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Financial Picture Remains Bright for Indian Wells Despite Struggling Economy

City residents and business owners filled the Indian Wells Conference Center at the Hyatt Grand Champions on April 16 to learn about the "State of the City" and participate in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.

One key piece of news: Despite a decrease in hotel transient occupancy taxes (TOT) and golf rounds, the City of Indian Wells is in very good financial shape.

"The city's consistent and prudent fiscal management practices include planning for economic downturns by creating healthy annual surpluses to absorb temporary losses in tourism revenues, which are a significant source of the city's economic engine," says City Manager Greg Johnson.

Earlier this year, city leaders implemented a blueprint to control expenditures by adopting a new benefit plan to reduce staff health care costs, reducing the operating budget mid-year to adjust for declining revenues, and streamlining staff positions to reduce labor costs.

The net result is that the City of Indian Wells plans to maintain a significant annual surplus of \$2 million for fiscal year 2009/2010 to stay on track with long-term funding goals, and with no reduction in municipal public services.

Moreover, when the economy turns around, the city plans to stay ahead of the curve as it continues to leverage its influence on local and Valley tourism with the recent improvements at the Indian Wells Golf Resort and upgraded facilities at its four luxury resorts.

If you missed the "State of the City" address, be sure to tune in to Channel 17 (digital channel 122). The presentation will be re-broadcast daily at 4 p.m. during the month of May.



(State of the City Highlights continued on page 6)

City of Indian Wells Mission: *Create an unsurpassed quality of life for our residents and guests by providing superior public safety, exceptional service and outstanding amenities that will further enhance our image as a prestigious community.*

It's Always Cool to Be Hot in the Summertime

Be sure to join the City of Indian Wells and its terrific resort partners for "Cool to Be Hot," a fun, informal series of monthly social gatherings for city residents held from June through September. Each event takes place at a different Indian Wells resort from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and includes a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Cost is \$15 per person per social; two (2) ticket limit per household. Tickets must be purchased at City Hall up to three days in advance of each event.

2009 Cool to Be Hot Schedule

(RSVPs accepted for all CTBH socials beginning on Monday, May 11)

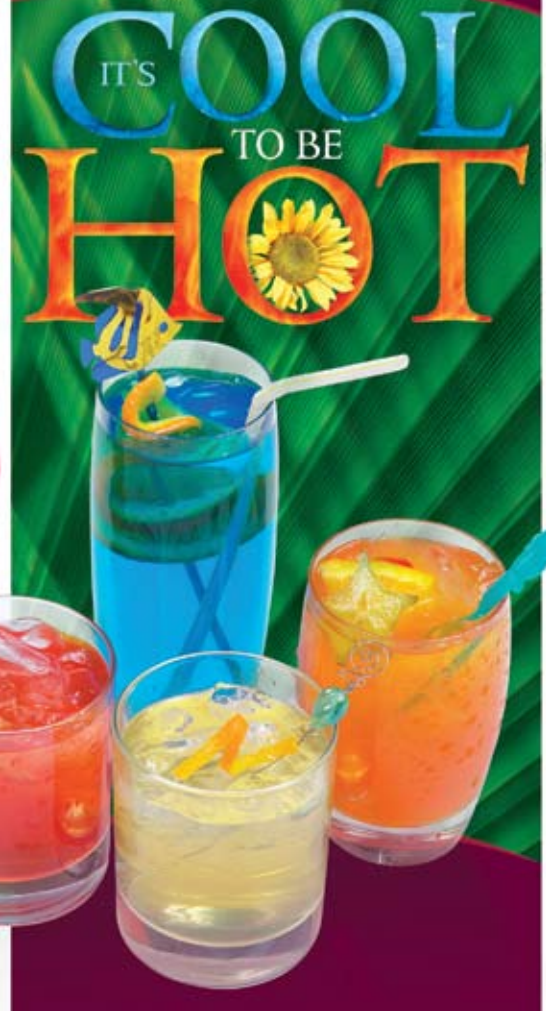
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH
Indian Wells Resort Hotel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH
Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
Miramonte Resort & Spa

Look for your "Cool to Be Hot" date card to arrive in your mailbox soon. For more information and updates, call City Hall at (760) 346-2489 or visit www.cityofindianwells.org.



