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INDIAN WELLS



Take in the New VUE at the Indian Wells Golf Resort

You've never seen a VUE like this in the desert! At its incredible property already known for an exquisite setting and views, the Indian Wells Golf Resort has unveiled its impressive refurbishment of the IW Club restaurant and, with it, a new name to reflect its distinctive style and ambiance.

VUE

GRILLE & BAR

VUE Grille & Bar was created with a new vibe—a trendy yet luxurious interior that gives a nod to the colors and feel of the surrounding desert; a new seasonal, farm-to-table fresh menu, craft cocktails and beer, and a new sushi bar. The restaurant is destined to become a social hub for Indian Wells residents and guests to meet for a relaxing lunch or dinner built around tantalizing bounty from

local farms and nearby ranches, and innovatively designed by award-winning Executive Chef Cale Falk.

“There is a huge diversity of fresh products available in the Coachella Valley that I cannot wait to incorporate into the menus here at VUE Grille & Bar,” Falk says of the seasonal fare that will be presented to all diners.

In addition to the beautifully redesigned VUE interiors, the Indian Wells Golf Resort is set to open the Pavilion, a permanent, 5,700-square-foot tented structure, making it the perfect spot for large parties and events offering unparalleled views of the surrounding mountains and desert.

Residents are invited to experience a fresh new perspective on dining and nightlife in the desert at the new VUE Grille & Bar.

Accomplished Hospitality Pros Appointed Top Positions at Indian Wells Resorts



Meet New Hyatt Regency GM *Doug Sears*

The Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa welcomes new General Manager Doug Sears as head of its enthusiastic hospitality team. Sears comes to Indian Wells from the Grand Hyatt Kauai where he has served as general manager since 2004.



Originally from Seattle, Sears started his career in 1979 in Hyatt's Corporate Management Trainee program where he concentrated his efforts in the rooms division. Over the course of his 34-year tenure with Hyatt, he advanced through

the company's ranks. Sears has served as a general manager for five different properties, including Hyatt properties in Palo Alto, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables in Florida, Hyatt Regency Grand Cayman in the British West Indies, as well as the Grand Hyatt Seattle.

Meet New Renaissance Esmeralda GM *Tom Tabler*

Experienced hospitality executive Tom Tabler has joined the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa as the luxury resort's new general manager.

Prior to his new position, Tabler served as the director of sales and marketing at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa where he helped the resort achieve record numbers in total sales and catering revenue.



Tabler has held numerous leadership roles with Marriott International including general manager of the Austin Marriott at the Capitol, resident manager of the San Antonio Rivercenter and Riverwalk

Marriott, and hotel manager of the San Antonio Riverwalk Marriott.

Tabler began his Marriott career at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. He and his wife Andrea are delighted to be back in Southern California.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

What's Happening In and Around Indian Wells

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Party at the Pavilion

The 6,000-square-foot banquet facility under construction at the Indian Wells Golf Resort is shaping up to be a magnificent event space and we're excited for you to see it!

On Tuesday, January 21, the City will hold a festive Indian Wells property owner reception beginning at 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of this splendid desert-modern pavilion. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes a no-host bar, buffet and dancing. Paid reservations will be accepted beginning on January 6 at 8 a.m. Those interested must come to City Hall with a valid IW Property Owner ID card to RSVP and pay for the event (cash, personal checks, and credit cards accepted). Please note space is limited to two residents per household.



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Attend the Art Event of the Season!

On Friday, January 24, Indian Wells residents will have a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the *Galen at The Galen*, a premier exhibition of Helene Galen's outstanding collection of modern and contemporary art now on display at the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert.

Moreover, Galen, one of the valley's most distinguished philanthropists, will be present to share her perspective on this extraordinary collection that includes works by Henri Matisse, Milton Avery, Lee Krasner, Lynn Chadwick, Max Ernst, and many more acclaimed artists.

This free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Indian Wells' resident/art expert Don Pelegrino has organized docent-led tours for the exhibition and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden.

After the tour, Cuistot restaurant adjacent to the museum is offering a special multi-course lunch selection in its elegant Fireside Room. Cost for lunch is \$30 per person.

Advance reservations and payment for lunch are required and will be accepted in person at City Hall beginning on January 6. Space is limited to two residents per household. Tour goers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Palm Desert-based museum. Parking is free.

Reserve your space as soon as possible as this much-anticipated resident cultural event is expected to fill up quickly.



Meeting Schedule

This Month's City Council Meetings:

Thursday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Thursday, December 19, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Planning Commission Meeting:
Check City website calendar for
December date, 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, Verizon FIOS channel 32).

City Embarks on Strategic Planning Process

Community input invited and encouraged

As noted in the November newsletter, the City has outlined a number of dynamic goals and action plans that it plans to achieve in the next two years. This effort is primarily focused on strengthening organization and customer service at City Hall, ensuring robust short- and long-term City finances, and continuing to build an exceptional quality of life.

