



*Inside:*

- Municipal Projects Update
- City Goals
- Citrus Collection Begins on January 1
- Help F.I.N.D. Food Bank
- 20th Palm Springs International Film Festival
- IW Chamber Presents The Challenge Cup
- Photo Highlights from IW Club Resident Events

## Indian Wells Golf Resort is an **AWARD-WINNER!**

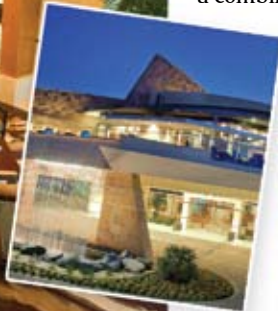
### *IW Club Honored by Golf Inc. Magazine as Clubhouse of the Year...*

The IW Club at Indian Wells Golf Resort – only open since August – has already earned recognition as one of the premier clubhouses in the nation: The IW Club placed first in the 2008 *Golf Inc.* Clubhouse of the Year Competition in the daily-fee category.

The panel of judges was made up of industry experts including Dan Nicholas, principal of PHN Architects, and David MacLaren, director of property and venue development for the European PGA Tour. They based their decisions on a combination of factors including efficiency of design and visual appeal.

### *...and Receives Construction "Project of the Year" Award*

The IW Club has also been selected as the winner in the Commercial category in *Masonry Construction's* "Project of the Year" contest. The IW Club is featured in the national leading trade publication's November/December issue and on *Masonry Construction's* website at [www.masonryconstruction.com](http://www.masonryconstruction.com). The award will be presented at the World of Masonry/World of Concrete conference to be held in February in Las Vegas.



## Players Course Receives *Golf Digest's* 4-1/2 Star Rating ★★☆☆☆

*Golf Digest's* 2008-2009 edition of "Best Places You Can Play" golf guide has honored the Indian Wells Golf Resort's Players Course with 4-1/2 stars out of a total possible rating of five stars. According to *Golf Digest*, a four-star rating is considered "outstanding" and a five-star rating is considered "superb." The ratings are based on reviews from *Golf Digest* readers who cast a ballot after playing daily fee courses across the country.

The John Fought-designed Players Course has already been ranked #3 in the country in *Golfweek* magazine's "Best Top 30 Municipal Courses" and #13 in the state of California in *Golf Magazine's* first ever state-by-state rankings. Indian Wells Golf Resort is also the only 36-hole facility in California with both courses ranked in the Top 20 "Best Courses You Can Play" in California by *Golfweek*.



"We are simply thrilled that the IW Club and Players Course have received this recognition from these leading golf and construction trade publications," says Indian Wells City Manager Greg Johnson. "These honors illustrate the quality of the entire golf experience at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. It's something that our community can be proud of."

## City Adopts Proactive Goals to Enhance the Indian Wells Lifestyle

To further its mission of providing a top-caliber quality of life for Indian Wells residents and guests, the City of Indian Wells has conceived seven primary goals that will be actively implemented via well-defined strategies in the coming year.

“These goals are the result of the intense planning sessions City Council participated in this past year to clearly define the vision for Indian Wells as we go forward, and also be able to articulate this vision to our residents in a concise way,” says City Manager Greg Johnson. “Each goal consists of specified objectives, activities to achieve those objectives, and performance indicators to help us track and evaluate actions taken.”

