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INDIAN WELLS

STATE OF THE CITY: REVENUE OUTPACES EXPENSES

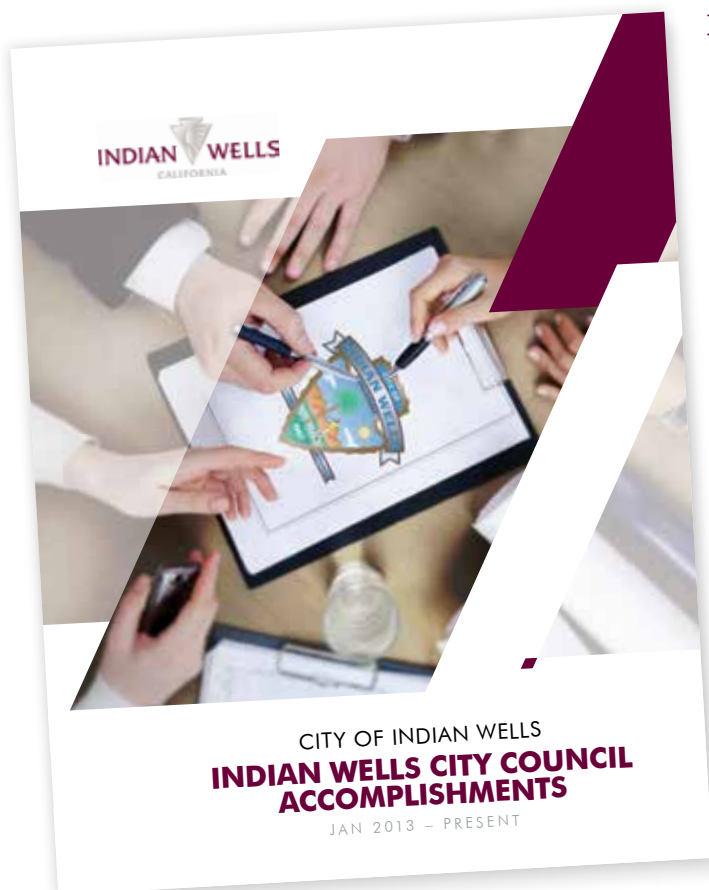
City residents gathered in the Mediterranean Ballroom at the Miramonte Resort & Spa on April 16 for an update on the City's progress in a variety of areas. During the one-hour presentation, the mayor and council members gave an overview of the City's achievements, which were many, despite the State of California's dissolution of redevelopment agencies that led to the City's loss of \$3.5 million annually for City operations. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Highlights from the State of the City address included:

- The 40th anniversary BNP Paribas Open held this past March saw another record attendance with more than 450,000 tennis fans during the two-week event. The 2015 tournament brought in over \$2.4 million in admissions tax to the City.
- The Indian Wells Golf Resort enjoyed an outstanding year with continual improvements and the addition of the new Pavilion. The Golf Resort generated an additional \$1.3 million dollars of revenue for the City.
- The four Indian Wells hotel properties experienced a robust year, delivering \$6 million in transient occupancy taxes to the City's General Fund. This source equates to nearly 60 percent of the City's overall budget.
- The City of Indian Wells remains a leader in water conservation. The City has recovered more than \$100,000 in refunds from the Coachella Valley Water District for its water saving initiatives.
- The City has maintained its revenue above expenses for the last three fiscal years with expenses at \$13.8 million and revenues of \$15.2 million annually.
- According to a ten-year revenue forecast, the City's General Fund revenue is predicted to increase to \$20.2 million in 2024, up \$5 million from 2015 General Fund earnings of \$15.7 million.

- The City's new Strategic Plan outlines a number of objectives, including an expansion of economic development opportunities. Strategic Planning documents can be accessed online at www.cityofindianwells.org (click on City Hall/Strategic Planning).

Residents are encouraged to watch the State of the City address, which can be viewed in its entirety on IWTv (Time Warner digital channel 122 and Verizon FIOS channel 32).



Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 25

Lieutenant General Herbert R. Temple Jr. (United States Army, Ret.) will speak at the City of Indian Wells' annual Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion of the Indian Wells Golf Resort.



A Los Angeles native, General Temple enlisted as a private in the 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th

Infantry Division, California Army National Guard in 1947. His 43-year career of distinguished service is highlighted by numerous command assignments from platoon through brigade organizations, as well as staff positions at battalion through division and Department of the Army.

The general public is welcome to attend the City's Memorial Day tribute. No RSVP is required and light refreshments will be served.



As a Reminder

The City has construction and landscape maintenance noise restrictions in all residential areas. Construction, landscape maintenance, and similar activities are limited to the days and times identified below. For special circumstances, a temporary waiver can be granted by the City.

