The City acknowledges its veterans and military personnel in further ways as well:

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

This event at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's Pavilion is open to all and features a moving tribute to those who have given their lives in service to their country. The Memorial Day Ceremony is presented on the last Monday of May every year and will next take place on May 29, 2017.

Salute to Heroes at the BNP Paribas Open

During each year's BNP Paribas Open, the City of Indian Wells presents its "Salute to Heroes," a memorable tribute recognizing all military, veterans, police and fire personnel (who all will receive two complimentary tickets for the evening match by showing proper ID at any of the box offices). Friends and neighbors also show their appreciation to those who serve by wearing red, white and blue on that special evening.

Troon's Troops

Troon Golf shows its appreciation to active duty military personnel by making golf more accessible and affordable for members of the military. Active duty military personnel receive discounts on golf club rentals, golf course dining and golf shop purchases at participating Troon Golf facilities in the United States, including those at Indian Wells. A valid military identification is required.



New Trees Coming to Indian Wells Lane

Upgrades are coming to Indian Wells Lane with a tree enhancement project set for December 12 to 23, 2016. Due to the age and health of the lane's current palm trees, new 15-foot palms will be planted, with splashes of color to be added to the median landscaping. The city does its best to save every tree, but at certain points they need to be replaced. There will be some lane closure activity during this two-week period, but the road entrance will remain open. We have coordinated with the Indian Wells Golf Resort and our hotel partners so that the impact to business will be minimal to our visitors.



Kawasaki to Bring New Tourism Business to Indian Wells



The City is pleased to report that Kawasaki will soon bring a large group to Indian Wells, generating significant tourism revenues for the resorts and the City. As almost 60% of the Indian Wells General Fund is covered by resort TOT or occupancy/bed tax and by admissions taxes (largely from the BNP Paribas Open), this news is outstanding. It is equally meaningful for the resorts themselves, as they are reliant on group and corporate business to fill occupancy needs.

The resorts will host this repeat Kawasaki gathering from November 9 to November 14, 2016, with set-up scheduled for the week before. At least 3,100 room nights have been booked for the program, during which participants will be seen not only at the resorts but also on vacant property behind Renaissance Indian Wells, where new product testing will take place. Each day's product testing will be completed by 5 p.m.

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Desert Town Hall Ticket Lottery Date Announced

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Desert Town Hall online ticket lottery December 12-16, 2016. Each year from January to April, Desert Town Hall brings the biggest and most influential names to Indian Wells, with 2017 featured speakers to be **Scott Kelly**, **Condoleezza Rice**, **Tucker Carlson & Paul Begala**, and **Michael Lewis**. As the coming lecture series is already sold out, the remaining way for additional residents to attend is to submit online applications during the December 12-16 lottery application period for a

select number of Desert Town Hall tickets available to Indian Wells residents. A valid Resident Benefit Card is needed to enter this lottery, with one entry allowed per household. A maximum of two (2) tickets per household will be issued. Each lottery winner receives two tickets to attend one of the speaker events, and winners are determined by a random drawing. Ticket winners cannot choose or change the dates of the tickets they receive. For details and to enter, please visit www.cityofindianwells.org.



Scott Kelly



Condoleezza Rice



Tucker Carlson & Paul Begala



Michael Lewis

Ball Kids Needed for 2017 BNP Paribas Open

The BNP Paribas Open is recruiting ball kids for the 2017 tennis tournament, scheduled for March 6 to 19. Serving as a ball kid is an unforgettable experience, with selected participants able to be on-court helping players such as defending champions Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka to compete at their highest level. More than 500 youth vie for these positions, with ages



12-20 eligible to try out. Those interested can complete the online ball kid application, download the training manual and successfully pass an online assessment test (log-in information will be sent upon receipt of the completed ball kid application).

Ball kids need to attend and complete four training sessions between January 7 and

February 4, and work a minimum of five event sessions which will include two day sessions before end of play on March 13. Ball kids are used for more than 300 qualifying and main draw matches, and they receive benefits such as an official tournament uniform and program, two complimentary grounds passes for the entire tournament, autograph sessions with WTA and ATP World Tour players, an official BNP Paribas Open certificate of participation, and a ball kid party during the final weekend. For more information, visit www.bnpparibasopen.com or email ballkids@iwtg.net.

Perfect Your Game at Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Seasonal clinics are now in full swing at Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

Among this month's clinics are Stroke of the Day, Dynamic Doubles, Beat the Pros and Drill Till You Drop Workout, while adult fun activities include mixers and Saturday Fast Serve Challenges. Junior Academy is also in session, with different choices available for children ages four and up.



INDIAN WELLS
TENNIS GARDEN

Save the Date



2017 BNP Paribas Open Resident TICKET LOTTERY

Indian Wells residents can again enjoy one of the City's most popular resident benefits: complimentary tickets for the annual BNP Paribas Open, scheduled for March 6-19, 2017. 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. Please read the below carefully for date and details.

Premier Finals Weekend "Random" Lottery:

Residents will have three days to enter their name in a new 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. 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 and make note of the important dates to reserve and pick up your complimentary tickets.

