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INDIAN WELLS

Wade McKinney

Appointed Indian Wells City Manager



The City of Indian Wells is delighted to announce the appointment of new City Manager Wade G. McKinney who will officially begin his post as the City's lead administrator on July 1, 2013. Indian Wells City Council identified McKinney as its top candidate for the position after a lengthy recruitment process conducted by Sacramento-based executive search firm Peckham & McKinney.

McKinney brings an impressive 34-year public service background to his new role; most recently serving as the City Manager for Atascadero, California for nearly 16 years. While at the City of Atascadero, he supervised a staff of more than 115 full-time employees and played an integral role in strategic planning, sound fiscal management resulting in General Fund reserves, communications, and engaging community residents in identifying and implementing priorities for General and Master Plan updates. Prior to Atascadero, McKinney served as City Manager for Shafter, California in Kern County from 1986 to 1997.

McKinney is the President of the California City Management Foundation whose mission is to promote and encourage excellence in city management. He has also led the Strong Cities – Strong State program and was recognized by his colleagues in 2011 for his "Outstanding Service to the Profession." In 2009, he was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" by the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce.

A California native, McKinney has been married to his wife Cheryl for 33 years and has two married sons and two "wonderful" granddaughters. He possesses a bachelor of science-urban planning degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

“ I am very excited to join the team at the City of Indian Wells. I believe in customer service, team building and strategic planning. I am committed to the 'platinum rule' which I define as "Do unto others as they would have you do unto them."

For details regarding McKinney's employment contract with the City of Indian Wells, visit www.cityofindianwells.org (City Hall, Council Current & Future Agendas)

Blood Drive Challenge Aims to Increase Local Blood Donations

Did you know that over the past several years Coachella Valley blood donations have decreased 33 percent? The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) has invited the City of Indian Wells and its residents to help reverse this alarming trend by participating in the Coachella Valley Blood Drive Challenge.

On select days during the month of July, each Valley city will host a blood drive – with the assistance of CVEP and Desert Blood Services — pledging to donate 100 units of blood on “its” day. The City that collects the most units of blood will be recognized with a gold plaque on Desert Blood Services “Tree of Life” inside the La Quinta donor center/headquarters.

Of course, the real winners of the challenge will be area hospitals and patients in need of blood products and services.



The City of Indian Wells will hold its blood drive on **Wednesday, July 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Celebrity Ballroom of the IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort.**

What’s more, the Blood Drive is offering a free ticket to Knott’s Soak City Water Park in Palm Springs to each blood donor.

We encourage all residents to participate and help provide the gift of life to local hospital patients and

their loved ones. Maintain your regular eating schedule, and increase your fluid intake (water is best) in the 48 hours prior to donating.

Appointments to donate blood July 17 are highly recommended. To schedule yours, call (800) 879-4484. You may also sign up for an appointment online at www.desertbloodservices.org.

IW Club Livens Up Dining Scene this Summer

Take advantage of these sizzling summer specials at the award-winning IW Club – open regular hours all summer long!

Sunday Brunch is better than ever!

To complement its delectable multi-course menu, the IW Club’s famous Sunday Brunch now features bottomless champagne and live music with talented vocalist Ben Benavente on acoustic guitar. Brunch is served every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$24.95 per person; reservations strongly suggested. (Please note that the resident discount does not apply on holidays.)



Happy Hour – Daily 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Whether you like your cocktail blended, mixed, shaken or stirred or simply poured into a beer or wine glass, the IW Club serves up some of the best happy hour specials the desert has to offer in a contemporary and cozy lounge setting. Be sure to check out the rotating list of incredible nightly happy hour specials available from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Prix Fixe Dinner Menu with Wine Pairing

Enjoy an exceptional three-course dinner menu with wine pairings, currently offered throughout July and August. \$45 per person (excluding tax and gratuity; resident discount does not apply).

For complete details, including happy hour specials and menu selections, visit www.iwclub.com. For reservations, call (760) 834-3800.



HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 16, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Reviewed and Made Revisions to the Biennial City Operating and Capital Draft Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Directed Staff to Take No Further Action Regarding the Inclusion of Long-Term Lease Holders into the Property Owner Identification Card Policy and Staff Provided Clarification Regarding Family Attendance to City Events.

