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DESERT TOWN HALL— INDIAN WELLS

ENTERS ITS 16TH STELLAR SEASON



Every year since 1993, Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells and its sponsors have brought the world's leading speakers to the Coachella Valley and this year is no exception.

The 2008 series premieres on Tuesday, January 15 with Tony Blair, former prime minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1997-2007), now serving as the Middle East Quartet Representative.

On February 10, former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow takes center stage. Snow served as press secretary for President George W. Bush from 2006–2007, and formerly served as director of speechwriting for President George H.W. Bush.

The series continues on March 18 with Jane Bryant Quinn, well-known syndicated personal finance columnist and author of best sellers, *Making the Most of Your Money* and *Smart and Simple Financial Strategies for Busy People*.

The 2008 series concludes on April 4 with columnists Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel presenting a program called *Common Ground*, based on their successful *USA Today* column.

Each of the speaker programs is held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa; lectures begin promptly at 6 p.m.

For details and ticket availability (note: all series tickets are sold out), call (760) 416-3400 and/or visit www.deserttownhall.org.

Rhapsody for Residents

Tickets are now available for Indian Wells residents who have made advance reservations for the Thursday January 10 recital featuring 12-year-old Jan Lisiecki, the 2007 Solo Winner (Junior Solo Division) in the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition.

Sponsored by the City of Indian Wells and Virginia Waring International Piano Competition, this free concert exclusively for Indian Wells residents will take place at Desert Horizons Country Club in Indian Wells. The 5 p.m. recital will be followed by a reception.

Tickets may be picked up after January 2 at City Hall during normal business hours (8 a.m.–5 p.m.). Please bring proof of residency. For more information, call (760) 346-2489.



Rendezvous for a Bit of Revelry on January 14

Ready to rouse yourself from your post-holiday respite? On Monday, January 14, 2008, the City of Indian Wells presents the first of four Season Socials for Indian Wells residents at the plush Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. Beginning at 5 p.m., you can meet your neighbors, make new friends, and learn more about the Renaissance's many amenities while enjoying a no-host bar and hearty appetizers.

Admission is \$15 per person payable at the door. Please RSVP to City Hall, (760) 346-2489, no later than Monday, January 7 for this festive resident gathering.

Celebrate the ATHENA Spirit on March 24

The fourth annual Indian Wells ATHENA Awards luncheon will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. This stellar event begins with a no-host cocktail reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 12 noon luncheon ceremony ending at 1:30 p.m.

Two outstanding women have been selected as this year's honorees. The Professional Achievement Award will be presented to Sandra Hartfield, president and chief executive officer of the Electronic Banking Division of Palm Desert National Bank. The Community Service Award will go to a very respected high profile member of the Indian Wells community and Coachella Valley at large. ATHENA Awards® Program founder Martha Mertz will once again grace this well-attended event as the keynote speaker.

Tables of ten are only \$400; individual tickets are \$40. For more information and reservations, please call Indian Wells City Hall at (760) 346-2489.

Expand Your Artistic Horizons on February 5

Cultivate your artistic acumen on Tuesday, February 5 when the City of Indian Wells and Palm Springs Art Museum present the first of three "Rediscover the Art Museum" lectures, a complimentary cultural series exclusively for Indian Wells residents.

Palm Springs Art Museum Executive Director Steven Nash will discuss "The World of Modern Sculpture from Bronze to Chocolate." To be held at the Indian Wells Country Club located at 46000 Club Drive, this special event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

Tickets will be available at City Hall after January 2. Tickets are complimentary for museum members and \$5 each for non-members. Two (2) tickets per household with proof of Indian Wells residency. Two additional art lectures to be held at the Indian Wells Golf Resort are scheduled for March 4 and April 1, 2008.

This resident-only lecture series runs in conjunction with the museum's special exhibition, *Picasso to Moore: Modern Sculpture from the Weiner Collection*, exclusively sponsored by the City of Indian Wells.



Be a Champion at Pacific Life Open 2008

Become a Champion and play an integral role in this year's prestigious Pacific Life Open to be held March 10–23, 2008. This official ATP Masters/Sony Ericsson WTA Tour event is now the fifth most-attended professional tennis tournament in the world!

The Champions Volunteer Foundation will hold a Volunteer Fair on Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Volunteers can choose to work on a variety of committees including: Administration, Ball Kids, Box Office, Concourse, Credentials, Gates, Hospitality, Information/Programs, Media, Player Services, Private Housing, Scorekeepers, Shuttles, Player Transportation, Ushers and Volunteers Services.