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No usage on Sundays or National Holidays*

Please keep in mind gas-powered leaf blowers are not permitted in the City, except for use on golf courses. For more information, please see Section 9.06.047 (Construction or Landscape Maintenance Noise) and Section 9.06.048 (Restrictions and Waivers) of the City's Municipal Code. The complete City of Indian Wells Municipal Code can be found online at www.cityofindianwells.org (click on City Hall, City Council, Municipal Codes).

* New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Meeting Schedule

MAY & JUNE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 7, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

Thursday, May 21,
10:00 a.m., Budget Study Session
1:30 p.m., City Hall

Wednesday, June 3, 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 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).

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



Welcome Battalion Chief John Cortez and Station 55 Captain Kevin McNally



Chief John Cortez (above right) has been awarded the Battalion 12B position representing Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert. Assigned to Station 33 on Truck 33 Palm Desert, Chief Cortez began his career in 1991 working as an FFII in what was then the Cove Communities. He was eventually promoted to engineer on the ladder truck, utilizing his skills to develop the program into the most respected in Riverside County.

In 2005, Chief Cortez was promoted to fire captain and assigned to the Southwest Division including Batista Conservation Camp and station assignments. He has coordinated many large-scale training projects, and has diversified his career using his knowledge, skills, and abilities in many capacities. He was previously awarded the Cove Communities Commission Award for meritorious service.

Captain Kevin McNally (above left) joined the Indian Wells Fire Department Station 55 this past January, and has been with CAL FIRE since 1998, serving in multiple capacities throughout the East Division. He has worked as the coordinator for the Mini-Muster program, instructs course at the Public Safety Academy at College of the Desert, and was previously awarded the Cove Communities Commission Award for meritorious service.



Save a Life: Participate in the Blood Drive CHALLENGE

This summer, Indian Wells will once again be joining in the Nine Cities Blood Drive Challenge. The Challenge features nine Coachella Valley communities going head-to-head to collect the most blood donations to assist local hospitals and the patients they serve. Regional blood collection has declined by 33 percent since 2005 with summer the most difficult time of year for hospitals to maintain ample blood supplies.

The City of Indian Wells will hold its Blood Drive on Friday, July 17, 2015 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The community that collects the most donations will be recognized with a plaque on Lifestream's "Tree of Life" at the donation center and headquarters in La Quinta, but the biggest winners of the Challenge are local hospital patients.

For more information on the Indian Wells Blood Drive, call (760) 777-8844 or visit the Lifestream website at www.LStream.org.

NEW BANK OF THE WEST® OPENS IN INDIAN WELLS

Bank of the West hosted a client grand opening event Friday, March 13, 2015 at its new Wealth Management and Banking Center in Indian Wells. As part of the celebration, Bank of the West presented a donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley and to Martha's Village and Kitchen.



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City Offers Free Vacation Home Checks

Are you leaving town for the summer or have a vacation planned? Before you leave, be sure to register in person at City Hall for a free Vacation Home Check. You can also take a proactive role preventing crime by doing the following:

- Stopping mail and newspaper delivery, and having someone you trust check for unscheduled deliveries.
- Ensuring your garage door is closed and any cars that must be left outside are locked.
- Placing valuables in a safe location, locking all doors and windows, setting burglar alarm and placing shims in track ways.
- Keeping your lawn, shrubbery and/or desertscape trimmed to avoid signaling your absence.
- Installing motion-activated lights throughout the exterior of your home, and putting interior lights on timers to simulate that someone is home.
- Letting your neighbors know you are away so that they can call 911 or the Sheriff's Department non-emergency number at (760) 836-3215 if they see or hear anything suspicious or unusual.

For more crime prevention information and resources, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.



Why the Aggression?



Upon my arrival to the City of Indian Wells last September, I was awestruck by the weather, the location, and the beauty that makes up our city. In fact, one of my first articles for this newsletter was asking all of us to keep our “eyes up” and to enjoy the scenery, really trying to emphasize driving safely and not being preoccupied with our cell phones. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) cites extensive research into traffic collisions, their reasons, and ideas for prevention.

As I travel down Fred Waring Drive on Highway 111, I am in an unmarked regular car, and blend in with all of the other drivers on the road. However, I must constantly be defensive in my driving actions for a myriad of reasons. Of note, the top three reasons the NHTSA asserts for collisions and aggressive driving actions are: 1) in a hurry/behind schedule, 2) increased traffic congestion, and 3) inconsiderate drivers.