### City Goals for 2008-2009

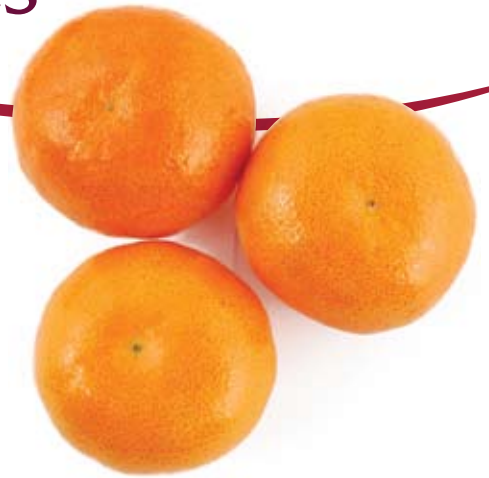
- **Public Safety:** Maintain the Indian Wells position as the safest city in the Coachella Valley by providing superior public safety.
- **Indian Wells Golf Resort:** Establish Indian Wells Golf Resort as the premier golf and event destination in California.
- **Infrastructure:** Improve city infrastructure to maintain quality of life and beautification of the city.
- **Environment:** Develop “Green Programs” and environmentally friendly policies.
- **Operating Performance:** Enhance performance and organizational capacity.
- **Marketing:** Enhance and promote the City of Indian Wells’ brand as a prestigious residential community and luxury resort destination.
- **Finance:** Manage financial resources to ensure economic vitality and to sustain public services.

To view the City Goals strategy document in its entirety, log on to [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org).



### City of Indian Wells Mission:

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



## Help Support Hidden Harvest’s “Vitamin C Express” Program

### City of Indian Wells to Begin Citrus Collection on January 1

The City of Indian Wells will begin its third annual Citrus Collection initiative one month early, on January 1. You can donate 24/7; citrus collection will continue until April 30, 2009.

Please deposit your extra or unwanted citrus fruit into the bins located outside the Emergency Operations Center next to City Hall. Hidden Harvest, a local nonprofit organization, will pick up the donations regularly as part of its “Vitamin C Express” project to help provide nutritious produce to all food bank clients valley-wide. The need is even greater this year – an increased number of people are showing up in food distribution lines due to the current economic downturn and housing crisis.

The Girls Scouts have once again chosen the Indian Wells Citrus Collection as their “green” project and have volunteered to assist our seniors and disabled individuals by picking the fruit from their trees. Call Michele Penn at (760) 345-1703 to schedule an appointment.

Indian Wells serves as a mid-valley collection site open to residents and landscapers valley-wide so please spread the word to family, friends and colleagues in neighboring cities.

For further information, call City Hall, (760) 346-2489.

# CITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATE



## Highway 111 Beautification/Widening

The Highway 111 Beautification and Widening Project, set to begin spring of 2009, is designed to improve traffic flow and reduce traffic congestion. It will also enhance the entire aesthetic experience of Indian Wells, further solidifying our city's position as one of the nation's top residential resort communities.

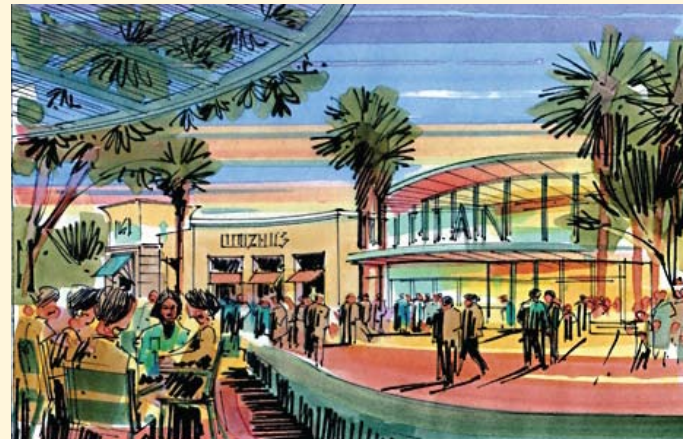
The Highway 111 project will also demonstrate the city's commitment to promoting a sustainable, or "green," environment: The project encompasses adding medians throughout the city's Highway 111 corridor embellished with palm trees, synthetic grass and drought-tolerant plants. An additional lane will be added in each direction to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

Slated for completion in early winter of 2010, the first phase of construction will include sound walls, medians, landscaping and widening between Hospitality Lane and Rancho Palmeras Drive. Second phase construction will begin summer of 2010 between Rancho Palmeras Drive and Club Drive. The final phase from Club Drive to the city's eastern boundary will begin in summer of 2011 and is slated for completion in 2012.