Comprising more than 800 volunteers, The Champions Volunteer Foundation represents individuals of all ages who donate their time to Tennis Garden events and raise funds for charitable organizations.

To learn more about The Champions Volunteer Foundation or download an online volunteer application form, visit www.pacificlifeopen.com (click on Volunteers at bottom of home page), call (760) 200-8430, or e-mail tcvf1@aol.com.

The Champions Volunteer Foundation is the primary beneficiary of the Pacific Life Open. This year, in addition to selling player-autographed items, the Foundation will be hosting an evening in an Indian Wells Tennis Garden suite to include valet parking, and complimentary wine and hors' d'oeuvres. This special event will also feature appearances by both current and former professional tennis players. To learn more about this special evening scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 2008, call Adele Robbins at (760) 285-3338 or Gudrun Farr at (760) 774-5614.

Hyatt Grand Champions Adds 24 Luxury Villas

This past November 2, Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa opened 24 new luxury villas, raising the resort's total villa inventory to 43.

"As one of the most sought after resorts in the area, we are excited to further enhance the resort with these distinctive villas," said Allan Farwell, the resort's general manager. "Because the villas offer the best of the best, they will be especially appealing to those seeking unique accommodations with privacy and pampering."

The one- and two-bedroom villas are elegantly designed and furnished with warm, inviting color schemes and décor, recessed lighting enhancements, and exquisite artwork. Amenities include: private courtyards with individual whirlpool spas and barbecues, fireplaces, wet bars, marbled baths, 42" plasma televisions, DVD players, Internet access options, and personal butler service.

2008 rates for the villas range from \$489 to \$1700 per night. For more information, call (760) 341-1000 or visit www.hyattgrandchampions.com.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM *A Picture-Perfect Week*

More than 5,000 spectators attended the Indian Wells premiere of the LG Skins Game this past November 23–25, 2007. For many onsite fans and the TV audience, it was a first look at Clive Clark's world-class Celebrity Course at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. Framed by vivid blue skies against a majestic mountain background, the Celebrity Course looked fabulous for its television debut!



Joe Mantegna at the Celebrity Pro-Am: "I love playing in the desert...It's one of the blessings we have of living in Southern California to have access to the desert communities out here—two hours from the city and suddenly you're in a whole other world."



Fred Couples and **Brett Wetterich** previewed the Celebrity Course pre-November 24 Pro-Am:
Couples: "I played. It's in great shape....It's a phenomenal course and it should look great on TV."
Wetterich: "I played nine holes on the front side and haven't been on the back. I liked it. It seemed to be pretty good for me."

Cheech Marin at the Celebrity Pro-Am: "I love the desert air and so does my girlfriend so enough said...The [desert] golf courses are the best in the world..."



THE 2007 LG SKINS GAME *end in Indian Wells*



Ames Repeats: **Stephen Ames** earned back-to-back LG Skins Game Championships as he walked off with \$650,000 and eight skins on the 18th hole to claim the championship. Ames had nine skins and \$675,000 for the two days to top Mr. Skins, **Fred Couples**, who won the other nine skins and \$325,000. First-year players **Zach Johnson** and **Brett Wetterich** were blanked.



Charity Wins Again: Each player donated 20% of his earnings to his favorite charity. **Fred Couples** played for the California Wildfires Victims, **Stephen Ames** played for the Stephen Ames Foundation, **Zach Johnson** played for Team Fox for Parkinson's Research and **Brett Wetterich** played for the Big Oak Ranch.

COOPERATION

Results in Crime Prevention

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. As a result, modern law enforcement agencies are taking a new approach to combating crime known as **Community Oriented Policing**.

In simple terms, this philosophy of crime prevention involves cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve.

“As the Chief of Police for Indian Wells, it is my goal to improve the overall safety of our community. Through cooperative efforts focused towards crime prevention, we can enhance quality of life and serve as a model for surrounding communities.”

— Lieutenant Matthew Jimenez

Community Oriented Policing differs from traditional law enforcement in that traditional methods lacked true community involvement and involved reacting to problems as

they occurred. The result was that this type of enforcement primarily dealt with the immediate problem but provided little, if any, resolution to long-term issues.

Community Oriented Policing is the future of law enforcement. Law enforcement officers will not only continue efforts to resolve immediate problems, they will also be looking at ways to eliminate future problems. Officers trained in this type of policing will analyze data, identify problem areas, develop a plan of action, and implement that action plan.

