



# INDIAN WELLS

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## DESERT TOWN HALL INDIAN WELLS Features Superb Program For 2009

The 17th season of Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells promises four phenomenal evenings with an all-star line-up of speakers that includes two Nobel Prize winners.



The 2009 Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells season launches on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 with PBS journalist **Charlie Rose** (note: date change from January 29). The Emmy Award-winning host of his namesake PBS program has been praised as “one of America’s premier interviewers.” During the February 3 “An Evening with Charlie Rose,” he will present clips from some of his most intriguing interviews and discuss the people and issues he has had on his show.

Next up on Monday, February 16 is **Peggy Noonan** for a conversation centered on “New President, New Directions.” Noonan is a columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and best-selling author of seven books on American politics, history and culture. She has written many essays for major publications including *Forbes*, *Time* and *Newsweek*, and has been nominated for several Emmy Awards for the writing of a post-9/11 television special and for her work on the television drama, *The West Wing*. Before entering the Reagan White House, Noonan was a CBS News producer who wrote and produced Dan Rather’s daily radio commentary.

On Wednesday, March 4, Nobel Peace Prize recipient and world renowned human rights activist **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** will take the Desert Town Hall stage to share his views on “Africa’s Rebirth.” Beginning with his opposition to apartheid in South Africa, Tutu has worked tirelessly to spread peace, justice and democracy, and to end racial divisions throughout the world.

On Friday, April 3, **Paul Krugman** will give his expert views on the “Troubling Times for the Economy.” A professor of economics at Princeton University, Krugman won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences this year for his groundbreaking work on international trade and economic geography. Professor Krugman is one of the founders of the “new trade theory,” a major rethinking of international trade theory, for which he also received the John Bates Clark medal in 1991 from the American Economic Association.



All Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells programs are held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa; lectures begin promptly at 6 p.m. For ticket sales and information, call (760) 416-3400 or visit [www.deserttownhall.org](http://www.deserttownhall.org).

# And the High Season Socializing Begins!

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, the City of Indian Wells presents the first of four Season Socials exclusively for Indian Wells residents at the beautiful IW Club at Indian Wells Golf Resort. Enjoy a no-host bar, generous appetizers, and an opportunity to meet and greet other residents in our one-of-a-kind community.

Please be sure to RSVP and purchase your tickets in advance at City Hall during normal business hours. Limited to 2 tickets per household.

## For Your Datebook – IW Club Resident Season Socials

Wednesday, February 18:

IW Season Social #2: \$15 per person

(RSVPs accepted at City Hall beginning on January 19)

Wednesday, March 25:

IW Season Social #3 – Wine Tasting: \$25 per person

(RSVPs accepted at City Hall beginning on February 23)

Wednesday, April 22:

IW Season Social #4: \$15 per person

(RSVPs accepted at City Hall beginning on March 23)



## Support the Arts with Your Attendance at City-Sponsored Performances

Courtesy of its Cultural and Promotional Grants Program, the City of Indian Wells is sponsoring a live theatre series at the Rancho Mirage Public Library performed by the California Desert Regional Theatre troupe.

January 23-24, the library presents *A Handful of Nickels*, a compilation of the funniest and best-loved comedy skits from 19th century burlesque and vaudeville. These hilarious skits spawned the Broadway hit, *Sugar Babies*.

The series continues February 20-21 with *Lone Star*. American playwright James McLure wrote this 1978 'tragi-comedy' that gives the audience a glimpse of the vociferous but stunted lives of three backwater Texas men as they ponder the meaning of life.

March 20-21 brings *Six in Ten* to the stage. This production features a sampling of comic plays; many of which derived from the famous Ten-Minute Play Festival held annually at the Actors' Theatre of Louisville.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Rancho Mirage Public Library at (760) 341-7323 or log on to [www.ranchoiragelibrary.org](http://www.ranchoiragelibrary.org) (Events).







## *Excursion Planned to Celebrate Triangular Adoption Program Tenth Anniversary*

Indian Wells residents are invited to celebrate the city's 10th anniversary of its Triangular Adoption program with the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard and Gerald R. Ford Elementary School by spending Saturday, February 28, 2009 aboard the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard at its home port in San Diego.

The excursion cost is \$45 per person and includes luxury bus transportation to/from Indian Wells and San Diego; coffee and snacks prior to departure; a ceremony, guided tours and lunch aboard the ship; and all gratuities. Souvenirs will be available for purchase.

