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2023 CALENDARS LOOK FORWARD TO PALM DESERT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The City's new 2023 calendars are arriving soon, filled with beautiful images that celebrate the dynamic and exciting municipality that Palm Desert has become over its nearly 50-year history.

Palm Desert was incorporated on November 26, 1973, and throughout 2023 the City will celebrate its golden anniversary with a series of events culminating in a festive street party on Saturday, November 18, 2023. To set the tone for the 50th anniversary celebration, the City's free, 28-page calendar vividly illustrates the sometimes-dramatic changes that our community has experienced through the decades and highlights the best of Palm Desert as we know and love it today.

Telling the fascinating history of how our uniquely wonderful community came to be would not have been possible without the contributions of several community partners. The Historical Society of Palm Desert, the McCallum Theatre, and other local organizations played a key role in the creation of this year's calendar by providing the historical photos that are featured throughout its pages.

Calendars will be available for pick up at Palm Desert City Hall, the Historical Society of Palm Desert, Palm Desert Library, the Joslyn Center, Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce, Desert Willow Golf Resort, and other convenient locations. *For more information*, please call 760-568-1441.



Starting with the upcoming November 8 election, Palm Desert voters will be the first in Riverside County to use **Ranked Choice Voting** to elect members to the City Council. Ranked Choice Voting is an innovative voting method in which voters will rank candidates in order of choice.

Information: www.VotePalmDesert.org

Enjoy free coffee and conversation at the next **Coffee with the Mayor** events: Wednesday, November 2 at 9 a.m. at the Indian Wells Theater on the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus (parking pass not required; park in white-lined parking spaces only and not in 30-minute, Faculty/Staff, or mobile parking spaces); and Wednesday, December 7 at 9 a.m. at the Palm Desert Library.

Information: **760-346-0611** or info@cityofpalmdesert.org

The Fortem Financial **Thanksgiving Day 5K benefiting Martha's Village & Kitchen** is a family-friendly Turkey Trot on El Paseo that raises awareness and funds for Martha's Village and their mission to end hunger and homelessness in the Coachella Valley.

Information: marthavillage.org

Dates to Remember

Daylight Saving Time Ends | November 6

Election Day | November 8

Veterans Day | November 11
City Hall Closed

Thanksgiving | November 24
November 24-25 City Hall Closed



Hanukkah Begins | December 18

Christmas | December 25
December 23-26 City Hall Closed



New Year's Eve | December 31

CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET MOVES TO SUNDAY



The original Palm Desert Certified Farmers' Market has returned for the 2022-2023 season with an exciting change to its schedule. The market, which has been held on Wednesdays for the past thirteen years, is now held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While the day may have changed, the market's location remains the same. You'll find all your favorite farms and vendors at Entrada del Paseo in front of the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce at 72559 Highway 111. Customers can look forward to seeing brand new faces, too, like Blossom Nursery, selling locally grown cut flowers, and Branch and Vine, producers of olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Fun family-friendly activities are also planned throughout the season.

The market is a program of the Palm Springs Cultural Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to bringing arts and cultural programming to the entire Coachella Valley. Now with the move to Sundays, the Palm Springs Cultural Center hopes to extend its reach to provide even more access to fresh, farm-direct produce to community members.

Customers of the Palm Desert Certified Farmers' Market may use their EBT card to shop the market and can also participate in Market Match, the only nutrition incentive program in the Coachella Valley. Market Match provides a dollar-for-dollar match for shoppers' CalFresh EBT benefits at participating farmers' markets, enabling low-income families to purchase more healthy fruits and vegetables. For example, if a customer spends \$15 in CalFresh benefits, participating farmers' markets provide a matching \$15 credit to double the customer's purchasing power for fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information on the Palm Desert Certified Farmers' Market, visit certifiedfarmersmarkets.org.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INSTALLS LICENSE PLATE READERS TO SOLVE CRIME

The City of Palm Desert has partnered with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to install 49 automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras in strategic areas around the city to solve and reduce crime.

The main component of an ALPR system are the cameras that capture and record a vehicle's license plate information. Using optical character recognition (OCR) software, the plate numbers in the image are converted to alpha-numeric characters and compared to one or more databases (also known as "hot lists") of vehicles of interest to law enforcement.