## Indian Wells Towne Center

Indian Wells City Council approved an open-air "paseo-style" lifestyle commercial center located at the intersection of Miles Avenue and Washington Street. The center will consist of up to 400,000 square feet of space for high-end retail stores, offices, and restaurants including Morton's of Chicago steakhouse. Residents and guests will also be able to experience a 13-screen multiplex theatre owned and operated by Krikorian Premiere Theatres. Indian Wells Towne Center's interconnectivity with the Indian Wells Tennis Garden presents a unique opportunity for visitors who frequent the Garden to take advantage of "will call" ticketing, dining, shopping, and movies.

The developer anticipates starting Phase I grading in April 2009 with completion by winter 2011; Phase II will follow. Leasing opportunities are available via Maggie Montez at CB Richard Ellis, (760) 341-2272.



## Indian Wells Crossing (formerly called Miles Crossing)

Indian Wells Crossing will be located at the intersection of Miles Avenue and Highway 111. This fantastic lifestyle commercial center will consist of up to five or six upscale restaurants including The Chop House, a French bistro, sports bar, and wine café – all to be completed in Phase I. There will also be related resort retail stores and offices.

Indian Wells Crossing will offer opportunities for street fairs and community events surrounded by open air dining.

Phase I construction to encompass approximately 117,000 square feet is scheduled to begin in April 2009 and slated for completion by summer 2010. Phase II will be under review in upcoming months. Leasing opportunities are available via Jon Bilger and Dani Alexander, CB Richard Ellis, (760) 340-0106.

For more information about these projects, contact City Hall, (760) 346-2489.



## Help Us Stay in Touch with You

The City of Indian Wells strives to keep residents informed of the latest municipal news and events via this newsletter, channel 17, mailings, and regular e-blasts. Please ensure that we have your current e-mail address on file. It's easy to do! Simply log on to [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org), click on the "Information" mailbox located on the lower right of the Home page, type in your e-mail address, and submit. Thank you!

## Time to Renew Your Property Owner ID Card

Be sure to take advantage of all the exceptional resident benefits the City of Indian Wells offers by renewing your free, annual Indian Wells Property Owner Identification Card today. Renewal mailers were sent out in October to those holding 2008 Property Owner ID cards. Please send your renewal form in as soon as possible to allow time to process your 2009 card(s). If you hold a 2008 Property Owner ID card and did not receive a renewal notice, please contact City Hall at (760) 346-2489.

New Indian Wells property owners and first-time cardholders must apply for the Property Owner ID card in person at City Hall during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Please bring valid proof of property ownership such as a grant deed or escrow closing statement. Current cardholders who wish to include new photos on their 2009 card must also process their renewals in person at City Hall.

For details about the City of Indian Wells Resident Benefit Program, visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) (Exceptional Lifestyle, Resident Benefits).



## Ralph's Employee Helps Increase Breast Cancer Awareness

If you happen to see Sherry Kovas the next time you shop at Ralph's Fresh Fare in Indian Wells, be sure to give her an extra word of thanks. Kovas, a Ralph's cashier and two-year breast cancer survivor, was chosen by Kellogg's to have her photo featured on Kellogg's Special K Bars packaging as part of the special "Giving Hope a Hand" fundraising promotion during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

Kovas is also inspiring awareness and hope by sharing her breast cancer journey on a unique website designed to increase education and awareness at [www.sharingcourage.com](http://www.sharingcourage.com).

On October 28, Indian Wells City Council members presented her with a special proclamation, honoring Kovas for her efforts in rallying community support for this very important cause.



*Photo highlights from “The NBA Outdoors”  
October 11, 2008 exhibition game at the Indian Wells Tennis  
Garden featuring the Phoenix Suns and Denver Nuggets*



*Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce Presents “The Challenge Cup”*



On Friday, December 12, 2008, the Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce will host The Challenge Cup golf tournament on the Celebrity Course at the Indian Wells Golf Resort.

