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# INDIAN WELLS



## The Phenomenal BNP Paribas Open Returns

BNP might just as well serve as an acronym for 'Big Name Professionals' because that's just what you can expect when the world's tennis elite converge at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden this month.

Yes, the 2012 BNP Paribas Open is right around the corner, March 5–18, and with it comes all the super festivities and activities you've come to expect from this extraordinary professional tennis tournament, the fifth-most attended in the world!

For a full calendar of events, we invite you to visit [www.bnpparibasopen.com](http://www.bnpparibasopen.com) (Events, Event Calendar). However, we've taken the liberty of highlighting a few special promotions and events below that you will not want to miss:

**Wednesday, March 7 – Friday, March 16:  
The Champions Volunteer Foundation Auction**

Stop by Garden Club Courtyard Hospitality A to bid on several terrific auction items including a coin toss, autographed player box seats, having your photo taken with one of the 2012 BNP Paribas Open champions, and much more.

**Friday, March 9:  
The National 9/11 Flag and Salute to Heroes**

See the completely restored National 9/11 Flag before it makes its final home later this year at the National September 11 Memorial Museum in New York. As always, the BNP Paribas Open will host a special ceremony recognizing veterans, military personnel, police and firefighters following the first evening session match. All those mentioned above receive two complimentary tickets for the evening session with valid ID.

Plus, daily player autograph signings, interactive fitness activities and contests for the kids, live music and refreshments in the Corona Plaza, shopping for tennis and signature apparel and accessories – it's the ultimate tennis/entertainment destination and right in your own backyard!



To stay up to date on the latest BNP Paribas Open happenings, visit [www.bnpparibasopen.com](http://www.bnpparibasopen.com), sign up for the tournament's e-mail list, and connect with the BNP Paribas Open on Facebook and Twitter.

*Saturday, March 3: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Residential Security/Emergency Preparedness Expo*

Come to Indian Wells City Hall for this important public safety event that will feature educational presentations and a vendor expo. FREE and open to the public. No RSVP needed.

## April 25 ATHENA Luncheon To Honor Rose Tijernia-Swearingen and Travis Erwin

The Indian Wells Athena Committee, is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 Indian Wells Athena Awards: Rose Tijernia-Swearingen, Ph.D. and Travis Erwin. Both women will be feted at the Wednesday, April 25, 2012 Athena Awards Luncheon to be held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort And Spa. Reserve your space: call (760) 346-7095



## Walk The 'Wells' for Only \$25

If you're yearning to take a break from your work day to play a few holes, get some exercise, or want to bring the kids out for some quality time on the course, check out the Indian Wells Golf Resort's Walk the Wells program. With Walk the Wells, you can enjoy a great casual golf outing on the championship Celebrity Course at a fraction of the normal cost. You'll also receive a free eco-friendly aluminum water bottle.

Walk the Wells is available daily after 3 p.m. for only \$25 per person; juniors are FREE. This special rate is for walking only; golf carts are not included.

Reservations will be taken up to three days in advance by calling (760) 346-4653. So, Walk the Wells for fun and fitness!

## March 20 – Palm Springs Art Museum Tour

Indian Wells residents are invited to take part in a private docent-led tour of the Palm Springs Art Museum on Tuesday, March 20 at 10 a.m. The tour should last about an hour and a half and has changed slightly for this year. This is a complimentary event if you would like to drive yourself and park at the Museum. Residents can also take a charter bus for \$10 per person (we would need 56 people to charter the entire bus), and if you would like to enjoy a box lunch from the Museum for an additional \$10, that is also available. Advance reservations are required. Please call (760) 346-2489 or visit City Hall to sign up no later than March 13.



## Same-Day Tickets Available

Same-day tickets for tennis may be available to residents. Please look for our e-mail and on the website for more details. Every afternoon at 4:30 starting March 6 (except March 8 and 15 will have all available weekend tickets) visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) for the number of tickets that will be available the next day. If interested in a specific day, please come to City Hall and wait in line to obtain same-day tickets starting at 8:30 a.m. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that you are not able to receive two additional tickets on the same day for which you have already received tickets, and you are limited to a maximum of two additional same-day tickets. A valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card is necessary to pick up these tickets.



## Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Spring Luncheon

All are invited to attend the Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation's Ninth Annual Spring Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 13 at the Indian Wells Country Club. The program, entitled *Tennis in Indian Wells: Past, Present and Future*, will feature guest speaker Dick Oliphant.

Luncheon networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon. Cost is \$35 per person; advance reservations required by April 10. To reserve your space and for more information, contact Adele Ruxton at (760) 346-8420.



