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INDIAN WELLS

Water Use Restrictions Necessary to Cope with Drought

Despite the major rainstorm much of the Coachella Valley experienced on September 8, California is still in the midst of a devastating drought. In response to the drought and state-mandated restrictions, the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) has imposed mandatory restrictions for water use, which went into effect on August 12, 2014.

The following regulations apply to everyone using domestic water:

- Irrigate your lawns/landscaping after sunset and before 10 a.m.
- Repair broken sprinklers within 24 hours of being notified.
- Use the CVWD's Drought Watering Guide to irrigate. You can find the guide online at www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php.
- Do not wash down driveways, sidewalks, and other hardscapes.
- Only use a hose with a shutoff nozzle when washing vehicles, windows, solar panels, tennis courts, etc.
- Prevent runoff onto a neighbor's property or hardscape such as sidewalks or roads.
- Operate fountains or other water features only if they recirculate the water.

Please keep in mind that the mandatory restrictions imposed by CVWD does not mean residents in the City of Indian Wells are prohibited from using water to irrigate their lawns/landscaping. In fact, the City and all HOAs have requirements that require property owners to maintain their lawn/landscaping in a healthy and visually appealing manner. If you feel your water usage is high due to your lawn/landscaping and you would like to change your lawn/landscape design, please check with the City or your HOA first, as there are requirements that you must be aware of before you modify your lawn/landscaping design. For questions regarding lawn/landscape modifications you can contact the Planning Division at (760) 776-0229.

The CVWD offers many programs and rebates to assist Coachella Valley residents with their conservation efforts. For complete details, visit www.cvwd.org.



Chamber to Present Council Candidates Forum

The Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidates Forum to give Indian Wells residents an opportunity to learn more about the candidates running for City Council.

This special event is open to the public and will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Indian Wells Country Club ballroom. The club is located at 46000 Club Drive. The evening will include candidate introductions, as well as time for questions from the audience. Anyone who is interested in submitting a question for the candidates can do so by e-mailing it to info@indianwellschamber.com.

No advance RSVP is required; there will be a no-host bar. For more information about the Candidates Forum, contact the Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce at (760) 346-7095, www.indianwellschamber.com.



Chamber Hosting Free Resident Breakfast on October 30



The Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce and its sponsored members will be hosting a free Resident Breakfast at the Indian Wells Country Club on Thursday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The theme for this month's meeting will be "Financial Services." Sponsored participants will include representatives from diverse industries such as banking, financial/investment advisors, tax specialists and certified public accountants, and insurance services.

Please contact the Chamber at (760) 346-7095 or e-mail info@indianwellschamber.com for more information.

Meeting Schedule

This Month's City Council Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 1:30 p.m., City Hall
Thursday, October 16, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 30, 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 Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells this Fall



NOV 11 Pay Tribute to Our Military Veterans

Please join the City of Indian Wells for its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. under the white tent in front of City Hall. The ceremony will also include the unveiling of the names of Indian Wells military veterans newly inscribed on the granite walls of the Eisenhower Walk of Honor.

The general public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served; no RSVP required.

NOV 13 Welcome Back to Indian Wells!

The City of Indian Wells and Community Activities Committee are delighted to host a Resident Patio Party celebrating the start of the next "high" season! Come join in on the fun at the Indian Wells Golf Resort on Thursday, November 13 from 5-7 p.m. This exclusive resident event will include a no-host bar and generous hors d'oeuvres.



Cost is \$10 per person. Advance paid reservations with a valid IW Property Owner ID card are required and limited to two residents per household. Reservations will only be accepted after October 15 online, www.cityofindianwells.org, or in person at City Hall.

Call (760) 346-2489 for more information.

DEC 2 Save the Date for WildLights Night

Mark your calendars for the City's festive Residents' Night at WildLights to be held on December 2 amidst the twinkling holiday lights on the grounds of The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden. Look for details coming your way in upcoming City newsletters and e-mail bulletins.



DEC 10 Save the Date to Experience Sunnylands

The City of Indian Wells will once again offer residents an exclusive opportunity to tour the magnificent Sunnylands estate located in nearby Rancho Mirage. This special excursion includes a private tour of the center, gardens and historic estate.

Please note that you are responsible for your own transportation to and from Sunnylands and carpooling is encouraged.

Stay tuned for information on cost and reservation details. In the meantime, visit www.sunnylands.org to learn more about this world-famous desert attraction and retreat center.



Channel Your Inner Artist at the VUE

Are you and your friends looking to experience a fun evening that will get your creative juices flowing? The VUE Grille & Bar at the Indian Wells Golf Resort is currently a host site for Paint Nite®, an event that encourages people to socialize while painting in a relaxing atmosphere. Each Paint Nite participant recreates a "master" painting selected for the evening.

