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**SANJAY
GUPTA**

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 29

A highly acclaimed CNN correspondent and anchor of his weekend medical affairs program, Dr. Sanjay Gupta offers expert insights into the most pressing medical and scientific topics making news worldwide.



**TINA
BROWN**

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 9

Founder and Editor in Chief of The Newsweek Daily Beast Company, Tina Brown is the highest-profile, most talked-about magazine editor in the world. Her career has been spectacular, and she is now a news-making force in her own right.



**JEB
BUSH**

THURSDAY,
MARCH 7

A successful governor, business, economic, education and health care reformer, Jeb Bush elevates the conversation on how to address the key challenges and issues facing America today.



**STANLEY
McCHRISTAL**

THURSDAY,
MARCH 28

A four-star general, Stanley McChrystal is the former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan and the former leader of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which oversees the military's most sensitive forces.

This world-class speaker series held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa is the desert's event of the year. Don't miss it. Call 760.610.2852 for tickets. www.deserttownhall.org

Watch Your Garden and Friendships Grow

Are you an avid or amateur gardener interested in participating in a collective gardening experience? The City is currently taking applications for Indian Wells Community Garden plots. Simply visit the IW Resident section at www.cityofindianwells.org, and click on Resident Benefits, Community Garden where you can download Community Garden guidelines and an application form.

Please return your completed application form to City Hall where you will be placed on a waiting list. Garden plots are assigned throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis as residents relinquish their plots. The Indian Wells Community Garden boasts 36 raised plots for planting flowers, herbs and vegetables.

For more information, please call Micaela Wilkey at City Hall, (760) 346-2489.



Time to Renew Your Property Owner ID Card

Continue to enjoy the many benefits the City of Indian Wells offers residents by obtaining or renewing your free annual Indian Wells Property Owner Identification Card.

For each residential dwelling in Indian Wells, a Property Owner ID card may be issued to the property owner, his/her spouse or domestic partner, and each dependent child (under the age of twenty-one years and unmarried) of the property owner and/or the spouse of the property owner.

Indian Wells property owners who have a photo on file at City Hall may request a renewal online at www.cityofindianwells.org (Click on IW Resident Information icon, Property Owner ID Card, Online Renewal Form.)

New Indian Wells property owners and first-time cardholders must apply for the Property Owner ID card in person at City Hall, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please bring valid proof of property ownership such as a recorded grant deed or escrow closing statement. Current cardholders who wish to take a new photo for the 2013 card must also process their renewals in person at City Hall.

Valid Property Owner ID cards are required to gain entry to most resident events and to take advantage of resident discounts at the IW Club, Indian Wells Golf Resort, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, and four Indian Wells hotels.

For more information regarding Property Owner ID cards, please contact the City of Indian Wells Finance Department at (760) 776-0235.



Raymond Moore Takes on CEO Role at Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Congratulations are in order for Raymond Moore who has signed on as the Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden and BNP Paribas Open.



Moore has been involved with the renowned tennis tournament for 25 years as a former owner and managing partner. He will continue to be directly involved overseeing the operations of the BNP Paribas Open and Indian Wells Tennis Garden while reporting to Larry Ellison, the owner of both assets through Tennis Ventures LLC.

“I’m excited about continuing my role in serving the BNP Paribas Open and its staff, sponsors, players, affiliates and fans,” Moore says. “The tournament built an exceptional foundation over more than three and a half decades, but has also experienced explosive growth since Larry Ellison took over the event and facility a few years ago. I look forward to working directly with Tournament Director Steve Simon, and the opportunity and challenge of taking this event to new heights as we strive to continue being one of the premier sporting events in the world.”

Simon continues to serve as the Indian Wells Tennis Garden’s Chief Operating Officer.



Election Day Polling Location

Indian Wells voters who do not vote by mail: the only in-person polling location for the November 6 General Election is Indian Wells City Hall. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Counterterrorism Expert to Speak at November World Affairs Council Dinner

Next up for the World Affairs Council of the Desert Speaker Series: Errol G. Southers who will share his vast knowledge with the audience on November 18 in a presentation entitled “Counter-Terrorism 101: Above CNN but Below Classified.”

Southers currently serves as the Associate Director for educational programs at the National Homeland Security Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) at the University of Southern California, and an Adjunct Professor of Terrorism and Public Policy. He is also the former deputy director of the California Office of Homeland Security, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger, and responsible for the oversight of counterterrorism policy and national pilot programs. Southers is a consultant to numerous international firms and widely recognized as an expert on matters of counterterrorism and infrastructure protection.

