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INDIAN WELLS

HELP US PLAN FOR EL NIÑO

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association has advised that Southern California may see strong El Niño conditions this year, and that residents are likely to experience a wetter-than-normal winter.

The City of Indian Wells has been preparing for this eventuality since earlier this year, acquiring sandbags, inspecting locations for drainage obstructions, trimming landscaping, and providing guidance to citizens and businesses so as to minimize potential weather disruptions.

For those of us fortunate enough to live in the desert, now is the time prepare our homes, yards and neighborhoods for heavy rains. Here are a few tips:

- Trim large trees in your yard and remove any yard debris.
- Clean and clear roof drains, gutters, downspouts and underground drains, making sure they are functioning properly.
- Have sandbags ready. The City currently has a limited supply of sandbags available to Indian Wells residents.

- Ensure there are no low areas around your residence. Water should be able to drain away from your home.
- Visually inspect any retaining wall drains, surface drains, culverts, ditches, etc. for obstructions or other signs of malfunction, before the storm season, and after every storm event.
- Be sure your roof does not have loose tiles, holes or other signs of trouble.
- If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, ask your association to check common-area storm drains and retention basins in advance and remove clogs or other obstructions.
- Have supplies on hand in case you cannot leave your home or are without power for a period of time. This includes water, food and medicines.
- Have plenty of fully charged batteries available.

For El Niño overview information from NOAA, visit www.climate.gov. For information on nuisance flooding and weekly updates on El Niño, go to www.NOAA.gov or www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/before.shtml. The Red Cross has issued safety tips at www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood, as has the special public service campaign published at www.ready.gov/floods.

Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa

Scheduled celebrations include the resort's popular 12 Days of Esmeralda, complete with family activities, carriage rides, roasting chestnuts, s'mores, dive-in movies, Kids Camp, a cooking session, special treatments at Spa Esmeralda, and the annual gingerbread house collection.

- Dec. 24, 9 to 11 a.m. Pancakes with Santa
- Dec. 25, 2 to 8 p.m. Christmas Buffet in CAVA
- Dec. 31, 4 to 8 p.m. New Year's Eve Buffet in CAVA
- Dec. 31, 7 to 9 p.m. Family Dance Party in Stir
- Dec 31, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Celebration in GLO Lounge with dining, dancing and a balloon drop at midnight.

Additionally, Renaissance Indian Wells has introduced its #NoSnowHere package, featuring overnight accommodations, sunglasses and two poolside umbrella drinks for the winter-weary. For reservations, call (760) 773-4444 or visit www.renaissanceindianwells.com.



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Holiday festivities are coming

Many of the desert's most popular holiday festivities take place at hotels, resorts and spas within Indian Wells.




MIRAMONTE
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Miramonte Resort & Spa

Miramonte Resort & Spa invites neighbors to attend its Gingerbread Village Open House and help them to support Animal Samaritans at the same time. Scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 11, the event will offer hot cocoa, sweet treats and crafts for children as guests stroll the village.

Those wishing to enter their own gingerbread creations into the event's annual competition can win resort and spa visits, dinners and more. For details, go to www.miramonteresort.com.





Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

December offerings feature a Friday and Saturday evening popcorn bar, Tuesday and Saturday afternoon margarita classes, weekend dive-in movies with hot chocolate, agave tequila tastings, photos with Santa, cookie decorating and more. The resort's Holiday Breakfast Package includes accommodations, breakfast for two and a holiday cheer amenity, while its Agua Serena Spa will offer holiday specials and wellness classes throughout the month of December.



- Dec. 1-19 Frank's 100th, Rat Pack Favorites in Agave Sunset
- Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 8 to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Buffet
- Dec. 25, 4 to 9 p.m. Christmas Dinner in Lantana
- Dec. 31, 4 to 9 p.m. New Year's Eve Dinner in Lantana
- Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Camp Hyatt Glow in the Dark Pajama Party

For details and reservations, visit www.indianwells.hyatt.com or call (760) 776-1234



to our hotels, resorts and spas

Early reservations are recommended for these major dining events, while other festivities are open to the public and can be enjoyed throughout the season.

Indian Wells Resort Hotel

New Year's Eve festivities will include a special four-course dinner and more.

- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner & Midnight Champagne Toast at Frank's Place

Further information is available at indianwellsresort.com/dining.html. To reserve, please call (760) 345-6466.