Adopted Resolution Approving the Reclassification of Planning Technician II Position to an Assistant Planner.

Approved the Revised Award Amount and Revised Requisition for Highway 111 Phase 3 that Included the Removal of Median Landscaping, Electrical, and Lighting Bid Items.

Adopted Resolution Amending Chapter 2.10 of the City Council Policy Manual Concerning Ticket Distribution Policy.

Adopted Resolution Amending City Council Policy Manual Relating to Removing Golf Privileges for Past, Present and Future Council Members and Their Spouses.

Approved Requisition for Casa Dorado Homeowners Association in the Amount of \$19,930 for Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Approved Requisition for The Cove at Indian Wells in the Amount of \$16,454 for Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Approved Requisition for Desert Horizons Homeowners Association in the Amount of \$384,185 for Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Approved Requisition for Sundance at Indian Wells Homeowners Association in the Amount of \$39,000 for Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Approved Requisition for Province Homeowners Association in the Amount of \$154,992 for Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Directed Staff to Maintain the Authorized Spending Limits as Described in the City's Fiscal Procedures Manual.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 6, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Introduced Ordinance Adding Chapter 3.28 to the Municipal Code Prescribing Procedures by Which the City Council May Establish Parking and Business Improvement Areas Within the City.

Adopted Resolution Approving the Establishment of the Appropriations Limitation of \$70,147,700 for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Adopted Resolutions Adopting CVAG's Green for Life Program and Implementing CVAG's PACE Program to Allow Financing of Energy Efficient Improvements.

Directed Staff to Prepare a Resolution in Regards to the Art in Public Places Program that Incorporates Council's Comments in Relation to Art on Public and Private Property.

Adopted Resolutions Approving the Administering Agency-State Master Agreement and Program Supplement No. L19 for State Funded Projects.

Awarded Contract and Requisition to RBF Consulting in the Amount of \$39,700 for Surveying and Staking Services for Highway 111 Improvement Project Phase 3.

Directed Staff to Proceed with the Two Left Hand Turn Lanes at Cook and Highway 111, to Prepare Bid Documents for the Two Left Hand Turn Lanes and Authorized Staff to Proceed to Bid for Landscape Contract to Complete the Landscape Portion of Cook & Highway 111 Improvements.

Approved Requisition to Desert Champions LLC in the Amount of \$45,500 for 2013 BNP Paribas Open Broadcast Units.

Council Took No Action in Regards to a Request by the City of Palm Desert for Financial Participation in Their 4th of July Celebration.

Adopted Resolution Adopting the City's Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Scheduled Indian Wells Golf Resort Strategic Planning Session(s) for June 18, 2013 at 12:00 Noon and, if needed, June 19, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Directed Staff to Extend the Application Period for the Annual Commission and Committee Appointment Process and Directed Staff to Prepare a Schedule and Necessary Documentation for the Re-Instated Grants in Aid Committee.

Approved the Employment Agreement with Wade McKinney for the Position of City Manager.

SoCalGas® to Upgrade Natural Gas Meters

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is about to make it easier for you to control and manage your energy costs! SoCalGas field technicians will be in Indian Wells in June and July to upgrade natural gas meters with an advanced meter communications device.



Advanced meter installations will typically occur Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., taking approximately 15 minutes to complete. In most

cases, you will not need to be present and should not have an interruption to your gas service. Until the communications network is fully operational, SoCalGas employees will still need access for a few more months to manually read your meter.

Please provide safe access to the natural gas meter by keeping the area around the meter clear of any obstructions, plants or shrubs. If you have a locked gate or a dog that prevents access, please call the Advanced Meter Customer Information Center at 1 (877) 268-6211 (weekdays 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to make access arrangements.

For more information, visit www.socalgas.com/advanced. Also, consider registering for the convenient online My Account service, where you can view your gas usage, sign up for paperless billing, and pay your bill online.



Hyatt Regency to Close for Three Weeks

Please note that the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa will be closed starting at noon on July 3 until 2 p.m. on July 26 due to resort improvements. Agua Serena Spa and the resort's Fitness Center will be closed; however, the Medical and Skin Spa will remain open and conduct business as usual.