Memorial Day Ceremony to Be Held on May 25

Originally called Decoration Day when it was established in 1868, Memorial Day is a time to commemorate those who have fallen in service of our nation. Indian Wells City Council and staff invite you to join us for the city's annual

Memorial Day Ceremony to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may all live in freedom and peace.

The city's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m. under the tent adjacent to City Hall and the Eisenhower Walk of Honor. No RSVP is needed; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (760) 346-2489.

Mix and Mingle at the IW Club in May

From relaxation to recreation to socializing, be sure to make the IW Club and Indian Wells Golf Resort your home away from home this month. Hone your game on award-winning golf courses or practice putting on the scenic IW Putting Course. Bring your laptop and take advantage of free Wi-Fi in the IW Café so you can enjoy a light and tasty breakfast or lunch while catching up on e-mails.

Visit the IW Club during Happy Hour (3 p.m.– 6p.m. Mondays through Fridays) and enjoy 50% off house wine, draft beer, and well drinks, and the new \$5 appetizer menu. Springtime is also the ideal time to savor exceptional entrees and marvelous views while dining indoors or *al fresco* in the luxurious IW Club Restaurant.

Planning a party? Let the IW Club help you create and coordinate your next intimate or large special event. Chef Pike and his team also offer offsite catering for home and business functions.

For more information, visit www.indianwellsgolfresort.com or call (760) 346-4653.



Chef's Corner



Foie Gras and Brioche Stuffed Quail in Oven Dried Tomato-Fava Bean Broth

Serves 10

Ingredients:

- 10 each whole quail
- 2 each lobe of "B" grade foie gras
- 2 each loaf of fresh brioche (remove crust)
- 3 pounds fresh fava beans, cleaned
- 4 each whole tomatoes
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 each sprig of fresh thyme
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 gallon chicken stock
- 2 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups polenta
- 1 quart heavy cream
- 1/2 pound whole butter

Cooking method:

Begin by quartering and seeding the tomatoes. In a large bowl, place cleaned tomatoes, garlic, thyme and olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and paper.

Lay tomatoes on parchment covered sheet pan and roast in 200-degree oven for 6 hours. You do not want the tomatoes to dry, as they can become bitter, and it is better to cover with parchment while roasting to retain moisture.

Bring a 1/2-gallon of the chicken stock to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and skim off impurities. Add half of the fava beans and cook al dente, remove and shock in ice water, set aside. Add half of the oven dried tomatoes, remaining fava beans, and simmer until fava beans are soft, then puree.

Bring remaining chicken stock to a boil and simmer, skimming off impurities. Add polenta and reduce heat, constantly stirring to reduce clotting. When polenta is soft add cream and 1/4 pound of butter, stir in and remove from heat. Keep covered to retain heat for service.

Clean and de-vein foie gras, cut into 1-inch cubes. Remove crust from brioche and cut into 1-inch cubes. Wash quail in salty chilled water dry and stuff with cubes of brioche and foie gras. Seal opening of quail with bamboo skewers, rub with salt and pepper, and place on sheet pan with rack.

Roast in oven for 10 to 15 minutes at 375 degrees. Do not over cook (quail will be dry and foie gras will melt and run out). Remove from oven and place separately in bowls on top of creamy polenta. Ladle broth over top and garnish with fava beans and oven dried tomatoes.

It's All About MOM on May 10

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate mom, and what better way to do that than to indulge her with the kind of luxury dining and/or spa experience you can only get in Indian Wells?

The IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort is offering a delectable Mother's Day Brunch on May 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The special menu includes a variety of salads, breakfast entrees, carving and omelet stations, and a dessert crepe station. Cost is \$45 per person, plus tax and gratuity, \$22.50 for children, and free for children under five (note: resident discount does not apply). For reservations, call (760) 346-4653.



Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa is also dishing up a special Mother's Day Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all moms will also receive a Spa gift. Cost is \$44 for adults, \$20 for children, free for children under five. For more information and reservations, call (760) 341-1000.