World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker programs are 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 \$65 for members and guests, \$80 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.

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Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss!

Thursday, November 8: Indian Wells 45th Birthday Resident Patio Party

Join us as we celebrate the city's 45th birthday at a festive resident patio party to be held on Thursday, November 8 from 5-7 p.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort's IW Club.



This fun-filled evening will include a no-host bar, generous hors d'oeuvres, a birthday cake and dancing. Advance reservations with a valid IW Property Owner ID card are required and limited to two residents per household.

Please reserve online at www.cityofindianwells.org (click on IW Resident Information section, then click on event under "Upcoming Events" section) or call City Hall, (760) 346-2489.



Monday, November 12: City of Indian Wells Veterans Day Ceremony

Pay tribute to the courageous men and women who have served our country at the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony set for Monday, November 12 at 10 a.m. under the tent adjacent to City Hall. The one-hour ceremony will feature keynote speaker Colonel Stewart Navarre, USMC (Ret.). A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Colonel Navarre served in the United States Marine Corps in various leadership positions for more than 30 years.

This year's remembrance will also include the unveiling of new names inscribed on the granite walls within the Eisenhower Walk of Honor.

The public is welcome to attend, light refreshments will be served, and no RSVP is needed.

Sunday, December 2: Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Annual Meeting

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation will take place on Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m. at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. The program will include "Indian Wells – 45 Years." All members and friends of historic preservation are invited to attend. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Adele Ruxton, (760) 346-8420.





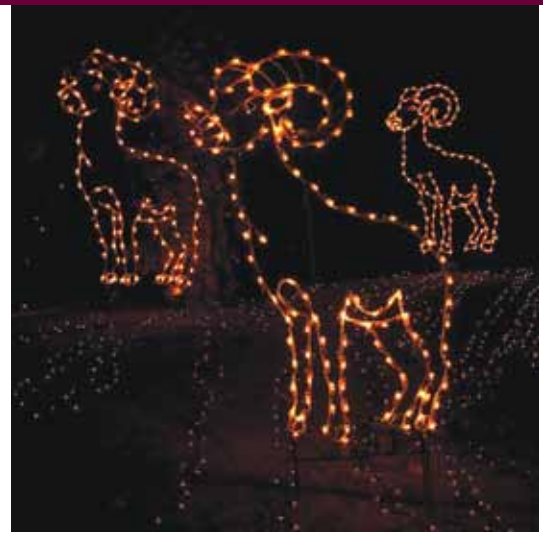
Tuesday, December 4: *Residents' Night at WildLights*

Once again, Indian Wells residents are invited to experience the breathtaking wonders of WildLights at a free, exclusive resident event to be held on Tuesday, December 4 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at The Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Garden.

Festivities include a delicious dinner buffet, live music, and tram tours for viewing the park's resplendent holiday lights and animated displays.

Reservations will be accepted starting on November 1 and are limited to two residents per household. To reserve your space online, please visit www.cityofindianwells.org, click on IW Resident Information, and view the event under the Announcements or Upcoming Events section to RSVP. Please note that you must provide the APN# from your valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card to register online.

You may also reserve your space by calling (760) 346-2489 or in person at City Hall Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Please bring your valid IW Property Owner ID card with you.)



Exclusive Resident Benefit!

As an Indian Wells resident, you are entitled to two free admissions to any other evening of WildLights 2012. Simply stop by City Hall after November 1 during regular business hours to pick up your complimentary passes. For WildLights dates and times, see the calendar of events under the Visit & Explore section at www.livingdesert.org.



Saturday, December 8 Indian Wells Police Department Document Shredding Event

The Indian Wells Police Department is sponsoring a free shredding event on Saturday, December 8 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Indian Wells City Hall. Residents are encouraged to bring all old documents containing sensitive information. No need to remove paperclips, brads, staples or pre-sort; however, shredding is for papers only (no cardboard, plastic bags, magazines, newspapers, tapes, CDs, DVDs or hard drives).

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) will also give 30-minute presentations at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. focused on the current trends in preventing identity theft. No RSVP necessary.

Tuesday, December 11: *Holiday Patio Party*

All city residents are invited to usher in the yuletide season at a holiday patio party to be held on Tuesday, December 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the IW Club. Evening highlights include a no-host bar, delectable desserts, a cookie decorating table, and other merrymaking activities.

