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# C O U N T D O W N T O PACIFIC LIFE OPEN

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*Only in Indian Wells – two weeks of world-class tennis and more!*



It is nearly time for one of the most thrilling events in professional tennis to make its yearly visit to Indian Wells. And when the 33rd annual Pacific Life Open begins on March 10 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, spectators can expect an exhilarating tennis showdown featuring the world's top players – including four of the top five women – competing once again for the coveted Pacific Life Open crown.

We know that Indian Wells residents will want to take advantage of all the festivities the 2008 tournament has to offer, so we have perforated this front cover for your convenience. We encourage you to tear out this handy guide of Pacific Life Open highlights and carry it with you so you will be sure not to miss the many activities celebrating one of the most prestigious and popular sporting events in the world!



## March 5 – 20

### Ralphs Ticket Promotion

Purchase \$100 or more at a participating Ralphs grocery store in the Coachella Valley and receive a checkout coupon for complimentary evening session tickets for two between 3/14 and 3/21 (loge or grandstand seating).

### March 8: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### Pacific Life Open Kid's Day

Kids are invited for free to participate in a Junior Olympic Skills Qualifying event and tennis activities. ATP and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour players will be on hand to add to the excitement of the day.

### March 10: 12 p.m.

#### Sony Ericsson WTA Main Draw

Women's Main Draw, Big Screen Stage, Tennis Garden Village. Free admission to watch WTA Qualifying Rounds.

### March 11: 1 p.m.

#### ATP Main Draw

Men's Main Draw, Big Screen Stage, Tennis Garden Village. Free admission to watch WTA and ATP Qualifying Rounds.

### March 12: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Los Angeles Times Internet Café opens

Return those e-mails between matches in Tennis Garden Village and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Old Town Coffee Company. Open through run of tournament.

### March 12

#### Fila Family Zone opens

Children of all ages can test their skills with interactive games and challenges. In Tennis Garden Village next to Tennis Warehouse Shop. Open through run of tournament.

#### Player Autograph Signings begin

Check daily draw sheet of *The Desert Sun* for daily schedule through run of tournament.

### March 13: Daytime Matches

#### City of Indian Wells Residents Day

Indian Wells residents are entitled to four free loge tickets plus parking pass for today's daytime matches. Pick up at City Hall. For details, call (760) 346-2489.

### March 14: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Tennis Village Entertainment begins

Live music, entertainment and refreshments available through March 21.

### March 15

#### "Tennis Talk" with Bud Collins begins

Lively tennis talk throughout the two weeks on Tennis Garden Village Stage. Check daily drawsheets for times and guest speakers.

### March 15

#### Desert Fashions by FILA & Trina Turk

Join FILA for a runway fashion show including Los Angeles' own hot designer Trina Turk. Professional ATP and WTA players will join professional models down the runway player style! Call the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Box Office to order your tickets – (800) 999-1585. Ticket price includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gift bag, runway seating, and raffle tickets.

### March 16

#### Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition

Top-ranked and Olympic wheelchair tennis players participate in exhibition match in Main Stadium.

### March 18: 2:30 p.m.

#### USTA Appreciation Day

USTA members-only reception in Courtyard Hospitality Tent. Also, USTA members receive 30% discount on loge tickets, day sessions 3/12–3/20, and evening sessions 3/14–3/21. For ticket details, call Tennis Garden Box Office, (760) 200-8000.

### March 21 – 23: 9 a.m.

#### Pacific Life Open Tri-Level National Championship

Doubles competition representing USTA sections from around the country. Winning section members receive a one-year clothing contract from FILA, official sportswear company of the Pacific Life Open.

### March 21: 6:30 p.m.

#### Salute to Heroes

A special pre-match ceremony honoring veterans, military personnel, police, and firefighters. All of above can receive two free tickets for the evening session by showing proper ID at South Gate Box Office.

### March 22

#### Women's Doubles Final: 11:00 a.m.

Men's Singles Semi-Final: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. plus Easter Weekend Activities today and tomorrow.

### March 23

#### Fan Appreciation Day

Show Ralphs membership card at Box Office and receive 30% discount for men's and women's championship final singles matches.

