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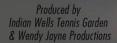
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# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells

## **MAY**

#### **Composting Is Cool**

If actor Pierce Brosnan can do it, why not you? Start a compost pile, that is! Stop by Indian Wells City Hall on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn how to compost at home. Composting a variety of materials benefits the

environment and your garden. This special educational event sponsored by the City and the Riverside County Waste Management Department is free and open to the public. No RSVP is needed. Low-cost backyard composting bins will be available for purchase.





# MAY 3

#### Get Jazzed at the Tennis Garden

Tickets are available for the Desert Lexus Jazz Festival presented by the City of Indian Wells on Saturday, May 3 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. This very cool evening of music, food, wine and art

features jazz headliners Dave Koz & Friends, Mindi Abair, Gerald Albright, Richard Elliot, and Euge Groove with special guest Elliott Yamin. Doors open at 5 p.m. Purchase tickets online at www.iwtg.net or call 1 (800) 999-1585.



#### A Day of Remembrance

Join the City of Indian Wells to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. The City will hold its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26 at 9 a.m. This year, the commemoration will be held in the Indian Wells Golf Resort's new Pavilion event space. Everyone is welcome, no RSVP required, and light refreshments will be available.



#### Meeting Schedule

#### This Month's City Council Meetings

Thursday, May 1, 1:30 p.m., City Hall Thursday, May 15, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

#### **Planning Commission Meeting:**

Thursday, May 29, 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).



For information on Mayor's office hours, please call City Hall, (760) 346-2489. Please note that City Hall will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

# DID YOU RNOW



## Leash Law

Your beloved dog bolts across the street to chase a rabbit or greet a neighbor and narrowly misses getting hit by a car. If you've ever experienced that terrifying moment, you'll understand why the City of Indian Wells Municipal Code includes a leash ordinance.

The leash law not only protects your canine companion, it protects you. Even friendly dogs can get involved in an altercation and cause injury to another dog, which could result in civil litigation against the pet owner. When you let your pet off leash, you are also risking a citation.

In addition, there are many highly contagious diseases — kennel cough, canine parvovirus and distemper, among them — that can be transmitted from dog to dog.

So please keep your dog on a leash - it's the safe and responsible thing to do.

# City of Indian Wells Extends Troon Golf Contract

To safeguard long-term financial sustainability at the Indian Wells Golf Resort, City Council implemented a new strategic plan August 1, 2013, which included \$2.25 million in capital improvements. The improvements provided for expanded visitor capacity and were designed to increase gross revenues and bottom line performance.

Ensuring that the Indian Wells Golf Resort remains financially sustainable is of critical importance. Without viable self-sustaining golf operations, the City will have to use discretionary General Fund revenues to account for any operating shortfalls.

Troon Golf, the Golf Resort's management company, applied its expertise to develop the strategic plan, oversee the construction of the new Pavilion, and is now tasked with

implementing the plan. The current management agreement with Troon is set to expire on May 31, 2015.

At the Indian Wells Golf Resort's strategic planning meeting on August 1, 2013, City Council directed City staff to negotiate an extension of the existing management agreement predicated on the following: A new fiveyear term consistent with the implementation of the Golf Resort's strategic plan, removal of the annual incentive fee, and removal of Golf Resort employee liability to the City.

During the March 20, 2014 City Council meeting, Council voted 5-0 to approve a contract extension with Troon. The contract extends the agreement from May 31, 2015 to June 30, 2019, consistent with implementation of the strategic plan.

The agreement will automatically end unless renewed. The agreement includes an option to extend for an additional three-year term to June 30, 2022 upon mutual agreement between the City and Troon Golf.



#### FREE CERT TRAINING OFFERED IN JUNE



Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire, medical and law enforcement

services will likely not be able to meet the demand for the services. Factors such as number of victims, road blockages and communication challenges will prevent people from immediately accessing emergency services through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

This is why the City of Indian Wells is again providing Indian Wells residents with the opportunity to participate in Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) June 12-14, 2014. CERT is a 20-hour federally certified course for the public. Training is free; however, space is limited.

The basic CERT Training program includes seven modules, consisting of 20 hours of classroom and hand-on training over a three-day period. To view the course syllabus, visit www.cityofindianwells.org.

#### **Mandatory Training Dates & Times**

Thursday, June 12: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, June 13: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 14: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participation in all seven modules is required to receive the course completion certificate.

Register today by e-mailing Marian Hernandez, mhernandez@indianwells.com or pick up an application at Indian Wells City Hall.

