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# INDIAN WELLS



## *Mountain View Villas Renovation a Success* *City-helmed project demonstrates smart design and fiscal integrity*

The wait is over for residents seeking premier affordable housing in Indian Wells as the City celebrates the successful completion of the Mountain View Villas \$1.6 million rehabilitation project. Construction of the 128-unit community was originally completed in 2005. However, the City embarked on the rehabilitation project after structural issues and soil settlement were identified in 25 apartments within 10 buildings of the 35-building residential complex.

To rectify the structural damage, the City's Public Works Department set about finding cost-efficient solutions that would provide the highest quality building and renovations. After conducting extensive testing and analysis, the Public Works Department concluded that the City could forego full demolition and reconstruction in favor of rehabilitation.

Contractors commenced work on the project in February of 2011. Improvements included replacing foundations and slabs, and installing robust structural sheathing within interior walls.

The end result of the Mountain View Villas rehabilitation project is one in which Indian Wells residents can be proud. It includes a savings of roughly \$5 million to the City's Affordable Housing Fund. In addition, the City will generate approximately a quarter of a million dollars annually in rental revenue. Moreover, the City's concurrent reconfiguration of the Villas' landscaping using more conservation-oriented features is expected to generate significant additional water and cost reductions. The City continues to maintain its compliance with federal- and state-mandated affordable housing regulations. And it embodies the dedication of City officials and staff who are striving to create and sustain a multifaceted, thriving community.

If you or anyone you know is interested in renting a unit at the new and improved Mountain View Villas, please contact leasing management company National CORE at (760) 772-4688.





## Highway 111 Improvements Combine Savings and Sustainability

Highway 111 is now back to the full speed limit and except for a bit of ‘window dressing’ – traffic signal and final median landscaping adjustments. The City of Indian Wells is very pleased to announce that it has completed the Highway 111 Phase 2 enhancement project that began this past July.

The improved portion of Highway 111 that extends from Cook Street east to the La Quinta border now features sound deadening rubberized asphalt. Crews also installed landscaped medians, added a new left turn lane at the Cook/Highway 111 signal, adjusted curb/gutter conditions, and adjusted crown grades. The road enhancement project was undertaken to provide traffic calming measures, alleviate road noise, and prepare Highway 111 for future widening. Highway 111 is scheduled for Phase 3 widening west of Cook Street in the summer of 2013.

As water conservation remains a priority at City Hall, crews also installed a new reclaimed water irrigation line and state-of-the-art drip system to transport reclaimed water from the golf course to the drought-tolerant plantings in the medians. The City expects to save a minimum of \$40,000 annually in water expenses with this facility. In addition, Highway 111 now incorporates the latest in LED illumination, with all new features providing an overall beautification effect for residents, commuters and tourists traveling through Indian Wells.

The \$5 million project, which was completed on time and on budget, was jointly funded by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) at \$2.7 million and the City of Indian Wells at \$2.3 million. The City median installation, working in cooperation with CVAG, saved approximately \$2.1 million over the alternative required road work without landscaped median installation and associated CVAG cost sharing.

City officials and staff have already received very favorable feedback on the Highway 111 improvements and would like to thank everyone for their patience during construction.

## Join Us for Nov. 15 Resident Social

Don't miss the season's first Resident Social to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at **Vicky's of Santa Fe**, a premier dining establishment and jazz venue located at 45-100 Club Drive in Indian Wells. Meet up with Indian Wells friends and neighbors to enjoy lively conversation, a no-host bar with \$5 well drinks, and a hearty appetizer buffet featuring more than 10 delectable selections.



There's still time to register; cost is \$20 per person (advance reservations a must). Visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org), click on IW Resident link to make your reservation online or call (760) 346-2489. Please note a valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID card is required for all reservations.

## Thanksgiving at The IW Club: Dine In or To Go

Not in the mood for all the planning, preparations and cooking that accompany Thanksgiving dinner? This year, let the IW Club ease you into the holiday spirit with a tasty Thanksgiving “to go” feast or, if you prefer, enjoy an outstanding multicourse dinner Thanksgiving evening amid the delightful ambiance of the IW Club dining room. Either way, IW Club Executive Chef Chris Olson and his talented culinary team can ensure that this Thanksgiving is your most relaxing ever! Please note that “to-go” orders must be in by November 15.

For more information, visit [www.iwclub.com](http://www.iwclub.com) (click on menus). To order your Thanksgiving take-out feast, call (760) 834-3830.





## Reserve Your Space Early for Ultra Popular Resident Event!

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens' yuletide classic is back for another season and so is your exclusive invitation to

**WildLights** experience the holiday wonders of WildLights!

The City of Indian Wells will once again host a Residents' Night at WildLights for Indian Wells residents only from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Festivities include tram tours of the park-turned-winter wonderland, a holiday dinner buffet, and live music. And in case you're wondering, Santa will be there too!

Admission is FREE. 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](http://www.cityofindianwells.org), click on IW Resident

Information and then view the Event under the Announcements or Events sections 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 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Please bring your valid IW Property Owner ID card with you.)

P.S. There are so many terrific WildLights attractions, you may want to return another evening, so here's an extra perk: As an Indian Wells resident, you are entitled to two free admissions to any other evening of WildLights 2011. Simply stop by City Hall after November 1 during regular business hours to pick up your complimentary passes.

The Living Desert's WildLights Holiday Festival is held on select evenings from November 23 to December 31, 2011. For specific dates and details, go to [www.livingdesert.org/events\\_details](http://www.livingdesert.org/events_details).

## Hone Your Planting Skills at Nov. 15 Workshop

Whether you're an avid gardener or an amateur eager to test your green thumb, don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the art and skill of planting! City Landscape Specialist Ryan Bowen and his team are set to host a Fall Planting workshop on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 9 a.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers for all residents.

The free 45-minute workshop will cover such topics as proper plant disposal and soil conditioning, weed prevention, optimal irrigation techniques, best plants and vegetables to grow during the fall/winter season, and more. Community Garden plot owners are invited to join in at 9:45 a.m. for a follow-up education session specific for raised bed gardening.

No RSVP necessary; just show up and be prepared to learn and then apply your newfound expertise at home!



## Check Out Great New Building Dept. Features on Website

In another bid to enhance communication between City Hall and residents, the City's Building Department has added a whole dimension to its section of the City of Indian Wells website.

Now, any developer, contractor or resident has 24/7 access to the status of their plan check. New standards for solar panels, walls, geotechnical guidelines and other important requirements are also posted for convenient download and review. To elevate customer service, Building Department inspections can now be scheduled on a dedicated Inspection Hotline at (760) 834-7790.

To access these convenient new features, simply log on to [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org), click on City Hall/Departments, click on Departments, and then click on Building Department.





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Toscana Country Club will be holding a private fireworks display on November 12, 2011 at approximately 9 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

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.



## Honor Our Veterans at November 11 Tribute

Please join the City of Indian Wells on 11-11-11 to give a special thanks to all heroes – near and far - who have served our nation in defense of freedom and liberty.

The City will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011 at the Eisenhower Walk of Honor outside City Hall. Participants include Chris Hushaw, lead pastor of Cornerstone Covenant Church in Palm Desert; the Caygill Quartet; and keynote speaker Jack McEncroe, a former Marine fighter pilot who served during the Vietnam War and flew 352 combat missions.

This patriotic commemoration will also include the unveiling of new names inscribed on the granite walls within the Walk of Honor.

No RSVP is needed, and light refreshments will be served.