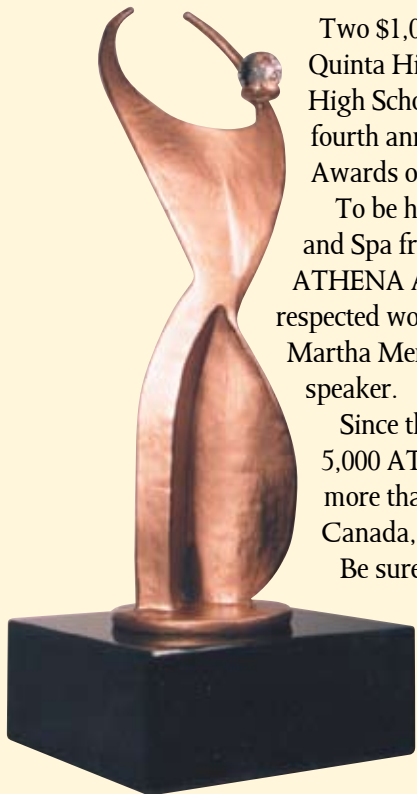
#### Women's Singles Final: 12 p.m.

#### Men's Singles Final: 2 p.m.

Schedules and times are subject to change. For regular updates, visit [www.pacificlifeopen.com](http://www.pacificlifeopen.com). During the tournament, you may also check the daily draw sheet or call the Sports Information Line at (760) 200-8120.



## Indian Wells ATHENA Awards to Include Scholarship Presentations



Two \$1,000 scholarships will be presented to La Quinta High School senior Luz Martinez and Indio High School senior Andrea Salcedo at the upcoming fourth annual City of Indian Wells ATHENA Awards on Monday, March, 24, 2008.

To be held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., this year's ATHENA Awards Luncheon will honor two highly respected women from Indian Wells. ATHENA founder Martha Mertz will once again serve as the keynote speaker.

Since the program's inception in 1982, more than 5,000 ATHENA Awards have been presented in more than 500 communities in the U.S., U.K., Canada, China, Russia, and United Arab Emirates.

Be sure not to miss this inspirational event! Cost: \$400 tables of 10; \$40 individual tickets.

For details, visit [www.cityofindianwells.org](http://www.cityofindianwells.org) (Community/IW Attractions & Events/ATHENA Awards 2008). To purchase tickets, call (760) 346-2489.



## A SAMPLE OF Hyatt Hospitality

Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa will host the third IW Season Social of 2008 on Wednesday, March 5 beginning at 5 p.m. Meet and connect with neighbors and friends during this exclusive resident social event that will feature a no-host bar and a sampling of the resort's delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Cost: \$15 per person. Please RSVP and purchase tickets in person at City Hall during normal business hours up to three days in advance of the event.

## Evening Art Lecture Series Continues: March 4 and April 1

Advance your exploration into the world of art on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 when the City of Indian Wells and Palm Springs Art Museum host the second session of "Rediscover the Art Museum," an evening cultural series designed for Indian Wells residents.

Robert Brasier, the museum's director of education, will present "A Recurring Quandary: Masters vs. Upstarts" beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Indian Wells Country Club.

A reception with complimentary buffet will immediately follow the lecture.

The series concludes on Tuesday, April 1 – same time, same place – with the museum's Associate



Curator Sidney Williams examining "Modern Architecture in the Desert."

Seating is limited, so reserve your space today. Tickets can be picked up at Indian Wells City Hall during normal business hours. Cost: free for museum members; \$5 each per lecture for non-members. Two (2) tickets per household per lecture with proof of Indian Wells residency.

This special art lecture series runs in conjunction with the City of Indian Wells-sponsored exhibition – *Picasso to Moore: Modern Sculpture from the Weiner Collection* – now on display at the museum.

For art lecture information, call (760) 346-2489. For exhibition details, visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org) or call (760) 322-4800.