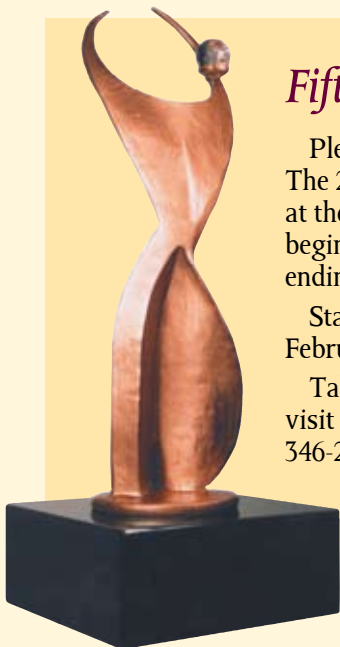
Day of event check-in is 6:15 a.m. at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden (Warner Trail parking lot). The bus departs

the Tennis Garden at 7 a.m. and will return to Indian Wells by approximately 5 p.m.

This exclusive opportunity is open to Indian Wells residents only; two reservations per household. Limited space available; paid reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available on the city website at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) or for pick-up at the reception desk in City Hall.

For more information, please contact Walter McIntyre at [wmcintyre@dc.rr.com](mailto:wmcintyre@dc.rr.com), (760) 341-3455.

Casual dress in long pants and rubber soled shoes is recommended. Please note that this trip is not suitable for persons with physical limitations.



## *Fifth Annual ATHENA Awards Luncheon Set for March 16*

Please join us this spring to celebrate five years of the ATHENA spirit in Indian Wells. The 2009 City of Indian Wells ATHENA Awards luncheon will be held on Monday, March 16 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. This elegant luncheon and ATHENA tribute begins with a no-host cocktail reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 12 p.m. luncheon ceremony ending at 1:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the two outstanding ATHENA Award honorees in the February issue of this newsletter.

Tables of ten for this stellar event cost \$400; individual tickets are \$40. For more information, visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org). For reservations, please call Indian Wells City Hall at (760) 346-2489.



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM *Players and Spectators Enjoy a Picture-*

The camaraderie was evident among Stephen Ames, Phil Mickelson, K.J. Choi and Rocco Mediate in this year's exciting LG SKINS GAME. For the first time since 2002, all four players picked up "Skins" during the event with Choi winning the tournament

after scoring an 11-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole.

More than 3,000 golf fans visited the Indian Wells Golf Resort November 28–30 to walk in the footsteps of celebrities and pros, and experience the lavish amenities of the new IW Club!





# THE 2008 LG SKINS GAME

## Perfect Thanksgiving Weekend





# City's Financial Picture Bright Despite Challenging Economy

"The fiscal year 2007/08 books are closed and what a fabulous year we had," says City Manager Greg Johnson. "The city's General Fund achieved an operating surplus topping \$6.0 million and the city is maintaining its annual funding target to attain its \$125.0 million savings goal in 2023." Johnson goes on to say that a major accomplishment was the completion of the IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. "Only two years ago the Golf Resort was a rough construction site," adds Johnson. "Today we have the number three and number seven ranked golf courses in the nation and *Golf Inc.* has named the IW Club 'Clubhouse of the Year.'"

The city's fiscal health stems from consistent, resolute fiscal practices and prudent contract management. The Finance Committee's stewardship and City Council's leadership have enabled the City of Indian Wells to provide the highest level of community services found across the nation, while maintaining costs.

## City-wide Revenues

City-wide revenues remained consistent with last year's performance with few notable exceptions. The city received \$47.9 million in one-time Capital Contributions and Grants primarily for the acquisition of Highway 111 from the State of California. This one-time Capital Contribution of \$47.9 million increased total revenues to \$95.7 million compared to \$47.5 million last year.

Throughout most of the year program revenues provided moderate growth over the prior fiscal year. However, during the last quarter of FY 2007/08, the city experienced a decrease in growth from permit fees and current service charges due to the economy and impact to the housing markets. Property taxes grew 6.4% over the prior fiscal year as newly constructed residential housing was placed on the property tax roll. Transient occupancy tax growth remained flat at \$5.9 million when compared to the prior fiscal year. The city's investment income decreased from \$3.8 million to \$3.5 million (excluding interfund loans), due to a reduction in city-wide investments stemming from continuing capital construction requirements rather than a decrease in investment rates.