This month, Paint Nite will hold events at the VUE Grille & Bar on October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22, and October 29.

For complete details about Paint Nite including schedules and pricing, visit www.paintnite.com where you can register, and find events by month and location (*note*: Coachella Valley events are categorized under "Palm Springs, CA")

Ladies' Golf Group

Indian Wells Belles is a group of resident ladies who enjoy golfing. The Belles play a fun, casual twice-weekly 18-hole game at the Indian Wells Golf Resort on either the Celebrity or Players Course. If interested in joining, please contact Anne at carereviewresources@gmail.com or (760) 776-9723.



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When a Water Main or Supply Line Breaks

We live in drought-stricken times when it's more important than ever to pay attention to our water usage. When a water main, supply line, pipe or sprinkler breaks or bursts, it not only wastes water but also has the potential to cause damage to homes and businesses. At times, City staff has been called in to investigate leaking or flooding, has had to shut off the water, and is unable to reach affected residents.



Since many Indian Wells residents leave the desert for the summer or on extended vacations, please make sure that the City has updated contact information for you (i.e., cell phone number or e-mail address that you frequently check) to ensure that staff can immediately reach you in the event of a water issue.

In addition, residents can report water waste incidents on the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) website at www.cvwd.org (click Conservation, Report Water Waste) or call the CVWD at (760) 398-2651.



Update from City Manager
Wade McKinney

Miles Crossing/Brixton Capital

The commercial site east of Miles Avenue on Highway 111 is now owned by Brixton Capital. Brixton has retained a marketing company to identify the best commercial opportunities for the site. They expect to have project proposals this fall to present to the City Council. In addition, Brixton has completed plans for the required channel lining improvements to the Whitewater Channel and will soon be submitting applications to the appropriate regulatory agencies. The company plans to construct the channel improvements once permits are in hand. The improvements will provide bank protection and expand the site toward the channel.

Gerald Fogelson

The vacant site west of Miles Avenue on Highway 111 is owned by Miles Lodge LLC and managed by Gerald Fogelson. They are no longer pursuing the Miles Lodge project and are currently working with a design team to prepare a new development concept. They have also completed plans for the required improvements to the Whitewater Channel and are submitting applications to the appropriate regulatory agencies. They intend to construct the channel improvements once all permit are completed. The improvements will provide bank protection and expand the site toward the channel.

You can successfully overseed grass without increasing irrigation if you follow Coachella Valley Water District's

Overseeding Without Wasting Guidelines

1. Don't begin until temperatures cool

Wait until summertime Bermuda grass is dormant. Mow low, but do not scalp. Begin reseeding when night time temperatures are consistently in the 60s (typically October and November).

2. Proper sprinkler coverage is important

Before sowing the seed, check and maintain your sprinkler system to be sure it waters uniformly and that all sprinklers are positioned properly.

3. Keep seed moist, not soaked

Sow the rye grass seed so it is in contact with the soil. Irrigate to keep seed moist, but not soaked while it germinates. Flooding lawns during reseeding is unnecessary and wasteful.

4. Use CVWD's drought watering guide

To keep the seed moist without soaking, water several times a day, but for brief periods. Avoid exceeding your water budget by following the CVWD Drought Watering Guide. The total watering time per day should be no more than what is listed in the CVWD Drought Watering Guide.

5. When grass begins to grow, reduce the number of watering times

After the seed emerges and grass begins to grow, reduce the number of watering times per day, while increasing the duration without exceeding total watering time listed in the CVWD Drought Watering Guide.

6. Follow the seed instructions for mowing your new lawn.





BNP PARIBAS OPEN'S NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

The BNP Paribas Open has launched its dynamic new website with several features designed to engage tennis fans on a global scale. The new website at www.bnpparibasopen.com offers an engaging, intuitive user experience with larger imagery and an integrated social experience.

Site visitors will be able to readily locate player photos and videos. They will also be able to access a LIVE menu tab during the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament to find live scores, match results, and real-time video streaming.

Moreover, new and repeat BNP Paribas Open fans can learn more about the tennis tournament and the Indian Wells resort destination via an expansive VISIT US section. The updated site also features a responsive mobile design making it easier for fans to view it on their iPhones, Androids, tablets and other mobile devices.



Indian Wells Tennis Garden Wins USTA FACILITY AWARD

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) has bestowed its highest tennis facility honor – the Featured Facility Award – to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden for 2014. The “featured facility” exemplifies the highest level of excellence in facility design, court construction, court amenities, and other related components such as strong programming and implementation of 10 and Under Tennis.