## Indian Wells Arts Festival Offers Something for Everyone

Enjoy a delightful weekend of fine art, top quality crafts, live musical entertainment, refreshments, and much more when the 6th Annual Indian Wells Arts Festival begins its three day run on April 4 at the scenic Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

Once again, stroll through an outdoor village “gallery” where more than 200 leading artists will showcase works including painting, pottery, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and other hand-crafted wares. Festival attractions include a Gourmet Market Place and wine tastings, Children’s Activity Center, “Recycle Bicycle” display exhibit sponsored by S.C.R.A.P. (Student Creative Recycle Art Program) Gallery, artist demonstrations, and special exhibits.

The Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Saturday-only “Chef Masterpieces,” featuring 20 premier local chefs offering epicurean treats with wine pairings.

Online tickets are available for \$8 per person; \$10 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free. The Festival is open from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (gates close 4:30 p.m.) daily; free general parking, and valet parking are available.

For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit [www.indianwellsartsfestival.com](http://www.indianwellsartsfestival.com) or call (760) 346-0042.

## Personal Finance Whiz Headlines March 18 Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells

Jane Bryant Quinn, the nation’s leading commentator on personal finance, will focus on “The Economy and Your Money” during the season’s third installment of Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells. Quinn will offer a well-researched view of the current business outlook and how it relates to managing your personal investments.

Named one of the 25 most influential women in the United States, Quinn’s columns on investment and money management appear in *Newsweek* and *Good Housekeeping*. She is the author of two best-selling books, *Making the Most of Your Money* and *Smart and Simple Financial Strategies for Busy People*.

She co-hosted a PBS series, *Beyond Wall Street*, and also spent a decade working for CBS News. She has won many awards, including the Emmy Award for outstanding news coverage.

This highly anticipated event will take place at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information and available ticket options, call (760) 416-3400 or visit [www.deserttownhall.org](http://www.deserttownhall.org).



# “One of the True Good Guys in Our Country Today”

The caption above is how U.S. House Representative Mary Bono Mack introduced former White House press secretary (2006-2007) Tony Snow to a packed house at the February 10 Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells lecture series. And despite his current battle with stage four cancer, Snow spent a full hour at the podium sharing his view on a wide variety of issues. Among the highlights:

- Despite the caricatures depicted on late night talk shows, President George W. Bush is an “extraordinary guy with a great sense of humor...very skilled in one-on-one relationships.”
- Snow shared what he believes is a disconnect between politics, the media, and the rest of the country, and that the media has primarily focused on the “negative in Iraq.”
- On American foreign policy and how the U.S. is perceived by other countries, he emphasized that often “the very people who criticize us know they can rely on us to bail them out.”
- On the current presidential candidates: “Hillary works hard, she’s smart, but I don’t think she knows who she is.” Barack Obama has generated excitement but Snow doesn’t see a lot of substance in the campaign, and John McCain and the Republicans need “to talk to people in a way that stirs their hearts.”

Said Snow of America: “The most important thing we have is our sense of ourselves, our pride in who we are, and our determination to make it better. We’ll do it.”



*Julie Drake, Rose Ryan, Carol Crain*



*Renaissance Esmeralda General Manager  
Bob Walsh, Dawn Walsh and Dick Shalhoub*



*Suzu Neiman, Ann Tisdale, Helen Turner, Martha Owens*



*Mary Louise Knoblauch, Micki and Dick Schneider, Sheila Gast*



*Carl and Carol Gregory*



*Mike and Yvonne Santin*



*Judy and John Gingerich with  
La Quinta friends Charles and Loretta Van Orden*



*Norma Cooper, Emma Davis, Anne Froats, Marilyn Smith*



*Dave Ott, Suzan Znoy, Dudley Scott, Liz and Brian Schroeder*



*Pamela June with her father, Wallace O'Connor*



# LANTANA: An Impressive Addition to the Indian Wells Dining Scene

More than 70 people, including all five members of Indian Wells City Council, were on hand to help the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa celebrate the February 7 Grand Opening of its lovely, new Lantana restaurant.

Modern design, subdued lighting, plush seating, and art – including a Lantana watercolor painted by local artist Diane Morgan – highly complement the contemporary California cuisine created by Executive Chef Chris Mitchum.