CHILL OUT AT THE LIVING DESERT

This summer, The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden will be cooler than ever! Our world-class oasis of desert flora and fauna kicked off its special "Zoo Chill" promotion on June 1. Visit The Living Desert on the first Saturday of July, August and September, and be sure to get an early start: The first 200 families to enter the park will receive a free "zooler" – a personal size cooler complete with two bottles of water. Plus, special frozen treats will be available for humans and animals!

The Living Desert is open every day June 1 through September 30 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (last admission at 1 p.m.); however, members may enter the park at 7 a.m. to access walking and hiking trails.

For more information about The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden located in Indian Wells and Palm Desert, visit www.livingdesert.org or call (760) 346-5694.

Palm Springs Art Museum Hosts Free Summer Film Series

Schedule includes ten foreign films and five classic comedies

The popular Global Lens film series returns to the Palm Springs Art Museum this summer from June 6 through August 15. Now in its fifth year and organized by the Global Film Initiative, this compelling series showcases films from countries not usually associated with filmmaking. Each film includes subtitles in English.

Following Global Lens, the museum in partnership with the Palm Springs International Film Society will offer five classic comedies.

All screenings are free and take place every Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the museum's Annenberg Theater (no film July 4). Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, including film descriptions and running times, visit www.psmuseum.org (Annenberg Theater/Film Screenings).



Residents Enjoy a Great Day of Golf!

Seventy-two Indian Wells golfers played in the annual City-sponsored Resident Cup golf tournament held on Monday, April 22 on the Players Course at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. This fantastic outing exclusively for Indian Wells residents also included fun contests on the course, plus a delicious lunch after play.



Winners – Competitive Division



Winners – Social Division

Competitive
Division 1st place

Don Kristoffherson
Frank James
Craig Duncan
Max Falamaki

Competitive
Division 2nd Place

Dan Macke
Phil Sheller
Jerry Winkle
Frank Chesnos

Social Division
1st Place

Cate Austin
Bonnie Beattie
Clair Simmons
Lauren Suzuki

Social Division
2nd Place

Ross Melin
Terri Melin
Larry Barlock
Imre Szabo

Closet to the Pin Men
and Women

Cate Austin
Frank James

Most Accurate Drive
Gail Hines



Congratulations to Our Indian Wells CERT Training Graduates!

We are delighted to report that 24 Indian Wells residents completed the City's free Community Emergency Response Team Training program held this past April. The 20-hour federally certified course is designed to help individuals protect themselves, their families, and neighbors in the event of a major disaster. To learn more about the CERT Training program, visit www.fema.gov (Response & Recovery/Community Emergency Response Teams).

Don't Miss State of the City on IW TV

Reminder: If you were unable to attend the City of Indian Wells 2013 State of the City Address on May 7, the presentation is now available for viewing on IW TV (Time Warner digital channel 122, Verizon FIOS channel 32, and Time Warner analog channel 17).



Add Your Tribute to the Eisenhower Walk of Honor



A site of beauty and contemplation, the Eisenhower Walk of Honor adjacent to City Hall recognizes the courageous individuals in our community who served in the U.S. military.

We invite you to add your name or the name of a loved one this year by submitting an application for engraving. Applications must be received at City Hall by September 1 to be eligible for the inscription unveiling to take place

during the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony in November. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofindianwells.org or are available for pick-up at City Hall.

For additional information, call City Hall, (760) 346-2489.

Advance Tickets Now Available for World Affairs Council 2013-2014 Series

Advance dinner tickets are now available for purchase for the World Affairs Council of the Desert 2013-2014 Speaker Series. WACD members only may purchase four to 20 tickets at \$62 each. Advance purchase tickets must be paid for by September 1, 2013, and are non-refundable.



View the 2013-2014 schedule and purchase tickets online at www.worldaffairsdesert.org or call (760) 322-7711.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The City's Landscape Specialist Ryan Bowen joined other Coachella Valley community partners and Marriott Mission 2013 volunteers to build two raised bed vegetable gardens for the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley, Indio Center. An initiative of Marriott International's "Spirit to Serve" program, the garden project is designed to inspire healthy food choices, encourage responsibility, promote positive social interaction, and serve as a resource for the Club's Healthy Kitchen program.