## FIREWORKS ALERT

The Eldorado Country Club will hold a private fireworks display on March 24, 2012 at approximately 8 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

# World Affairs Council Dinner to Focus on Iran

There is perhaps no one more qualified to speak about the challenges of Iran than Stanford University's Director of Iranian Studies Dr. Abbas Milani. Also Co-Director of the Iran Democracy Project at the Hoover Institution, Dr. Milani will be the featured speaker at the next World Affairs Council of the Desert dinner program to be held on Sunday, March 25 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa.

Originally from Iran, Dr. Milani continued his studies in the West, receiving his BA in political science and economics from the University of California at Berkeley and his PhD in political science from the University of Hawaii in 1974. He returned to Iran to serve as an assistant professor of political science at the National University in Tehran from 1975 to 1977. In 1977, he was imprisoned by the shah's regime for suspected ties with dissidents. After his release, he continued teaching at Tehran University before immigrating to the United States in 1986.

Dr. Milani is the author of several books, including *Eminent Persians: Men and Women Who Made Modern Iran*, and *The Riddle of the Iranian Revolution*. He is a member of the American Association of Political Science, member of the board of directors for ISG (Iranian Studies Group at MIT), and the Association of Iranian Studies.



The World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker series is open to the public and begins 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.com](http://www.worldaffairsdesert.com). You may also e-mail [worldaffairs3@msn.com](mailto:worldaffairs3@msn.com) or call (760) 322-7711.

## INDIAN WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012**

**Car Entry Fee \$30.00**  
**Vendor Fee \$100.00**

Space limited...Sign-up now for premium location.

**GOODY BAGS FOR THE FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS!**

Indian Wells Village, 74-900 Highway 111, Indian Wells CA (NW Corner Cook Street/Hwy. 111)

CHECK IN: 8:00 AM  
SHOW STARTS: 10:00 AM  
AWARDS: 2:30 PM

"MAYOR'S TROPHY"  
"PEOPLES CHOICE TROPHY"

ROCK 'N ROLL TO THE OLDIES...  
WITH CRAIG MICHAELS SPINN'N IT!

FOOD, BOUTIQUE SHOPPIN', BALLOONS,  
RAFFLE, T-SHIRTS AND  
AUTO STUFF FOR SALE!

**IT'S FREE...BRING THE FAMILY!**  
RAIN OR SHINE, NO PETS, NO REFUNDS, JUST HERE FOR THE RIDE!!!

## Affair of the Art

Make plans now to attend The 10th Annual Indian Wells Arts Festival – April 6-8, 2012 – which transforms the spacious plaza of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden into a picturesque artisan village.

This leading fine arts festival features more than 200 professional artists displaying their singular creations in a variety of media including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, sculpture, jewelry, and more.



You'll also get a chance to witness mastery in action during onsite demonstrations that include glass blowing, sand and stone sculpture, and mural painting.

Stop by the Gourmet Market Place and ArtMarket for culinary and artistic supplies and enjoy wine tasting, live music, and refreshments. Interactive artsy fun for kids includes sidewalk chalk drawing, and other arts and crafts projects.

Admission is only \$12 for adults; free for children 12 and under. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (gates close at 4:30 p.m.). Free parking; valet parking available.

For more information, visit [www.indianwellsartsfestival.com](http://www.indianwellsartsfestival.com).

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and Building Official



## 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.

(Please note that the Mayor will not be holding City Hall office hours on March 20)

Stay tuned for information on upcoming resident events at the IW Club. Also, be sure to visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://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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## Fashion Show Fundraiser March 10

The Palm Desert-Indian Wells Women's Club will fete Nancy Harris, president of the Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, at its Saturday, March 10 Fashion Show Fundraiser, *Stepping Out on El Paseo*.



Held at Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa in Rancho Mirage from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., this luncheon will feature acclaimed designer Michael Costello, boutique shopping with vendors, silent auction, raffle, and prizes. Proceeds benefit the Club's nursing scholarship funds.

Cost is \$65 per person. There will be a cash bar and complimentary valet parking. Advance tickets required. Contact Event Chair Phyllis Wilcomb at (760) 771-2696.

For more information, visit [www.pd-iwwc.org](http://www.pd-iwwc.org).

## Joshua Tree Excursion Planned

Are you game for a day of outdoor adventure in one of the most picturesque natural settings in the world? If so, the City of Indian Wells Community Activities Committee has organized a special tour for Indian Wells residents to see Joshua Tree National Park.



The full-day excursion is planned for Wednesday, March 28. Cost of \$99 per person includes round-trip transportation, tour guides, Park entry fees, snacks, and water. Space is limited (two per household) and a valid IW Property Owner ID card is required. Residents must come to City Hall in person for registration and payment.

For more information, visit the IW Resident Information section on [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org).