Guests were feted to a delightful taste of Mitchum’s innovative menu that included wine pairings with signature dishes like the Shitaki Burger, Lantana Salad, and Three Shellfish, a mouthwatering mélange of lobster hash, sea scallops, and prawn.

Lantana is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Indian Wells residents with a valid Property Owner annual ID card receive a 20% discount on food and non-alcoholic beverages. For reservations, call (760) 341-1000, ext. 4165.

*“We are very blessed for 22 years to have great support from the local community. Our Indian Wells friends and neighbors are very precious to us.”*

— Allan Farwell  
Hyatt Grand Champions  
General Manager



**“Lantana” artist Diane Morgan with Laurie and John Condon, the Indian Wells couple who won the Hyatt Grand Champions’ “Name that Restaurant” contest**

Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa  
presents

## Music IN THE Meadows

produced by  
Sherry Halperin



featuring  
*Giorgio Aristo & Melody Kielisch*  
[tenor] [soprano]

*Sunday, March 30*  
3:00 pm

Celebrity Villa Lawn at Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa  
\$75/person includes dinner

to order tickets  
call 760.674.4040 M-F 8-5

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# Music IN THE Meadows

Enjoy the Broadway music and beautiful arias you adore in an exquisite setting when Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa presents “Music in the Meadows” on Sunday, March 30, 2008 beginning at 3 p.m. on the resort’s Celebrity Villa Lawn.

Sherry Halperin produces this special Italian-themed concert event that will feature performances by tenor Giorgio Aristo and soprano Melody Kielisch. The concert will benefit several local charities. Cost: \$75 person including dinner.

Don’t miss this very special concert event! To order tickets, call (760) 674-4040 during weekday business hours.



# Opening a Window to the World of Sculpture



As the executive director of the Palm Springs Art Museum, one of Dr. Steven Nash's goals is to "make sculpture accessible." This objective was indeed fulfilled during the stimulating art lecture he presented to a large gathering of Indian Wells residents on February 5 at the Indian Wells Country Club.

Using slides of diverse sculpture to punctuate his talk, Dr. Nash took residents on a virtual tour of sculpture from the late 19th century to modern times. The fascinating overview included classic works like Rodin's *The Thinker*, to famed 20th century pieces by Picasso, Calder and others, to more modern installations, including James Terrell's light sculptures and Anish Kapoor's *Cloud Gate*, a 110-ton elliptical steel sculpture in Chicago's Millennium Park.

"One of the great things about sculpture," Dr. Nash noted, "is that it's very real and you have to address it physically by walking around it."

The lecture was followed by a delightful reception that featured a hearty appetizer buffet and no-host bar.



Sally Wood and Darlene McCluskey



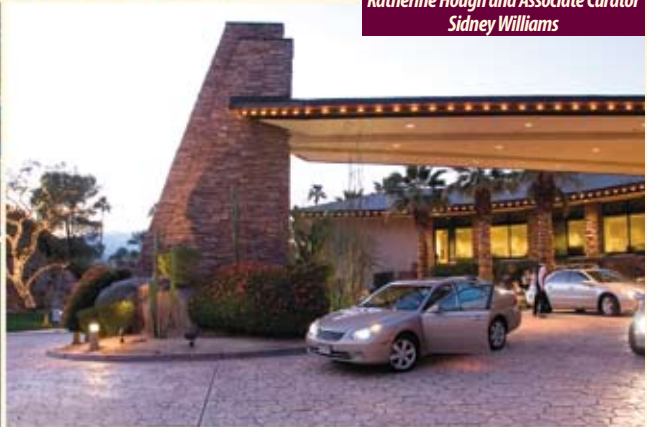
Pamela Troxel and Candace Brust



Palm Springs Art Museum Chief Curator Katherine Hough and Associate Curator Sidney Williams



Ted and Betsy Roberts



Paul and Jane Helmer



Laura and Wally Wrathall



Terry Taylor and Tom Maguire



Aubrey Wallace Carter, Don and Linda Pelegrino



John and Karen Tincher, Shelly Fraser

## Eisenhower in the Forefront of Cardiac Imaging

This past January 17, Eisenhower Medical Center became the first hospital in Southern California to use Ensite Fusion™, advanced cardiac imaging software that the Federal Drug Administration approved for use only a day earlier. The new software will help physicians produce more detailed images of the heart for diagnosis and treatment of complex abnormal heart rhythms, including atrial fibrillation.