The Strategic Planning process officially launches this month and will take place over the next few months leading up to a Strategic Planning workshop scheduled for February 11 and 12, 2014.

We want to emphasize that this is an inclusive process where you, as Indian Wells residents, will have ample time to weigh in with your comments prior to and at the February workshop session. Finalized goals and action plans will be presented to the community at the State of the City address on April 17, 2014

Please review the Strategic Planning schedule on the City's website at www.cityofindianwells.org or contact City Hall for more information, (760) 346-2489.

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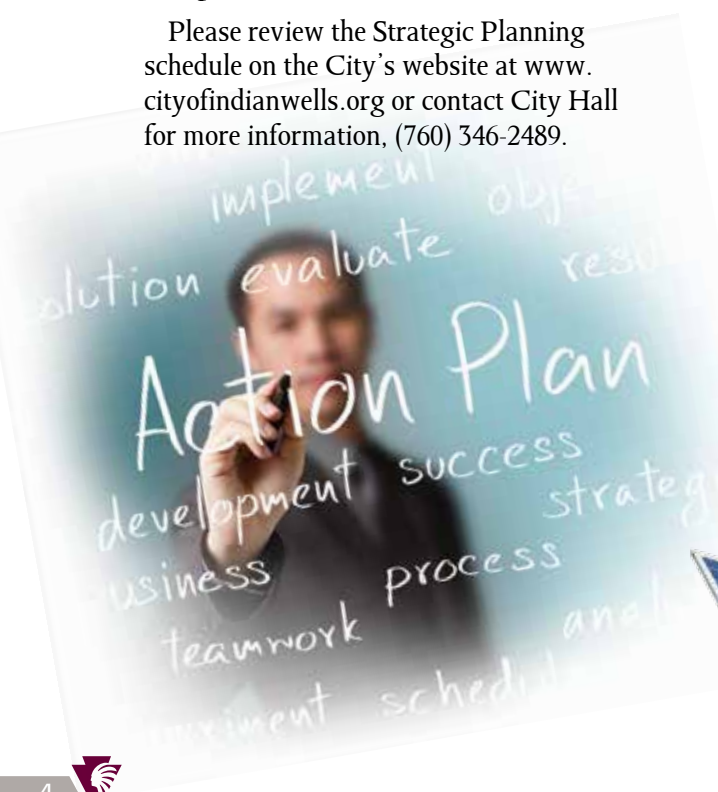
Solar Panel Plan Check and Permit Fee

The City has reduced its solar panel plan check and permit fee for residential home projects to a maximum of \$450. Those projects that do not meet the following design standards will require an engineer's letter or report showing the existing roof can support the design or added weight of the solar panels and equipment.

- Roof load does not exceed 6.5 pounds per square foot;
- Solar system mounting brackets are spaced no greater than 48 inches on center; and
- The maximum allowable coverage of the entire roof is not exceeded.

If you have any questions, please contact your solar company representative or the City's Building and Safety Division at (760) 776-0230.

More information about the solar panel submittal requirements and process can be obtained on the City's website at www.cityofindianwells.org (I WANT TO.../Apply for Building Permit/Solar Plan Requirements).



Indian Wells Earns Accolades at WebAwards and W3 Awards

We're very pleased to report that the City of Indian Wells' tourism website at www.indianwells.com was honored with two prestigious hospitality industry prizes in recent weeks, one apiece at the annual WebAwards and W3 Awards. The WebAwards celebrate digital innovation, functionality, and creativity in today's fast evolving age, while the W3 Awards honor the most creative designers and marketers in web content creation.

The City's tourism website was designed by HeBS Digital, a full-service digital hotel marketing firm based in New York City. Visuals on the site showcase Indian Wells' numerous recreational offerings and range of accommodations. The user-friendly design uses vivid photos and informative copy to steer website visitors to properties' booking engines. Overall it continues to encourage website visitors to become 'real-life' guests in our magnificent resort city.

If you haven't visited www.indianwells.com, take a look at the site to see all that it has to offer and be sure to pass on the link to out-of-town family, friends and colleagues!



Save the Date for the 12th Annual Indian Wells Arts Festival

The Indian Wells Arts Festival celebrates its 12th year at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden next spring! The festival will be held April 4 through 6, 2014. More than 200 juried artists will be on hand during the three-day art extravaganza to show, demonstrate and sell artwork including paintings, sculpture, pottery, glass, photography, fine jewelry and crafts.

The Coachella Valley's first *Objet Trouvé* Found Art Festival will be new at the festival this year. *Objet Trouvé* is the idea of using everyday objects and 'found' materials to create stimulating works of art. In the tradition of Pablo Picasso, Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, Juan Gris and Georges Braque, 50 artists will exhibit and create one-of-a-kind *objet trouvé* artworks for sale. The *Objet Trouvé* Found Art Festival will construct a 20-foot replica of Paris' Eiffel Tower incorporating found materials.