Indian Wells Golf Resort Boasts Outstanding Water Conservation Program

Did you know that the stunning fairways and landscaping at the Indian Wells Golf Resort stay lush and green thanks to recycled water?

In 2012, the City of Indian Wells was the first customer to connect to the Coachella Valley Water District's Mid-Valley Pipeline — enabling the City to irrigate the Indian Wells Golf Resort and various highway medians with a mix of recycled and Colorado River water that is non-potable; in other words, not suitable for drinking.

"The overall intention was and is to use a water source that's more sustainable," says Brian Hampson, the Indian Wells Golf Resort's director of agronomy. "We use this recycled water throughout the Golf Resort including the lakes. And, we save energy usage and costs because we are not running pumps to siphon water out of the aquifer."

The Indian Wells Golf Resort employs all available technology to generate irrigation run times and save water. This includes weather-based irrigation control systems that adjust sprinkler run times based on 24-hour weather conditions.

The Indian Wells Golf Resort is also working closely with the CVWD and the Coachella Valley Golf Industry Water Conservation Task Force to meet a state requirement that water districts reduce water usage by 20% by 2020.

## 2014 BNP Paribas Open SETS ANOTHER RECORD FOR FAN ATTENDANCE

BNP PARIBAS OPEN

The 2014 BNP Paribas Open was, by all accords, a smashing success. The tournament began with the Saturday, March 1 grand opening of its new Stadium 2

hosting the McEnroe Challenge for Charity presented by Esurance, which raised \$80,000 for local charities. The grand opening not only



showcased Stadium 2, but also other magnificent elements of the site expansion that include a new entrance off of Washington Street, a 19,000-square-foot shade structure, 400+ new palm trees, additional practice courts, three fine dining restaurants, and free public Wi-Fi.

A packed house on that first night was a sign of things to come as for the eighth straight year, the BNP Paribas Open, the largest ATP World Tour and WTA combined event, broke its attendance record by welcoming 431,527 fans during the two-week tournament.

In addition, the BNP Paribas Open mobile-friendly application, which was introduced this year for iPhone and Android platforms, was downloaded more than 46,000 times and recorded almost eight million screen views over the course of the event.

The tennis tournament also garnered incredible media coverage with more than 350 journalists from around the world attending and reporting about the event.

On the courts, Italian and World No. 21 Flavia Pennetta captured her first BNP Paribas Open title by defeating World No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska, 6-2, 6-1 in the final. On the men's side, World No. 2 Novak Djokovic captured his third BNP Paribas Open title (2008, 2011, 2014), overcoming Roger Federer, a four-time former BNP Paribas Open champion, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) in the final.

Classic Series packages for the 2015 BNP Paribas Open for Stadium 1, Stadium 2 and Stadium 3 offering the best seat locations and value are already on sale.

### Hone Your Tennis Game This Summer



This summer, the Indian Wells Tennis Garden's Tennis Club is offering a fantastic membership special for Indian Wells property owners. With a valid 2014 Indian Wells Property Owner ID card, you'll receive 25% off the regular summer membership rate of \$300. The Tennis Club's summer membership is effective June 1 through September 30. Benefits include unlimited court time, match arranging, lesson and Pro Shop discounts, and complimentary use of the ball machine. The Tennis Club offers first-rate lessons and clinics for adult and junior players of all levels.

For more information on Tennis Club memberships, visit www.iwtg.net, e-mail tennis@iwtg.net or call the Pro Shop (760) 200-8200.

## **Enjoy Peace of Mind When You're Out of Town**

Protecting your residence from invasion or theft is vital year-round, but it can become a more significant concern in the summertime when you and your neighbors are on vacation. The City of Indian Wells is committed to your safety and property protection. Here are ten tips that can help you ensure a worry-free getaway:

- 1. Before you leave town, register in person at City Hall for a free Vacation Home Check. A Community Service Officer will perform routine outside inspections while you are away.
- 2. Park all cars in a locked garage.
- 3. Keep your lawn cut and shrubbery trimmed. Uncut grass may signal your absence.
- 4. Keep all doors and windows locked, and place shims in track ways.
- 5. Install motion-activated lights in your front, back and side yards.
- 6. Do not leave a key in the usual places (e.g., under doormats, flowerpot, etc.). Give keys only to trusted relatives and friends.
- 7. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have someone you trust check for scheduled or unscheduled deliveries.
- 8. Set your burglar alarm, if you have one, throughout the house.
- 9. Place all valuables in a safe location.
- 10. Inform your neighbors that you are leaving town. Encourage them to call 911 or the Riverside County Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at (760) 836-3215 or the countywide toll-free number (800) 950-2444 if they see or hear anything unusual or suspicious.



