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# INDIAN WELLS



## TWO INDIAN WELLS EVENTS SHOWCASE WORLD-CLASS ART & MUSIC

Our enchanting community may be internationally renowned for golf and tennis, but Indian Wells also continues to gain recognition as a premier destination for outstanding cultural events. Desert Town Hall wrapped up the 2015 season of its prestigious speaker series last month, World Affairs Council of the Desert offers an annual enlightening lecture series through May, and The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden’s breathtaking setting serves as a year-round venue for education and conservation.

Moreover, early April and May herald the return of two sensational special events to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden: **Indian Wells Arts Festival (April 3-5)** and **Desert Lexus Jazz Festival (May 2)**.

Now in its 13th year, the three-day **Indian Wells Arts Festival** transforms the Tennis Garden’s plaza into a picturesque artisan village with more than 200 talented artists from around the country displaying singular creations in painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, jewelry, and more. Highlights also include the second annual “Objet Trouvé” Found Art Festival, live music, refreshments, interactive artsy fun for the kids, and the popular “Eggs + Champagne in the Garden” brunch on Easter Sunday until noon.

On Saturday, May 2, the City of Indian Wells presents the second annual **Desert Lexus Jazz Festival** with an exciting line-up featuring legendary R&B band Tower of Power, Grammy Award winning vocalist Lisa Fischer, and Grand Baton. Patrons will also enjoy an assortment of food wine and art.



For more information and tickets:

Indian Wells Arts Festival, [www.indianwellsartsfestival.com](http://www.indianwellsartsfestival.com)  
Desert Lexus Jazz Festival, [www.iwtg.net](http://www.iwtg.net)  
or call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Box Office, (760) 200-8000.

# Municipal Code Requires Maintenance of Vacant Lots

If you own a vacant lot in Indian Wells, please note that the City's Code Enforcement Officer does a sweep of all lots in the city during the month of April to ensure that lots are free of weeds and sealed with a City-approved sealant. For your information, below is the Municipal Code reference:

## 8.08.010 Maintenance of Property— Conditions that are Nuisances

*(x) Dust control on Vacant Land Not Yet Treated with One or More City Approved Dust Control Measures. "City approved dust control measures," for the purposes of this subsection include, but are not limited to, the planting and maintenance of landscape or vegetation, or a proper chemical control treatment, so as to control blowing dust from the site.*

For further information, call City Hall, (760) 346-2489.



## Save the Date: City of Indian Wells Memorial Day Ceremony

The City's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. in the Indian Wells Golf Resort's Pavilion. This event is open to all, no RSVP is required, and light refreshments will be served.

## Flying Our Flag with Respect

The City of Indian Wells has delineated a formal policy and procedure to observe and honor the passing of government officials, current and former City officials, and current and former City employees.

In compliance with the United States Flag Code and etiquette, City Hall flies the American flag daily. The American flag is flown at half-staff on Peace Officer's Memorial Day (May 15), Memorial Day (May 30), Patriot Day (September 11), and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7). The flag may also be flown at half-staff when the U.S. president, state governor, or federal agency department head proclaims a period of mourning. Interestingly, in 1954, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower – a part-time Indian Wells resident – issued a proclamation on the proper times to fly the flag at half-staff.

In Indian Wells, to honor the passing of government officials, and current and former City Council members and City staff, the City Manager or his/her designee shall declare that black Mourning Ribbons be placed at the top of the flagpole just below the finial or ornament, with the American flag flying at full-staff.





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells

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### Resident Cup Promises a Phenomenal Day of Golf

The sixth annual Resident Cup is fast approaching so be sure to reserve your space, if you haven't already, for the April 8 tournament at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. The tournament features competitive and social divisions—choose your own foursome or the City will place you in one—and kicks off with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on the Players Course.

The \$100 entry fee includes a full breakfast, one round of golf, and barbeque lunch in the Golf Resort Pavilion. A non-golfing guest is welcome for lunch for an additional \$25.

To participate in the Resident Cup, download a registration form at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) (click on Residents, then click on Upcoming Resident Events). You may also pick up a registration form at City Hall. A valid 2015 Indian Wells Property Owner ID card is required for registration.



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### Share Your Feedback at Annual State of the City Presentation

Indian Wells residents and business owners are encouraged to attend the upcoming State of the City address set for Thursday, April 16 at the Miramonte Resort and Spa. City Council will provide a comprehensive update on the City's progress beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be ample time for questions/comments from the audience following the presentation.

Reservations are not required; light desserts will be served. Those unable to attend will be able to view the State of the City address at a later date on IWTV (Time Warner digital channel 122 and Verizon FIOS channel 32).

We want your Feedback!

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### Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

The City of Indian Wells, in partnership with Burrtec, hosts the next free Document Shredding event for Indian Wells residents on Saturday, April 25 from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Burrtec Waste and Recycling, 41575 Eclectic Street in Palm Desert (one block west of Cook Street between 42nd and Hovley).

Residents must show a valid 2015 Indian Wells Property Owner ID card and are limited to two standard file boxes per car. (Note: no commercial businesses please.)