This May, residents can take advantage of The MOM Pass at the Miramonte Resort & Spa. All month long, moms can spend the day relaxing poolside and enjoying the lush grounds at no cost. Local residents can also receive 20% off spa treatments in the Tuscan-inspired WELL Spa. In addition, the Miramonte is serving a multicourse Mother's Day Brunch in the resort's Mediterranean Ballroom. As an added bonus, all moms receive a \$25 spa gift card. Cost is \$49 for adults, and \$19 for children 11 and under. For information and reservations, call (760) 341-2200.



Learn About the IW Club's Stunning Art Collection on May 8

Arizona-based Curator and Artists to Lead Art Tours

The City of Indian Wells is delighted to present a morning of in-depth Art Tours showcasing the IW Club's impressive art collection, which consists of more than 40 pieces of art in diverse media. This free cultural event exclusively for Indian Wells residents will be held on Friday, May 8 with tours beginning at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Curator Jessica Berghoff of artstudio1.0.1 will lead the art walks along with painter Robert Charon and sculptor Thomas Tuberty who both created works for the IW Club collection. Each tour will be followed by a conversation with the artists in the IW Café to include coffee and pastries.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your artistic horizons! Please call City Hall no later than May 7 to register for the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. tour, (760) 346-2489.



City School Grant Program Helps Fund Inspirational Mural

Albert Einstein once said that it is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. Art teacher Janine Johnson and Indio Middle School staff members have done just that thanks to a \$2,000 donation from the City of Indian Wells School Grant Program. The city's invaluable school funding program provided two separate grants within a two-year time span to help Indio Middle School purchase equipment and supplies to create a magnificent tile mural on campus.



The project began with Johnson's art class but soon engaged nearly 500 students, teachers and staff who designed the ceramic tiles; many of which include inspirational messages to share with future students. The school unveiled the monumental composition—approximately 5 ½ x 29 feet—to the public on March 18.

"Your grant has provided a piece of work for the students to not only give the school and many generations a public piece of artwork, but a legacy as well," said Johnson.

Indian Wells Art Scene Soars to Majestic Heights with Royale Projects

A visit to Royale Projects in Indian Wells is a must for fans of modern and contemporary art. Located at 75270 Highway 111, Suite 205 in Indian Wells, this exquisite new art gallery opened in December of 2008 and features a 1,500 square-foot private showroom flanked by an 1,800 square-foot outdoor sculpture garden.

The husband and wife team of Rick Royale and Paige Moss own and operate the gallery, which is dedicated to assisting an exclusive clientele in building world-class arts collections of leading edge painting, sculpture, photography, installation, and new media works. The gallery features diverse creations from emerging, mid-career, and blue chip artists.

"The City of Indian Wells has defined itself by supporting the visual arts and encouraging higher knowledge," says Royale. "We wanted to give city residents the opportunity to locally access the level of art you would customarily purchase in a major metropolitan art center like Los Angeles, Chicago, London or New York. A world-class city deserves world-class art."

This month, the gallery features the work of Phillip K. Smith III, a multidisciplinary designer working within art, architecture, and design. Royale Projects will launch next season with an Alex Couwenberg solo exhibition.

For more information about Royale Projects: modern & contemporary art, call (760) 742-5182 or visit www.royaleprojects.com.



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2009 BNP Paribas Open Draws Record Attendance

The intensity of the wind mirrored the excitement and fervor in the Main Stadium court on Sunday, March 22 as Vera Zvonareva and Rafael Nadal went on to capture the coveted Women's and Men's Singles titles of this year's BNP Paribas Open.

A record 332,498 fans attended the 12-day, 21-session tournament ensuring its legacy as one of the most highly attended events



on the professional tennis circuit.

This year the tournament also had increased domestic television coverage, giving more than 70 million households across the United States a "virtual" experience of our exceptional Indian Wells lifestyle. Dates for next year's BNP Paribas Open have already been set: mark your calendar for March 8–21, 2010.