Eisenhower Electrophysiologists Leon Feldman, MD and Andrew Rubin, MD were the first physicians in Southern California to use St. Jude Medical's innovative software with its enhanced capabilities.

"Our goal is to always provide optimal patient care," says Dr. Rubin. "That goal is further realized by Eisenhower's commitment to acquiring the most advanced, cutting-edge technology for their patients. As a result, Coachella Valley residents with atrial fibrillation now have the opportunity to improve their quality of life, free of this debilitating cardiac disorder."

To learn more about Eisenhower's Interventional Atrial Fibrillation Program, call (760) 834-3501 or visit [www.emc.org](http://www.emc.org).



# REMINDER: *Help HEAL the Planet*

You can save money and energy use when you take advantage of the city's new Indian Wells Home Energy Assistance Link (IW HEAL).

This special city-sponsored program offers incentives to qualifying Indian Wells homeowners to purchase approved appliances from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Monetary incentives are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They are limited to 20 percent of the purchase price (including installation) not to exceed \$500 per calendar year.

Guidelines and applications for the IW Heal program can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the City of Indian Wells website at [www.cityofindianwells.org/HEAL\\_Program](http://www.cityofindianwells.org/HEAL_Program).

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



## *Annual Citrus Collection Continues*

The City of Indian Wells is sponsoring the second annual Indian Wells Citrus Collection through April 30 to help our neighbors in need. Simply bring your unwanted fruit to the bins located outside the Emergency Operation Center next to City Hall. Hidden Harvest will pick up the produce on a regular basis to distribute as a healthy food source to those who need it.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

## Join Garden & Community Club for *35th Birthday Celebration*

The Indian Wells Garden & Community Club is hosting a luncheon in celebration of its 35th anniversary. The luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa.

This festive event will feature a silent auction and Las Vegas entertainer Loretta St. John. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this fundraising luncheon that will benefit local schools.

Cost is \$100 per person. To purchase your tickets today, call (760) 772-5508, or send your payment to the Indian Wells Garden & Community Club, P.O. Box 3816, Palm Desert, CA 92261.



## *Next HHW Event TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15*

The city's next monthly Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event will be held on Saturday, March 15, 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.





# Superb Piano Recital Strikes a Chord with Residents

The evening of January 10 turned out to be a night of sheer rapture for 148 resident music lovers who gathered in Desert Horizon Country Club's elegant clubhouse to hear 12-year-old pianist Jan Lisiecki. Lisiecki, the 2007 winner of the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition (Junior Solo Division) performed an exceptional one-hour repertoire that included compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Messiaen, Mendelssohn, Liszt, and Chopin.

Lisiecki began his piano studies at the age of five. Since then, he has appeared as an orchestra soloist 18 times, and has won many national and international competitions. His New York debut is scheduled for December 2008.

The City of Indian Wells has served as a sponsor of the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition (VWIPC) for the past three years. VWIPC wanted to thank the city for its sponsorship; thus, planned the January 10 event and a December 2007 recital for students at the city's Gerald R. Ford Elementary School.

"We are so grateful to the City of Indian Wells for their continuing support," said Ann Greer, VWIPC's general manager.

The complimentary resident recital was followed by a delicious buffet that featured vegetable and cheese platters, chicken satay, and prime rib. Special thanks to Desert Horizons Country Club, and Maureen Johnson and the city's Community Activities Committee.



## More about the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition

**Mission:** The Virginia Waring International Piano Competition (VWIPC) recognizes and nurtures the career paths of gifted young pianists from around the world with monetary prizes and opportunities to perform nationally and internationally.