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

Save the Date: The Indian Wells 50th Birthday Party!



Please plan to join us on February 27, 2017 when the City will celebrate its 50th birthday in style. You will see many ways in which we are honoring our city throughout the year, but please save this date for a special evening. Details to follow....



VUE Grille & Bar Announces a Month of Great Dining Experiences

VUE Grille & Bar will host several special dining events this season, including a November evening of wine and fine food, the restaurant's annual Thanksgiving Holiday Buffet, and popular Christmas and New Year's festivities. Please reserve early by calling (760) 834-3600. All holiday events: resident discounts apply.



November 9: Wine Dinner

Mark your calendars for Wine'd Up for Season on November 9 and savor every sip at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's upcoming Wine Dinner. The annual event will welcome diners from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature a full buffet dinner and more than 80 different wines from 20-plus wineries. Perfect for the novice wine drinker as well as the true aficionado, the evening's wines will be available for tasting and for optional purchase at significantly reduced prices. Admission: \$45 pre-sale or \$60 at the door.



November 24: Thanksgiving Buffet

VUE Grille & Bar has announced details of its 2016 Thanksgiving Buffet, offered from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 24. This special feast will offer a grand buffet featuring freshly-carved turkey, prime rib and glazed ham served with all the trimmings including mashed potatoes, stuffing and more -- plus added salads, sides, seafood and a selection of all-American desserts. Pricing is \$46.95 for adults and \$19.95 for children 12 and under, excluding tax and gratuity.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Buffets

The restaurant will present special dining experiences on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, offered from 4 to 9 p.m. on each day. New this year, a buffet will be offered and will feature carving stations with prime rib, leg of lamb and glazed ham, along with roasted turkey, Atlantic salmon, butternut squash ravioli, and an array of salads, vegetables, sides and deserts. Pricing is \$36.95 for adults and \$19.95 for children 12 and under, excluding tax and gratuity.



Happy New Year! December 31 Festivities Coming to VUE

Ring in 2017 with friends and neighbors, as VUE offers New Year's Eve festivities from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Priced at \$99, this special party will feature a fabulous dinner and live entertainment from the Toast & Jam Band. Enticing menu selections include filet mignon, lobster tail, and scallops with black truffles.



Executive Lunches Now Available at VUE

If a quick midday meal is in order, VUE Grille & Bar offers Executive Lunches guaranteed to be served in 15 minutes or less -- perfect for people with busy schedules. As long as each guest at the table orders from the Executive Lunch Menu, everyone will be served within 15 minutes. The menu includes favorites such as Grilled Fish Tacos and Cobb Salad.



See You at WildLights!

For those who love dazzling lights, hot chocolate and yuletide entertainment, WildLights at The Living Desert will open to the public on November 23, 2016 and will run on selected evenings through December 24, 2016. New for this year, guests will be able to stroll Africa, discover a new herd of luminescent animal lanterns, and play in the new Holiday Whoville.

Also new this year, the illuminated extravaganza will host the residents of Indian Wells on two separate evenings -- **December 3 and December 9** (residents can only attend one evening). Under the new arrangement, two residents per household can enjoy a private dinner at the same time the park will be open to the general public. This change allows residents to enjoy many of the things that were not open during our private event in the past, such as rides, shows and other WildLights experiences. Additionally, further family members can join in after the dinner by using the two free WildLights admissions which are made available each year to Resident households. Reservations for the December 3 and December 9 Residents-only dinner events will be accepted beginning November 9, with seating based on availability and limited to two residents per household. To sign up for these Indian Wells Residents' Nights, you must have a valid Resident Benefit Card in your possession. For details, please call (760) 346-2489 or visit www.cityofindianwells.org. Priced at \$10, seats are available on a first-come/first-served basis.



Daily Golf Clinics Are Underway

Golfers can pick up new tips and strategies during this season's golf clinics at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Classes are scheduled every Tuesday through Saturday at 11 a.m., with a cost of \$29 per person. A different topic is covered each day, from putting and short-game to full-swing instruction and specialty shots. If you'd like further guidance, the resort also offers a variety of instruction packages for individuals and couples alike. For more information, visit www.indianwellsresort.com.

Holiday Festivities are Coming to Our Hotels, Resorts and Spas

Many of the desert's most popular holiday festivities take place at hotels, resorts and spas within Indian Wells. Early reservations are recommended for these major dining events, while other festivities are open to the public and can be enjoyed throughout the season.



Miramonte Resort & Spa

Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 8 p.m. in Miramonte Resort's Grove Artisan Kitchen, or reserve the Thanksgiving

Buffet, presented from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. both indoors and on the resort's Mediterranean Lawn. A full month of festivities awaits in December, including the annual Gingerbread Village and December 2nd Tree Lighting.

Christmas Day Brunch will be offered from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 25 and will feature a choice of Bloody Mary, Mimosa or glass of Champagne. Also on Christmas

Day, the Grove Artisan Kitchen will serve a special three-course prix fixe dinner from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. New Year's Eve also promises a memorable experience, with a four-course dinner served from 5 to 10 p.m., to include a bottle of Champagne per couple. For details, visit www.miramonteresort.com.