Indian Wells Community Rallies to Watch Tennis Action City Resident Benefit Program included free tickets for March 12 Residents Day



Mabel Calhoun



Marilyn Bolton and Max DeFante



Norma Cathlien and Michael Barish



Lori and Jerry Ernst



Lynne Bunch and Elizabeth Wood



Beverly Dillman and Vickie Shriver



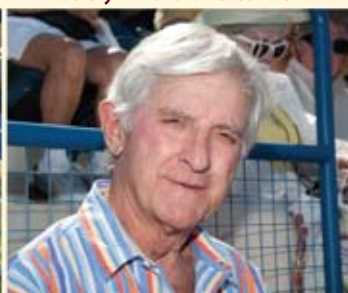
Bob Wilmeth with granddaughter Katie Espinoza



Carole and Ehsan Qureshi



Susie and Chuck Damart with Cal Heptinstall



Ron Johnson



J.L. Mertens (far left) and Ted Mertens (far right) with friends Suzanne and Jim Corboy



Grace and Roger Peterson



Kim Sheehy and Mary Patton



Louise and Bill Wolf



Tom and Diana Conner



Shining a Spotlight on Elizabeth Luce

Indian Wells' 2009 Senior Inspiration Awards Honoree



For 17 years, the Senior Inspiration Awards has paid tribute to the vital contributions of senior citizens in each of our desert communities. This past April 16 at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells' own Elizabeth Luce was among this year's 12 award recipients.

Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Elizabeth "Betty" Luce first came to the Coachella Valley in May of 1943 to join her husband, 1st Lieut. Richard L. Luce, USAF, whom she had married shortly before his call to arms. One of 16 P-38 pilots

stationed at Thermal Airport, Richard was flying missions with General George Patton's Army Forces. In 1943, Betty returned north to graduate from Northern Montana State College. In July of 1944, Richard was shot down over Italy in the course of his 55th mission. He died of his combat

injuries nearly one month after his capture and internment in a German Prisoner of War camp.

After Richard's death, Betty enlisted in the Army as a CAF-3 Clerk Steno, first serving at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. In 1947, she boarded the USS Anderson for overseas duty at the 22nd General Hospital in Guam. Following the war, she returned to the desert where her first job was at the old Torney General Army Hospital at the El Mirador Hotel, now Desert Regional Medical Center.

Throughout the years, Betty, a medical secretary and former real estate broker, has given her time and dedication to many desert organizations and activities. These include the American Legion and VFW, the Sierra Club, Audubon Society of the Coachella Valley, and serving as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Betty was also a charter member of the California Women for Agriculture, Coachella Valley chapter; and the General Patton Museum in Chiriaco Summit. Since 2001, she has served as the secretary for the P.O.W. chapter of the Coachella Valley, and Desert Veteran's Memorial Association. Please join us as we thank her for her dedication to the Valley community and congratulate her on receiving this prestigious honor!

"State of the City" Address Highlights *(continued from page 1)*

- City is on track to achieve plan of having reserves of \$125 million for year 2023 to continue to provide services that residents have come to enjoy and expect.
- Balance sheet remains very strong with total net assets of more than \$205 million in fiscal year 2007/2008.
- Comprehensive marketing efforts range from tourism and golf resort marketing to resident communications and city sponsorships for BNP Paribas Open, October NBA Outdoors, Palm Springs International Film Festival, Desert Town Hall-Indian Wells, and more.
- The BNP Paribas Open remains the fifth largest tennis tournament in the world, attracting 450 journalists and 266 million television viewers in 40 countries.
- The city is negotiating with Scottsdale, Arizona-based Troon Golf to take over management of the award-winning Indian Wells Golf Resort. Troon is the only exclusive operator of four- and five-star daily free, resort and private golf facilities.
- The city is in talks with the City of Rancho Mirage and Rancho Mirage Public Library to secure an IW Club location for picking up and dropping off library books.
- Criminal activity in Indian Wells experienced a 19% reduction in 2008 from 2007. Also, police are now patrolling within Indian Wells' gated communities to help deter crime through a visual presence.
- The Fire Department responded to 792 calls in 2008; 530 of which were for medical aid.
- Construction of the 56-unit Mountain View Villas Phase II will begin this summer with completion slated for fall 2010.
- All golf courses in Indian Wells and all turf areas maintained by the City of Indian Wells now implement "smart scalping" techniques, contributing to better overall air quality.