A real-time alert is sent to law enforcement when a stolen car or known wanted suspect from a state or national crime database enters the jurisdiction. The system can also send alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing person in an AMBER or Silver Alert is detected.

The data that is gathered is encrypted and retained for a fixed period. It is only accessible by law enforcement officials with a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The stored license plate data could, for example, provide investigators with a means to help identify vehicles associated with suspects, witnesses, or victims of criminal activities. The cameras will be used to solve and reduce property and violent crime, and are not intended for minor traffic or parking violations.

The deployment of ALPR cameras in Palm Desert will help the Riverside County Sheriff's Department increase case clearance, solve more crime, and reduce crime rates in the community. For more information on ALPR cameras in our city, contact Deputy Jose Santos or Deputy Garrett James. Deputy Santos can be reached at **760-836-1664**, or via email at jsantos@riversidesheriff.org. Deputy James can be reached at **760-836-1674**, or via email at gjames@riversidesheriff.org.



COMMUNITY Information

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022



CITY OF PALM DESERT

Palm Desert Civic Center
73510 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-0611
Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

www.cityofpalmdesert.org
www.DiscoverPalmDesert.com

Visitor Services
760-568-1441

Short Term Rental Hotline
760-862-6900

Code Compliance Hotline
760-776-6360

Report Graffiti
760-340-5776

Palm Desert Police Department
Call 911 for emergencies
Non-emergencies: **760-836-1600**

Palm Desert In Touch

Get information on City meetings, parks, trails, and public art, plus identify issues including graffiti and code violations and report them directly to City staff.

Information: cityofpalmdesert.org/intouch

EngagePalmDesert.com

The City's civic engagement platform allows residents a chance to ask questions, share comments, and contribute ideas on City projects. Here's what's new this month: Planning the North Palm Desert Park Latest Business Incentives

ARTISTS CENTER AT THE GALEN

72567 Highway 111
760-565-6130
Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
artistscouncil.com

Upcoming Exhibitions

¡Community! Juried Exhibition and Sale

through Sunday, November 20
Holiday Squares 2022 Fundraiser Show & Sale, "Off the Wall" 2022 Holiday Show & Sale, and Holiday Pop-Up Retail Store, December 1 – 23

Workshops

Realistic Oil and Acrylic Painting

Thursdays 1 – 3:30 p.m. and
Fridays 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Watercolor: Beginners & Beyond

Wednesdays and Fridays 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Pushing Color: All Media

Wednesdays 10 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

The Skies Have It: Painting Skies

November 5, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Art Bootcamp for Absolute Beginners

November 12, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Lighting Essentials for Artists

November 19, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Strata Botanica, a two-day workshop

December 3 – 4, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

The Psychology of Art, December 9, 1 – 3 p.m.

Information and registration: artistscouncil.com.

CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

37500 Cook Street
760-341-2883
pdc.csusb.edu



Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed November 11, 24, 25; and December 23,
2022 – January 2, 2023

Bachelor's and master's degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, teaching credentials, and certificates. New programs include Hospitality Management, Entrepreneurship, Cybersecurity, Social Work, Kinesiology, and Child Development.
Information: csusb.edu/pdc/our-programs

Mature Adult Programs

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offers non-credit, university-level courses for adults age 50+. Experience all the fun of learning with no homework, no tests, and no grades. Membership also includes fun events, interest groups and travel opportunities. Winter semester classes begin on January 16, 2023, both on campus and remotely.

The History of Golf in the Coachella Valley

presented by Larry Bohannon, award-winning sportswriter at The Desert Sun, on Wednesday, November 2, 3 – 5 p.m. The event is free for OLLI members and guests.
Information: csusb.edu/OLLI or **909-537-8270**

Campus Organizations

Join the Cal State University Associates and become a member of a premier organization of campus supporters. Enjoy monthly educational and enlightening speaker events throughout the season. The majority of membership dues support student scholarships.
Information: CalStateUniversityAssociates.com

COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS

72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms
760-343-3644
rcdas.org
Services include animal adoption and licensing.

COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

43500 Monterey Avenue
760-346-8041
collegeofthedesert.edu



Learning in Retirement

Learning in Retirement's (LIR) six-week winter session runs from January 9 – February 17, 2023 and features 27 entertaining and informative classes. Some classes will be offered in person and others on Zoom. Attendees can take up to five different courses a week for \$45. Online registration opens on Monday, December 19 at 9 a.m.
Information and registration: lirpalmdesert.com

PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72559 Highway 111
760-346-6111
pdacc.org

PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

73300 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-6552
rivlib.net

Open Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
Closed: November 11, 24, 25; December 25, 26

Sunday Sounds in the Park Concert Series Palm Desert Civic Center Park Amphitheater

Sundays, 2 p.m. Free.
Presented in partnership with
Desert Recreation District.
November 6: Academy of Musical
Performers (AMP)
November 20: David Macias
December 11: The Swing Kittens

Pieces for Peace

Presented in partnership with S.C.R.A.P. Gallery
throughout the month of December for all ages.
Story time, exhibits, crafts, and take-away origami
crane kits to spread the message of peace on earth.

Adult Programs

Title Wave Book Club

Monday, November 7, 3 p.m.
Monday, December 5, 3 p.m.
Share what you are reading and
leave with a list of possibilities.



Special Event Speaker – Mike Rosenkrantz

Tuesday, November 15, 6 – 8 p.m.
Coach of the U.S. Wheelchair Basketball
Team and of disabled athletes who
competed in the Maccabi Games.
Reservations: rivlib.libcal.com

Teen Programs

Open to teens grades 6 – 12
Please visit rivlib.libcal.com for
program information.
Instagram @PDLibrary_TEENS
Reservations: 760-346-6552

Teen Advisory Council

Tuesdays, November 15 and
December 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
November 1: DIY Buttons
December 6: DIY Ornaments

Youth Lounge

Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Anime Alliance Club for Teens

Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Children's Programs

Paws and Pages Storytime and Craft with Animal Samaritans.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Thursdays, November 10 and 17



STEM/STEAM

Wednesday, December 7, 3 – 4:15 p.m.:
Gingerbread House

Storytime and Crafts

Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.
All ages.

Library Connect - Desert Mobile Resource Van

Library cards, check out/return books, Wi-Fi,
and pop-up computer lab services. Workshops,
crafts, and other activities also available.
Information, location, and events
schedule: bit.ly/desertmrv or email
LibraryConnectDesertVan@rivlib.net

Veterans Resource Center

Information and referrals for veterans.
Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome.
Information: 760-346-6552



SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT'L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER

51500 Highway 74
760-862-9984
DesertMountains.org

Desert Mountains Art Fair

Saturdays, November 5 and December 3,
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Support local artists and find unique gifts while
enjoying the beauty of our desert mountains.

Upcoming Events

Free Guided Hikes

Trails vary. Selected Tuesdays through Saturdays,
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Free Birding Walk-About

Selected Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 – 10 a.m.

Happy Tails Dog Adventures

Wednesday, December 7, 8:30 – 11 a.m.
Hike for leashed dogs on the Gabby Hayes Trail

Lecture Series:

Roadrunner – Cuckoo of the Desert
Friday, November 4, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Monument in Your Backyard...An Overview of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Monday, November 14, 2 p.m.

Star Party in the Mountains

Saturday, November 19, 5 p.m.
Join members of the Astronomical Society of the
Desert for fun "sky tours" and direct observations
of the night sky through telescopes and binoculars.
This event is held at the Sawmill Trailhead on
Highway 74 south of Palm Desert.

Star Party at the Monument

Saturdays, November 12 and December 17, 5 p.m.



National Public Lands Day

Saturday, November 19, 8 a.m.
Show your love and support of public lands by
going outdoors and helping to clean-up and restore
a spectacular area in the Santa Rosa Mountains,
adjacent to the Palm Canyon Creek Wild and Scenic
River. Space is limited. Reservations required by
November 18.
Information: 760-862-9984

Reservations are required for all events.