## City-wide Expenses

Total city expenses increased \$14.6 million to \$47.1 million, an increase of 45% compared to the prior year. While this increase seems dramatic, city-wide expenses generally increased reflecting the cost of inflation and personnel costs remaining fairly consistent with last year's performance.

There were a few notable exceptions which significantly increased expenses over the prior fiscal year. The city contracted two new public safety positions for \$0.3 million. The Golf Resort resumed full operations which increased

operating costs \$4.1 million compared to last fiscal year. The city negotiated a three-year agreement for the annual LG Skins Game, which increased expenses \$2.0 million compared to the prior year. Interest expenses increased \$1.2 million reflecting full interest costs of the newly issued Series 2006 A Tax Allocation Bonds.

The most dramatic increase was the added depreciation expense as new capital projects were completed and began to depreciate. Depreciation in FY 2007/08 was \$6.9 million reflecting an increase of \$4.4 million compared to the prior fiscal year.

## Capital Development Projects

The city acquired \$99.3 million in new capital assets during the fiscal year (net of depreciation) which included the \$47.9 million capital contribution from the State relinquishment of Highway 111 mentioned above, and the final completion of the \$80 million Indian Wells Golf Resort remodel.

Initial site work costs for the city's Mountain View Villas Phase 2 Community Housing project reached \$1.1 million during FY 2007/08. The city spent \$3.7 million on street improvements along Highway 111, Cook Street and Indian Wells Lane, including median development and landscaping, Golf Resort pedestrian bridge remodeling, repaving Indian Wells Lane, and Cook Street slurry sealing.

Smaller project improvements surrounding City Hall included roofing at City Hall and the Fire Station replaced at a cost of \$0.2 million. The Fire Station received a fresh coat of paint and new doors at a cost of \$0.05 million.

## Looking Forward

To the degree that the economy negatively affects tourism, the Indian Wells economy will face many challenges in 2009. The nation's economic slowdown will certainly impact the city's financial projections throughout 2009. The city monitors revenues and expenses on a monthly basis and prepares comprehensive cash flows anticipating future revenues and service demands of the General Fund. Recommended adjustments are adopted by the City Council at the city's Mid-Year Budget Review. Through prudent fiscal management and ability to adapt to changing financial environments, the city will continue to meet the anticipated net operating surplus in the General Fund.

For questions concerning the city's annual financial report, please contact Kevin McCarthy, City of Indian Wells finance director and agency treasurer at (760) 346-2489, [kmccarthy@indianwells.com](mailto:kmccarthy@indianwells.com).







## Twenty-one City Veterans Added to Eisenhower Walk of Honor Walls

The sun shone brightly on November 11, 2008 as hundreds of Indian Wells residents attended the City of Indian Wells' annual Veterans Day Ceremony on the grounds of City Hall.

During the ceremony, keynote speakers Quarter Master 1st Class Robert A. Aceret and Boatswain Mate 1st Class William R. Hawkins shared their stories of service in Iraq and Africa, respectively. "I look up to the veterans here before me; you guys are my mentors," said Hawkins.

In addition to honoring all veterans of military service, the event also paid special tribute to the late Marine Colonel Mitchell Paige whose extraordinary act of heroism on Guadalcanal during World War II earned him the Medal of Honor. Paige's widow Marilyn spoke briefly during the ceremony encouraging the audience "to pay homage to the nation's veterans to remember those who made it possible for us to live free."

Thank you to all who participated in and attended this year's Veterans Day commemoration.



## WildLights As Spectacular As Ever!

A crescent moon shone brightly as hundreds of Indian Wells residents gathered at The Living Desert to enjoy the annual Residents' Night at WildLights festivities. Highlights of the evening included tram tours of the beautifully lit park, live jazz from the Smooth Brothers, and delicious refreshments perfect for a warmer-than-usual winter night in the desert.





This **Go Green** section is designed to highlight ways you can conserve energy, minimize costs, and help preserve the environment in the process. You will also find more information in the **Go Green** section of the city's website at [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org).

## GO GREEN:

### *Bolster Your Budget and Energy Savings with an Efficient Clothes Washer*

Here's a long-term savings tip: If you are ready to replace your clothes washer, look for an ENERGY STAR qualified model. These units use less than 50% of the energy used by standard washers, reduce air pollution, and save water. Using one can also add up to a utility bill savings of approximately \$50 per year.



Front load or top load ENERGY STAR qualified washers give you more space in the tub, and also feature high spin speeds to extract more water from clothes so that dryers work more quickly and efficiently.