Chamber members, guests and the public are invited to sign up for a great day of golf with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for the 4-person scramble format with a 8:30 a.m.

shotgun start. Immediately after the tournament, the Chamber is hosting a delicious barbeque buffet lunch, silent auction, and concluding awards ceremony.

Entry fees: \$175 for member/guest registration (per player), and \$650 for team of four registration.

For more information, call the Chamber at (760) 346-7095 or visit [www.indianwellschamber.com](http://www.indianwellschamber.com).

# Celebrate Twenty Years of Film Festival Magic

The City of Indian Wells is a presenting sponsor of the Palm Springs International Film Festival, which in 2009 celebrates its 20th year in existence. Set for January 6–19, this acclaimed cinema event will hold more than 400 screenings of 200+ films from approximately 60 countries.

The 20th anniversary festival opens on Tuesday, January 6 with its annual black tie Awards Show at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Other festival event highlights include the traditional Opening Night Screening and Party (January 8), Closing Night Screening and Party (January 18), and Best of the Festival Screenings (January 19).

Passes, Awards Gala, Opening and Closing Night tickets, and 6-pack screening vouchers are now on sale. The full line-up of films and events will be announced on December 27; Palm Springs International Film Society Members may also begin purchasing tickets on that day. The box office opens to the general public on December 31.

For more information and online ticket purchase, visit [www.psfilmfest.org](http://www.psfilmfest.org) or call (760) 322-2930.



## RING IN THE NEW YEAR CLOSE TO HOME!

### Get Your Groove on at the Hyatt

Celebrate the beginning of 2009 in grand style when Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa presents Fitz's New Year's Eve Party on December 31 starring top jazz saxophonist Euge Groove, fresh from his tour with the inimitable Tina Turner.

Certain to be a sensational celebration, cost for this event is only \$135 per person and includes an open bar reception, dinner (wine included), show, champagne toast, and New Year's Eve ball drop at 9 p.m. (12 a.m. EST). Reserved table seating for parties of ten is available; plus the Hyatt is offering a special \$139 room rate that evening for New Year's Eve Party ticketholders.

Fitz's New Year's Eve Party tickets are now on sale via the McCallum Theatre box office at (760) 340-ARTS [2787].

### Enjoy an Epicurean Eve at Brissago

If your desire is to usher in the New Year with a relaxing repast of the gourmet kind, you will find it on December 31 at the elegant Ristorante Brissago located in the Miramonte Resort and Spa.

Enjoy live entertainment in the Vineyard Lounge followed by a fabulous six-course New Year's Eve dinner, which includes an *amuse*, starter, salad, intermezzo, main course (choice of Grilled Prime Filet of Beef, Panko Herb Crusted Alaskan Halibut, or Truffled Wild Mushroom Risotto), and a very special dessert.

New Year's Eve dinner hours are 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$85 per person (plus tax and gratuity). For more information and reservations, call (760) 341-2200.

### Relish the Holidays at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa

Enjoy special holiday menus at Cava and Sirocco restaurants on Christmas night. Sirocco is also offering two seatings for a delicious multicourse Italian dinner on New Year's Eve.

STIR Lounge will also feature a live performance by the popular Art of Sax on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cover charge is \$50 per person (included with second Sirocco seating). Higher priced reserved seating is available. This festive New Year's Eve celebration also includes a balloon drop, champagne toast, and continental breakfast at closing.

For more information and reservations, call the Renaissance at (760) 773-4444.