Reservations will be accepted starting on November 13 and are limited to two residents per household with a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card. To reserve your space, visit the IW Resident Information section at www.cityofindianwells.org and click on the event or call (760) 346-2489.



The Perfect Recipe for a No-Fuss Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season bringing with it all the busyness and festivities that surround this time of year. But for many of us, preparing and cooking the traditional Thanksgiving dinner can be an overwhelming task that leaves us little free time to enjoy our family and friends.

This year, let IW Club Executive Chef Chris Olson and his talented culinary team whip up your Thanksgiving feast so that you can relax and relish a hassle-free holiday.

Dine in style on November 22 amid the spectacular setting of the IW Club Restaurant, which is offering an extensive holiday menu featuring a la carte and prix fixe options.

Or if you prefer to host guests at home, be sure to take advantage of the IW Club's Thanksgiving To-Go dinner service. Please note that orders must be in no later than Tuesday, November 13 with pick-up available on Thursday, November 22 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

For information on reservations, prices, menus and to-go order details, visit www.iwclub.com or call the IW Club at (760) 834-3800.



Desert Tasty Tours Presents Special Promotion for Residents

Calling all "foodies" in Indian Wells: If you have not yet had the opportunity to experience El Paseo's popular walking food tour, now is the time! Desert Tasty Tours is offering Indian Wells residents a \$5 discount off the regular tour price of \$48 for weekday tours (Wednesdays-Fridays).



Desert Tasty Tours is a three-hour, guided culinary and cultural stroll that combines enticing food tastings with historical, architectural, and unique insights from a local guide.

Tours, which are on sale now, take place Wednesdays through Saturdays through April. Each tour begins at 11:30 a.m., accommodates up to 16 people, and includes tastings at six different restaurants/specialty shops. The walking food tour covers approximately 1.5 miles and is most appropriate for ages 13 and up. Gift certificates and private group tours are also available.

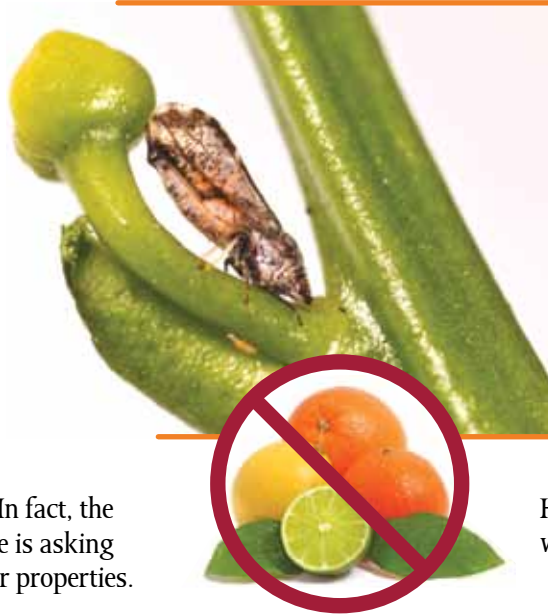
To book a tour and access your exclusive Indian Wells resident discount, purchase tickets online at www.deserttastytours.com and enter the promo code IWRES. Please note that this special promotion is limited to two residents per household. Please be prepared to show a valid IW Property Owner ID card upon tour arrival.



Harmful Insect Causes Suspension of Citrus Rescue Program for 2013

The Asian Citrus Psyllid has made its way to the Coachella Valley. This deadly citrus pest has the potential to destroy our local commercial citrus industry, as well as devastate backyard ornamental trees. The disease that this insect carries has already wiped out large portions of the citrus industry in Florida, Texas and Mexico.

Although there has been a quarantine in effect in our region for the past two years, Citrus Psyllids were recently discovered in Desert Hot Springs so local quarantine efforts have ramped up. In fact, the State Department of Food and Agriculture is asking homeowners not to move citrus off of their properties.



With the stakes so high, Hidden Harvest has made the decision to suspend its Citrus Rescue program for the 2013 season and will continue to closely monitor the situation. Agriculture authorities, with the cooperation of homeowners and growers, are taking vigilant measures to eradicate this threat to Coachella Valley citrus trees.

For more information, call Hidden Harvest at (760) 398-8183, www.hiddenharvest.org.

Flu Shot Clinics

Protect yourself from seasonal influenza! Flu shots are readily available for individuals age 9 and older at Eisenhower Urgent Care Centers in Rancho Mirage and La Quinta.