Choose a washer that meets your household needs. Also, be sure to check the yellow ENERGYGUIDE label to select a model with a high Modified Energy Factor (MEF) and low Water Factor (WF). The higher the MEF and the lower the WF, the more efficient the washer.

Other energy saving tips include:

- Running full loads whenever possible.
- Washing your loads in cold water (90% of the energy consumed while washing is due to heating the water).
- Always using High Efficiency (HE) detergent.
- Activating the high spin speed option.
- Using a drying rack or hanging wet clothes outside.
- Leaving the washer door open after use to allow remaining moisture inside to evaporate.

For more information on how you can transform your laundry room into a "green-friendly" environment, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).



### *Eliminate E-Waste*

Don't let e-waste items like consumer electronic equipment become part of the trash stream. Donate still functioning equipment to someone who can use it, or call Burrtec Waste and Recycling Services to schedule your free e-waste pick up today at (760) 340-2113. [www.burrtecdesert.com](http://www.burrtecdesert.com).

### *Next HHW Disposal Event to Be Held on January 17*

The city's next monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the parking area at Indian Wells City Hall. City residents are encouraged to bring unwanted paint containers, household cleaners, batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, medicines, and personal medical "sharps"—including needles and lancets—for safe disposal. Free sharps containers will be available. Call (760) 346-2489 for more information or visit [www.burrtecdesert.com/page91.html](http://www.burrtecdesert.com/page91.html).







## Want to Improve Your Golf Game?

Have your swing evaluated with the same leading fitting technology used on Phil Mickelson and Annika Sorenstam at the Callaway Golf Performance Center at Indian Wells Golf Resort.

Golfers of all levels can benefit from a custom club fitting. You will work with a trained specialist in the indoor state-of-the-art fit bay, and learn about the best Callaway Golf equipment options that match your game and swing profile so that you can start playing to your fullest potential. For more information, visit [www.indianwellsgolfresort.com](http://www.indianwellsgolfresort.com).

- Free 10-minute fitting analysis
- Full fitting – \$50 for a Limited Time Only
- Tour Quality Fitting Experience
- Call the Indian Wells Golf Resort, (760) 346-4653 to schedule an appointment

*Interested in playing in a 9-hole weekly group at the Indian Wells Golf Resort? A new Indian Wells resident women's golf group is now in the process of forming. For details, please contact Rita Manning, [msritaman@aol.com](mailto:msritaman@aol.com), (760) 341-1915.*



## Indian Wells Citrus Collection Program Continues

Donate the unwanted fruit from your trees today and help provide a nutritious food source to valley-wide food bank clients devastated by the economic and housing crisis.

Simply deposit your extra or unwanted citrus fruit in the bins located outside the Emergency Operations Center next to City Hall. Hidden Harvest, a local nonprofit organization, will pick up the donations regularly to distribute to those in need.

The Girls Scouts have volunteered to assist our seniors and disabled individuals by picking fruit from their trees. To schedule an appointment, call City of Indian Wells Recycling Coordinator Kenn Stevens at (760) 674-1040.

A side benefit: you will also help to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of pesky rodents. This year's Citrus Collection runs until April 30; for more information, call (760) 346-2489.



## Shred for Safety and for Our Planet

The City of Indian Wells is sponsoring a free, no-limit Document Shredding Event on Saturday, January 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until truck is full) in the Indian Wells Tennis Garden parking lot, Warner Trail entrance. Documents that can be shredded include legal papers, bank statements, and medical records. All shredded materials are taken to a recycling facility. This free event is open to all Indian Wells residents with valid ID (no commercial businesses, please). For more information, call (760) 346-2489 ext. 227 or visit [GO GREEN /Scheduled Events on www.cityofindianwells.org](http://GO GREEN /Scheduled Events on www.cityofindianwells.org).





# Community Opportunities

Please note: Many of the activities listed below require reservations and payment of fees. Please call contact phone numbers for full details.

## Daily through June 15, 2009

Season hours, The Living Desert, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with last admission at 4 p.m. Admission prices – Adults: \$12.50, Seniors (62+) and Military: \$11, Children ages 3-12: \$7.50, Children under 3: free. Members enjoy free annual and early (7 a.m.) admission to the park.

## Daily through May 31, 2009

Season hours, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, (760) 200-8200: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekdays; 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. weekends.