# RESIDENTS ENJOY TWO ELEGANT IW CLUB OCTOBER SOIREEES

## *IW Club Hosted a Wine Tasting Adventure on October 10*

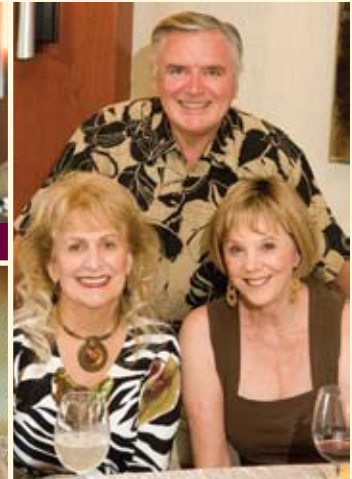
One hundred fifty Indian Wells residents had the opportunity to sample nearly 30 premier wines in the IW Club's Celebrity Ballroom. After perusing a diverse wine menu, residents tasted superlative varietals from top wineries like Acacia, Chalone, Edna Valley, Luna Vineyards, Pine Ridge, Sterling and more (plus discounted cases were available for purchase). The IW Club culinary team provided delicious food pairings including an antipasto buffet, pasta, carving station, and sumptuous desserts.



*Eleanor and Tom Yarbray*



*Jimmy and Christine Harris*



*Caryl Williams with Joyce and David Rollo*



*Nancy Groeniger and Francine Robertshaw*



*Perry Powers and Phoebe Biscow-Brown*



*Robert and Elaine Thomsen*



*Trudy Novak and Linda Weakley*



*Wafa and Maurice Monnig review wine menu*

## *Mashed Potato Bar is the Ultimate in Sophisticated Simplicity*



*Seated: Sharon Hauser and Ralph Jackson  
Standing: Diana and Tom Conner*



*Ellen Monarch and Diane Johnson*



*Angela and Bob Wadell*



*Linda and Paul Racano*



*Stella Ohanesian and J.L. Mertens*



*Donald and Sue Schecter*



*Sam Rich and Lloyd Johnson*



*Bruce Haerti, Tony Haerti, and Jay and Sherron Willingham*

Olive oil mashed potatoes, purple Peruvian mashed potatoes, and traditional mashers with a dozen toppings from which to choose – the IW Club culinary team showcased the latest trend in casual entertaining to 133 residents who attended the October 22 Resident Social held in the Celebrity Ballroom. Residents also feasted on sliders and canapés, a beef tenderloin carving station, and a delectable dessert station set up on the scenic outdoor terrace. A perfect Indian Wells evening!



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:

## Heating and Cooling Energy Saving Recommendations

When you live in a desert climate like ours – hot summer days and cold winter nights – you should consider replacing your older central air conditioner or heating system with an ENERGY STAR qualified unit. A central A/C unit is designed to last 12-15 years, so the older your equipment, the more likely it is inefficient and unreliable. Your A/C quality contractor can help you decide whether it's time to replace your old model with premium efficiency equipment. Newer energy efficient models can reduce your utility costs, save energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Look for ENERGY STAR equipment with a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, or SEER, of 14 or higher as these models offer higher energy savings. In fact, if all California households with old, inefficient (SEER 11 or lower) central air conditioners upgraded to ENERGY STAR qualified models, it would be the energy saving equivalent of taking 278,000 cars off the road.

Have your new energy efficient systems installed by a licensed heating and cooling contractor, and be sure to have a professional return annually to service the units.

After ensuring you have energy efficient equipment, there are additional ways you can reduce your energy footprint at little or no cost:

- When cooling your home, increase your thermostat by 3-5 degrees when you are home; set it to 85 degrees or higher or turn your A/C off when you leave.
- When heating your home, reduce your thermostat by 3-5 degrees when you are home; set it to 55 degrees or lower or turn off your heater when you leave. Lowering the temperature 3-5 degrees can save you up to 20% on heating costs.
- Regularly inspect, clean or change the air filters in your central air conditioners, furnace and/or heat pump. Dirty filters limit air flow and increase energy use.
- Ensure that any air leaks are properly sealed and your home has the proper insulation to increase your home's comfort and reduce your heating and cooling bills.

The City of Indian Wells is committed to leading the way in energy savings and affordability. City homeowners are still eligible to receive monetary incentives for energy efficient appliances through December 31, 2008 through the city's IW HEAL Conservation Incentive Program. Visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) (Go Green) for details about this innovative program, as well as an online application for download.