The Rancho Mirage facility is located at Eisenhower Health Center at Monterey and Country Club, 72780 Country Club Drive, Building B, Suite #203. Flu vaccine hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents may also receive flu shots at the Eisenhower George and Julia Argyros Center located at 45280 Seeley Drive in La Quinta. Flu vaccine hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The flu vaccination price is \$29 and can be billed through Medicare. For more information, call Eisenhower Urgent Care at (760) 834-3593.

Those with children under the age of nine are encouraged to call (760) 773-1460 to find a family medicine physician who can treat everyone in your family.



Fireworks Alert

Toscana Country Club will hold a private fireworks display on Saturday, November 10 at approximately 8:30 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.



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Make it a Thanksgiving to Remember at Indian Wells' Luxurious Hotels

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

Savor a traditional Thanksgiving buffet with a California twist at Lantana, located at Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. Enjoy the restaurant's panoramic views and festive holiday décor while dining on seasonal culinary creations courtesy of the Hyatt's talented team of chefs.

The Hyatt's bountiful holiday buffet will be available from 2-8 p.m. on November 22. Price per person is \$45 for adults, \$22 for children 6-12, and complimentary for children 5 and under (not including tax and gratuity). Credit cards are required for all reservations; a 24-hour cancellation policy is in effect.

For reservations, please call (760) 647-4080.

Miramonte Resort & Spa

Treat your palate to an unforgettable Thanksgiving dining experience at the Miramonte Resort and Spa's acclaimed Grove Artisan Kitchen, known for its enticing "farm-to-table" fare and relaxing, sophisticated ambiance.

The special four-course menu features a starter, salad, a choice of four main dishes, and the Autumn Desert Trio, a sweet seasonal favorite.

Cost is \$49 per person, plus tax and gratuity; \$29 for children 12 and under. Advance reservations are required with a credit card; 24-hour cancellation policy. Call the resort at (760) 341-2200.

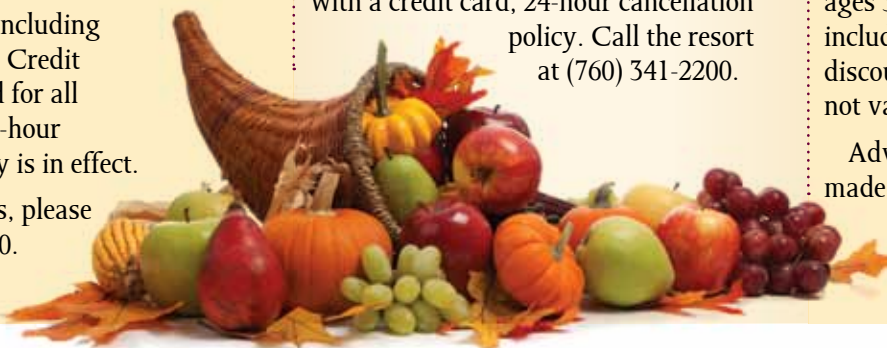
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

Whether you choose to dine in Cava's spacious contemporary dining room or on its orchid-bedecked terrace, this popular eatery at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa offers a delightful, celebratory setting any time of year.

This Thanksgiving from 12:30-8 p.m. Cava will present a multi-course buffet with a variety of delectable appetizers, entrées and side dishes designed to please a variety of tastes and appetites.

Cost is \$49 for adults, \$22 for children ages 3-12. Tax and gratuity are not included in the menu price, and any discounts, packages or promotions are not valid for Thanksgiving dining.

Advanced reservations can be made by calling (760) 836-1286.



Please note that the Indian Wells resident discount does not apply for these holiday dinners.



The Highway 111 Project



By Roderick Wood, Interim City Manager

A number of questions have been raised in the community regarding the Highway 111 project and I hope to address most of those questions in this overview. The Highway 111 project is a long-term, 50- to 75-year plan for the ultimate improvements envisioned on Highway 111 to meet the local and regional traffic safety and the congestion management plan. These long-term improvements include the widening of Highway 111 to six lanes: three in each direction, as well as left turn and right turn lanes with signals. The project has 12 phases involving Highway 111 and specific cross streets in Indian Wells. Most of the proposed improvements are designed to maintain highway safety and keep accidents and injuries to a minimum while some are aimed at relieving traffic congestion. The City of Indian Wells recently completed Phases 1 & 2. Our hope is that residents enjoy an easier commute on Highway 111 and are pleased with the new center medians that enhance the beauty, quality and image of Indian Wells.

