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# INDIAN WELLS



## TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Indian Wells offers so much for residents and visitors—a sunny, temperate climate ideal for outdoor recreation, first-rate municipal and law enforcement services, City Hall’s firm commitment to short- and long-term strategic planning (see page 2), excellent resident benefits, sustainability and recycling programs...the list goes on. What’s more, during winter and spring, our city comes alive with activities that further enrich this outstanding community. Whether you’ve lived in Indian Wells for years or recently moved here (and welcome!), below are a few reasons we’re such a highly sought-after destination:

### EXCITING RESIDENT EVENTS

The City offers a variety of outstanding resident benefits, such as lively social gatherings and stimulating cultural events exclusively for Indian Wells residents. For the latest news and resident calendar visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org).



### ▼ BNP PARIBAS OPEN March 9-22, 2015

We are so fortunate to have the largest ATP World Tour and WTA combined two-week tennis event in the world right in our own backyard every March. [www.bnpparibasopen.com](http://www.bnpparibasopen.com)



### ▲ DESERT TOWN HALL

Now in its 23rd season, this lecture series brings world-renowned thought leaders to Indian Wells for four illuminating evenings each year. [www.deserttownhall.org](http://www.deserttownhall.org)

### INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL April 3-5, 2015

This family-friendly three-day art fair features more than 200 talented artists displaying their mastery in a variety of decorative media. Add interactive children’s activities, live music and refreshments for a terrific cultural experience at the Tennis Garden. [www.indianwellsartsfestival.com](http://www.indianwellsartsfestival.com)



### ◀ DESERT LEXUS JAZZ FESTIVAL May 2, 2015

Now in its second year, this live jazz spectacular hits a high note when internationally acclaimed performers take the stage under the Indian Wells Tennis Garden’s shade pavilion (see back page). A pairing of food, wine and art make this an unforgettable evening under the stars. [www.iwtg.net](http://www.iwtg.net)



The City of Indian Wells and Indian Wells Fire Department salute one of their own—Fire Fighter Paramedic **Mike Vasquez's** (in yellow helmet) recent deployment to Afghanistan and safe return home. The Fire Department displayed the blue star service flag in his honor.



## Don't Miss City's February Strategic Planning Sessions

In January, we encouraged you to air your opinions, concerns and priorities for Indian Wells via the City's Virtual Town Hall online forum and we thank you for the several comments we've received to date. This month, we urge you to join us in person for two very important workshops designed to outline objectives, as well as discuss and finalize action plans that will build an even stronger Indian Wells.

On February 11 and 12, City officials and staff are holding Strategic Planning sessions at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on February 11 and 8:30 a.m. until noon on February 12. As an Indian Wells resident and/or someone who works in this community, your participation is vital. Please plan to attend one or both of these sessions. No RSVP is needed.

To access documents that provide a general overview of the Strategic Planning process, City Goals and more, visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org), click on City Hall, and then click on Strategic Planning. We hope to see you there!

## Meeting Schedule

### This Month's City Council Meetings

Thursday, February 5, 1:30 p.m., City Hall  
Thursday, February 19, 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).



For information on Mayor's office hours, please call City Hall, (760) 346-2489  
City Hall is closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells

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### Discover the World of the Cahuilla Indians

Master tour guide and storyteller Morgan Levine returns for the second installment of the 2015 City of Indian Wells Lecture Series with a mesmerizing look at the Cahuilla Indians who have occupied the Southern California desert for at least 5,000 years.

Join her on February 4 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort from 4-5 p.m. for this free educational presentation. Advance reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. Reservations can be made online at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or in person at City Hall. Space is limited to two residents per household.



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### Chukkers & Champagne!

Don't know what a chukker is? You'll find out at our polo party extraordinaire, one of the most popular resident events of the year. The equestrian-themed excitement takes place at the Empire Polo Club on February 8 beginning at 12 noon. The cost of \$45 per person includes lunch, plus champagne during the game two divot stomp.

Advance paid reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. Reservations are accepted online at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or in person at City Hall on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to two residents per household.

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### Mardi Gras Madness!

Wear a Mardi Gras color, beads or even a mask for what promises to be a most "entertaining" resident gathering when the City of Indian Wells Community Activities Committee presents an exclusive Mardi Gras Party.

The "Fat Tuesday" festivities take place on February 17 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort starting at 5 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. Advance paid reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card and are accepted online at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or in person at City Hall on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to two residents per household.



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### Get Smart (about Rocks, Plants and Animals)

Expert Desert Adventures Guide Morgan Levine is back—this time to present a special presentation focusing on the geology, flora and fauna unique to the Coachella Valley. Join Levine on February 25 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort from 4-5 p.m. for this third free City of Indian Wells 2015 educational lecture.