Residents Appreciate Fine Wines during March 25 Tasting

Nearly 80 residents enjoyed the chance to savor 16 diverse wines during the third IW Season Social held at the IW Club on March 25. Several excellent California wineries were represented including Whitehall Lane, Merryvale, Turnbull, Caymus, and Groth. All wines were also available for purchase by the case.

IW Club Executive Chef Matt Pike and his team prepared an excellent food pairing feast that included canapés, charcuterie platters, teriyaki chicken on sugar cane skewers, pesto scallops with pommes frites, and the IW Club's delectable desserts!



Peter Foster and Susan Dubbs



Peggy Brimer



Pat Simmons and Jean Rolland



Jerry and Terri Schubert



Oscar Zardeneta with Irene and Gary Ferguson



Jane & Tom Viscounty



Mary Ann and Rod Silveira



Bonnie Culbertson and Lillian Daly



Terry Krogen and Susan Nolingberg



John Loera, Manny Delatorre, and Susan Hoagland



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.

GO GREEN:

Why Should I Replace my Dishwasher?



If your dishwasher is on its last legs, or you're installing a new dishwasher in a new or renovated home, consider purchasing an ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher. These highly efficient models use at least 41% less energy than the federal minimum standard for energy consumption. You can also save \$25 to \$35 a year in energy costs by replacing a 10-year-old dishwasher with an ENERGY STAR qualified model, and save more than 1,000 gallons of water.

Since most of the energy used by a dishwasher goes to heat water, you can reduce your energy consumption with an energy efficient or conventional model by running the dishwasher with a full load. Also, avoid using extra features like heat-dry, rinse-hold, and pre-rinse. Instead, run your dishwasher at night using the more "energy-friendly" air-dry

option. Selecting the air-dry option, or simply opening the dishwasher door to let your dishes dry naturally, can save 15% to 50% of the energy used by the dishwasher.

For more information, including a list of ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers, visit www.energystar.gov.



Next HHW Disposal Event to Be Held on May 16

The city's next monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event will be held on Saturday, May 16, 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. Call (760) 346-2489 for more information or visit www.burrtecdesert.com/page91.html.

Please note that the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event program will be on hiatus June through September and will resume in October. The Eisenhower Express Clinic at Indian Wells continues to accept medicines and sharps from Indian Wells residents. The clinic is located just west of Cook Street at 74785 Highway 111. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (760) 837-8953.

SCE Baseline Allocation Changes to "Summer"

Beginning the first Sunday in June, your Southern California Edison (SCE) baseline allocation changes to "Summer." What this means is that each residential SCE customer in our desert area has a higher baseline allocation; hence, a more reasonable rate with more kilowatt hours available at the baseline level.

According to SCE, "baseline allocation" is an amount of electricity provided for each residential customer at a lower



rate than is charged for electricity above that level. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) determines these baseline quantities for different state regions based on the number of days in the billing period, the season, the climate, and whether electricity is the primary source of heat.

In SCE's 1985 General Rate Case, the CPUC adopted a proposal from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), establishing a higher baseline quantity during the summer season due to the extreme heat in our region.

For more information, visit www.sce.com (FAQs).



County's Early Warning System Enhances Public Safety



Riverside County has a number of strategies in place to alert the public in the event of emergencies. One of the county's primary tools is the Early Warning Notification System (EWNS). This telephone alert system notifies residents and businesses that are affected, threatened, or might be endangered by emergency events including wildfires, floods, hazardous materials, severe weather, and law enforcement incidents.

The primary land-line phone number for every business and residence in Riverside County is part of the EWNS. If you would like to add your voice over Internet protocol (voIP) or cell phone number to the EWNS system database, please visit the Riverside County website at www.countyofriverside.us, then click on the EWNS on the menu at right.

For more information, call the County Administration Center at (951) 955-1000.