The Tennis Garden has also been recognized as one of 12 winners of the USTA’s 33rd annual Outstanding Facility Awards Program, recognizing excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country.

“The Indian Wells Tennis Garden has embraced many of our initiatives, including youth tennis utilizing 36- and 60-foot courts, introducing thousands of new players to the sport each year,” said Kurt Kamperman, the USTA’s chief executive for community tennis. “It is outstanding tennis facilities like the Indian Wells Tennis Garden that help us grow the game at the grass-roots level, and for that reason and so much more, we are proud to recognize the Indian Wells Tennis Garden for its ongoing impact and contribution to the sport of tennis.”



Desert Lexus Jazz Festival Returns in 2015

Reserve the weekend of May 1-2, 2015 for the second annual Desert Lexus Jazz concert presented by the City of Indian Wells at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. More details to come!





Exclusive Wellness Memberships Now Available at Agua Serena Spa



Agua Serena Spa at Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa invites you to make self-pampering a way of life with its new Wellness Membership. Monthly inclusions include a 50-minute service, four day passes for the spa and fitness facility, four pool passes to the Oasis Adult Pool, four fitness class passes, VIP access to Agua Serena events and specials, and much more. You can also customize your membership with additional options like manicures, pedicures, personal training, massage, and other add-ons. A 12-month contract is required with two months notice for cancellation.

For complete details, including prices, contact the Agua Serena Spa at (760) 674-4100.

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a solar water heater, your water heating bills should drop 50%-80% (U.S. Department of Energy).

To learn more about solar water heating, log on to the Southern California Gas Company website at www.socalgas.com, click on For Your Home, Save Energy at Home, Solar Water Heating.

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Southern California Gas Company wants to help you conserve water and energy costs with its free

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Cal State University Associates Presents Stellar Speaker Line-Up at Indian Wells Theater

The Cal State University Associates at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus has announced the speakers for its 2014-2015 season:

- **September 9, 2014:**
Morgan Levine, Desert Adventures
- **October 14, 2014:**
Jim Estes, CSUSB finance faculty
- **November 12, 2014:**
Tom Freeman, Riverside County Foreign Trade Commission
- **January 13, 2015:**
Gavin MacLeod, acclaimed actor
- **February 10, 2015:**
Tomás Morales, CSUSB president, and **Sharon Brown-Welty**, new PDC dean
- **March 10, 2015:**
Denise Wilson, Desert Jet
- **April 14, 2015:**
Fern Field, award-winning TV producer/writer/author
- **May 12, 2015:**
The Lettermen



Monthly presentations begin at 7 p.m. in the Campus's Indian Wells Theater with a social hour in the theater lobby at 6 p.m. Community residents may attend

one event at no cost in order to get acquainted with Cal State University Associates members and enjoy the evening's presentation. RSVPs are required to Mike Singer at (760) 341-2883, ext. 78107 or msinger@csusb.edu. Parking is complimentary courtesy of the Friends of the Palm Desert Campus.

The Cal State University Associates is a premier organization of supporters of the Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino. Benefits of membership include: invitations to exclusive monthly "members only" programs, contributing to student scholarships, and knowing that you are supporting educational opportunities for all ages at the only four-year public university in the Coachella Valley.

For more information about the Cal State University Associates or to become a member, visit <http://pdc.csusb.edu/calStateUniversityAssociates.html>.

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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."



Important: November 4 General Election Information

The City of Indian Wells will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for two City Council member seats and Measure Q ballot measure requiring voter approval prior to any further widening of Highway 111. Please note that voter registration closes October 20.

The Riverside County Registrar of Voters is encouraging voters to vote-by-mail (VBM) to assist in quicker election night returns. The Registrar begins counting the VBM ballots seven days before election day, and the VBM results are included in the first reporting on election night at approximately 8:30 p.m. Vote-by-mail ballots can be dropped off in the blue box in the City Hall reception area beginning October 6.

If you prefer to cast your vote in person on Election Day, there are two polling precincts in Indian Wells. One is located at City Hall; the other at the Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce at 45-200 Club Drive (across the parking lot from Vicky's of Santa Fe). Sample ballots will be mailed to registered voters between September 25 and October 25, and your precinct will be listed on the back cover.

For more information, call Chief Deputy City Clerk Anna Grandys at (760) 346-2489. Riverside County voter information is also available online at www.voteinfo.net.



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A photograph of Bob O'Connor, an older man with white hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt, smiling. He is standing outdoors in front of a stone wall and some greenery.

Bob O'Connor

“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.”

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– Bob and Anna Mae O’Connor
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