Items acceptable for shredding include office and copy paper (including glossy paper), tax and personal documents, file folders, binders and envelopes. Binder clips and paper clips must be removed prior to shredding.

For more information, call City Hall, (760) 346-2489



## Meeting Schedule

### This Month's City Council Meetings

Thursday, April 2, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

Thursday, April 16, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

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 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 Verizon FIOS channel 32).



Mayor's office hours are by appointment only. Please call City Hall, (760) 346-2489, to schedule

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## Pet Waste = Health Hazard



Most of our canine companions need plentiful outdoor exercise. Unfortunately, some dog owners neglect to pick up after their pet(s) leading to dirty sidewalks and grassy areas, and accidentally stepping into dog feces. However, most importantly, not picking up pet waste can create health hazards including storm water contamination.

Moreover, pet-related bacteria can cause disease in other animals and humans.

Pet waste that is not picked up and properly disposed can also increase vector problems with flies and other insects that are attracted to and feed on pet excrement.

Please remember to:

- Scoop up pet waste and place it in a trash can. Use an eco-friendly dog waste bag if possible.
- Never dump pet waste into a storm drain or catch basin.
- Carry extra bags when walking your dog and make them available to other pet owners who have forgotten to bring their disposal bags.
- Teach children how to properly clean up after pets and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same.



## DON'T FALL PREY TO PRYING EYES

In planning for special events and festivals that take place in Indian Wells and surrounding areas, I'm encouraging my staff to be mindful of the influx of visitors to our great community. When the desert is jam-packed with people, I sometimes see an increase in our crime stats, most commonly with vehicle break-ins. Some of the more commonly stolen items are backpacks, gym bags, briefcases, cash/coins, wallets, purses, portable GPS navigation systems, cell phones, and anything of obvious value. Locking your car and setting your alarm is only part of the solution to prevent a burglary to your auto. If you leave valuables (or a hint of valuables) in plain sight, a thief may target your car, even knowing that it's locked and alarmed. However, without a clear prize in sight, a locked/alarmed car will likely be bypassed for an easier "target of opportunity."

To prevent and reduce the threat of falling victim to this crime, here are a few tips:

- Don't leave valuables in your car: That sounds like "common sense," but drivers or passengers leave items of value in plain view every day. If you have to leave packages or shopping bags in your car unattended, lock them in the trunk out of sight.
- Leave no trace: Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables out of sight in your vehicle, such as docking stations, connector cables, coins and phone chargers. Additionally, remove your garage door opener from plain view. Depending on how it is programmed, it could be used to open your garage, attached residence or building.
- Lock all vehicle doors: Every year, we have items stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was only going to be gone "just for a second."

Like all of you, I look forward to special events, but encourage each of you do your part in this busy time and don't fall prey to prying eyes around our vehicles.

Lt. Evan Petersen – Indian Wells







# CLARENCE "LARRY" MATTHEWS- 108 YEARS YOUNG!

He's the oldest living resident of Indian Wells and possibly the entire Coachella Valley. On February 19, City Council presented a proclamation to a very special member of the Indian Wells community: 108-year-old Clarence "Larry" Matthews who turns 109 on May 1. Matthews has been a resident of Indian Wells since 1972. He was the first president of the Sandpiper HOA in the Indian Wells Country Club community, and served on the Fire Access Maintenance District (FAMD) board shortly after it was formed. Matthews' secret to his longevity? "Just keep breathing!"

◀ Clarence "Larry" Matthews (at right) with his son

## MARCH 7 McENROE CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY WAS A SMASH!





# VUE Grille & Bar Serves Up Easter Sunday Brunch



Celebrate Easter Sunday this April 5 feasting on a special bottomless champagne brunch at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's VUE Grille & Bar. The brunch menu will be available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with mouthwatering multicourse selections ranging from omelet and carving stations to chilled salads, seafood and desserts. Cost is \$55 per adult, \$22.95 for children ages 6-11, free for children under 6.

Advance reservations are highly recommended. Call (760) 834-3800. To view the full menu online, visit [www.vuegrilleandbar.com](http://www.vuegrilleandbar.com) (click on Grille, click on Holiday Menus). Please note that the resident discount does not apply for this event.

## Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Presents Easter Brunch...

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa's contemporary Lantana Restaurant will also feature a delicious multicourse brunch buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Selections include serving a children's menu, and the resort plans to offer several Easter activities for the youngsters. Call (760) 674-4165 for pricing and reservations.



## ...and Stellar Spa Specials



It doesn't matter whether you're an Aquarius, Taurus, or Libra – you can take advantage of all the Agua Serena Spa's "Wellness Horoscope" spa specials valid until April 31, 2015. Promotions this month include the Anti-Aging Fruit Enzyme Facial (\$115), 25% off a haircut and style in the salon, Sassy Spring Pedicure (\$75), three-hour Dreamer Retreat (\$400), and more. Visit [www.indianwells.hyatt.com](http://www.indianwells.hyatt.com) (Spa) for details or call (760) 341-1000 for more information and spa reservations.