The citizen's role in this concept requires active participation. Law enforcement needs citizens to become involved by taking active roles in reporting crime and adopting measures to protect themselves. Law enforcement agencies are well aware that not all citizens understand the basics of crime prevention and that the role of public education rests in the hands of law enforcement. By educating citizens and gaining their participation, we all can create and maintain a safer community.

In Indian Wells, property-related crime is the most significant problem. Below are a few key crime prevention tips to assist residents in protecting their 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. This same concept applies to your vehicle. Keep it locked and, if possible, parked in your garage, and make use of all alarm systems.

- *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. If they can't see the property, they will most likely leave the area.

- *Report suspicious activity*



Be suspicious. If something or someone looks out of place, call law enforcement. Don't rationalize what you are seeing; take a moment to report it when it is occurring. Don't wait.

- *Be a good neighbor*



Look after your neighbor. If you see a strange vehicle, person, or activity around his/her home, report it to law enforcement. If your neighbors are leaving property exposed (open garage doors), contact them because complacency invites unwanted guests into your neighborhood.

For many more crime prevention tips, please visit the Riverside County Sheriff's Department website at www.riversidesheriff.org



2007 WildLights Night Spreads Holiday Cheer Among Residents



Bundled in cozy coats and hats to ward off the desert's "winter" chill, nearly 650 Indian Wells residents gathered at The Living Desert's WildLights Holiday Festival to ring in the holiday season. This magical evening began with a tram ride under canopies of brightly lit trees festooned with multi-colored lights. Some preferred to stroll, captivated by their favorite animated displays like the giant red teddy bear and Santa teeing off into the still, starry night. New this year: an animated frog soaring over a lily pad, complementing The Living Desert's new "Amazing Amphibians: Frogs on the Edge" exhibit.



The evening also included a hearty buffet, cold and hot beverages, and the holiday/folksy musical stylings of the Ol' Doc Rickenbeck Trio and Desert Blend Quartet.



Avoid Identity Theft – Shred for Safety!

To help residents combat identity theft, the City of Indian Wells is sponsoring a convenient, no-limit Document Shredding Event on Saturday, January 12, 2008. This free event will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Indian Wells Tennis Garden parking lot.

The start of the new year is a great time to clear the clutter and dispose of unnecessary documents. Items that can be shredded include: all office paper, NCR and glossy paper, staples and paper clips, bound materials, file folders and envelopes. Items not approved for shredding are: bio-waste, carbon paper, transparencies, foods or liquids, paper towels and tissues, glass, aluminum and plastics.

Please enter Tennis Garden parking lot from Miles Avenue where signs will direct you to the shredding area. Also, remember to bring valid Indian Wells residential ID (no commercial businesses, please). For further details, call (760) 346-2489, ext. 227.

City of Indian Wells Enjoys

“The City of Indian Wells just closed the books on its strongest financial year in history. This year, the city’s General Fund posted an \$8.3 million net operating surplus with \$37.7 million in reserves,” says City Manager Greg Johnson. Positive economic indicators, tourism demand, capital investments back into our economy, valley growth, and short term interest rates are all indicators of continued strong revenue performance.

“By looking at the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities we know how the city performed throughout the year,” adds Johnson. “These statements demonstrate financial activity of the city as a whole.” The City of Indian Wells remains in outstanding financial condition with strong revenue growth and prudently managed operational expenditures. A fundamental goal of the city is to continue to efficiently monitor and improve the public services it delivers. City Council remains focused on using resources prudently and effectively to improve the already high quality of life that represents Indian Wells.

As a No/Low property tax city, Indian Wells collects very little property tax from the County of Riverside—only 7% of the 1% of property assessed valuation. As a result, the City of Indian Wells, a world-class luxury resort destination, has had to rely on revenues generated from tourism to support its public services. Today, over 50% of the revenues generated in the city’s General Fund are tourism-based. Vital to the city’s tax base are three key economic components: resort hotel properties, restaurants and golf.