For additional information on crime prevention, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.

# Take Advantage of Southern California Edison's **Summer Discount Plan**



To save money on your summer electric bills, consider enrolling in Southern California Edison's (SCE) Summer Discount Plan. At no charge to you, SCE provides you with a turn-off (cycling) device and installs it on your central air conditioning unit. In exchange, you're eligible to receive credits on your summer season electric

bills for periodically allowing SCE to turn off your air conditioner (Note: Only the A/C compressor will be shut off. The rest of your home will still have electricity and your indoor fan will still operate.)

You decide how much credit you're eligible to receive by choosing the option (Standard vs. Override, 100% cycling vs. 50% cycling) that best meets your cooling needs and comfort level. Enrollment requires a minimum

of one-year participation from the date of the activation of your cycling device.

Enrollment takes just a few minutes, but the installation process can take anywhere from four-six weeks so

process can take anywhere from four-six weeks, so consider enrolling right away to be eligible for the 2014 summer season. After the device is installed and

after your next meter reading, the Summer Discount Plan will become active, and will be reflected on your monthly bills from

June 1 to October 1.

For more information, call SCE at 1 (800) 497-2813 or visit www.sce. com and click on the "Your Home" icon at the bottom of the page, to Rebates, Incentives & Savings Tips/Summer Discount Plan.





In honor of National Barbecue Month, Indian Wells Golf Resort Executive Chef Cale Falk is delighted to share this mouthwatering recipe for your next cookout with family and friends.

#### Grilled Lamb Loin with Passion Fruit BBQ Sauce

#### **INGREDIENTS**

Lamb loin – five ounce (oz.) portion cut

#### Passion Fruit BBQ Sauce

Ketchup	31 oz.
Passion fruit puree	10.5 oz.
Red wine vinegar	4.25 oz.
Sweet soy	1.25 oz.
Fish sauce	2 oz.
Molasses	3.25 oz.
Garlic powder	.25 oz.
Onion powder	1.25 oz.
Liquid smoke	.25 oz.
Dried chipotle	.7 oz.
Salt to taste	

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Sesame oil

Season lamb with salt, pepper and oil. For BBQ sauce, combine all ingredients in blender except for sesame oil. Blend all until smooth then add sesame oil and incorporate. Season to taste. Marinate lamb in BBQ sauce for at least an hour. Place seasoned lamb loin on hot grill. Cook lamb on one side for 3-4 minutes, brushing with BBQ sauce, then flip and cook on other side for approximately the same amount of time. Pull lamb off the grill once it is at desired temperature — I recommend lamb at medium rare. Once lamb is pulled off the grill, let it rest for a couple of minutes then slice into 1/2-inch thick pieces. Mashed potatoes and English peas make great accompaniments to this dish.

.5 oz.

# TANTALIZE YOUR TASTE BUDS DURING PALM SPRINGS DESERT RESORTS



Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Week returns on May 30 to give foodies a chance to experience desert dining at its finest and at great values. More than 100 restaurants, hotels, spas and attractions will be participating this year. Indian Wells restaurants set to participate include Grove Artisan Kitchen (Miramonte Resort & Spa), Lantana Restaurant (Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa), Sirocco (Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa), The Nest Restaurant & Piano Bar, and Vicky's of Santa Fe.

Restaurants throughout the Coachella Valley offer three-course, prix fixe dinners priced at \$26 or \$38 per person (tax, beverage and gratuity not included).

More eateries are being added to the list every day, so be sure to bookmark www.palmspringsrestaurantweek.com and visit the site frequently.

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Stay tuned for information on upcoming resident events. Also, be sure to visit 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."



#### Fireworks Alert

There will be a private fireworks display at the Reserve Club on Saturday, May 3, 2014 starting at approximately 9 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

# INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL IN PICTURES! APRIL 4-6, 2014



Stone sculptor Merrill Orr



Master weaver Antonio Medonza



Metal sculptor Ricardo Breceda



Dianne Funk with photographer Laurent Matres



Aztec Dancers, Desert Mirage HS Thermal

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FIESTA 2014

Cinco De Mayo T-shirts & \$2.95 House Margaritas given to the

first 200 friends during each daily celebration

 Daily Tequila Tasting 4-6pm, presented by Young Market Co.