Comprehensive energy saving information can also be found on the following websites: [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com), [www.flexyourpower.org](http://www.flexyourpower.org), and [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

## Next HHW Disposal Event to Be Held on December 19

The city's next monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event will be held on Friday, December 19, 2008 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).





# Christmas Tree Safety Tips

Christmas trees are beautiful and a much-loved tradition during the holiday season, but they can be a fire hazard if not carefully decorated and maintained. Be sure to follow these important recommendations to make your holidays safer:

- Make sure you place your tree in a sturdy tree stand at least three feet away from any heat sources, such as a fireplace, and do not place it where it may block exits.
- Give your tree plenty of water daily to keep it moist.
- Always use lights listed by a testing laboratory when decorating your tree.
- Do not use any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords, or loose bulb connections.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed well away from tree branches.
- If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- Keep a watchful eye on children and do not let them play with tree wiring or lights.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles; dried out trees are highly flammable.

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)

*Sources: Riverside County Fire Department and National Fire Protection Association*

## 'Tis the Season to Recycle

Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions a promise to step up your recycling efforts? Take advantage of the opportunities the City of Indian Wells offers residents to recycle and reuse holiday gift materials and decorations.

From December 1 through January 31, you can drop off your holiday cards and gift wrap in recycling bins located in the lobby at City Hall. Collected items are then donated to the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery where local students transform them into creative art projects.

Burrtec Waste and Recycling collects Christmas trees and other holiday foliage for recycling beginning on December 26 through the second week in January. Please cut trees into four-foot lengths, bind them, and place the bundles next to your trash and recycling bins on your regular pick-up day (no flocked trees accepted).

For more information, call Burrtec customer service at (760) 340-2113 or visit [www.burrtecdesert.com](http://www.burrtecdesert.com) (Services/Residential/Indian Wells).





# 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: \$11.95, Seniors (62+) and Military: \$10.50, 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 December 31, 2008

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, (760) 321-0602. Open Tuesday through Sunday 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](http://www.cdmod.org).

## Mondays through December

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

Note: The City of Indian Wells Grants-in-Aid Committee will be on hiatus through December and will reconvene on January 13, 2009.

## December 2

Residents' Night at WildLights, The Living Desert: 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Limited seating; advance reservations were required by November 25. For details, call (760) 346-2489.

## December 3

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

## December 4

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

## December 4-21

*Photo Flash*, a comic mystery by Rancho Mirage author Michael Craft. 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.

## December 5-7

WildLights Holiday Festival, The Living Desert, (760) 346-5694: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Also, December 12-14, December 19-23, and December 26-January 4, 2009.



## December 7

Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation 7th Annual Meeting, Indian Wells Resort Hotel, 2 p.m., light refreshments. Guest speaker: Hal Rover, Historical Society of Palm Desert. All welcome; RSVP to Adele Ruxton, (760) 346-8420.

## December 9

Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer, Milauskas Eye Institute, Palm Desert, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Call (760) 346-7095 for details.

## December 11

*Breakfast & Birthstones*, IW Club. Libertine jewelry owner Matilde Parente presents part 2 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.

Award-winning pianist Igor Lovchinsky, Rancho Mirage Public Library, (760) 341-7323: 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rancho Mirage Public Library.



## December 12

Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce presents The Challenge Cup golf tournament, Celebrity Course, Indian Wells Golf Resort. Registration 7:30 a.m. Four-person scramble; 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. A portion of the proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. For more details, call (760) 346-7095, and visit [www.indianwellschamber.com](http://www.indianwellschamber.com).



## December 14



Jazz at The Living Desert. Concerts at 4 p.m./6:15 p.m. Cost: \$35 for Living Desert members; \$41 for non-members (season series tickets available). Performances are held indoors in the Education Center Building at The Living Desert. Seating capacity is limited; advance paid reservations are required. Tickets are not sold at the door. For further information or to make reservations, call Glenn Scott at 760-346-5694, ext. 2162.