Dear Residents

The prevention of crime is very important to all of us. Any infiltration of crime into our community affects our sense of safety and impacts overall quality of life. Modern law enforcement agencies are taking a new approach to combating crime. This approach is known as Community Oriented Policing. In simple terms, this philosophy of crime prevention involves cooperative efforts between law enforcement and the citizens they serve.

Property related crime is the most significant problem in Indian Wells. Below are a few crime prevention tips to help assist you with protecting your property:

- **Secure your belongings**
We no longer live in an environment where we can safely leave our doors unlocked or our property unsecured. Keep your doors locked at ALL times. The same concept applies to your vehicle. Keep it locked and if possible, parked in your garage. Make use of all alarm systems and have them tested annually.
- **Remove the opportunity to be victimized**
Criminals are opportunists. They will take advantage of any opportunity presented to them to steal your belongings. Don't leave anything of value in your vehicles or in public view.
- **Report suspicious activity**
Be suspicious. If something or someone looks out of place, call law enforcement. Don't rationalize what you see, report the incident when it is occurring.
- **Be a good neighbor**
Look after your neighbor. If you see a strange vehicle, person, or activity around their home, report it to law enforcement. If they are leaving property exposed (open garage doors), make contact with them. Their complacency invites unwanted guests into your neighborhood.
- **Key boxes and Realtors**
We've recently seen an increase of residential burglaries in which the thief targets homes that are for sale. In most cases, the key boxes are broken open allowing them access to the door key. This type of theft can be mitigated in two ways. First, ensure your realtor is activating your home alarm system. Secondly, refrain from allowing realtors from attaching lock boxes to your door.

In closing, I would be glad to present a PowerPoint presentation on Crime Prevention to any interested groups. My presentation is detailed, to the point, and provides everyone the opportunity to ask specific questions as it relates to Crime Prevention.

For more crime prevention tips, please visit the Riverside County Sheriff Department webpage at www.riversidesheriff.org

Best regards,

Lieutenant Matt Jimenez
Indian Wells Police Department.





Community Opportunities

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

May 2009 through December 2009

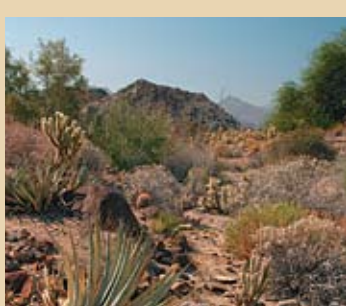
Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, (760) 321-0602. Open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; closed Mondays and some holidays. Admission prices – Ages 2 and up: \$8. CDMOD offers annual, individual memberships for \$25 per person. www.cdmod.org.

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.

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.



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.

The Rancho Mirage Public Library offers cultural events year-round including live music, poetry workshops, lectures, seminars, and more. Call (760) 341-7323 or visit www.ranchoiragelibrary.org (Events, Current Programs) for more information.

Mondays Through May

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

May 5

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

May 6

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

May 7

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

May 8

Free IW Club Art Tours for Indian Wells residents with curator Jessica Berghoff and artists Robert Charon and Tom Tuberty, IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Tours at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., followed by coffee and conversation with the artists. RSVP by May 7, (760) 346-2489.



May 9

Art Party '09, Palm Springs Art Museum, (760) 322-4800: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Create your own artwork or watch artist demonstrations, then relax in sculpture gardens enjoying refreshments from Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, and Ben & Jerry's. Call or visit www.psmuseum.org for additional details.



May 10

Celebrate Mother's Day – see events listed on page 3 and back cover.



May 12

Grants-in-Aid Committee Meeting cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2009.

Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce mixer, IW Club at the Indian Wells Golf Resort: 5:30 p.m. Chamber members \$5; non-members \$8. For details, call (760) 346-9075.

May 14

Indian Wells Garden & Community Club Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. For details, call Nancy Tapick, (760) 779-1332. Community Activities Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 3 p.m.



May 16

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

May 21

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

May 23

Juan Talavera & the Men of Flamenco, The Arthur Newman Theater, Joslyn Senior Center: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances. Tickets \$30, open seating. (760) 340-3220 ext. 109. www.flamencobravo.com.

