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Desert Town Hall: A Premier Cultural Experience in Indian Wells



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MONDAY, JANUARY 19



DR. NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25



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DESERT TOWN HALL

For more than two decades, the Desert Town Hall speaker series has brought world dignitaries and statesmen, titans of industry and creative thought leaders to Indian Wells to illuminate and enlighten audiences on the key issues of the day.

The City of Indian Wells is very pleased to be a supporter of this renowned cultural event, which kicks off its next season on January 19, 2015 with Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican Presidential nominee and former Governor of Massachusetts.

Indian Wells residents with a valid (2015) IW Property Owner ID will once again be invited to participate in a special drawing for a select number of seats to Desert Town Hall 2015 events – look for details in the City’s December newsletter.

In the meantime, be sure to visit www.deserttownhall.org for complete details on the upcoming series including speaker bios, ticket information, and the Youth Ambassador program.



City Staff Spotlight: David Gassaway

Meet David Gassaway, the new Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Indian Wells. As Assistant to the City Manager, Gassaway is primarily responsible for the human resource functions of the City, as well as administering the police and fire contracts for public safety. Gassaway brings a fresh perspective to city government management that focuses on building positive organizational culture within City Hall, while also opening the door to decision-making processes through multi-faceted public engagement.

Prior to coming to Indian Wells, Gassaway served as the Assistant to the City Manager of Rancho Cordova, CA. Previous to that he was the Operations Manager of a party rental company out of San Diego, which provided equipment to a number of Coachella Valley events.

Gassaway received a Bachelor's in Political Science from San Diego State University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

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Meeting Schedule

This Month's City Council Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 1:30 p.m., City Hall
(please note that there will not be a City Council meeting on September 4)

Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 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, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Share Your Insights on City's New Virtual Town Hall

Indian Wells residents can now take advantage of another channel of communication with City officials. The City has launched its new Virtual Town Hall, an online civic engagement forum for you to share your comments regarding important issues impacting the Indian Wells community. City officials will consider input from this forum in the decision-making process.

How the Virtual Town Hall works: Log on to www.cityofindianwells.org/TownHall to access the forum and learn how to use it. Once the City adds an issue to the 'Open Topics' section, you are welcome to post your comments. The first posted issue pertained to Vacation Rentals. This topic closed to new comments on August 31; however, you are still able to sign up and view existing comments. The City will add new 'Open Topics' as issues arise. As always, feel free to e-mail the City via www.cityofindianwells.org to give feedback and express your opinions.

Thank you for helping us build a better Indian Wells!



2015 BNP Paribas Open Hotel, Mini and Group Packages Now Available

A wide variety of fantastic ticket packages are now on sale for the 2015 BNP Paribas Open, set for March 9-22, 2015. One of the most popular options for tennis fans is the Mini package option, which offer five different selections. These include the Kick-Off Weekend (six sessions, 3/13-3/15), Evening (nine sessions, 3/12-3/20), Mid-Week (six sessions, 3/17-3/19), Final Weekend (four sessions, 3/20-3/22), and the Championship Weekend (two sessions, 3/21-3/22). Mini packages provide the same great seat location for all sessions located in the lower bowl box seat sections, the upper bowl loge seat section, as well as the luxury club suites. Buying early ensures the best seat locations.



Group packages offer a great value for ten or more patrons and include complimentary tickets as well as seating in all premium seating locations including loge, box seat and club suite. The All Pro package allows groups to purchase 50 tickets or more, from any seating category, to any of the 21 sessions, and in turn receive two complimentary Stadium Box seat tickets to any session of their choice. This is a great option for tennis clubs whose members may want to attend different sessions throughout the tournament.

Share the news with out of town family, friends and colleagues: Six diverse hotel packages are available too; giving visiting fans 11 different hotel properties from which to choose. Visit www.bnpparibasopen.com for complete details and online purchase.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells this Fall



NOV 11 **Save the Date: Veterans Day Ceremony**
 The City of Indian Wells will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. under the white tent in front of City Hall. The one-hour tribute will feature a special keynote speaker, as well as the unveiling of the names of Indian Wells military veterans newly inscribed on the granite walls within the Eisenhower Walk of Honor.
 Light refreshments will be served and no RSVP is needed. All are welcome to attend.



Seeking a job? The 19th Valley-Wide Employment Expo will be held on Wednesday, September 10 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Riverside County Fairgrounds, Fullenwider Auditorium (46350 Arabia Street, Indio). This event offers an excellent opportunity for job seekers to network, meet with local employers and apply for available positions.
 For more information about the Valley-Wide Employment Expo, including a list of participating employers, visit www.desertjobexpo.com.

NOV 13 **Mark Your Calendars: Welcome Back Resident Party**
 Kick off the fall 2014 season in inimitable 'Indian Wells style'! The City and Community Activities Committee have planned an exclusive Indian Wells resident reception for Thursday, November 13 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. The evening will feature 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 be accepted online, www.cityofindianwells.org, and in person at City Hall after October 15. Call (760) 346-2489 for more information.