## December 16

Renaissance Music of Wessex Consort, Rancho Mirage Public Library, (760) 341-7323: 7 p.m. Experience this re-creation of late 16th century ensemble musicians in period costume. Sponsored by the Friends of Rancho Mirage Public Library

## December 17

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

## December 18

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

## December 19

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

## December 25

Christmas Day. City Hall closed.

## December 26

Day after Christmas. City Hall closed.

## December 31

Fitz's New Year's Eve Party starring Euge Groove. Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa. Tickets available via McCallum Theatre box office, (760) 340-ARTS. (See story on page 6 for more details.)

## 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.



CITY COUNCIL

**Mary T. Roche**  
Mayor

**Larry Spicer**  
Mayor Pro Tem

**Rob Bernheimer**  
Council Member

**Ed Monarch**  
Council Member

**Patrick Mullany**  
Council Member

PLANNING COMMISSION

**Arthur Allen**  
Chairman

**David Reed**  
Vice Chairman

**Francis A. Wong**  
Commissioner

**Jim Parrish**  
Commissioner

**Peter Desnoes**  
Commissioner

ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

**Richard Egan**  
**Ted Mertens**

**Dennis Pindiak**  
**Brenda Reed**

**Carolyn Holt Martino**

CITY STAFF

**Greg Johnson**  
City Manager

**Stephen P. Deitsch**  
City Attorney

**Kevin McCarthy**  
Finance Director

**Corrie D. Kates**  
Community Development Director

**Nancy Samuelson**  
Director of Marketing and Community Relations

**Tim Wassil**  
Public Works Director

**Mel Windsor**  
Personnel/Public Safety Director

### October 2 City Council Meeting Highlights

Adopted Resolution Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2008-01 Updating the 2008 Circulation Element and Addendum to 1996 General Plan Certified Environmental Impact Report.

Adopted Resolution Approving Temporary Use Permit No. 2008-12 to Hold a Corporate Carnival on Monday, October 6, 2008 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort 44-400 Indian Wells Lane.

Adopted Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 17.20.043 Relating to Signage for Center Identification Sign for the Indian Wells Professional Center Located at Province Way and Highway 111.

Approved Requisition for IMG in the Amount of \$1,470,000 for 2008 LG Skins Game Sponsorship Fee.

Received/Filed Planning Commission's Approval of Variance No. 2008-06 to Encroach Three Feet (3') into the Eight Foot (8') Side Yard Setback to Allow a Garage Addition to be Located Five Feet (5') from the Property Line at 45-492 Osage Court.

Approved Requisition for Indian Wells Golf Resort in the Amount of \$51,200 for Indian Wells Golf Resort Annual Wash and Ribbon Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Adopted Resolution Approving Participation in Southern California Earthquake Training and Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community.

Approved Requisition for Source One Events in the Amount of \$79,044.40 for Operation Deposits for Vendors for LG Skins Game for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

### October 16 City Council Meeting Highlights

Added item regarding emergency funding for Food In Need of Distribution (F.I.N.D.) and Consensus of Council that staff along with the Extraordinary Grant Committee work with F.I.N.D. and that this item be agendized for the November 6, 2008 City Council meeting.

Approved Requisition for Team Econolite in the Amount of \$29,500 for Annual Signal Maintenance and Citywide Traffic Signal Repair for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Continued Ordinance Amending Section 17.20.020 Modifying Sign Criteria for Village I Shopping Center, to have staff and developer work on all the elements of the Village I shopping center signage including tenant signs so they complement the new branding of the city. Also, for staff to look at modifying the sign regulations so they complement the new branding of city monuments and signage as well as allowing indirect back-lit signs.

Adopted Resolution Approving Modification to Conditional Use Permit No. 2-79-4 Allowing Routine Maintenance of Kitchen Hoods After Regular Business Operating Hours for Restaurant Uses Within the Village I Shopping Center.

Approved Funding Request in the Amount of \$25,000 from College of the Desert [COD] Foundation.