VUE UNVEILS DELECTABLE DECEMBER DINING



Celebrate the holidays enjoying beautiful views and outstanding dining at VUE Grille & Bar at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. The restaurant will present a special dining experience on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, offered from 4 to 9 p.m. on each day.

The three-course à la carte menu will feature a choice of starter, entrée selections including Surf and Turf (roasted lobster tail and beef filet), Twin Lobster Tails, and Slow-Roasted Prime Rib, as well as Pumpkin Flan with Candied Pecans and Grand Marnier Cream for dessert.

For reservations, call (760) 834-3600, and be sure to check www.vuegrilleandbar.com/grille-new.html for upcoming New Year's Eve and New Year's Day dining details.

VUE
GRILLE & BAR

Meeting Schedule

City Council Meeting: December 3, 2015 - Cancelled

City Council Meeting: December 17, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. New Mayor Induction Ceremony

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).

For information on Mayor's office hours, please call City Hall, (760) 346-2489



January 4: Desert Town Hall Ticket Lottery

January 4 is the date for the next Desert Town Hall lecture series ticket lottery. A valid Resident Benefit Card is needed to enter the lottery, with one lottery entry allowed per card 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. The City Hall will begin accepting online entries at www.cityofindianwells.org Monday, January 4 at 8:30 a.m. Deadline to submit is Friday, January 8 no later than 5 p.m.



January 6: Docent Tour, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert



This special 3 p.m. tour for Indian Wells Residents will highlight the current exhibition: Still Life: Capturing The Moment, in The Galen and Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden at Palm Springs Art Museum. The museum is located at 72567 Hwy 111 in Palm Desert. Afterwards, visitors can enjoy browsing through the Palm Desert Farmer's Market or enjoy the garden and its activities. Reservations are limited for this complimentary event. Please reserve at community@indianwells.com.

January 13: Experience the Wonders of Sunnylands

The City of Indian Wells has arranged the next private resident tour of Sunnylands, to take place on January 13, 2016. This annual tour, which is available exclusively to those who have not attended prior City tours, will encompass the historic estate, center and gardens (www.sunnylands.org). Advance paid reservations will be accepted beginning on December 7. Tour-goers must pay in person at City Hall. Please note that you will need to provide your own transportation to and from Sunnylands, which is located in Rancho Mirage.



January 30: City to Host Free Document Shredding Event

Clean out your files and dispose of unneeded papers safely and securely. In partnership with the Burrtec Waste and Recycling facility in Palm Desert, the City will host a free annual shredding event from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 30. In addition to documents, you may also shred file folders and envelopes, with no need to remove staples or paper clips. Proof of Indian Wells residency is required; no commercial businesses or organizations, please. Burrtec is located at 41575 Eclectic Street in Palm Desert. For further information, call Indian Wells City Hall at (760) 346-2489.



Mark Your 2016 Calendars for:

Sunday, February 14 and
Monday, February 15:



Modernism Week's
Casa Dorado Tour

Friday, February 19:



Modernism Week's Indian
Wells Signature Home Tour

Sunday, February 21:



A Day at the Polo Grounds

Thursday, February 25:



Resident Party at
Indian Wells Golf Resort

Wednesday, March 9:



Resident Golf Tournament

Look for details on these five
resident events in the City of Indian
Wells January 2016 Newsletter

Reminder: Renew Your Resident Benefit Card



Just a reminder that you can begin the online renewal process to receive your 2016 Resident Benefit Card by visiting the City website Residents section at www.cityofindianwells.org. The criteria for Resident status have changed, so please confirm 2016 details via the website. New Indian Wells property owners, residents and first-time cardholders must apply (after January 4, 2016) for the card in person at City Hall during normal Monday-through-Friday business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.), excluding holidays. Please bring valid proof of residency in the form of those documents specified on the website. For additional details about card renewals, contact the City of Indian Wells Finance Department at (760) 776-0235. 2016 cards will be issued and mailed after January 4, 2016. Your 2015 card will be valid until you receive your new card.