Thanksgiving Buffet, Spa Savings and December Events at Renaissance Indian Wells

Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa's Thanksgiving Buffet will take place at Cava from noon to

7 p.m. on Thursday, November 24. The bountiful selection of main dishes will include roasted salmon, cioppino, leg of lamb, turkey, ham and prime rib, plus all the trimmings and an optional add-on of bottomless Champagne. Also in November, Spa Esmeralda is extending a "welcome back" to City residents, with special pricing for City residents on a Swedish Massage or Deep Cleansing Facial. This promotion is available Monday through Friday only, excluding blackout dates. Ask for the Indian Wells Resident Special when booking. The resort's December calendar will also include many family events, special holiday traditions for neighbors and the public, Christmas and New Year's Eve dining in Cava, and plenty of Santa and Gingerbread festivities for all. For dining and spa reservations, call the resort at (760) 773-4444. For details on holiday festivities, please visit www.renaissanceindianwells.com.



Celebrate Thanksgiving and December Holidays at The Hyatt Regency Indian Wells

Enjoy a Thanksgiving buffet at Lantana Restaurant, presented from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday,

November 24, and savor hand-carved turkey breast and prime rib as well as seared salmon. For spa pleasures, the resort's Agua Serena Spa will offer an Autumn Retreat, Caramel Apple Pedicure and Perfectly Pumpkin detox wrap throughout November. December will bring cookie decorating, Santa gatherings and a skating rink open from 5 to 8 p.m., beginning December 20 and ending January 2. Additionally, December offerings will feature special dining experiences on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. For details and reservations, visit www.indianwells.hyatt.com or call (760) 776-1234

Indian Wells Resort Hotel

New Year's Eve festivities are an annual favorite at the hotel. Further information is available at indianwellsresort.com. To reserve, please call (760) 345-6466.



Joslyn Center Shares Upcoming Events

Joslyn Center's November calendar includes a trio of social and learning events adding to its regular roster of classes and activities for adults ages 50 and above. The Center's website at www.joslyncenter.org provides details on the below special offerings, or call (760) 340-3220.

Veteran's Day Barbecue and Open House.

Friday, November 11
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Emergency Preparedness Event:

Tuesday, November 15
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Annual Holiday Party:

Wednesday, December 14
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Announces Program for December Annual Meeting



The Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation will hold its 14th Annual Meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4 at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. The gathering will feature year-end reports, the President's Message and a special program showcasing the history of the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. Highlights will include exhibits, photos, memorabilia and a video interview with Lucie (Arnaz) Luckinbill, daughter of first owners, Desi and Lucille (Ball) Arnaz. The hotel opened in April 1957 and was called the Desi Arnaz Western Hills Hotel. Its first general manager was Frank Bogert – the same Mr. Bogert who later became Mayor of Palm Springs. Following the program, the Foundation will present the hotel with a plaque reading Historic Landmark No. 3 in the City of Indian Wells. The present hotel general manager, Brad Weiner, will be on hand to accept the hotel's historic designation. All members and friends of historic preservation are invited to attend this complimentary event, which will take place at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. Light refreshments will be served. Please reserve by November 30, contacting Adele Ruxton at (760) 346-8420 or ARxtn@aol.com.

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Breakfast with the Cheetahs at The Living Desert

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is offering three special events for November, along with a return to regular seasonal hours. The zoo is now open daily from 9 a.m. (7 a.m. for members) to 5 p.m., with the last admission at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, November 5, **Go Native!** Day will celebrate the

native flora, fauna, geology and natural history of the Coachella Valley. The first 500 people to celebrate Go Native! Day will receive a free one-gallon Coachella Valley native plant grown from seed at The Living Desert. This event will be followed by the **Living Desert annual plant sale**, to take place on November 12 and 13. Also on November 12, **Breakfast with the Cheetahs** will include breakfast and the chance to spend time with the venue's three beautiful cheetah sisters. Special keeper chats and animal encounters will

complete the morning's breakfast festivities. For details, visit www.thelivingdesert.org.





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Save the Date

Indian Wells Pro-Am Invitational Announced for Early February

City Meeting Schedule

City Council Meetings
November 17, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
December 15, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

For further information on commission and committee meetings, please see the monthly calendar at www.cityofindianwells.org/cals/default.asp. City Council, Housing Authority, Special Meeting agendas and associated staff reports are available for download in PDF format at www.cityofindianwells.org. Printed versions may be obtained in the reception area at City Hall. City Council Meetings are also broadcast live, and, additionally, are 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 Frontier FIOS channel 32). For information on Mayor's office hours, please call City Hall, (760) 346-2489.



The third annual Indian Wells Pro-Am Invitational will take place February 3 and 4, 2017 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Start making plans now for this fun competition on the Players Course, which was recently ranked among the top 16 courses in California. Festivities will begin Friday evening, and for the first time, the City of Indian Wells has added an online entry portal so that 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.

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