The City sought funds from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), which oversees the distribution of many regional, state and federal funds to help pay for these improvements. The City received an Agreement from CVAG in which CVAG funding amounts to 75 percent of the Highway 111 project costs. (Note: The ultimate six-lane plan defined in the CVAG Agreement is projected in 2009 dollars to cost \$39.7 million.) This Agreement contains provisions to assure that once CVAG starts funding the early phases of the project, future project phases must also be completed or the City will be required to reimburse or return funding to CVAG. In other words, the City would have to repay all of the CVAG funding used up to the date the project is not in compliance with the Agreement if the City chooses not to proceed with subsequent Highway 111 project phases. Whether one agrees or disagrees

with the terms of the CVAG Agreement, it is an executed, binding contract, with which the City can be forced to comply.

The CVAG Agreement stipulates that when average daily traffic counts reach 60,000 trips per day, the City must proceed with Phase 4 of the project, which is the widening of Highway 111 to six lanes. The City's traffic engineers have estimated that if the past twenty years of traffic growth continued into the future, it would take approximately 35 to 40 years before the ultimate six lane improvements are needed. Due to the fact that the majority of the land utilizing Highway 111 for primary travel has been developed and it is projected to be some time before the desert begins to build high rise buildings, current traffic growth is highly unlikely to continue at this rate in the future. Moreover, a decrease in the current traffic growth rate would extend by many years the 35- to 40-year projection for 60,000 trips per day. One can argue that a six lane expansion may never be needed as transportation changes occur over the next 40 to 60 years. With rapid vehicle technology advancement and implementation, customized public transit systems, alternative transportation modes, and the escalation of costs related to vehicle ownership and operation, the existing four lanes on Highway 111 may be more than sufficient to safely accommodate future traffic beyond the foreseeable future.

The City is currently obligated to proceed with Phase 3 of the Highway 111 improvement project, which is essentially the Cook Street/Highway 111 intersection. However, implementation of Phase 3 has been cancelled for the upcoming high season. City staff will be meeting with Indian Wells merchants and homeowners to develop alternatives that significantly reduce impacts on businesses and residential areas. Any Highway 111 Phase 3 construction will occur only in the off season through summer.

Indian Wells Golf Resort: Annual Revenues and Debt

By Roderick Wood, Interim City Manager

Indian Wells citizens and candidates have raised a number of questions regarding the Indian Wells Golf Resort's annual revenues and debt. I will refer you to my September 2012 newsletter article, *Indian Wells Golf Resort: The Operational Perspective*, also posted on the City of Indian Wells website at www.cityofindianwells.org (IW Resident Information, Announcements).

To summarize the two key points: First, the bonded indebtedness is not placed in the Indian Wells Golf Resort's budget because as a matter of law it must be posted in the Successor Agency fund. The revenues the City receives from Riverside County to pay the bond payments every year are also posted in the Successor Agency fund. Some have argued that the debt payments should be deducted from the Operations budget, which would show a huge loss. However, this would then ignore the revenues that the City receives to make these payments. The City operates the Golf Resort budget as close as possible within governmental rules like a private business, and like a private business you show all expenses and revenues. Thus, the net costs of the debt to the operation is zero by offsetting revenues from County property taxes.

Second, the revenue projections for the Indian Wells Golf Resort are developed by working with the Golf Resort's current operations management company, Troon Golf Inc., and Indian Wells' four hotels to assess the quantity of

planned events and activities, and the hotels' estimates for occupancy. Based on the above, we can predict the number of golf rounds, as well as restaurant sales at the IW Club. This year, we had an unusually hot and humid summer, which reduced our normal summer play. However, in working with the hotels, we are projecting an increase in sales for a better-than-normal upcoming season, which should more than offset the summer decline.

The City has historically used redevelopment and general funds to offset some of capital and equipment expenses at the Indian Wells Golf Resort - this is no longer true. All the capital and equipment expenses are now identified in the Indian Wells Golf Resort operating and capital budget. The projected profit is net of these expenses and net of the debt service.

Troon's actual Gross Operating Profit (GOP) for 2012 was \$531,111. Troon's estimated GOP for 2012-13 fiscal year is \$617,801, a 16.3% increase. Again, this was developed working with Troon based on the amount of play that they are projecting, and was presented during budget hearing at City Council.

For a more detailed explanation, please refer to *Indian Wells Golf Resort: The Operational Perspective* at www.cityofindianwells.org.