For more information, call (760) 346-0042 or visit www.indianwellsartsfestival.com.



CANADA FEST 2014

COMING TO RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA



Whether you hail from our northern neighbor or not, you'll definitely want to attend Canada Fest set for February 28 and March 1, 2014 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa.

Celebrating all things Canadian, the two-day festival will feature mouth-watering Canadian cuisine and popular Tim Hortons Coffee, a large food court, vendors, arts and handicrafts, entertainment, prize drawings and more.

Canada Fest hours are 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 28 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Complimentary parking.

For more information and admission, visit www.bettekingproductions.com.

Mix and Mingle at Indian Wells Chamber Events

Did you know that the Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce offers a social membership option for Indian Wells residents? Moreover, social members can attend Chamber mixers for the same cost as business members.

Chamber membership comes with many advantages including the opportunity to make new friends and connections, and support Indian Wells retail and commercial ventures as nearly every mixer is held at an Indian Wells place of business.

If you are interested in attending an upcoming mixer, the Chamber's next gatherings will be held on December 10 at Toscana Country Club and January 14 at Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa. Both events take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce website at www.indianwellschamber.com, call (760) 346-7095 and connect with the Chamber on Facebook.

A Hiker's Dream

Forty years ago Coachella Valley Boy Scouts blazed The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden's hiking trails to earn their badges. The Scouts created three trails winding through more than 1,000 acres of undisturbed Sonoran Desert within The Living Desert's 1,200 acres.

Hiking enthusiasts will surely find a trail that matches their fitness and experience level. The ¼ mile Inner Loop trail is the shortest and easiest. The Middle Loop trail is approximately one mile long with a gentle rise and fall as you trek the loop. At 3.5 miles long and with boulder scrambling involved, the Wilderness Loop is for more experienced hikers peaking at a covered picnic area at 1,000 feet elevation with gorgeous views of Eisenhower Mountain and the Coachella Valley.

Hikers must sign in and sign out at the trailhead. The trails are open every day, except Christmas Day, through May 31.

Since much of The Living Desert is situated in Indian Wells, you'll be exploring the pristine landscape of our exceptional city!

For details, visit www.livingdesert.org.





Need Transportation? Take a TRIP Ride

If you or someone you know is unable to drive, TRIP for Riverside County provides transportation assistance for older adults and people with disabilities throughout the county. TRIP complements public transportation by encouraging volunteer friends and neighbors to transport older adults and people with disabilities to access medical services and other needed resources.

Passengers can recruit and choose their own volunteer drivers from people they know and trust, volunteer drivers receive mileage reimbursement payments, and rides are free to passengers.

Individuals may apply for TRIP assistance by calling the Riverside County Aging and Disability Resource Connection HelpLink at 1 (800) 510-2020.

TRIP is a program of the nonprofit Independent Living Partnership. For more information, visit www.ilpconnect.org.



Fireworks Alert

There will be a private fireworks display at the Vintage Club on December 31, 2013. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

Another Transportation Option: SunDial

A program of SunLine Transit Agency, SunDial offers valley-wide curb-to-curb next day public transportation service designed to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

SunDial service is available seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Riders must have a SunDial ADA Certification ID card, and one personal care attendant may travel free of charge. Service animals are always welcome; non-service animals must be properly secured in a cage/container to travel.



To learn more about SunDial, visit www.sunline.org. For reservations, call 1 (866) 311-7433.



Indian Wells Resorts Make Holiday Magic

From festive holiday dinners and spa treats to chestnut roasting, eggnog tasting and caroling galore, our beautiful Indian Wells resorts know how to ring in the holidays in style!

The City has compiled a special listing of holiday specials and events taking place in Indian Wells. Visit www.cityofindianwells.org to learn about the myriad of fun-filled activities taking place throughout the holiday season.



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City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall will maintain regular hours of operation during the winter holidays except for the following dates:

Friday, December 13:
City Hall closes at noon

Tuesday, December 24:
City Hall closes at noon

Wednesday, December 25:
City Hall closed

Tuesday, December 31:
City Hall closes at noon

Wednesday, January 1:
City Hall closed

Connect with Us!

Stay tuned for information on upcoming residents event at the IW Club. 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."

Brighten a Child's Holiday Season

The City of Indian Wells Fire Department will be accepting new, unwrapped toy donations and sports equipment for the **Spark of Love Toy Drive** from after Thanksgiving and prior to Christmas Day. Donations will be accepted for teens too.

Please drop off your donations at City Hall. Your generosity will help a local child who would otherwise go without a gift this holiday season.



Happy Holidays
from Everyone at City Hall!