Golf is the primary recreational activity supporting the resort hotels and related retail shops in Indian Wells. The city-owned Indian Wells Golf

INCOME STATEMENT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES				
	Year Ended June 30		Net Variance	% Change
	2007	2006		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$48,699,143	\$46,131,556	\$2,567,587	5.57%
Assessments	3,036,321	3,084,600	(48,279)	-1.57%
Licenses and permits	728,761	618,616	110,145	17.81%
Intergovernmental	2,792,136	3,642,776	(850,640)	-23.35%
Charges for services	5,185,875	5,540,764	(354,889)	-6.41%
Investment income	6,952,865	4,538,692	2,414,173	53.19%
Development fees	582,880	600,668	(17,788)	-2.96%
Other	782,827	610,886	171,941	28.15%
Total assets	68,760,808	64,768,558	3,992,250	6.16%
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	7,763,532	7,082,129	681,403	-73.19%
Community development	24,966,021	28,957,231	(3,991,210)	-13.78%
Public safety	6,146,364	5,903,241	243,123	82.51%
Public works	3,862,991	3,367,663	495,328	14.71%
Golf resort	5,406,302	7,491,500	(2,085,198)	14.88%
Interest	6,009,532	4,706,168	1,303,364	27.69%
Total expenditures	54,154,742	57,507,932	(3,353,190)	-5.83%
Sale of property	350,454	-	350,454	n/a
Total other financing sources	350,454		350,454	n/a
Net Income (loss)	14,956,520	7,260,626	7,695,894	105.99%
Retained Earnings at beginning of year	141,647,469	134,386,843	7,260,626	5.40%
Retained Earnings at end of year	\$156,603,989	\$141,647,469	\$14,956,520	10.56%

Resort with its spectacular mountain views and stunning park-like setting is designed to augment the existing amenities of the four surrounding luxury resort hotels, and maximize the resorts’ ability to generate transient occupancy tax revenues for the city.

During the last ten years, the City of Indian Wells has been in a growth phase with net assessed values increasing from \$2.0 billion in fiscal year 1997/98 to \$4.3 billion in fiscal

year 2006/07. This major increase in assessed value consists primarily of residential development. During the same period of time, the city’s net assets have grown from \$87.1 million to \$156.6 million further emphasizing the economic success occurring in Indian Wells.

During fiscal year 2006/07, the city’s net assets increased \$15.0 million over the previous year to reach \$156.6 million. Citywide revenues



Robust Fiscal Health

CITY OF INDIAN WELLS STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS				
	June 30, 2007 Governmental Activities	June 30, 2006 Governmental Activities	Net Variance	% Change
Assets:				
Cash and Investments	\$77,033,079	\$75,462,467	\$1,570,612	2.08%
Cash from bond proceeds	33,571,821	10,262,687	23,309,134	n/a
Receivables:				
Accounts	2,415,011	2,415,748	(737)	-0.03%
Accrued interest	1,159,653	737,258	422,395	57.29%
Prepaid costs	76,516	53,269	23,247	43.64%
Inventory	97,252	189,573	(92,321)	-48.70%
Deferred bond issue costs	2,893,349	1,941,903	951,446	n/a
Land held for resale	15,074,119	19,102,515	(4,028,396)	-21.09%
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	167,248,679	133,514,277	33,734,402	25.27%
Total assets	299,569,479	243,679,698	55,889,781	22.94%
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	6,157,710	5,093,997	1,063,713	20.88%
Accrued liabilities	2,110,817	1,312,406	798,411	60.84%
Deposits payable	111,609	111,352	257	n/a
Deferred revenue	65,092	121,662	(56,570)	-46.50%
Noncurrent liabilities				
Due within one year	4,085,547	3,432,642	652,905	19.02%
Due in more than one year	130,434,715	91,960,170	38,474,545	41.84%
Total liabilities	142,965,490	102,032,229	40,933,261	40.12%
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	69,590,685	50,749,510	8,841,175	37.13%
Restricted for:				
Community development	21,060,513	49,567,249	(28,506,736)	-57.51%
Public safety	2,993,323	2,932,610	60,713	2.07%
Public works	1,877,244	2,094,899	(217,655)	-10.39%
Unrestricted	61,082,224	36,303,201	24,779,023	68.26%
Total net assets	\$156,603,989	\$141,647,469	\$14,956,520	10.56%

climbed \$4.0 million over last year to reach \$68.8 million. Collection of property tax and transient occupancy tax remain at historic highs. Indian Wells is seen by homebuilders and homebuyers alike as an exceptional place to build and live. The booming housing market has resulted in greater than budgeted development fees and charges for services. As a result of the increased population, Indian Wells is experiencing retail growth that has

added sales tax revenue to the city. City expenditures decreased \$3.4 million over last year declining to \$54.2 million through prudent fiscal management.