Advance reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. Reservations can be made online starting on February 9 at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or in person at City Hall. Space is limited to two residents per household.

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### Enjoy Museum Tour and Lunch at the Elegant Cuistot

The City also begins accepting reservations on February 9 for a special Indian Wells resident tour of the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, also known as The Galen. This free docent-led tour starting at 10:30 a.m. will highlight the museum's fascinating new exhibition, *Personalities: Fantasy and Identity in Photography and New Media*.

Immediately following the tour, participants are invited to the adjacent Cuistot restaurant for a special three-course menu consisting of soup or salad, a choice of pasta or chicken, and dessert. Cost for lunch is \$30 per person (includes one glass of wine, tax and gratuity).

Advance reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. Reservations are accepted in person at City Hall or online at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to two residents per household.

Please note that tour goers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the museum located at 72-567 Highway 111 in Palm Desert (In Entrada del Paseo at Highway 111 and El Paseo). Parking is free.



# More Upcoming Activities & Events

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## Positive Energy!

The 2015 City of Indian Wells Lecture Series with Morgan Levine wraps up on March 4 with a look at the desert's natural forces—particularly wind and sun—that place the Coachella Valley in the vanguard of alternative energy production.

Join Levine from 4-5 p.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Advance reservations are required with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. Reservations can be made online starting on February 9 at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or in person at City Hall. Space is limited to two residents per household.



Mark Your  
Calendars for:

**Thursday, March 12: Residents' Day at the BNP Paribas Open**

**Tuesday, March 24: Coachella Valley Agricultural Tour** – details to come

**Thursday, April 16: City of Indian Wells State of the City Address** – details to come

## Wine & Dine This Month at the VUE Grille & Bar

What better way to celebrate love and romance on February 14 than a delectable dinner at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's elegant VUE Grille & Bar? The VUE is featuring a three-course Valentine's Day menu that includes a choice of starter, entrée and dessert for \$55 per person (excluding tax and gratuity). Hours: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations strongly recommended.

On Friday, February 27, the VUE presents the third installment of its Wine with a VUE series featuring the superb wines of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars paired with a specialty menu handcrafted by Executive Chef Cale Falk. The five-course wine dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and is limited to 40 people. Cost is \$79 per person.

For Valentine's Day and wine dinner reservations, please call VUE Grille & Bar at (760) 834-3800. You can also view the Valentine's Day menu online at [www.vuegrilleandbar.com](http://www.vuegrilleandbar.com) (click on Grille & scroll down to Holiday Menus).

**VUE**  
GRILLE & BAR





# Follow These Top Ten Fire Safety Tips

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, 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.

## IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET FOR DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS



We're just a few short months removed from the newly enacted California "3 Foot Law," and I've received questions on the actions of bicyclists and motorists alike. Our scenic streets and well-groomed paths make Indian Wells a popular destination for outdoor recreation. I regularly see bicyclists interacting with motorists, so I'm providing brief information and direction on the matter.

The "3 Foot Law" was enacted to provide bicyclists with a buffer zone from motor vehicles, and to reduce the high number of injuries and deaths caused between the two. The biggest thing to remember for drivers is to be "reasonable and prudent" behind the wheel. When traffic is too heavy and does not provide space for bicyclists, we encourage drivers to slow down and be attentive.

Our officers also keep a close eye on bicyclists who should be prudent when interacting with motor vehicles. Drivers and bicyclists are expected to follow the same stop sign and stop light laws. In short, the guiding principal of courtesy is tantamount to safety, and when our officers see an unsafe action on the roads, we will do what we can to enforce and correct it. Remember, whether riding a bicycle or driving a car, giving each other space and minding traffic laws is always a two-way street.

Lt. Evan Petersen - Indian Wells



# Experience Art in Motion at the Indian Wells Arts Festival

The Indian Wells Arts Festival will once again transform the Indian Wells Tennis Garden into a picturesque artisan village when it returns April 3-5, 2015. Now in its 13th year, this outstanding cultural event offers a variety of activities for all ages.

