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City's Foresight and Planning Will Overcome Challenges of RDA Closure

Several years ago, City Council established the Indian Wells Redevelopment Agency (RDA) for the purpose of implementing capital improvement projects in Indian Wells—the construction of the Miles Avenue Bridge is only one example.

In January 2011, Governor Jerry Brown announced his intent to eliminate redevelopment agencies in an attempt to balance the State budget. Assembly Bills AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 were enacted, signed, and subject to a constitutional challenge before the State Supreme Court issued a December 29, 2011 decision to uphold AB 1X 26. This decision essentially dissolves all redevelopment agencies throughout California effective February 1, 2012.

The State of California may have taken away City's RDA; however, City Council possessed the acumen to take action nearly a year ago when this issue came to light.

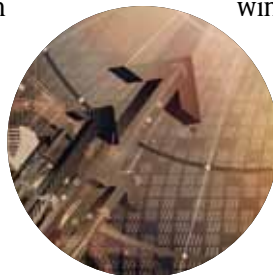
The City's strategy included making a series of \$1.9 million budget cuts and staff layoffs last August to offset the \$3.6 million RDA revenue loss from the City's General Fund. The cuts balanced the budget and

even produced a net operating surplus of \$ 0.5 million. Additionally, City Council's decision to place Measure H on the November 2011 ballot was designed to help create a robust revenue stream for the City, thus neutralizing the proposed RDA cuts. Measure H passed, increasing hotel transient occupancy tax (TOT) from 9.25% to 11.25%.

At the January 5, 2012 City Council meeting, City Council elected to become the successor agency of the Indian Wells Redevelopment Agency. What this means is that the City, along with an oversight board, will be responsible for the winding down of the Agency's affairs.

What are the long-term consequences of the RDA dissolution? It basically means that the City will no longer have capital improvement funds through the RDA and that the City's operating budget will need to absorb capital and infrastructure enhancement initiatives.

Rest assured that City officials and staff are actively and strategically planning for the short- and long-term to ensure Indian Wells' continued financial stability and optimal quality of life.



Reserve Your Space for These Terrific Upcoming Resident Events



February 21

Enjoy Conversation and Refreshments at Next Resident Patio Party

Join Indian Wells neighbors and friends for this delightful outdoor gathering set for Tuesday, February 21 at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's IW Club.

This ever-popular resident event held from 5-7 p.m. features complimentary appetizers and a no-host bar.

Advance reservations with a valid IW Property Owner ID card are required and limited to two residents per household. Please call (760) 346-2489 or reserve online by Friday, February 17 at www.cityofindianwells.org.

Click on IW Resident Information section and then click on the event listed under Upcoming Events area.

February 26

Experience "The Sport of Kings"

Last year's polo adventure was such a hit with residents that the City's Community Activities Committee has planned an encore event!

"A Day at the Polo Grounds" 2012 will take place on Sunday, February 26. Exclusively for residents, this outdoor sporting event will be held at Empire Polo Grounds in Indio beginning at 12 p.m. (game 1 at 12 p.m., game 2 at 2 p.m.). Cost of \$20 per person includes



a full lunch under the white VIP tent, champagne during the divot stomp, and a VIP parking pass for the entire polo season.

Advance reservations are a must. Visit www.cityofindianwells.org, and click on IW Resident Information link to make your reservations online and view the complete lunch menu. You may also call City Hall at (760) 346-2489 to register. Please note that a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card is required for all reservations. Space is limited to two residents per household. Reserve early; this event is expected to sell out.

March 3

Residential Security/Emergency Preparedness Expo Will Empower You

The City is sponsoring a free Residential Security/Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, March 3 at Indian Wells City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special event will feature public safety presentations every half hour, as well as a variety of representatives providing information and services on home safety and disaster preparedness.

Participating vendors include Alliance Protection, Coachella Valley Water District, Colt Security, Desert Security Services, Emergency Disaster Systems, Key Mobile, The Lighthouse, Quake Safe Kits, Southern California Gas Company, Survival Mode Kits, and Video Surveillance Systems.

Don't miss this very important educational opportunity. The event is open to everyone in the Coachella Valley community and no RSVP is required.

For more information, visit the City's website at www.cityofindianwells.org or call (760) 346-2489.



March 8

See the World's Top Tennis Players in Action!

As an Indian Wells resident, you are eligible to receive four free loge tickets for either the day or evening session during the March 8 Indian Wells Residents' Day at the 2012 BNP Paribas Open. What's more, you can also order an additional two free tickets for various other dates of the tournament. Below are important dates/details for these great Indian Wells resident benefit offers:

Monday, January 30 – Friday, February 10: Online ordering only open to Indian Wells residents at www.cityofindianwells.org. Please fill out the Tennis Ticket Request Form and have the APN# ready from your valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card.

Friday, February 10: Online ordering closes at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21: Tickets available for pick-up at City Hall during normal business hours. Please bring your valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card with you. (Note: no "will-call" ticket services are available.)

Indian Wells residents without home Internet access are welcome to use a computer at City Hall or the IW Club, or visit a local library with Internet services.