May 25

City Hall closed in commemoration of Memorial Day



City of Indian Wells Memorial Day Ceremony, City Hall grounds, (760) 346-2489: 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served: no RSVP required.

May 28

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

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.



March 19 City Council Meeting Highlights

Adopted Resolution Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2008-03 Updating the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan.

Adopted Ordinance Amending Sections 2.12.030 and 21.60.030 Relating to Term Limits for Planning Commission and Architecture and Landscape Committee.

Approved the policy changes proposed by staff for the Community Assistance Grant Program and the School Grant Program.

Approved Contract with True North Research for City's Residential Satisfaction Survey.

Awarded Landscape Maintenance Contract to Vintage Associates for Citywide Landscaping.

Adopted Resolution Amending City Council/Redevelopment Agency Policy Manual Relative to Term Limits for Commissions, Boards and Committees.

Made Findings and Approved Interfund Loan Relating to Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Payments.

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Bill Powers
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Peter Desnoes
Commissioner

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Director of Marketing and Community Relations

Tim Wassil
Public Works Director

Mel Windsor
Personnel/Public Safety Director

April 2 City Council Meeting Highlights

Approved the proposed City/RDA operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year 2009-10 with the addition of \$25,000 to the School Grants program.

Approved Declaration and Disposal of One Sony Television as Surplus.

Approved a provision to be enacted for the 2009-10 grant cycle with an eligibility requirement be included to have Community Assistance Grant Applicants be in existence and providing services in the Coachella Valley for a minimum of three years.

Approved Requestion to Marks, Golia & Finch, LLP in the Amount of \$50,000 for Legal Services Regarding Two Claims Relating to Mountain View Villas Phase II.

Approved the exoneration or reduction of the improvement bonds listed in the table as presented in the Staff Report with the exception of the Turf in Channel Bond and Directed staff to review the possibility of reducing the amount of Turf in Channel bond and to bring a recommendation to Council at a future date.

Awarded Contract to EPC Land Planning for Preparation of California Environment Quality Act [CEQA] Documentation and Approved Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Adopted Resolution Amending Eligibility Requirements and Policy Guidelines for the Indian Wells School Grant Program.

Approved the Phoenix Suns Exhibition Game Sponsorship in the amount of \$120,000.



Mayor's Public Office Hours

Drop by and share your perspectives
on Tuesdays: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

IW Café at IW Club,

Indian Wells Golf Resort; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
at Indian Wells City Hall.



Fireworks Alerts

A private fireworks display will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9 p.m. at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring your 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.



SAVE THE DATE

July 4!

**City of Indian Wells
Independence Day Celebration
Fireworks Display at 9 p.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort**

Stay tuned – more details to come!



A Mother's Day Morning at the Zoo

Treat mom to something extra special on May 10: The Living Desert's fabulous Mother's Day Continental Breakfast and Garden Walk. The adventure begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes a hearty continental breakfast and behind-the-scenes stroll of the park's many wonders. Cost is \$35 for Living Desert members; \$45 for non-members. Space is limited so be sure to make your reservation soon by visiting www.livingdesert.org or calling (760) 346-5694 ext. 2506.

Upcoming Events

June 17

Cool to Be Hot #1
Indian Wells Resort Hotel
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

July 15

Cool to Be Hot #2
Renaissance Esmeralda
Resort & Spa
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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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THE NBA RETURNS TO INDIAN WELLS ON OCTOBER 10!

The City of Indian Wells is delighted to offer a special discount to Indian Wells residents for the upcoming Phoenix Suns vs. Golden State Warriors NBA preseason game to be held outdoors at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

As an exclusive resident benefit, you can receive a 20% discount on tickets for all seats except courtside and \$10 grandstand seating. Tickets must be purchased in person at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Box Office, located at 78-200 Miles Avenue. Residents may purchase up to four (4) tickets per household. A valid Indian Wells Property Owner ID is required at time of purchase. This exclusive resident discount is valid up to 30 days prior to this exciting NBA event, which will be televised nationally on TNT.

For more information, call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Box Office at (760) 200-8400.