## Now through May 2009

Season hours, Palm Springs Art Museum, (760) 325-7186. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursdays 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission prices – Members and youths 17 and under: free; Adults: \$12.50; 62 and over: \$10.50; Students and active-duty military personnel (with I.D.): \$5.00. Free public admission every Thursday from 4-8 p.m. during the downtown Villagefest.

## Through April 2009

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, (760) 321-0602. Open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; closed some holidays. Admission prices – Ages 2 and up: \$8. CDMOD offers annual, individual memberships for \$25 per person. www.cdmod.org.

## Mondays through January

Indian Wells Rotary Club Meeting, Indian Wells Country Club, (760) 406-4000: 12 p.m.

## January 1

City Hall closed for New Year's Day. City Council Meeting cancelled.

## January 1-4

WildLights Holiday Festival, The Living Desert, (760) 346-5694: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.



## January 6-19

20th Annual Palm Springs International Film Festival. For details, visit [www.psfilmfest.org](http://www.psfilmfest.org).

## January 6

Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 4 p.m.

## January 7

Architecture and Landscape Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 10 a.m.

## January 8

Breakfast & Birthstones, IW Club. Libertine jewelry owner Matilde Parente presents part 3 of this gemology series for IW residents and guests. \$20 per person includes valet parking and breakfast. Space is limited; advance reservations suggested, (760) 346-4653.



Community Activities Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 345-2489: 3 p.m.

## January 10



Getty Museum visit. Join The Living Desert for an all-day bus trip to Getty Museum and Gardens. Bus departs The Living Desert at 7:45 a.m. and returns 5:30-6 p.m. Price includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, snacks and bottled water. Living Desert members: \$68; non-members \$78. Register online at [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org), or contact Christine Janson, (760) 346-5694, ext. 2506, [cjanson@livingdesert.org](mailto:cjanson@livingdesert.org).



City of Indian Wells Document Shredding Event, Indian Wells Tennis Garden parking lot: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## January 13

Grants-in-Aid Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 2:30 p.m.

## January 14

IW Season Social #1, IW Club, (760) 346-2489: 5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. Please RSVP and purchase tickets in advance at City Hall; limit two tickets per household.

## January 15

City Council Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 1:30 p.m.

## January 15-February 1

Stardust, A Musical Revue, Joslyn Players at the Arthur Newman Theatre, Joslyn Senior Center. Box office (760) 340-3220 ext. 109. Co-sponsored by the City of Indian Wells.



## January 17

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event, (760) 346-2489, City Hall parking lot: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## January 19

City Hall closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

## January 20

Inauguration Day

## January 22

Indian Wells Garden & Community Club Meeting, 11:30 a.m. Call (760) 346-2489 for information.

## January 25

Virginia Waring International Piano Competition Black and White Ball with VWIPC Lifetime Achievement Award honoree Byron Janis, Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa. Tickets \$300 per person. For information and reservations, call (760) 773-2575.

## January 29

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 1:30 p.m.



## City to Hold Free CPR Classes

Learn an important emergency medical procedure that may help you save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The City of Indian Wells is offering a series of free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training courses for Indian Wells residents. Classes will be held at Indian Wells City Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25 and Wednesday, March 18. Space is limited to ten participants per class; advance RSVPs required. To register, call (760) 346-2489.





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**November 6 City Council Meeting Highlights**

Adopted Resolution Modifying Conditional Use Permit No. 2003-03 Allowing Outdoor Display of Fine Art in Northeast Courtyard at the Indian Wells Professional Center located at 75-270 Highway 111.

Adopted Resolution Approving the Grants-in-Aid Committee's Funding Recommendation for School Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Approved Requisition for Hospitality eBusiness Strategies in the Amount of \$28,935 for 4th Quarter On Line Marketing Services for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Approved Change Order for WEC in the Amount of \$10,265.50 for Indian Wells Tennis Garden Event Parking Project No. 93-10.

Authorized Abandonment of Osage Trail Water Well and Approve Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Approved Emergency Funding for F.I.N.D. (Food in Need of Distribution) Food Bank in the amount of \$25,000.

Approved Agreement with Davis Energy Group for LEED Certification Facilitation for Mountain View Villas Phase II.

Adopted Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2006-40 and Designating Speed Limits for Certain Specified Local Streets.

Approved Change Order for Adorno Yoss Alvarado & Smith in the Amount of \$160,000 for Eminent Domain and Property Acquisition Related to Highway 111 Beautification Project and Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Adopted the proposed City Financial Sustainability Employee Compensation Plan to ensure long term fiscal health of the City of Indian Wells while meeting the financial requirements regarding employee compensation and benefits; and Approved Resolution Approving an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Indian Wells.