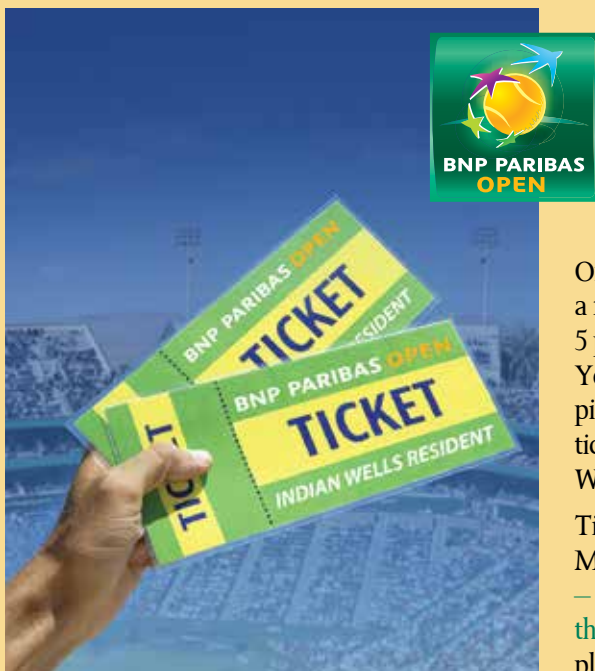


In addition to the more than 200 artists displaying one-of-a-kind artwork in diverse media, highlights include onsite artist demonstrations, the 2nd annual Object Trouvé Found Art Festival, an interactive arts and craft area for youngsters, refreshments and live entertainment.

For details, visit [www.indianwellsartsfestival.com](http://www.indianwellsartsfestival.com)



## REMINDER: FREE TENNIS TICKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY MARCH 6



Don't forget that as an Indian Wells property owner, you can take advantage of a superb resident benefit—complimentary tickets to the BNP Paribas Open, set to take place March 9-22 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Property owners have access to two tickets per household (and parking pass) for the day or evening session on the March 12 Residents' Day, as well as two more free tickets per household for various dates of the tournament.

Online ordering only (which started on February 2) continues on a first-come/first-served basis at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 6 for the "additional day" ticket only. You do not need to order Residents' Day tickets online; you may pick those up on the same day you obtain your "additional day" tickets. You must provide the APN# from your valid 2015 Indian Wells Property Owner ID card when ordering and picking up.

Tickets will be available for pick-up Monday, February 23 through Friday, March 6 at City Hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. **New this year:** All tickets – Residents' Day and "additional day" tickets must be picked up no later than 5 p.m. on March 6. Tickets will not be distributed after March 6. Also, please remember that BNP Paribas Open tickets are non-transferable.



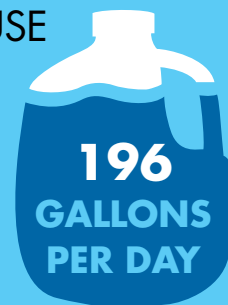


# WHAT DOES A 20% REDUCTION in water use look like?



## AVERAGE DAILY USE

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Here are some easy ways to reduce water use. Find the right combination for you to reduce by 20% or 38 gallons a day.



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FIX LEAKY TOILETS

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19 GALLONS per person/day



RUN DISHWASHER WHEN FULL INSTEAD OF HALF FULL

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For more tips on reducing water use, visit [saveourH2O.org](http://saveourH2O.org)!

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Also, be sure to visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) 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."



## TICKETS ON SALE FOR 2015



Purchase your tickets before they sell out for the much-anticipated second annual Desert Lexus Jazz Festival, which returns to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden the evening of Saturday, May 2.

The City of Indian Wells presents this premier concert event featuring several of the most exciting performers in contemporary jazz including Grammy Award winning vocalist Lisa Fischer, Grand Baton and Tower of Power.

A touring member of The Rolling Stones for the past 25 years, Fischer is one of the most respected voices in music, also touring and recording sessions with the likes of Tina Turner, Chaka Khan, Beyonce, Bobby McFerrin, Alicia Keyes and the late Lou Reed. She is also one of the co-stars of the Academy Award winning documentary *20 Feet From Stardom*.

Grand Baton, led by French singer/songwriter/musician JC Maillard, brings a

unique sound that fuses Caribbean carnival-style rhythms with vocal experiences from traditional Creole rap and mouth drumming called "boulagye" to alternative rock.

For more than four decades, iconic R&B masters Tower of Power has performed to sold out crowds throughout the United States, Japan and Europe, touring with world-renowned acts such as Journey and Steve Miller Band.

The festival will be held under the Indian Wells Tennis Garden's shade pavilion, offering seating for 2,000 patrons. The evening will also feature an assortment of food, wine and art. Reserved and VIP seating are available.

For more information and tickets, call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Box Office at (760) 200-8000 or visit [www.iwtg.net](http://www.iwtg.net) to order tickets online.