FREE FITNESS CLASSES AT JOSLYN CENTER



Indian Wells residents age 50 and over can achieve their personal wellness goals and stay fit with help from the Joslyn Center. Join in on one, two or all seven free fitness classes the Joslyn Center offers, suitable for a variety of health levels.

- Morning Aerobics:** Mondays and Wednesdays 6:15 a.m.-7 a.m.
- Strength & Stretch:** Wednesdays 12 p.m.- 12:45 p.m.,
Fridays 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- Calisthenics:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
- Fit After 50:** Tuesdays 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

To learn more about the Joslyn Center and view the Center's complete schedule of activities, visit www.joslyncenter.org, or call (760) 340-3220. The Joslyn Center is located at 73-750 Catalina Way in Palm Desert. Please note that the Center will be closed on September 1 for Labor Day.

Happy Hour @ VUE

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- Tuesday – California Rolls/Spicy Tuna Rolls\$15
- Wednesday – Fish Tacos.....\$14
- Thursday – BBQ Plate.....\$17
- Friday – Fish and Chips\$16

Additional Nightly Specials

- Monday – “Industry Night”
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- Wednesday – 25% OFF over 130 different
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- Thursday – 50% OFF ALL bottles of Wine

Weekends @ VUE

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▲ Congratulations to the 30 Indian Wells residents who completed the City's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training this past June. Way to go!



◀ Local Boy Scout Troop #377 experienced local government in action at the June 19 Indian Wells City Council meeting.



The Living Desert Receives TripAdvisor Award, Launches New Website



Congratulations are in order for The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden, which was recently awarded the 2014 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence (www.tripadvisor.com). The TripAdvisor accolade honors hospitality excellence and is given to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor. Only the top-performing 10% of businesses listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award.

Be sure to check out The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden's newly redesigned website at www.livingdesert.org. The site has been updated with a fresh new look and more user-friendly navigation. It can also be accessed across all platforms and viewing devices including mobile phones, tablets and desktop/laptop computers.



CITY BUILDING PERMITS: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the average time from building permit application to permit approval?

Two months of processing time is typical for plans requiring three rounds of review. If the project requires Architectural Landscape Committee review, anticipate an additional month of processing time prior to plan check. The City of Indian Wells does not provide “over the counter” plan check or plan check by City Staff. Outside consultant processing time should be anticipated for all permits that require plans.

Q. How can I expedite my permit?

The best way to expedite a permit is to submit high quality plan sets compliant with California Building Code. The City recommends that owners, contractors and design professionals use the City’s published plan check checklist before plan submittal. Low quality plans will extend City processing time.

Q. What projects require a building permit?

New residential or commercial construction, residential or commercial remodeling including any of the following construction or remodel changes: electrical, plumbing, natural gas, exterior fireplaces, photovoltaic panels, fuel cells or other alternative energy devices (including generators), barbecues and fire pits, patio covers, HVAC mechanical equipment, swimming pools, masonry walls, and roofs. Projects not permitted are subject to double fee penalties, code compliance violation fees, and stop work notices.

Q. What projects do not require plans for a building permit?

Roof replacements of like materials, HVAC replacements, electrical panel replacements (no new circuit additions or wiring changes, and water heater replacements.

Q. What do plan checks and building permits cost?

Typical plan check and permit costs are between 3 to 5% of the construction value. Please contact the Building Department for a more specific estimate, as the actual calculation is complex and subject to several variables. Two payments are required: an initial payment for plan check and a second payment for the building permit following plan approval. The plan check fee must be paid to initiate the plan check process.

Q. How long is my building permit valid?

Building permits are valid for 180 days from the date of issuance with 180-day automatic extensions with approved and active ongoing inspections.

Q. How do I schedule a Building Department inspection?

Call the City inspection hotline (760) 834-7790 no later than 4:00 p.m. to be scheduled for an inspection on the following business day. The City is unable to give a specific time-of-day appointment; however, inspections are generally conducted between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



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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."



Get Fit and Give Back!

Now in their third year of partnership, United Way of the Desert and the Make a Difference Day campaign are once again hosting nine free Community 5k Warm-Up Walks across the Valley, culminating in the exciting Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge 6K on Saturday, October 25. The United Way/Make a Difference Day campaign's goal is to inspire the desert community to get fit and give back.

All residents are encouraged to join the Indian Wells Community 5k Walk set for Saturday, October 4 beginning at the Miramonte Resort & Spa. Feel free to bring women's toiletry items and/or paper goods for donation. Walk representatives will be collecting these items to donate to Shelter From The Storm to benefit women living in the Shelter's transitional housing unit.

For complete details, visit the Calendar section at www.unitedwayofthedesert.org.



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