Information: DesertMountains.org/calendar or
call 760-862-9984

THE SHOPS AT PALM DESERT

72840 Highway 111
760-346-2121
shopsatpalmdesert.com

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE/PALM DESERT CAMPUS

75080 Frank Sinatra Drive
760-834-0800
palmdesert.ucr.edu

Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Thursday, November 10, 5 p.m.
Hosted in partnership with The Living Desert Zoo
and Gardens, this free special program features
93 minutes of short films and discussions with
filmmakers, researchers, and conservationists.
Information: palmdesert.ucr.edu

Jazz Guitarist Peter Curtis

Wednesday, December 14, 6 p.m.
Guitarist Peter Curtis plays from what is commonly
called "The Great American Songbook," a body of
music written largely by Jewish songwriters. Peter
will perform solo jazz guitar renditions of classic
American music, as well as some holiday favorites in
this free program.
Information: palmdesert.ucr.edu



COD Street Fair

Open Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Information: [760-636-7957](tel:760-636-7957) or
codaastreetfair.com

COD Veterans Resource Center

760-773-2536

Fall Semester Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;

Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Closed November 11, 24 and 25

Provides critical services for veterans and their dependents to support their success, retention, and educational needs.

CREATE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

73600 Alessandro Drive

760-834-8318

createcentercv.org

Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CREATE Center for the Arts provides instruction, resources, and space for artists to create together. Classes, workshops, open studio hours, and one-on-one instruction are available to artists of all ages and experience levels.

Papier Mache Holiday Ornament Workshop,

Saturday, November 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT

Palm Desert Community Center

43900 San Pablo Avenue

760-568-9697

myrecreationdistrict.com

Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Closed Sundays

New Classes

Belly Dance

Fridays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$52.50/month

Chess

Fridays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

\$40/Month

Ongoing Activities

Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.

\$43/month or \$15 drop in fee

Ballroom, Swing, and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m.

\$52/month

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

\$55/month

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Thursdays, 1 – 1:45 p.m.

\$55/month

Soccer Clinic

Ages 5 – 7, Saturdays 10 – 11 a.m.

\$40/month

Parent & Me Soccer

Ages 2 – 4, Saturdays 9 – 10 a.m.

Adaptive Sports Programs

Adaptive programs are open to individuals with disabilities or special needs and their family members.

Adaptive Basketball

Mondays 3 – 4:30 p.m. &

Wednesdays 3 – 4:15 p.m.

Adaptive Tennis

Thursdays 3 – 4 p.m.

Adaptive Pickleball

Thursdays 4 – 5 p.m.

Boccia

Wednesdays 3 – 4:15 p.m.



Palm Desert Resident Cards

Palm Desert Resident Cards for use at Desert Willow Golf Resort are issued by Desert Recreation District at the Palm Desert Community Center. City residents who would like to get a new or renewed card may visit the Community Center during business hours with the necessary documentation (California ID or Driver's License, plus a utility bill with a Palm Desert address).

More information: cityofpalmdesert.org/departments/special-programs/desert-willow-golf-resort

Golf Center at Palm Desert

74945 Sheryl Avenue

760-779-1877

golfcenterpd.com

Visit website for current hours

Home of the First Tee of the Coachella Valley youth golf program includes 9-hole par three course, driving range with chipping and putting greens, foot golf, and more.



DESERT ROSE SOCIETY

desertrosesociety.com

The Desert Rose Society holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at the Portola Community Center: 4:30 p.m. social, 5 p.m. meeting.



Desert Rose Society Annual Rose Show

Saturday, November 12, 12 – 4 p.m.

Palm Desert Community Center

Free and open to the public with horticulture exhibits, arrangements and photography displays.

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

47950 Dune Palms Road

La Quinta

760-777-4200

dsusd.us

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

38995 Desert Willow Drive

760-346-0015

desertwillow.com

Visit their website for current hours

Dining

The Terrace at Desert Willow Golf Resort

Unique, tasteful, handcrafted cuisine paired with one of the most scenic outdoor dining venues in Palm Desert. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. View menus and hours of operation online.

Information: desertwillow.com/TheTerrace

Wine'd Up at Desert Willow

Thursday, November 10, 5 – 7 p.m.

\$45 per person in advance, \$60 at the door
Taste over 150 wines, buffet dinner included.