## Savor a Taste of Honey

Honey possesses anti-microbial and antioxidant properties that make it a highly effective and rejuvenating ingredient for skin and body care. This month, the Tuscan-inspired WELL Spa at Miramonte Resort & Spa invites you to take advantage of the Honey Dream Deep Relaxation Massage for \$124, 20% off the regular value. This one-hour treatment and massage relieves muscle and tissue tension, leaving skin smooth with nutrient rich organic honey. To book, call (760) 837-1652 and reference promo code: HONEY. Please note that this offer is not available on weekends and doesn't include 20% service fee.



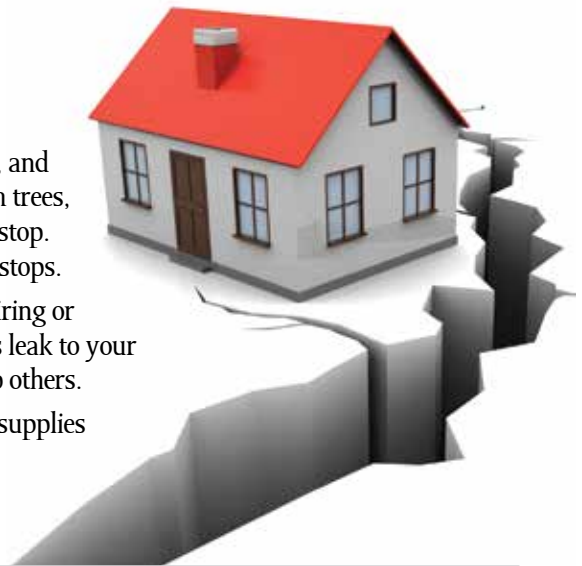
# Stay Safe Before, During and After an EARTHQUAKE

Every since the devastating 1906 San Francisco earthquake, April has been designated as Earthquake Preparedness Month in the State of California. According to the United States Geological Survey, there is a 90 percent chance that a major earthquake will strike an urban area in California within the next 30 years. In the event of a major earthquake, first responders will do all they can to assist residents; however, you should be prepared to be self-sufficient within the first 72 hours after a temblor strikes.

## QUICK TIPS

- **Before an earthquake:** Have an emergency kit of supplies on hand that, at a minimum, includes food, water, supplies, medications, pet food, flashlight, battery-operated radio, first aid kit, cash and clothing.
- **During an earthquake:** If indoors, drop, take cover under a desk or table, and hold until the shaking stops. If outdoors, head for an open area away from trees, buildings, walls and power lines. If driving, pull over to the roadside and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your car until the shaking stops.
- **After an Earthquake:** Check for gas and water leaks, broken electrical wiring or sewage lines. Turn the utility off at the source and immediately report gas leak to your utility company. Stay away from downed power lines, stay calm and help others.

For detailed information on earthquake preparedness, including an emergency supplies checklist and other important recommendations, visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) (City Hall, City Services, Emergency Preparedness), and The Governor's Office of Emergency Services online at [www.calema.ca.gov](http://www.calema.ca.gov).



## A Desert-Friendly Landscape Conserves Water

If you're considering completely replacing your grass yard with a low water landscape or simply adding some desert-friendly plants, consider attending the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) upcoming workshop on "Converting Turf to Desert-Friendly Landscaping." This free workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the CVWD's Steve Robbins Administration Building, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert.

Registration is free; however, seating is limited. Reserve your space today by calling (760) 398-2651 or visiting [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).



## Burrtec Picks Up Bulky Items by Appointment

If you're in the midst of spring cleaning and want to get rid of unwanted large items, you can call Burrtec Waste and Recycling to request and schedule a free bulky item pick-up. Bulky items accepted for collection include indoor and outdoor furniture, appliances such as washers and dryers, sporting equipment, barbecues, bundled wood, tires and more. Regular household trash and household hazardous waste are not accepted for bulky item pick-up.



There is a limit of four free bulky items per scheduled pick-up; additional items will be collected at \$10 each. Please call Burrtec customer service at (760) 340-2113 48 hours in advance of your regular trash day to request this service.





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for the latest updates.

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."



# CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2015 WITH A PROMISE TO GO (MORE) GREEN

Wednesday, April 25, 2015 marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. The City of Indian Wells remains committed to sustainability, and we know you do too. However, Earth Day is a great reminder that we can all expand our conservation-oriented practices. The Earth Day Network ([www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)) notes a number of actions you can take to create a more eco-friendly future. They include:

- Turning down the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or less.
- Composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings to help reduce your impact on landfills.
- Reducing the amount of plastic you use. Stop using unnecessary plastics like bags and bottles and start using reusable alternatives.
- Buying local produce to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Reducing the amount of junk mail you receive. Check out [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org) and [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org).
- Recycling your e-waste items including cell phones, computers, laptops, PDAs, monitors, televisions, printers, scanners and other electrical devices. Visit [www.burrtec.com](http://www.burrtec.com) (Indian Wells) for information on e-waste collection.
- Retrofitting your home or business with solar panels.

For more information on how you can support the environment and rebate incentives for energy efficiency, visit [www.energyupgradeca.org](http://www.energyupgradeca.org), [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com), [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org), and [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com).





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