I find the first reason a sad occurrence in our city, but one in which my traffic enforcement officers often cite to me in taking collision reports. Indian Wells is one of the top vacation and leisure destinations in the world; yet traffic collisions occur primarily for reason #1.

If you are one who operates a motor vehicle in an aggressive, rushed manner, without regard for the safety of others, I urge you to slow down.

Lt. Evan Petersen – Indian Wells





HAPPY HOUR HEATS UP AT THE VUE

Although summer doesn't officially start until June 21, Summer Happy Hour is already in full swing from 3 p.m. until close at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's lively VUE Grille & Bar. On tap seven nights a week, the VUE's popular Happy Hour features specials on beer, wine, and cocktails, plus 25% off all sushi rolls. Rotating nightly specials include 50% off all bottles of wine on Thursday nights and multicourse prime rib dinner every Saturday night.

For details, visit www.vuegrilleandbar.com or call (760) 834-3800.

PLAYERS COURSE CLOSURE

Please note the Players Course at the Indian Wells Golf Resort will be closed June 22 through July 9 for the start of summer maintenance.



SPEND YOUR SUMMER PLAYING IN THE GARDEN!

Want to learn tennis or improve your game? The Indian Wells Tennis Garden is offering a discounted summer membership to Indian Wells Property Owners for \$300. That's 25 percent off the regular summer rate of \$400. The summer membership is effective June 1 through September 30, and includes match arranging, unlimited court time, lesson and Pro Shop discounts, and complimentary use of the ball machine.

For more information on summer Tennis Club memberships, call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Pro Shop at (760) 200-8200 ext. 1.

Indian Wells Tennis Garden Summer Hours

Monday-Friday	7 a.m.-12 p.m. and 5 p.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	7 a.m.-12 p.m.

THE IWTG TERRACE CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN

The new Terrace Café at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden is open for business Fridays-Sundays through June 14, and serving up a variety of tasty delights for Tennis Club members and the general public. Located by the West Gate entrance, the café serves breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Bite into a scrumptious breakfast burrito, American breakfast of scrambled eggs and sides, fried egg sandwich, or strawberry waffles to order. For lunch, enjoy a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, refreshing salads, soup du jour, and classic favorites like chicken quesadillas, and sausage with sautéed peppers and onions.

Need a treat on the run? The Café also has a convenient "Grab and Go" section featuring sandwiches, salads, muffins, juices, fruit, smoothies, ice cream bars and more. (Please note the IW resident discount is not available at the Terrace Café.)



Save Water with Free Indoor Water Conservation Kit

Do your part to conserve our precious water supply today by ordering a free indoor water conservation kit from the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD). The kit includes



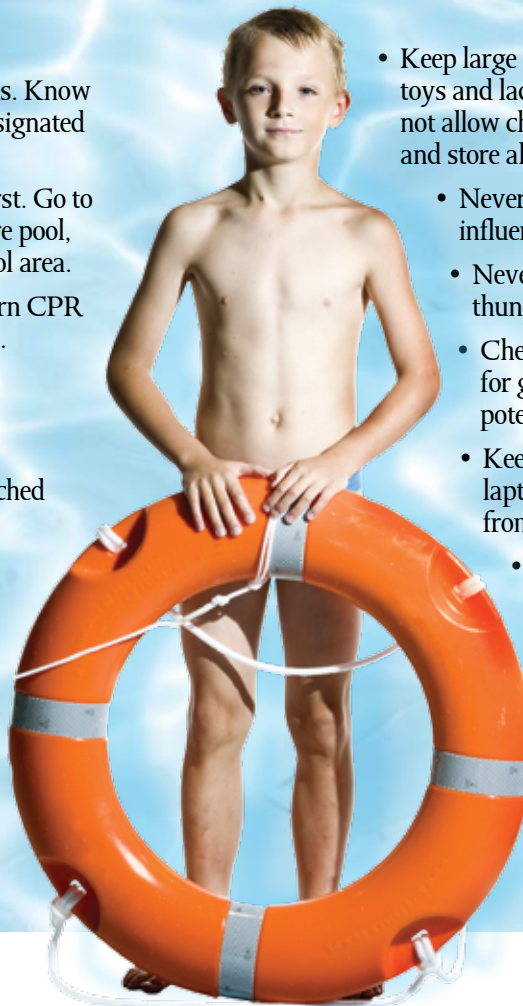
- Easy-to-follow instructions
- CVWD Water Wise at Home (Leak Detection Guide)
- Kitchen swivel aerator
- Water-efficient handheld shower head
- Bathroom sink aerators (2)
- Toilet Tank Bank™
- Toilet water saver fill cycle diverter
- Water flow testing bag
- Leak detection tablets
- Thread-sealing Teflon tape

Kits are limited to one per household. Homeowners who are residential customers of CVWD may pick up a kit at the CVWD's Palm Desert office or have one mailed to them by completing the online request form at www.cvwd.org (click on Conservation/Residential Customers/Rebates & Discounts).