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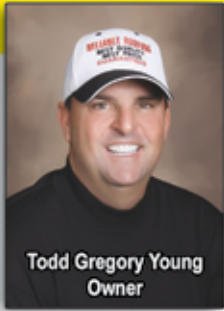
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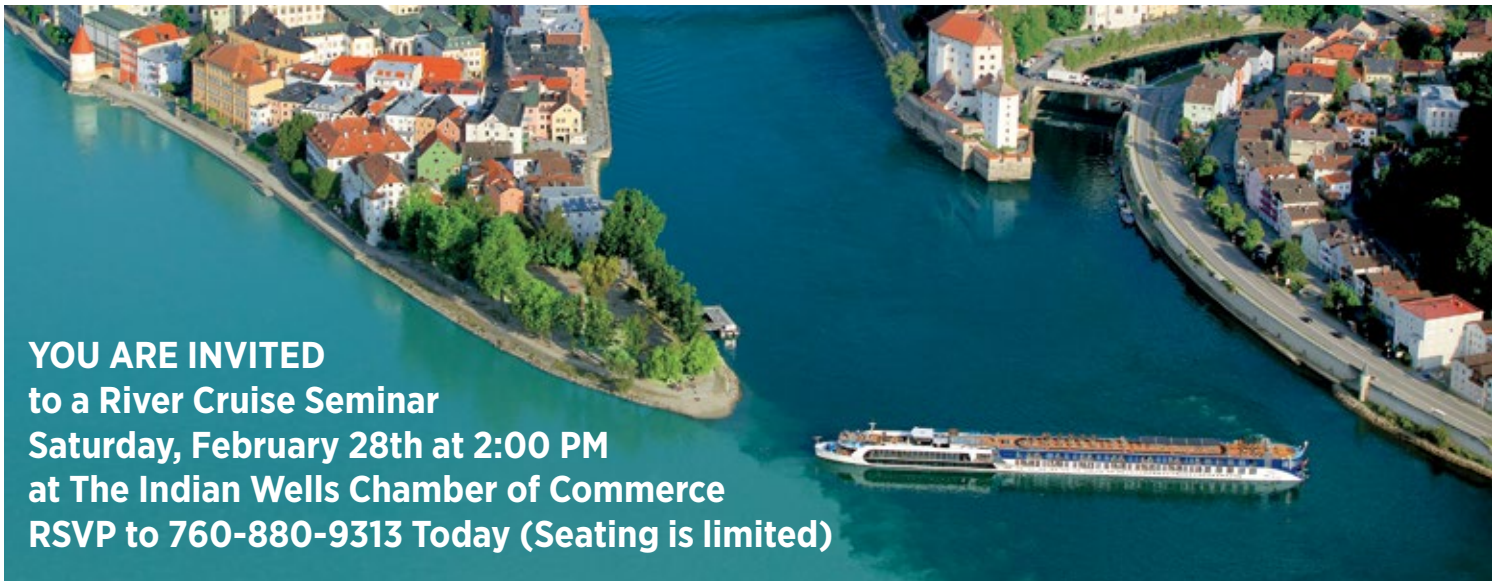
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Toscana Country Club homeowners continue to embrace solar energy with Planet Solar as their Preferred Solar Contractor. This year alone, Planet Solar has installed solar energy systems on a dozen-plus new construction homes and existing residences at Toscana Country Club. Indian Wells-wide, the company has installed over 50 solar systems within the past year.

As the Preferred Solar Contractor for Sunrise Developments/Toscana Country Club, Planet Solar has a vendor display in the Toscana Design Center; and representatives meet with buyers of new construction homes to explain the advantages of solar energy. Most choose to install a solar energy system during construction.

Many homeowners of existing Toscana homes also inquire about installing solar energy and Planet Solar has begun to see repeat customers as some homeowners decide to relocate to a different home within the Club.



"Many home buyers new to California's high energy costs experience sticker shock when receiving their first few SCE bills. Solar energy offers a solution," explains Jill Weiss, Senior Sales Consultant. "Whether we install solar panels during construction of a home or afterwards, the homeowner takes control of their energy costs and reduces them dramatically for the long term."

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*“Our daughter Tricia kept encouraging us to go solar and do our small part for the environment... Our small part turned out to be big savings for us.”*

*I got several estimates and ended up choosing Renova Solar because they were local, very professional and their focus was on making sure I understood solar and all my options, not just ‘selling’ me. During the installation I was even more impressed - the crew was great- they came when they said they would, were really neat, and even though you can barely see it, they painted the conduit to match my house. Renova’s follow up after the installation was terrific as well – I was quickly granted Permission to Operate while some of my friends who had solar installed before mine by another company were still waiting for their systems to be turned on.*

*Our bills in the summer used to be as high as \$900. Now I have a flat payment every month for just \$380. It didn’t cost me anything to go solar and we’re saving thousands each year. Solar is really a no brainer - I wish I had listened to my daughter sooner!*

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