- Contest Prizes and Promotional Gifts given out all day - EVERYDAY!
- Fiesta Hours 3-6pm Saturday and **Sunday with Food and Drink Specials**
- Photo Booth Daily

Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4

Pre-Cinco Party, 3-9pm

- Free Cinco De Mayo T-shirts to the first 200 guests
  - Fiesta Hour 3-6pm with food and drink specials
  - Tequila tasting 4-6pm - Live Music

#### Monday, May 5

Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Noon-9pm

- First 200 friends to arrive will get a Cinco de Mayo T Shirt and drink ticket for

\$ 2.95 (reg size) house margarita

- Tequila tasting 4-6pm - Live Music

## Love Music Daily

#### Saturday

**Johnny Gi-Tar** 

**Mariachis** 

**Cory Ritter** 

#### Sunday

**Johnny Gi-Tar** 

**Ron Greenip** 

Meltdown

#### Monday

**Johnny Gi-Tar** 

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Meltdown

Ron Greenip







Check Out DonDiegoRestaurant.com to view our Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner menu.





# WATTS UP!

#### **INDIAN WELLS SPECIAL EDITION - 2014**

#### PLANET SOLAR CONTRIBUTES TO FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

Planet Solar is proud to be a contributor to the Family YMCA of the Desert 2014 Sustaining Campaign. Planet Solar accepted Sunrise Company's invitation to its Trade Partners & Vendors to participate once again in their fundraising efforts on behalf of the local charity.

"We are pleased to be able to donate again this year and support Sunrise Company in this great community group," stated Kirk Weiss, VP Sales, Planet Solar.

In accepting the donation, Jane Hauck, VP Operations for Sunrise Company and a member of the YMCA Major Gifts Fundraising Team commented: "We thank Planet Solar for joining Sunrise Company in supporting and sustaining this worthwhile organization to benefit the children in the Coachella Valley."

According to the YMCA's brochure, last year's campaign generated over \$419,000; which was used to provide financial assistance and program support to the Coachella Valley's youth and their families. For more information on the Family YMCA of the Desert, please call (760) 341-9622 or visit www.ymcaofthedesert.org



Jane Hauck, VP, Operations, Sunrise Co. receives donation for YMCA of the Desert from Kirk Weiss, Vice President Sales, Planet Solar.



Kirk Weiss has been promoted to Vice President, Sales for Planet Solar Inc. In addition to the Palm Desert office, Kirk will now be managing and directing sales for the Santa Barbara and Fresno locations. Kirk was previously Director of Sales for the Palm Desert Office.

Planet Solar has become one of the largest solar contractors in the Coachella Valley and has expanded from 5 to 25 staff within the past 2 years. With 8 years experience in the solar energy field, Kirk has sold and overseen the installation of in excess of 1,200 solar systems in the Coachella Valley. Included is the Indian Wells Villas affordable housing project for the City of Indian Wells and numerous installations throughout Indian Wells.



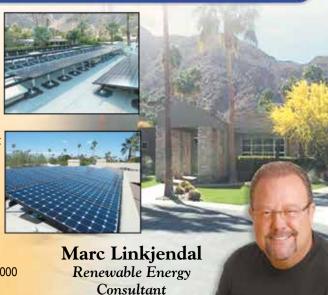
#### IW CLIENT SO HAPPY HE JOINED PLANET SOLAR

Local Realtor® Marc Linkjendal wanted to ensure his newly purchased home in The Manitou Springs section of Indian Wells Country Club had all the bells and whistles before he moved in three years ago. Along with the upgraded entertainment system, technology package, kitchen, pool, and security system came a much larger SCE utility bill. After researching solar to offset his high electric bill and maximize savings, Marc contracted to install a 42 panel Sunpower solar system on his flat roof. After the second year Marc was so pleased with the results he approached Kirk Weiss about joining Planet Solar as a sales consultant.

"With the monthly savings we're experiencing I can't understand why everyone doesn't have solar on their home," commented Marc. "In another three years our system will have fully paid for itself through SCE savings, and we're experiencing a 19% return on investment. With the 30% Federal tax credit, investing in solar is pretty much a no-brainer."

"Marc is an enthusiastic and professional member of Planet Solar's sales team," stated Kirk Weiss VP of Sales. "He has become one of our Indian Wells specialists and has built an impressive client list including Coachella Valley builders and developers. We are proud to have him as a member our team.

Marc can be reached by email at Marc@planetsolar.com or by mobile phone at (760) 567-7000



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