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## FOOD AND FASHION EVENTS SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON EL PASEO

The season's most scintillating happening – **Fashion Week El Paseo** – returns to Palm Desert, March 17 to 23, bringing even more style and sophistication to the desert's most fashionable address.

Celebrating 16 years of style in 2023, this week-long extravaganza and its famous red carpet will once again illuminate the Gardens on El Paseo with top designers showcasing their newest collections along with fresh ideas from emerging talents.

Whether you are a serious stylist or a fledgling fashionista, Fashion Week El Paseo offers something for everyone including trunk shows, celebrity meet-and-greets, and much more.

This year's highlights include an opening-night runway show featuring luxury eveningwear, cocktail, and bridal designs from NARCES by Nikki Yassemi; Josie Natori's vibrant resort show; local favorite and celebrity designer Michael Costello unveiling his latest

creations; and the debut collections designed by outstanding recent graduates of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise.

Fashion Week is accompanied by the annual **Palm Desert Food & Wine**, March 24 to 26. This fun and festive event attracts foodies, wine lovers, celebrity chefs and sommeliers for three extraordinary days of fabulous food and premium wine tasting on El Paseo. A portion of the proceeds benefit Friends of the James Beard Foundation.

This year's list of culinary celebrities features some of the nation's top chefs, including Curtis Stone, Tyler Florence, Fabio Viviani, Aarti Sequeira, Jamie Gwen, Gail Gand, Zac Young, Glynis Albright, Afrim Pristine, and more. In addition to the James Beard Luncheon and the weekend Grand Tastings, these talented chefs can be found at other events including a "Cake Off," "Sunday Brunch with Bubbles and Spritz," and "Aarti's Date Paarti."

**Fashion Week El Paseo –  
March 17 – 23**

*Tickets and information:*

[www.fashionweekelpaseo.com](http://www.fashionweekelpaseo.com) or 888-596-1027

**Palm Desert Food & Wine –  
March 24 – 26**

*Tickets and information:*

[www.palmdesertfoodandwine.com](http://www.palmdesertfoodandwine.com) or 888-596-1027

## Inside Story

Need to report a problem with a short-term vacation rental? Call Code Compliance during business hours (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at **760-346-0611**, or call the City's Short-Term Rental Hotline at **760-862-6900**.

To report issues after 1 a.m., please call the Palm Desert Police Department at **760-836-3215**.

You can help the City meet its sustainability goals by recycling food waste in your new, green Organics Recycling waste container. Information: [www.engagepalmdesert.com](http://www.engagepalmdesert.com)

The City of Palm Desert has partnered with Nixle to provide email and text message emergency alerts directly to you. The City will use Nixle for critical situations such as severe weather events, evacuations, safety hazards, and security threats.

Information: [www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/public-safety](http://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/public-safety)

## Calendar

### Palm Desert City Council Meetings

Thursdays, 4p.m.

March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27

### Coffee with the Mayor

Tuesday, March 7, 2 p.m.

The Joslyn Center, 73750 Catalina Way

Enjoy free coffee and conversation with Palm Desert's Mayor and a representative of Sunline Transit Agency.

Information: [www.palmdesert.gov/news](http://www.palmdesert.gov/news)

### Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon

Thursday, March 30, 11:30 a.m.

Fantasy Springs Resort Special Events Center

Join us in recognizing 11 outstanding Coachella Valley seniors, including Palm Desert's honoree, Dr. Betty Baxter.

Tickets and information: **760-863-8211** or [www.seniorinspirationawards.org](http://www.seniorinspirationawards.org)

### Annual Neighborhood Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 15, Citywide

Information: See flyer included with this issue

### LifeStream Mobile Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Palm Desert City Hall

Information and appointments: **800-879-4484** or [LStream.org](http://LStream.org)

## PALM DESERT PUTS DOWN ROOTS FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ready to put down roots in Palm Desert? Then join the City of Palm Desert on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m to 12 p.m. when the ongoing celebration of our 50th Anniversary branches out in a new direction at the **50 Trees for 50 Years** Arbor Day event.

Palm Desert will plant a total of 50 trees throughout the city this spring including 10 in Civic Center Park. Residents can join in on the fun by coming out to the event and lending a hand in shoveling the dirt back around the roots of newly placed trees. It's a great way to get outdoors and introduce young family members to the value of trees in our environment.