**November 20 City Council Meeting Highlights**

Adopted Ordinance Amending Section 8.08.010 of the Municipal Code Adding Certain Vector Related Conditions to the Definition of Public Nuisance.

Approved Requisition for Source One Events in the Amount of \$93,773.25 for LG Skins Game Operation Deposits and Vendor Payments

Awarded Contract to Southwest Networks for Shoretel Phone System.

## Space Heater Safety Tips

With the desert's brisk winter evenings upon us, you may be using an electric space heater to remain more comfortable in certain areas of your home. Portable electric heaters, while seemingly harmless, are responsible for many fires annually, and are not designed for extended use or to replace central heating. If you do use an electric space heater, remember to follow these safety recommendations:

- Be certain your home wiring is designed to handle your space heater. If you have any doubts, contact a licensed electrician.
- Keep your heater at least 36 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Ensure the heater has a 3-prong grounded plug and is used in a 3-hole wall outlet.
- Make sure your heater has an automatic switch that turns off the electric current if the unit is tipped over.
- Check for fraying or splitting wires, or overheating. Have problems repaired by a professional.
- Do not leave a space heater on when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Do not put drying clothing or combustibles over heaters.
- Children should be supervised at all times when space heaters are in use.

This safety message was brought to you by the Riverside County Fire Department. For more public safety tips, visit [www.rvcfire.org](http://www.rvcfire.org) (Your Safety)

*Source: Riverside County Fire Department*

## Fireworks Alert

A private fireworks display for guests of the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa will be held on January 18, 2009. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

## City of Indian Wells Citizen Emergency Hotline: 1 (800) 998-0513

The City of Indian Wells maintains an emergency telephone number to provide residents with updated details and instructions in the event of a power outage, street closures, earthquake or other disaster. Please keep this number handy so you will have access to vital information. Thank you.



## New Vehicle Identification Stickers for Residents

When you receive your 2009 Indian Wells Property Owner ID card, you will also find a resident auto identification sticker for your car(s). We encourage you to affix these stickers to your vehicles. These will identify you as an Indian Wells resident when you visit the IW Club, and also assist the City of Indian Wells to further enhance public safety efforts. Thank you!



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## Upcoming Events

### February 3, 2009

Charlie Rose  
Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells  
Renaissance Esmeralda  
Resort & Spa  
6 p.m.

### February 12

Breakfast & Birthstones  
Gemology Series  
IW Club  
9 a.m.

### February 16

Peggy Noonan  
Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells  
Renaissance Esmeralda  
Resort & Spa  
6 p.m.

### February 18

IW Seasonal Social #2  
IW Club at Indian Wells Golf Resort  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### February 25

Resident CPR Class  
City Hall  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

### February 28

Triangular Adoption Program  
10th Anniversary  
Resident Excursion  
U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard,  
San Diego  
6:15 a.m. – 5 p.m.



### Take Advantage of the Suite Life

In addition to hosting the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament—now the fifth largest tennis tournament in the world—the Indian Wells Tennis Garden is also one of the few sports venues that offers patrons the opportunity to purchase individual suite seats for this world-class professional tennis event.

Whether you want a full classic series or a mini-package, the Stadium Club suite features indoor and outdoor seating, food and beverage, hostess service, complimentary parking and all the comforts of a luxury suite. The premium Charter Club also offers these luxury amenities and an annual tennis membership to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

For more information, please call former Wimbledon and Australian Open champion, Peggy Michel at (760) 200-8414.

## WORLD-CLASS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RETURNS MARCH 9–22, 2009

### Join the Champions!

The Champions Volunteer Foundation is the primary beneficiary of the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament; plus the Foundation provides more than 800 volunteers every year for the successful operation of this phenomenal tennis tournament.

“Of all the professional tennis events, the Champions Volunteer Foundation has one of the best reputations world-wide for being the friendliest and most accommodating volunteer team,” says Charlie Pasarell, tournament chairman.

Moreover, the Foundation distributes grant monies every December from their donations and fundraising efforts. The recently-donated 2008 contributions represented the Foundation’s all-time high of \$175,000 to 29 local nonprofit organizations.

If you or a friend would like to volunteer or support one of the Foundation’s fundraising events such as “Night at the Matches” on Sunday, March 15, 2009, please call the Champions Volunteer Foundation office at (760) 200-8430.