“The real story and excitement for our residents in the coming months is the nearly completed Indian Wells Golf Resort,” says Johnson. “The Golf Resort will be the crown jewel of city pride and representative of the high quality of life in Indian Wells.”

Indian Wells Citrus Collection Begins February 1



Help keep our neighborhoods clean and sustain the Indian Wells spirit of giving by participating in the second annual Indian Wells Citrus Collection from February 1 through April 30, 2008.

Simply pick the extra or unwanted citrus fruit from your trees and bring the fruit to the bins located outside the Emergency Operations Center next to City Hall. The donated produce will be picked up regularly by Hidden Harvest to be distributed as a healthy, nutritious food source to those in need in the Coachella Valley.

Hidden Harvest, an innovative local nonprofit organization, provides the equivalent of more than 50,000 meals to needy families each month through its food box distribution program.

To learn more about Hidden Harvest, visit www.hiddenharvest.org or call (760) 398-8183.

Next HHW Event to Be Held on January 19

The city's next monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 8 a.m. until 2 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.





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 1, 2008

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 until Summer '08

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 May '08

Season hours, Palm Springs Art Museum, (760) 325-7186. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursdays, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission prices – Members: free; Adults: \$12.50; 62 and over: \$10.50; Ages 6-17, students, and active-duty military personnel (with I.D.): \$5.00; children under 6: free. Free public admission every Thursday from 4-8 p.m. during the downtown Villagefest.

Daily through April 2008

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, (760) 321-0602. Open every day 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission prices – Ages 2 and up: \$6. CDMOD offers annual, individual memberships for \$18 per person. www.cdmod.org.

Mondays through January

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

Ongoing

Picasso to Moore, Modern Sculpture from the Weiner Collection, Palm Springs Art Museum, (760) 325-7186. Exhibition exclusively presented by the City of Indian Wells. (Please refer to flyer with complimentary exhibition pass in City of Indian Wells November 07 newsletter.)

January 2

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

January 3

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

January 3 – 14

19th Annual Palm Springs International Film Festival, (760) 322-2930, www.psfilmfest.org. City of Indian Wells serves as a Presenting Sponsor of the Festival.

January 8

Grants in Aid Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 2:30 p.m. Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Meeting, City Hall, (760) 345-2489: 4 p.m.

January 10

Community Activities Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 9 a.m.

January 14

IW Season Socials 2008

IW Season Social #1 for Indian Wells residents, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa: 5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. RSVP (760) 346-2489 by January 7.

January 15

Tony Blair, Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells, (760) 416-3400: 6 p.m. www.deserttownhall.org.



January 17

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

January 19

City of Indian Wells Household Hazardous Waste Event, City Hall parking area: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

January 20

Breakfast with the Keepers, The Living Desert, Continental breakfast with the veterinary staff and tour of the Tenny Wildlife Hospital and Conservation Center. Call (760) 346-5694 or visit www.livingdesert.org for details.

Gleb Ivanov, pianist, Rancho Mirage Public Library, (760) 341-7323: 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by International Classical Concerts of the Desert and Rancho Mirage Public Library. Cost: \$22 per person. www.ranchoiragelibrary.org

January 24

Indian Wells Garden and Community Club Meeting/Luncheon: 11 a.m. Reservations required. RSVP to Nikki Crain, (760) 567-7681 or Gail Anderson, (760) 360-8134.

January 26

How to Publish Your Own Photo Book, Palm Springs Art Museum: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Design and publish your own photo book to capture favorite memories, document a trip, or create a small portfolio. Fees: \$100 for Artists Council members; \$150 for non-members. For more information, call the AC Coordinator at (760) 325-7186 ext. 150 or e-mail artistscouncil@psmuseum.org.

January 26 & 27

January Jam! at The Living Desert. Two evenings of jazz in the Palm Garden: 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Jan. 26: Roger Neumann Jazz Ensemble, Jan. 27: Chris Compton LIVE. For tickets, contact Glenn Scott, (760) 346-5694, ext. 2162, hgscott@livingdesert.org.

January 27

St. Petersburg Quartet, Rancho Mirage Public Library, (760) 341-7323: 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by International Classical Concerts of the Desert and Rancho Mirage Public Library. Cost: \$22 per person. www.ranchoiragelibrary.org

January 28

The Four Freshmen presented by the City of Indian Wells, McCallum Theatre: 8 p.m. For Indian Wells resident discount, call the McCallum box office at (760) 340-ARTS (2787).