Vendors will be on hand with educational and informative literature ranging from coloring books for kids to tree maintenance guides for adults. While supplies last, tree saplings will be available to take home and plant in your own yard, creating your own lasting memory of the City's golden anniversary.

For more information, call the City at **760-776-6481**

## WE'VE MOVED TO A NEW WEB ADDRESS

We've moved! The City of Palm Desert recently transitioned to a new URL for its government website. You'll now find us at a shorter, snappier address – [palmdesert.gov](http://palmdesert.gov) While it's a commitment to update our extensive website and refresh the URL on everything from letterhead to legal paperwork, the new user-friendly and easily remembered web address will make it all worthwhile.

Since old habits are hard to break, the City's former URL, [cityofpalmdesert.org](http://cityofpalmdesert.org), will redirect indefinitely to our current site as will staff email addresses using that address.

## FILM SERIES CONCLUDES WITH FASCINATING DOCUMENTARIES

The 2023 Palm Desert Public Art Documentary Film Series continues on Wednesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. with a free screening of *Tyrus*.

Until his death at the age of 106, Tyrus Wong was America's oldest living Chinese American artist and one of the last remaining artists from the golden age of Disney animation. His pastel sketches impressed Walt Disney, and Wong subsequently went on to create all the backdrops for the animated classic *Bambi*. The quiet beauty of his Eastern-influenced paintings had a pioneering impact on American art and popular culture.

The popular series of free public art-

themed documentary films concludes on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. with *Sanannguaqit: Carved in Stone*. Followers of Inuit art will want to view this new documentary that offers a reminder of the rich trove of Inuit culture that continues to grow in southern Canada.

The 2023 documentary film series is presented by the City of Palm Desert Public Art Department and the University of California, Riverside Palm Desert Center. Films screen in the auditorium at UCR Palm Desert, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive. For more information and reservations, please call **760-834-0800** or register online at [palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu).



# Community

## INFORMATION

MARCH & APRIL 2023



### CITY OF PALM DESERT

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

[palmdesert.gov](http://palmdesert.gov)  
[DiscoverPalmDesert.com](http://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  
Emergencies: Call 911  
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](http://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.

### ARTISTS CENTER AT THE GALEN

72567 Highway 111  
760-565-6130  
Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
[artistscouncil.com](http://artistscouncil.com)

#### Upcoming Exhibitions

**Annual ACE Juried Exhibition and Sale**  
Continues through Sunday, March 19

**Through the Lens Photography Show and Sale**

March 30 – April 23

**Young Artists Exhibition**

April 27 – May 21

#### Workshops

**Realistic Oil & Acrylic Painting**, Thursdays  
1 – 3:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Watercolor: Beginners and Beyond**,  
Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

**Pushing Color: All Media**,  
Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**The Emerging Artist: Lessons of Self-Discovery**, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.,  
March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20

**Impressionist Landscapes in Oil and Cold Wax**, Saturday, March 11 and Sunday,  
March 12, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Ancient One – A Sculpture Class**,  
Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Poured Painted Surfaces**, Sunday,  
March 26, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Don't Be Scared! Sell Your Art on The Internet**, Saturday, April 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Information and registration: [artistscouncil.com](http://artistscouncil.com)



### CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

37500 Cook Street  
760-341-2883  
[pdc.csusb.edu](http://pdc.csusb.edu)  
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Closed March 31



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](http://csusb.edu/pdc/our-programs)

#### Mature Adult Programs

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offers non-credit, university-level courses for adults age 50-plus. Experience all the fun of learning with no homework, no tests, and no grades. Membership also includes fun events, interest groups, and travel opportunities.  
Information: [www.csusb.edu/OLLI](http://www.csusb.edu/OLLI) or call 909-537-8270

#### Upcoming Event

**New York, New York** - A gala benefiting the CSUSB Hospitality Management Program  
Sunday, March 5 at 5 p.m. at the Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa  
Information: [Hospitality@CSUSB.edu](mailto:Hospitality@CSUSB.edu)

#### 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](http://CalStateUniversityAssociates.com)



### COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS

72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms  
760-343-3644  
[rcdas.org](http://rcdas.org)  
Services include animal adoption and licensing.



## COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

43500 Monterey Avenue  
760-346-8041  
[collegeofthedesert.edu](http://collegeofthedesert.edu)



### Learning in Retirement

Learning in Retirement's (LIR) six-week spring session runs from February 27 – April 7 and features a number of 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. Registration opens online in early February. Information and registration: [lirpalmdesert.com](http://lirpalmdesert.com)

### COD Street Fair

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

### COD Veterans Resource Center 760-773-2536

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;  
Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Closed April 3 – 9  
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](http://createcentercv.org)  
Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Workshops

**You Break It: Mosaic Shard Workshop,**  
Monday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and  
Tuesday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Introduction to Reduction Woodblock,**  
Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday,  
March 9, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Joomchi & Beyond: Papermaking  
Workshop,** Wednesday, March 22 –  
Friday, March 24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Ongoing Classes

**Play with Paint (Ages 6 – 10),**  
Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

**Drawing Fundamentals for Adults,**  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Intro to 3D Printing,** Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

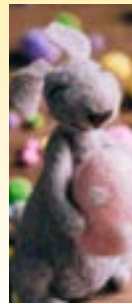
**Creative Practice,** Wednesdays, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

## DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT

Palm Desert Community Center  
43900 San Pablo Avenue  
760-568-9697  
[myrecreationdistrict.com](http://myrecreationdistrict.com)  
Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

### Movies in the Park

Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Civic  
Center Park Amphitheater  
March 9: **Paul Blart, Mall Cop**  
March 16: **Super-Pets**  
March 23: **The Spy Next Door**



### Brunch with the Bunny

Saturday, April 8, 9 – 11 a.m. at the  
Palm Desert Community Center  
\$10 per person  
Pancakes, eggs, fruit, and muffins, plus crafts and  
games, photo ops, and time for a bunny hop.

### Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. at Civic Center Park  
Free egg hunt plus fun activities like face  
painting, sack races, hula-hoop contests  
and a visit from the Easter Bunny!



### Spring Camp

Monday, April 10 – Friday, April 14,  
7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Palm Desert Community Center, \$140 per week  
Campers can enjoy a week of exciting, structured  
activities including sports, creative arts, and group  
games. All activities are carried out under the  
watchful eye of the camp staff.

### Adaptive Sports Programs

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

### 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](http://cityofpalmdesert.org/departments/special-programs/desert-willow-golf-resort)

### Golf Center at Palm Desert

74945 Sheryl Avenue  
760-779-1877  
[golfcenterpd.com](http://golfcenterpd.com)  
Open daily, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
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](http://desertrosesociety.com)  
The Desert Rose Society  
holds monthly meetings  
on the second Tuesday of the  
month at the Portola Community Center:  
Social starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by a short  
meeting and guest speaker at 5 p.m.



## DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

47950 Dune Palms Road  
La Quinta  
760-777-4200  
[dsusd.us](http://dsusd.us)  
DSUSD spring break is April 10 – 14.

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## DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

38995 Desert Willow Drive  
760-346-0015  
[desertwillow.com](http://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](http://desertwillow.com/TheTerrace)

### 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](http://desertwillow.com/teetimes)

### The Palm Desert Golf Academy Stick Mobility Golf Fitness Classes: Movement Made Better

The Palm Desert Golf Academy's 45-minute  
Stick Mobility Golf Fitness class is designed  
to improve your mobility, stability, and  
strength in your golf swing.  
Wednesdays in March and April, 10 a.m., \$45  
Information: [desertwillow.com/stickmobility](http://desertwillow.com/stickmobility)

### Mastering the Short Game

Perfect your game with the help of Desert  
Willow's PGA Golf Professionals. Learn the  
scoring skills required to improve your golf  
game and lower your scores on the course.  
March 10 and 21, April 7 and 21,  
8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$399  
Information: [desertwillow.com/shortgame](http://desertwillow.com/shortgame)

### One Day Performance School

The Palm Desert Golf Academy's One Day  
Performance Golf School offers a unique approach  
made up of full swing plus short game analysis,  
proper diagnosis, purposeful situational practice,  
and expert on-course instruction conducted  
at a maximum 2:1 student to teacher ratio.  
March 15, April 12 and 27, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., \$699  
Information: [desertwillow.com/performancegolfschool](http://desertwillow.com/performancegolfschool)

## FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue  
760-341-9622  
[ymcaofthedesert.org](http://ymcaofthedesert.org)

### Flag Football

Ages: 5 – 14  
Fridays, March 31 – June 2  
\$125



College of the Desert Practice Football Field  
One practice per week will be determined by the coaches once the season starts. Anyone interested in coaching, please reach out to the YMCA.