Reservations and information:

desertwillow.com/events

Garrison Brothers Whiskey Dinner

Wednesday, November 16, 6 p.m.

\$125 per person, plus tax and gratuity

Reservations and information:

desertwillow.com/events

Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 24

Gather with friends and family this Thanksgiving at Desert Willow Golf Resort. Savor a traditional Thanksgiving meal, served up buffet style, while drinking in some of the best views in Palm Desert. Seatings are available outdoors every half-hour from 12 – 4 p.m.

Adults \$62.99, Children (6 to 12 years old) \$24.99; Children (Under 5 years old) Complimentary

Reservations: desertwillow.com/thanksgiving or **760-346-7060**



Golf

Enjoy award-winning championship golf at Desert Willow Golf Resort. Contact the pro shop or go online to book your tee times.

Information: **760-346-7060, ext. 1** or desertwillow.com/teetimes

2022 Overseeding Schedule

Firecliff Closure:

Monday, November 7 – Sunday, December 25

FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue

760-341-9622

ymcaofthedesert.org



Youth Basketball League

Ages: TK – 8th grade

Season starts in January; registration now open

Teams play one game each week. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to play and all players play at least half of every game. The YMCA emphasizes teamwork, fair play, sportsmanship, and fun.

Y Rookies Basketball

Ages 3 – 5

Season starts in January; registration now open
8:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Children learn the fundamentals of basketball in a non-competitive environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, fair play, and participation.

Flag Football

Ages: TK – 8th grade

Location: College of the Desert practice football field
Season starts March 31 – Registration now open.
The YMCA is partnering with College of the Desert and NFL Flag to bring a new high-quality flag football league to the Coachella Valley.

Early bird registration price: \$125, includes jersey
Information and registration: <https://www.ymcaofthedesert.org/flag-football/>

Jean Benson Child Development Center

75433 Orange Blossom Lane

760-836-3336

Serving children 2 – 5 years of age by supporting their unique interests, skills, and needs. They focus on the social, emotional, physical, and language development which form the basis of their lifelong learning. *Information:* ymcaofthedesert.org/jean-benson-child-development-center/

Afterschool Childcare

Program Sites: Adams, Carter, Reagan, Amelia Earhart, and Ford elementary schools *Information:* ymcaofthedesert.org/school-age-childcare/

THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73545 El Paseo

760-862-1990

thegardensonelpaseo.com

Upcoming Events

Sunset Sessions featuring Whitney Lyman

Fridays through December 23, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy local favorite Whitney Lyman every Friday on the Center Lawn. The free, two-hour shows feature music from the 60s all the way to today's greatest hits.

Merry Movie Nights

Saturdays, November 26 – December 17
The Gardens' center lawn hosts a season of family holiday movies and the sights of snowfall. Movies begin at 5:00 p.m.
Adults \$7, Children \$5

Photos with Santa

Saturday, December 3,
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join the fun by the giant holiday tree for photos with Santa. A \$20 cost to participate benefits Pegasus Therapeutic Riding and you will receive one 4" x 6" photo in a holiday frame.



Paws 'N Claus

Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bring your furry friends for a special meet and greet with Santa! Dogs and cats only; pets should be leashed and/or in a lightweight carrier and up to date on all vaccines. \$20 cost benefits Bianca Rae Foundation

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT & FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

72861 El Paseo

760-346-6588

hspd.org

Open Friday – Monday, 11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday Night Lecture Series

Fridays, 6 p.m.: November 18 and December 16
Portola Community Center

JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way

760-340-3220

joslyncenter.org

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Onsite Programs

Exercise classes, bridge, bingo, canasta, pinochle, mah-jongg, Scrabble, quilting, woodcarving, knitting, painting, pickleball, table tennis, art classes, Joslyn Singers, ukulele group, stringed instrument band, Joslyn Singles, virtual book club, HI-CAP Q&A, and more.

Information: JoslynCenter.org/programs

Onsite Programs with Partners

SCAN Independence at Home, Eisenhower Health lectures, Health Expos, JFS Let's Do Lunch, and more.

Virtual Programs

Some of the Joslyn Center's services and programs are offered virtually.

Virtual activity newsletter: JoslynCenter.org/virtual-programs.