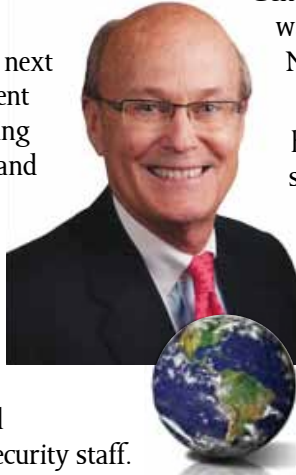


Richard Wilhelm to Discuss Cyber Warfare

Reserve Your Space At World Affairs Council Of The Desert February 11 Dinner

Intelligence expert and Booz Allen Hamilton Executive Vice President Richard Wilhelm will discuss the new realities of cyber warfare at the next World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker event to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 starting at 5 p.m. at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa.

Prior to joining Booz Allen, Wilhelm's illustrious career background in government as a military officer and civilian appointee spanned nearly 30 years. During the Clinton Administration, he was executive director for Intelligence Community Affairs and also served on Vice President Gore's national security staff. As a U.S. Navy officer, he co-directed the Joint Intelligence



Center for Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and was the first director of Information Warfare at the National Security Agency.

This particular speaker event is on a Saturday; however, World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker programs are generally held on Sunday evenings at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. Open to the public, the events begin with a 5 p.m. reception, followed by a 6 p.m. dinner, speaker presentation, and Q&A session. Cost is \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members.

For more information and online ticket purchase, visit www.worldaffairsdesert.org. You may also e-mail worldaffairs@verizon.net or call (760) 322-7711.

Cozy Up for an Evening of Romance at the IW CLUB

This February 14, spend an enchanted evening at the elegantly appointed IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Executive Chef Chris Olson is preparing a delectable Valentine's Day prix fixe menu that features:

Starters

Oyster Sampler
Half Shell with Ginger Sake Ice
& Tempura with Wasabi Avocado Aioli
or
Truffle Potato Artichoke Soup

Entrees

Grilled TR All Natural Flat Iron Steak
Parsnip-Sweet Garlic Flan • Crisp Onions • Black Pepper Condiment
or
Rare Tuna Medallions
Coconut Ginger Rice • Red Curry Sauce

Dessert

Strawberry Panna Cotta
Cabernet Chocolate Sauce • Passion Fruit Relish

Cost is \$55 per person (IW resident discount not valid). Reservations highly recommended.

Call (760) 834-3800.

Online reservations available at www.iwclub.com.

Health & Wellness Event To Focus On Prostate Cancer Care

The Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce and Gilda's Club Desert Cities will present a very special community event on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. Entitled *New Hope Tour: Innovations in Prostate Cancer Care*, this one-day event is designed to create awareness of and education about prostate cancer, and promote general health and wellness.



Activities include a free public lecture and health expo from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with featured speakers Murthy Andavolu, M.D. from Desert Regional Medical Center's Comprehensive Cancer Center and Lisa Mitchell from Gilda's Club; a medical symposium for physicians; and a 6:30 p.m. dinner with guest speaker, renowned football coach Tom Flores. The \$100 per person dinner is open to the public.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Gilda's Club Desert Cities, a nonprofit organization that provides a myriad of cancer support programs and services.

For more information, event tickets, and reservations, please visit www.indianwellschamber.com or call (760) 346-7095.



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Mayor's Office Hours

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – IW Club
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – City Hall
 Or to schedule an appointment,
 call City Hall at (760) 346-2489.

Stay tuned for information on upcoming resident events at the IW Club. Also, be sure to visit www.cityofindianwells.org for the latest updates, and sign up to receive the latest city news via e-mail by clicking on the "mailbox" icon.



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Go Green: Rally, Roundup & Recycle!

Unsure about what to do with your used tennis balls? Why not donate them to a local tennis organization competing in the Rally, Roundup & Recycle Competition through February 14?

This is the fourth year that the BNP Paribas Open and reBounces, a leader in green tennis technology, are hosting this innovative program. The Competition encourages tennis clubs, school tennis teams, community tennis programs, and other tennis organizations to donate used tennis balls. Last year, the campaign collected more than 100,000. This year's goal is to collect and recycle more than 125,000 balls!

The three winners who collect and send the most used tennis balls to reBounces will

have access to the BNP Paribas luxury suite (with guests) for the March 12, 2012 day and night sessions. They will also be honored on the Stadium Court prior to the tournament night session.

In addition, anyone (excluding the top three winners) who returns a minimum of 1,000 used tennis balls during the Competition will be entered into a separate lottery. Three prizes of four box seats for the 2012 BNP Paribas Open day session on Monday, March 12, 2012 will be drawn at the completion of the Competition.

For more information about Rally, Roundup & Recycle, download the fact sheet at www.bnpparibasopen.com, or call Peggy Michel (760) 200-8414 or Tom Fey (760) 200-8200.



FIREWORKS ALERT

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa will be holding a private fireworks display on February 14, 2012 at approximately 7 p.m. Toscana Country Club will also hold a private fireworks display on Saturday, February 25 at approximately 8:30 p.m. These events are not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.