**Programs:** The VWIPC, held in Palm Desert, California, maintains its stature as one of the major world piano events. There are separate competitions for Juniors (12 and under); Intermediate (13-17), and Senior (18-35). Each division has solo and concerto competitions. The Senior Division has an Ernst Krenek Solo Competition in addition to the solo and

concerto competitions. All concerto finalists play with an orchestra.

**Coming Up:** Planning is underway for the Senior Competition in 2009.

For more information about the VWIPC, call (760) 773-2575 or visit [www.vwipc.org](http://www.vwipc.org).



**VIRGINIA WARING INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION**  
*Formerly the Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition*



# 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.

## 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.)

## 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](http://www.cdmod.org).

## Mondays through March

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

## March 4

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

"Rediscover the Art Museum" Series, Art Lecture #2: "A Recurring Quandary: Masters vs. Upstarts," Indian Wells Country Club: 5:30 p.m.

## March 5

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

IW Season Social #3 for Indian Wells residents, Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa: 5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. Please RSVP and purchase tickets in person at City Hall up to three days in advance of the event.



## March 6

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

Note: Now accepting RSVPs for IW Season Social #4, April 9 at Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa. Cost: \$15. Please RSVP and purchase tickets in person at City Hall up to three days in advance of the event.

## March 6 – 22

*Angel Street*, a Victorian thriller by Patrick Hamilton. The play upon which the movie *Gaslight*, with Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer, was based. Joslyn Center Theatre, Joslyn Senior Center Box Office, (760) 340-3220, ext. 109.

## March 7

"Grapes for Grevys" Fundraiser benefiting the California Desert Chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers, Inc. (AAZK) and Grevys Zebra Conservation Trust, The Living Desert: 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m. Evening wine tasting event, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction. \$40 members; \$50 non-members. Call (760) 346-5694 ext. 2501 for details.

## March 8

Friends of the Rancho Mirage Public Library Big Band Series: Sounds of Hollywood & Broadway, RM Public Library: 7 p.m.–8 p.m. Call (760) 341-7323 for details.

## March 10 – 23

Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, 78-200 Miles Avenue, (760) 200-8400, [www.pacificlifeopen.com](http://www.pacificlifeopen.com)



## March 11

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

## March 13

Residents Day at the Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Community Activities Committee Meeting, City Hall, (760) 346-2489: 3 p.m.

## March 14

Free Family Fun Night, Children's Discovery Museum, (760) 321-0602: 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Sponsored by the City of Indian Wells.

## March 15

City of Indian Wells Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, City Hall parking area, (760) 346-2489: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## March 18

Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce Mixer, Pacific Life Open at Indian Wells Tennis Garden: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. For details, call (760) 360-2990.

Jane Bryant Quinn, Desert Town Hall–Indian Wells, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa: 6



p.m. For ticket information, call (760) 416-3400 or visit [www.deserttownhall.org](http://www.deserttownhall.org).

## March 20

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

## March 24

City of Indian Wells, ATHENA Awards Luncheon, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa: 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. For tickets, call (760) 346-2489.

## March 27

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.

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.



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January 17 City Council Meeting Highlights

Adopted Resolutions Approving Amendment No. 6 to Disposition and Development Agreement Between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Indian Wells and Jerson Investments, LLC for a Project Known as Miles Crossing.

Adopted Ordinance Updating Title 16 of the Indian Wells Municipal Code to Comply with Title 24 of the California Administration Code and California Health and Safety Codes.

Adopted Ordinance Establishing a Local Development Mitigation Fee for Funding the Preservation of Natural Ecosystems in Accordance with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Approved Requisition for California Joint Powers Insurance Authority in the Amount of \$279,235 for Property, Earthquake, Flood and Automobile Insurance for 2008 Calendar Year.

Approved Change Order for Muni Financial Services in the Amount of \$3,000 for Additional Services Required for Fiscal Year 2005-06 Community Facilities District Formation.

Approved Acquisition of Patio Furniture in the Amount of \$17,415.29 for the Fairway Grill at the Indian Wells Golf Resort and Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Adopted Resolution Authorizing Allocation of Community Assistance Program Grant Funding to Desert ARC for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Approved Agreement with WEC for Mountain View Villas Phase II Construction Management and Inspections, Project No. 91-39 and Approve Requisition in the Amount of \$81,270 for Same.