A Tribute to Vicky Laliberte

The City of Indian Wells lost a fascinating and beloved resident with the passing of Vanessa "Vicky" Laliberte on October 10, 2015. Vicky was known as the owner of three thriving restaurants, including The Nest and Vicky's of Santa Fe, both in Indian Wells, and Vanessa's in Santa Fe, New Mexico. What few people knew, though, was Vicky's remarkable back-story. She was born in Los Angeles in 1923 but grew up in Honolulu. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Vicky joined W.A.R.D. (Women's Air Raid Defense) and proudly served her country for the next couple of years. She then returned to Los Angeles, where she briefly had a career as an actress known as Vicki

Stewart. She went on to live abroad for many years, in Gstaad, the Swiss Alps and Monte Carlo. Vicky was an expert skier and was well known on the slopes of Gstaad and Aspen, Colorado. She also was a good sailor with her late husband Guy, sailing the Caribbean & South America with him for many years. Her proudest accomplishment was the successful restaurant career she enjoyed with Guy, to whom she was married for more than 40 years. Vicky will be missed, but her restaurant legacy continues, with nephew Marc continuing to run the popular business.

The City Honors Veterans On November 11, 2015

On November 11, 2015, the City of Indian Wells paid tribute to Indian Wells military veterans whose names are newly inscribed on the granite walls of the Eisenhower Walk of Honor. While this was a one-day event, gratitude to the City's veterans continues every day of the year.



Fakes and Frauds: Is Your Postal Mail Secure?

Important Safety Tips from Lt. Evan Petersen, Indian Wells Police Department

Lottery fraud, change of addresses, charity fraud, reshipping scams... The list can go on and on, but it all points to one easy item for thieves to target – YOUR MAIL! Thieves are trying to buy it, receive it, steal it or possess it, because it is a valuable commodity. Most of us don't care about getting "another bill," but we do care about the information connected to our bills. Thieves who take your bills first change your "billing address," to begin receiving your information themselves. Even though you stop receiving your credit card bill, it may take you a while to notice the missing item. By then, thieves have also begun opening new credit cards and charging items to your information.

Here are some tips to protect yourself:

- Pick up your mail promptly! This one simple trick is the biggest deterrent of mail theft.
- Don't leave mail in your box overnight. If you are expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up your mail. A huge benefit to living in Indian Wells is also having our police department staff check on your residence while you are away.
- Be sure to notify the Post Office of your absence, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- A further proactive approach is looking into "Locking Mailbox Inserts" that mount directly to the inside of your mailbox (an easy Internet search will bring several options that are inexpensive). These are not vaults, but they do protect mail from a casual thief, and they offer an excellent visual deterrent.



My deputies work tirelessly to keep our streets safe from the imposters and scam artists that can pass through our city targeting our mail, but we can't do it alone. We truly need the public's help to be our eyes and ears. Thank you for your assistance.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



From December 26 through the second week of January, Burrtec Waste and Recycling will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling on your regular trash collection day (December 25 collection day will move to December 26). 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 or call customer service at (760) 340-2113.



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Welcome Back!

Last month's welcome back party was a great success and the perfect start to an exciting season. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



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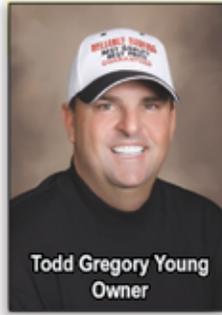


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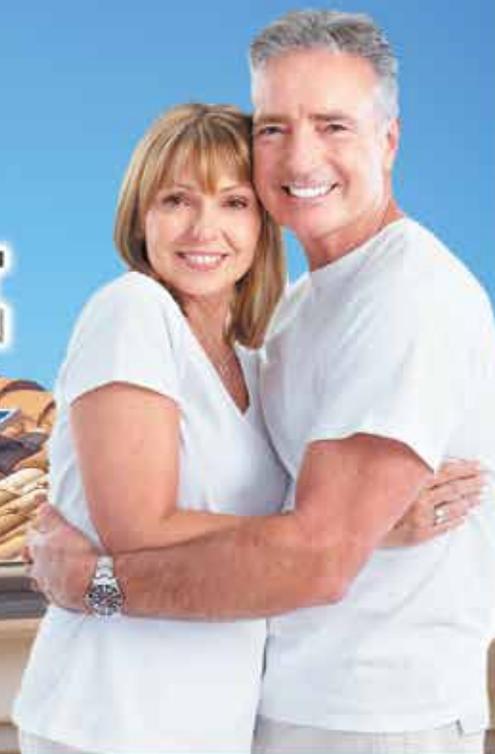
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