Teri Allen of MEET WELL, a local wellness and sustainability-oriented meeting and event planning company, worked with the Marriott group to coordinate and implement the project. Participating partners included JW Marriott and the City of Indian Wells, which provided the irrigation system.



Indian Wells Golf Resort Summer/Fall Maintenance Schedule

Celebrity Course Closure Dates –

- June 24-July 12: aerification
- August 5-23: aerification
- October 20-November 7: overseeding (also chipping green and putting course)
- November 8-29: cart path only

Players Course Closure Dates –

- July 15-August 2: aerification
- August 26-September 13: aerification
- September 30-October 17: overseeding (also putting green and driving range)
- October 18-November 13: cart path only



Fire Department Safety: Pool Safety

Too often, firefighters hear people say, “It was just a few seconds.” Unfortunately, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Nationally, drowning is a leading cause of death for children under five.

Most of these children drown in their own backyard swimming pool, but others drown in buckets, bathtubs, toilets, dog water bowls, canals and ponds. Small children are top-heavy, and they don't have

the upper body strength to lift themselves out of one of these dangerous situations. Even if the child survives the incident, he or she is often left with permanent brain damage.

Drowning and near drowning can be prevented, and you can help! Anyone involved with the supervision of children needs to be aware of the dangers associated with any body of water. Below are some useful tips to prevent these needless tragedies.



- Never leave small children unsupervised – even for a few seconds.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the pool area.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Do not consider young children to be drown-proof because they have had swimming lessons. Children must be watched closely while swimming.
- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house.
- Never allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source.
- Have life-saving devices near the 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.
- Keep large objects such as tables, chairs, toys and ladders away from pool fences.
- Post the 9-1-1 number on the phone.

- Learn to swim.
- Always have a “designated child watcher.”
- Do not allow children to play around the pool and store all toys outside the pool area.
- If you leave the pool area, take the children with you.
- Never swim alone, or while under the influence of alcohol or medications.
- Never swim when thunder or lightning is present.
- Check the pool area regularly for glass bottles, toys or other potential accident hazards.
- Keep CD players, radios and other electrical devices away from pools or nearby wet surfaces.
- Anyone watching children should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within arm’s length of your child.
- 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.



Time to Trim Your Palms

To comply with city ordinance provisions and also ensure that our neighborhoods remain pest-free and pristine, be sure to include palm tree trimming on your home maintenance schedule this summer.

Please note that date palms should have been trimmed by June 30. Washingtonians, fan palms, and all other palm trees must be trimmed by July 30. Tip: Have your trees trimmed close to the deadlines, after final bloom is assured, to avoid the expense of repeat trimming.

For more information, contact City of Indian Wells Personnel/Public Safety Director Mel Windsor, mwindsor@indianwells.com, (760) 346-2489.



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Keep in Touch!

Leaving town? Stay informed over the summer about the latest Indian Wells news and developments. To ensure that you are signed up to receive e-mails from the City, visit www.cityofindianwells.org and click on the I WANT TO... section. Also visit the City's website to access digital versions of the newsletter, review upcoming City Council meeting agendas, and view City Council meetings online. Have a sensational summer!

Stay Cool, Stay Healthy!

Once again, the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County is coordinating the operation of drop-in Cool Centers this summer to aid vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat. Cool Centers will open to the public when the Riverside County Department of Public Health issues a "Heat Warning."

When temperatures soar, follow these common sense safety tips to protect yourself from sunstroke and other heat-related illnesses:

- ★ Drink plenty of water, and avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- ★ Wear a wide-brimmed hat or use an umbrella for shade.
- ★ Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing.
- ★ Slow down – rest in the shade or a cool place whenever possible.
- ★ Take a cool shower or bath.
- ★ Never leave a child, elderly or disabled person, or animal alone in a vehicle.
- ★ Check on friends and neighbors who are elderly or have medical conditions, or are at a higher risk for problems when it's hot.
- ★ If you do not have an air conditioner or your unit is not working, use a fan, make sure your windows are open, or visit an air-conditioned mall, library, senior center or Cool Center.

For Cool Center locations, hours and more tips on how to protect yourself from the heat, call the Summer Energy Crisis Hotline at 1 (888) 636-8676, TTY (951) 955-5126 (Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or call 2-1-1 (24 hours/day). www.capriverside.org.