Authorized Contract Extension with American Fund Control to May 18, 2008 and Approve Change Order in the Amount of \$34,560 for Same.

February 7 City Council Meeting Highlights

Awarded Construction Contract to C-18 Inc. in the Amount of \$38,987 for Annual Citywide Striping and Approved Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Approved Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Willdan for Civil Improvements and Survey Services at the Indian Wells Golf Resort Clubhouse Construction, Project No. 97-02.

Received/Filed Planning Commission Approval of Variance No. 2008-01 Encroaching into Front Yard Setback with Architectural Feature for New Single Family Residence Located at 46-187 E. Eldorado Drive.

Approved Adele Ruxton as the 2008 Recipient of the Senior Inspiration Award.

Approved Requisition for Sundance at Indian Wells HOA in the Amount of \$36,250 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Lighting Landscape and Maintenance District Pass Through.

Approved Requisition for Desert Horizons Homeowners Association in the Amount of \$266,500 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Lighting Landscape & Maintenance District Pass Through.

Approved Transfer of Title on Real Property from Redevelopment Agency to Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund for APN 604-040-091.

Approved Change Order for Burrtec Waste and Recycling in the Amount of \$20,000 for Additional Services Required for Indian Wells Golf Resort Celebrity Course Portable.



## Pacific Life Open: A Night at the Matches Sunday, March 16, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

*To Benefit The Champions Volunteer Foundation*

Enjoy world-class tennis from your private suite, plus complimentary food and beverages, and visits from professional tennis players past and present. What's more, two lucky guests will win a Bulova Marine Star watch, compliments of Bulova Watches.

\$500 per person (\$350 tax deductible) includes complimentary valet parking. Reserve now – only 36 suite tickets are available. To reserve your space today, call Adele Robbins at (760) 285-3338 or Gudrun Farr at (760) 774-5614.

## 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).





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### Celebrate Easter at Indian Wells Resorts

Enjoy Easter festivities on Sunday, March 23 at the city's luxurious resorts. Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa is offering a Champagne Easter Buffet from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost is \$45 (plus tax and gratuity) for adults, \$22 for children 6–12, free for children 5 and under. For reservations, call (760) 674-4080.

Brissago at the Miramonte Resort & Spa is also serving a multi-course Easter Brunch. Cost is \$48 for adults; \$20 for children 11 and under. For reservations, call (760) 341-7200.

Loren at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel is offering a hearty Easter Dinner to include salad and choice of plated entrees, and dessert. Cost is \$35.95 (plus tax and gratuity) for adults; \$18.95 for children 12 and under.

## Enrich Your Mind and Your Garden at the Living Desert

### Upcoming Events

**April 1**  
*"Rediscover the Art Museum" #3  
Free Art Lecture for IW Residents  
Indian Wells Country Club  
5:30 p.m.*

**April 4**  
*Common Ground:  
Cal Thomas & Bob Beckel  
Desert Town Hall—Indian Wells  
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa  
6 p.m.*

**April 9**  
*IW Season Social #4  
Miramonte Resort & Spa  
5 p.m.*

**April 26**  
*Document Shredding Event  
Indian Wells Tennis Garden  
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Now is the time to learn how to become a "skilled and inspired" desert gardener at Living Desert University (LDU). The Living Desert's unique educational program includes lectures, hikes, tours, special zoo adventures, plus classes ranging from art and natural science to all types of gardening courses, like *Converting to a Desert Garden*. For your convenience, an online catalogue is available for download at [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org) (Education/Tours, Living Desert University).

Located in Indian Wells and Palm Desert, The Living Desert is also offering an ideal opportunity to purchase a variety of drought-tolerant plants at its Annual Spring Plant Sale to be held March 28-30, 2008. This special event will take place in the Living Desert's Palo Verde Garden Center and will feature a diverse selection of plants native to the world's deserts. Many plants are grown at The Living Desert and are specially priced for this sale. You will also find discounted garden décor and art, books, pottery, benches, tools, and fountains.

For more information, call The Living Desert at (760) 346-5694.