Approved Property Owners Request for Reimbursement of Variance Application Fee for 47-000 Agate Court.

Approved Contract with Bower and Associates in the Amount of \$78,700 for Indian Wells Golf Resort Clubhouse Security Guard for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and Approve Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Continued Date Palm Tree Installation at Civic Center and have staff to present a new plan at the November 20, 2008 Council meeting

Approved Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$300,000 Relating to the Los Lagos Settlement.



## It's *magic* at the McCallum!

Experience the excitement of magic on Sunday, March 29, 2009 beginning at 3 p.m. when the magicians of Los Angeles' acclaimed Magic Castle return to the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert. Sponsored by the City of Indian Wells, city residents can purchase discounted tickets by calling the McCallum Theatre box office at (760) 340-ARTS [2787].

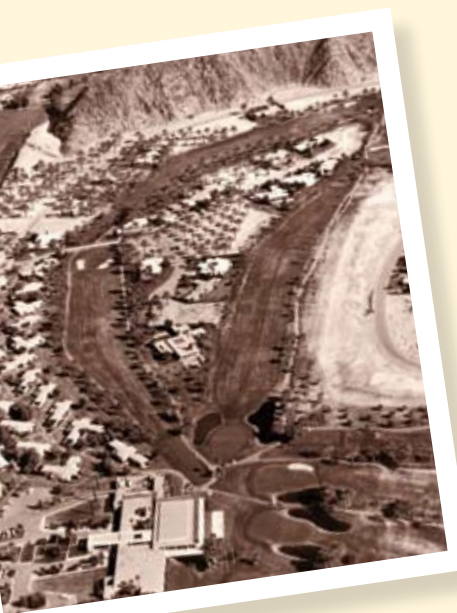
## Fireworks Alert

The Vintage Club will hold a private fireworks display on December 31, 2008 at 10 p.m. This event is not open to the public. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.

## 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).





# INDIAN WELLS

44-950 Eldorado Drive  
Indian Wells, CA 92210  
760-346-2489  
www.cityofindianwells.org

PRESORTED  
FIRST CLASS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT #1  
PALM DESERT, CA

## Calling All Friends of HISTORIC Preservation

The Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation's 7th Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. The featured speaker will be Hal Rover of the Historical Society of Palm Desert.

All members and friends of historic preservation are invited to attend; light refreshments will be served. Call Adele Ruxton to RSVP, (760) 346-8420.

## Upcoming Events

**January 6-9, 20098**  
*20th Anniversary Palm Springs International Film Festival*

**March 16, 20098**  
*City of Indian Wells 5th Annual ATHENA Awards*

## IW Club & Libertine Jewelry Present "BREAKFAST & BIRTHSTONES" Six-Part Gemology Series for Indian Wells Residents and Guests

Indian Wells' crown jewel, the IW Club at Indian Wells Golf Resort, and local gemologist Matilde Parente have launched a new cultural program, *Breakfast & Birthstones*, for Indian Wells residents and guests. The first session took place in November; however those interested may still sign up for the five remaining, or individual, sessions.

This entertaining breakfast series illuminates the legends and lore of gems associated with each calendar month. Parente leads a lively

30-minute presentation of two birthstones per session, followed by Q&A. As a special treat, one birthstone will be raffled off each session to a lucky winner.

IW Club's Executive Chef Matthew Pike's specially prepared breakfast service begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes valet parking and breakfast. Seating is limited; to register and reserve your space today, call the IW Club at (760) 346-4653.

### Breakfast & Birthstones Schedule:

- December 11, 2008:** December (*Turquoise, Zircon, Lapis Lazuli or Tanzanite*) with June (*Pearl, Moonstone or Alexandrite*)
- January 8, 2009:** January (*Garnet*) with July (*Ruby*)
- February 12, 2009:** February (*Amethyst*) with August (*Peridot*)
- March 12, 2009:** March (*Aquamarine*) with September (*Sapphire*)
- April 9, 2009:** April (*Diamond*) with October (*Opal or Tourmaline*)