January 31

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

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 urges Indian Wells residents to take advantage of Southern California Edison's free home energy surveys.

Call (800) 278-8585 to save money and energy now.



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December 6 City Council Meeting Highlights

Reorganization of City Council: Mayor/Chairman Mary T. Roche and Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chairman Larry Spicer.

Adopted Ordinance concerning Zoning Amendments.

Approved change order to Sierra Landscape in the amount of \$30,001.20 for conduit installation for future lighting on northside of Highway 111 between Indian Wells Lane and Eldorado Drive.

Approved School Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2007-08 for: Cahuilla Elementary, Cathedral City Elementary, Cielo Vista Elementary, Coral Mountain Academy, James Workman Middle, La Quinta High School, and Washington Charter.

Approved four-year college scholarship for Cassandra Hawkins and supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for first year of scholarship.

Approved purchase order to State Department of Fish and Game in the amount of \$30,272 for permit fees for Mountain View Villas, Phase II.

Adopted Ordinance authorizing the levy of a special tax of the City of Indian Wells Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 for public safety services.

Approved change order and supplemental appropriation for Marks, Golia & Finch, LLP in the amount of \$203,795 for Mountain View Villas Phase I subsidence legal services.

Community Assistance Grant Applications Now Available

City of Indian Wells Community Assistance Grant Program applications are now available for the 2008-2009 funding cycle. The application packet may be downloaded from the City of Indian Wells website at www.cityofindianwells.org. (City Hall, Grants, Community Assistance Grants).

The open application period ends February 29, 2008. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on that day or will not be eligible for consideration. Applicants will receive e-mail notification/confirmation of receipt of application within 72 hours of submission.

Additionally, applicants are encouraged to review the entire grant application packet before beginning the process. Please note that applications that are incomplete when submitted will not be accepted.

For more information, contact City of Indian Wells Management Analyst Susan Weisbart at (760) 346-2489 ext. 227, sweisbart@indianwells.com.

Ladies Golf Group Now Forming



An Indian Wells Resident Ladies Golf Group is forming with a new twist for 2008. To find out more, please contact Anne at carereview@aol.com or (760) 776-9723. Also note your preferred date and time for regular weekly play in 2008.

What is the number one killer of women? Heart disease! Please join Indian Wells Mayor and Chairperson Mary T. Roche to learn more about women and heart disease at the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Luncheon on Friday, February 1, 2008 at the Indian Wells Country Club. Become empowered and take action! For more information, please call (760) 346-8109.



American Heart Association 

Eliminate E-Waste

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Upcoming Events

February 5

*"Rediscover the Art Museum"
Free Art Lecture for IW Residents
Indian Wells Country Club
5:30 p.m.*

February 10

*Tony Snow
Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa
6 p.m.*

February 13

*City of Indian Wells Blood Drive
Indian Wells City Hall
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

February 13

*IW Season Social #2
Indian Wells Resort Hotel
5 p.m.*

February 15

*Household Hazardous Waste
Disposal Event
Indian Wells City Hall
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

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*Check Out the Pacific Life Open's
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All tickets are now on sale for the 2008 Pacific Life Open to be held March 10–23, 2008 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Diverse ticket options include individual and series tickets, mini-packages, and hotel packages. Plus, the tournament's new website design makes it even easier to buy tickets online. In fact, you can even buy any Upper Bowl ticket online and print it out at home!

To purchase your tickets today and review continuous Pacific Life Open updates, visit and bookmark www.pacificlifeopen.com, or call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden box office at (760) 200-8000.



Netflix to Host Outdoor Film Fest Screening

The 19th annual Palm Springs International Film Festival celebrates the film *Hairspray* with an outdoor sing-along screening and a key Festival award.

On Friday, January 4, 2008, Netflix, Inc., the world's largest online movie rental service, will host a free public screening in Palm Springs' Sunrise Park at 6 p.m. On Saturday, January 5, 2008, the film will be honored with an Ensemble Performance Award at the Festival's Awards Gala to be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Cast members from the film expected to attend include John Travolta, Queen Latifah, Allison Janney, Zac Efron, Nikki Blonsky, and more.

For more Festival information and continuous updates, visit www.psfilmfest.org or call (760) 322-2930. The City of Indian Wells is a Presenting Sponsor of the 2008 Palm Springs International Film Festival.