Make Pool Safety a Top Priority

As temperatures begin to climb and summer break approaches, kids will be clamoring for more pool time. Anyone involved with the supervision of children needs to be aware of the dangers associated with any body of water. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger; with children ages one to four having the highest drowning rates. Below are some key tips to prevent these needless tragedies:

- Never leave small children alone and unsupervised – even for a few seconds. Know how to swim, and always have a “designated child watcher” who can swim too.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the pool area.
- Anyone watching children should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Even if young children have had swimming lessons, they must be watched closely while they are swimming.
- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house.
- Have life-saving devices near pool, such as a pole/hook or flotation device.
- Keep children away from pool filters as the suction force may injure them or prevent them from surfacing.
- If you leave the pool area, take the children with you.
- Keep large objects such as tables, chairs, toys and ladders away from pool fences. Do not allow children to play around the pool and store all toys outside the pool area.
- Never swim alone, or while under the influence of alcohol or medications.
- Never swim during storms with thunder and/or lightning.
- Check the pool area regularly for glass bottles, toys or other potential accident hazards.
- Keep CD players, radios, smartphones, laptops, and other electrical devices away from pools or nearby wet surfaces.
- For above ground pools, steps and ladders to the pool should be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use.
- Never dive into unfamiliar or shallow bodies of water.
- Don't swim if you're tired or have just finished eating.
- Post the 9-1-1 emergency number on the phone.





Home Maintenance Checklist:

Don't Forget PALM TREE TRIMMING

Indian Wells is well known for its magnificent, stately palm trees including the iconic date palm, fan palms, and various other ornamental species.

Palm trees do have a life span and when they reach later stages – often at heights from 50-70 feet or over 70-90 years in age – the trees may become susceptible to disease and insect infestation. These ailments can often lead to a significant increase in browning and loss of palm fronds and/or loss of the crown at the top of the tree altogether, or even toppling of the trees. A high wind event may have a contributing effect on the damage to a weakened palm tree. Falling fronds, crowns and trees can result in major property damage and even harm to people if struck by debris. Serious consideration should be given to removing trees in serious states of decline.

The City of Indian Wells is on a regular program to inspect palm trees in public right-of-ways and on public property. The City strongly urges homeowners, property owners, HOAs, and business owners to regularly check the health and stability of palm trees located on their private property and private common area by seeking professional advice from a landscape maintenance specialist and/or an ISA Certified Arborist. If needed, the City can provide a list of private professional specialists and arborists.

Also, in order to comply with City ordinance provisions that ensure our neighborhoods remain healthy, clean and attractive, date palms must be trimmed by June 30. Washingtonians, fan palms, and other palm trees must be trimmed by July 30. You can avoid the unnecessary expense of repeat trimming by having your trees cut close to the deadlines after final bloom is assured.

KEEP THESE IMPORTANT NUMBERS HANDY

City of Indian Wells

City Hall main number: (760) 346-2489

Citizen Emergency Hotline: 1 (800) 998-0513

(Details and instructions in the event of a power outage, street closures, earthquake or other disaster.)

Riverside County Fire Department

Indian Wells Station 55: (760) 568-5252

Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:(760) 836-3215, (800) 950-2444

Palm Desert Station: (760) 836-1600

Burrtec Waste & Recycling

Customer Service: (760) 340-2113

Coachella Valley Water District

Customer service: (760) 391-9600

To report water waste incident: .. 1 (888) 398-5008

Southern California Edison

To contact SCE representative: ... 1 (800) 655-4555

To report a power outage: 1 (800) 611-1911

Southern California Gas Company

Emergency or Safety Issues: 1 (800) 427-2200

Residential Customers: 1 (877) 238-0092

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**INDIAN WELLS
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Five Indian Wells restaurants are among the more than 90 exceptional eateries throughout the Coachella Valley taking part in the 2015 Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Week from May 29-June 7, 2015.

Participating restaurants are offering three-course menus at a fixed price of either \$26 or \$38 per person (excluding tax, beverages and gratuity). Restaurant Week is the ideal time to dine out and savor outstanding cuisine at great prices. Reservations are strongly suggested, but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available.

Stay up-to-date on the 2015 Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Week by visiting www.palmspringsrestaurantweek.com.



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MAY 29 – JUNE 7, 2015



Fireworks Alert The Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa will be hosting a private fireworks display on Saturday, May 16 at approximately 9 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you..

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