Information: Melanie Lyons at 760-340-3220 x102 or melaniel@joslyncenter.org.

Joslyn Wellness Center Programs

Free and low-cost programs include Go4Life®, Aging Mastery Program®, Brain Boot Camp; Problem-Solving Strategies, counseling for addressing life's challenges; Mindful Living, learn to live in this moment; Bereavement Group for recovery from loss; Fitness Center, and more.

Information: José Mendez at 760-340-3220 x117 or josem@joslyncenter.org.

Nutrition Programs

Meals on Wheels: Providing healthy meals Monday – Friday to seniors in Palm Desert, Sun City Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Indian Wells. Friday delivery of frozen meals for weekends also available.

Penny's Pantry Community Food Bank: First and third Fridays, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Fresh produce and non-perishable food for low-income seniors.

Farmers' Market: Second and fourth Fridays, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. (or until depleted). Free, fresh produce provided by FIND Food Bank.

Information: joslyncenter.org/meals-on-wheels or contact Bob Elias at 760-340-3220 ext. 110 or bobe@joslyncenter.org.



THE LIVING DESERT

47900 Portola Avenue

760-346-5694

livingdesert.org

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; last admission 4:00 p.m.

Closed December 25

Giraffe Feeding

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$6 members/\$8 non-members per person with paid park admission

Private Safari Tours

Two-hour guided tours with private shuttle. Advanced reservations required; visit website for pricing and details.

WildLights

November 22 (Members Only), 23, 25 – 26;
December 2 – 3, 9 – 10, 16 – 24, 26 – 30
6 – 9 p.m.

WildLights is a magical winter wonderland, complete with dazzling twinkling lights, light displays, and winter fun.

MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive

760-340-ARTS (2787)

mccallumtheatre.com

The 2022-2023 McCallum Theatre season is underway. Purchase tickets via the mccallumtheatre.com website.

Upcoming Highlights:

Nearly Lear, Friday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.

Jake Shimabukuro: Christmas in Hawaii, Tuesday, November 29, 7 p.m.

Merri-Achi Christmas, Sunday, December 18, 7 p.m.

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive

760-565-7467

pdpool.com

Lap Swim

Monday and Wednesday: 5:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 3 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving, November 24: 6 a.m. – 12 p.m.

November 25: 6 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed December 24 – 26

New Year's Eve, December 31: 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Water exercise classes offered six days a week. Private swim lessons for all ages are available upon request.



PALM DESERT CHOREOGRAPHY FESTIVAL RETURNS

The desert's largest celebration of dance marks its 25th anniversary this November as The Palm Desert Choreography Festival returns to the McCallum Theatre stage.

This one-of-a-kind festival, taking place Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 at 4 p.m. highlights dance as an art form while creating a venue for emerging and established choreographers and developing new dance audiences.

The Festival features a choreography competition in two divisions with over \$50,000 in awards up for grabs. Finalists were selected from submissions from across the country. The festival also features educational opportunities including workshops and residencies, and honors those who have made outstanding contributions to dance.

The 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to award-winning performer, choreographer, director, producer and street dance historian, Toni Basil. Perhaps best known for her 1982 smash single "Mickey," Basil has been at the vanguard of dance and music for the last thirty years. She has choreography and directorial credits on over 50 videos, and has choreographed and co-directed concerts for Tina Turner, David Bowie, Mick Jagger, and many others. Recognized as a seminal influence in bringing street dance to the attention of the American public, Basil will take the stage and accept the award in conjunction with Saturday's festival performance.

Festival tickets are available by calling **760-340-ARTS (2787)**, online at www.mccallumtheatre.com, or at the McCallum Theatre Box Office.

PALM DESERT HONORS VETERANS AT CIVIC CENTER PARK

Palm Desert will honor the sacrifices of those who have served in the United States military and recognize the dedication of those who continue to serve our nation with a free Veterans Day celebration at Civic Center Park on Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m.

Following opening remarks from the Mayor of Palm Desert, a keynote speaker from the 7th Marine Regiment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms will address the crowd. Other celebration highlights include a patriotic concert performed by the Heatwave Boys and Girls Club Jazz Band.

This year's event will be preceded by a Resource Fair from 9 – 11 a.m. that includes representatives from nearly a dozen different organizations offering veterans' services.

Limited seating is available, or attendees may bring blankets and portable chairs to the park's amphitheater to enjoy the program in comfort. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the celebration.

Civic Center Park is located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive on the northeast corner of Fred Waring and San Pablo Avenue. For more information, please call **760-568-1441**.

REGISTER NOW FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

In the event of a natural disaster or major emergency, Palm Desert residents and businesses may need to be self-sufficient for a week or more. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to begin planning and preparing now.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training teaches people how to respond to real life emergencies. Graduates learn how to provide basic medical aid; fight small fires; safely search for and rescue victims; and effectively organize community volunteers.

The next CERT training is scheduled for Friday, December 9 from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday,

December 10 and 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The training will be held at the Palm Desert City Hall Council Chamber, 73510 Fred Waring Drive. Successful completion of the full, 20-hour class earns graduates a certificate and a CERT kit. Class size is limited, and early registration is encouraged.

To register for the CERT training, please visit rivcocert.org. For more information about CERT training or disaster preparedness, please email Palm Desert Emergency Services Coordinator Joshua Holkesvig at jholkesvig@cityofpalmdesert.org or call **760-346-0611, ext. 590**.

CITY OFFERS FREE SHREDDING

The City of Palm Desert will host a free, two-day shredding event at City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Shredding will take place from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day. For security purposes, the following types of documents should be considered for shredding:

- Legal papers
- Bank statements
- Receipts and invoices
- Payroll records
- Medical records
- Tax records
- Accounting files and financial statements
- Contracts
- Personnel files
- Canceled checks
- Photographs

This event is free and open to Palm Desert residents and businesses. Residents and businesses alike are limited to ten boxes of materials per day. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips. Binders will not be accepted. All documents will be shredded onsite and then recycled. In order to access the shredding event, all attendees must enter the Civic Center parking lot from Fred Waring Drive.

Starting in 2023, the City will increase its free shredding program to include three events which will be held in February, May, and October. For more information, please call **760-776-6342**.



PALM DESERT OFFERS HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Palm Desert offers programs to encourage home ownership within the community for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. If you would like to participate in these programs, you can add your name to an interest list maintained by the City.

The household income for participants cannot exceed 120 percent of the area median income for Riverside County, adjusted for family size. For a family of four, the current area median annual income is \$87,400.

To qualify, applicants must have good credit, some savings, and a consistent employment history. Successful applicants will be selected to prequalify with a lender when a home that is suitable for their household's size and income becomes available. Homes that are part of these programs are generally resales and can range in price from \$130,000 to \$260,000.

For more information, please contact the City's Housing Department at **760-346-0611, extension 412**.

IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS RESUME IN RENOVATED CHAMBER

In recent months, the City of Palm Desert undertook a renovation of its Council Chamber to address American with Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies while also improving technology and updating finishes. Now complete, the Palm Desert City Council has resumed in-person Council meetings while retaining the option for remote public participation.

Among the many accessibility improvements addressed by the renovation, users may notice an improved ramp slope to the Council Chamber floor; a new ADA-compliant lectern; new automatic door hardware on the main entrance; and upgrades to the public restrooms with ADA compliant fixtures.

Additionally, a hearing loop was installed in the main Council Chamber area, which can improve sound quality for individuals who rely on assistive hearing devices. Acoustic improvements were achieved by installing carpet in the lobby and Council Chamber to minimize echoes, and by installing

windows between the lobby and Chamber.

Enhancing the numerous technological improvements already made to the Council Chamber in 2019, the recent renovation also added new video cameras and upgraded hardware to accommodate hybrid meetings.

Residents and other interested parties who wish to attend Palm Desert City Council meetings in person may now do so. The option to continue to watch and participate remotely remains unchanged. Each meeting can be accessed through a Zoom link or for enhanced audio and video quality, it can be viewed on the City of Palm Desert Meetings YouTube Channel. People wishing to comment by phone may also call in. Meeting links and additional information on the ways to attend, view and participate in Palm Desert City Council meetings can be found by visiting www.cityofpalmdesert.org/attend.



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