### Y Rookies T-Ball

Ages 3 – 5  
Saturdays, March 25 – May 20, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
\$125

### Spring Street Hockey

Ages: 5 – 13  
Mondays and Wednesdays, April 17 – May 31, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
\$100

### Creative Movement Dance Class

Ages: 3 – 5  
Saturdays, March 25 – May 20, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$100  
Class is designed to teach movement through dance and movement. Improve social skills and develop motor skills while having fun.

### 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/](http://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/](http://ymcaofthedesert.org/school-age-childcare/)

## THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73545 El Paseo  
760-862-1990  
[thegardensonelpaseo.com](http://thegardensonelpaseo.com)

### 25th Annual Concert Series

Saturdays through March 11, 4:30 – 7 p.m.  
Center Lawn

March 4: Slim Man benefiting Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine (Jazz)

March 11: John Stanley King Band benefiting Family YMCA of the Desert (Favorite Rock Hits)  
Reservations: [thegardensonelpaseo.com/events](http://thegardensonelpaseo.com/events)

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT & FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

72861 El Paseo  
760-346-6588  
[hspd.org](http://hspd.org)

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



## JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way  
760-340-3220

[joslyncenter.org](http://joslyncenter.org)

Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sundays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. for Sunday Cabaret Series in the Arthur Newman Theatre

### Onsite Programs

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

Information: [JoslynCenter.org/programs](http://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](http://JoslynCenter.org/virtual-programs).

Information: Melanie Lyons at 760-340-3220, ext. 102 or [melaniel@joslyncenter.org](mailto:melaniel@joslyncenter.org).

### Joslyn Wellness Center Programs

Free and low-cost programs include Go4Life®, Aging Mastery Program®, Brain Boot Camp; Problem-Solving Strategies; Mindful Living; Bereavement Group; Fitness Center, and more.  
Information: José Mendez at 760-340-3220, ext. 117



### Nutrition Programs

**Meals on Wheels:** Providing healthy meals Monday – Friday to seniors in Palm Desert, Sun City Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Indian Wells.

### 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](http://joslyncenter.org/meals-on-wheels) or contact Bob Elias at 760-340-3220, ext. 110 or [bobe@joslyncenter.org](mailto:bobe@joslyncenter.org).

### Joslyn in Bloom Fashion Show Luncheon

Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Aqua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa, Rancho Mirage

Tickets: 760-340-3220, ext. 105 or [TommB@JoslynCenter.org](mailto:TommB@JoslynCenter.org)

Sponsorships: 760-340-3220, ext. 107 or [GregM@JoslynCenter.org](mailto:GregM@JoslynCenter.org)



## THE LIVING DESERT

47900 Portola Avenue  
760-346-5694  
[livingdesert.org](http://livingdesert.org)  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; last admission 4 p.m.



### Tours and Experiences

#### Giraffe Feeding

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
\$6 members/\$8 non-members per person with paid park admission

#### Rhino Encounter

New! Meet one of the rhinos in a semi-private encounter experience. Offered daily at 8:15 and 9 a.m. Advanced reservations recommended; additional fee applies.

#### Private Safari Tours

Two-hour guided tours with private shuttle. Advanced reservations required; additional fee applies.



#### This is How We Zoo It Tour

New! A 30-minute guided tour that gives an inside look at how The Living Desert cares for its 600 animal residents. Walk-ups welcome; additional fee applies.

#### Glow in the Park

Opens March 15 – 16 for members, March 17 to the public and continues nightly through April 30.  
See article elsewhere in this issue of *BrightSide*

## MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive  
760-340-ARTS (2787)  
[mccallumtheatre.com](http://mccallumtheatre.com)  
Purchase tickets for all upcoming events at their box office or at [mccallumtheatre.com](http://mccallumtheatre.com).

### Open Call Talent Project

Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m.  
Some of the Coachella Valley's best performers will take to the stage at the McCallum Theatre as part of Open Call, a popular talent competition for all ages. Finalists compete for multiple prizes including a \$5,000 grand prize.

### Bensaiten by Taikoproject

Friday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.  
A dynamic contemporary blend of taiko, music, storytelling, and choreography, this concert combines percussive power and strength with consummate grace and movement. General admission tickets are \$10, and education partners (students, families, and teachers) attend at no cost. Tickets: [www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com) or 760-340-2787.

## PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive

760-565-7467

[pdpool.com](http://pdpool.com)

Check website for current schedule.



## PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72559 Highway 111

760-346-6111

[pdacc.org](http://pdacc.org)

### Business Breakfast

Tuesday, March 14, 7 a.m. at Residence Inn, 38305 Cook Street

### Profit Connection Lunch

Thursday, March 30 and Thursday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.

### After Hours Business Mixer

Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. at Residence Inn  
Wednesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m. at Avenida Palm Desert, 40445 Portola Avenue

### Morning Mixer

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 a.m.

Information and registration: [pdacc.org](http://pdacc.org)

## PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

73300 Fred Waring Drive

760-346-6552

[rivlib.net](http://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: April 9

### Sunday Sounds in the Park Concert Series

Palm Desert Civic Park Amphitheater

Sundays, 2 p.m. Free.

Presented in partnership with  
Desert Recreation District.

March 5: The Gand Band

March 19: The Palm Springs Gay Men's Choir

April 2: Michael Gagliardi

### Adult Programs

#### Lunch and Learn: Info Hour

Light lunch and an information-packed hour with local experts.

Tuesday, March 28, 12 p.m.: Inland

Counties Legal Services

Tuesday, April 25, 12 p.m.: Riverside

County Office on Aging

Reservations Required: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com) or

760-346-6552, ext. 8112



#### Title Wave Book Club

Mondays, March 6 and April 3, 3 p.m.

### Special Events

Author Talk: Paula Kinney, *The Delicate*

Dance: *Living White Being Black*

Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m.

### Adult Art Workshops

Mondays, March 13 and April 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Event Details and Reservations:

[rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com) or 760-346-6552, ext. 8112

### Teen Programs

Open to teens grades 6 – 12

Program Information: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### Teen Advisory Council

Tuesdays, March 7 and 21,

April 4 and 18; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### Teen Book Club

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### Children's Programs

Paws and Pages Storytime and

Craft with Animal Samaritans

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.



### Library Connect - Desert Mobile Resource Van

Library cards, check out/return books, Wi-Fi, and pop-up computer lab services.

Information, location, and events

schedule: [bit.ly/desertmrv](http://bit.ly/desertmrv) or email

[LibraryConnectDesertVan@rivlib.net](mailto:LibraryConnectDesertVan@rivlib.net)

### Veterans Resource Center

Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Information and referrals for veterans.

Walk-ins welcome.

Information: 760-346-6552

## SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT'L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER/ FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS

51500 Highway 74

760-862-9984

[DesertMountains.org](http://DesertMountains.org)

### Upcoming Events

Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival

Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

See article elsewhere in this issue of *BrightSide*

Free Guided Hikes, Birding Walks and  
Wildflower Nature Walks

Information: [desertmountains.org/calendar](http://desertmountains.org/calendar)

### Desert Mountains Art Fair

Saturdays, March 18 and April 1, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Support local artists and find unique gifts while enjoying the beauty of our desert mountains.

### Star Party at the Monument

Saturdays, March 25 and April 29, 7 p.m.

### Tortoise Talk and Walk

Monday, March 20; Sunday, March 26; and

Saturday, April 8, 9 – 11 a.m.

Enjoy a two-mile hike on the Randall Henderson Trail searching for tortoises.

### Lecture Series:

Start to Finish: The Building of Highway 74

Sunday, March 12, 8 a.m.

Plants Can't Move. So What?

Sunday, March 12, 11 a.m.

Weirdly Wonderful World of Galls

Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.

A Local History of the Mountain

Town of Idyllwild

Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m.

Evolutionary History of Scorpions

Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.

Coyotes in Town: Living with America's Most

Common Predator

Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m.

*Reservations are required for all events.*

Information: [DesertMountains.org/calendar](http://DesertMountains.org/calendar) or

call 760-862-9984



## THE SHOPS AT PALM DESERT

72840 Highway 111

760-346-2121

[shopsatpalmdesert.com](http://shopsatpalmdesert.com)

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE/PALM DESERT CAMPUS

75080 Frank Sinatra Drive

760-834-0800

[palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu)

### Pre-Oscars Academy Awards Show

Monday, March 6, 6 p.m.

Hollywood comes to the desert with this free discussion, featuring an all-star panel of industry professionals offering their Oscar picks and predictions for this year's Academy Awards.

RSVPs Required: [palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu)

### Boyd Deep Canyon Lecture Series

Next Generation Natural History: Using  
Technology to Understand Rattlesnake Behavior

Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.

Learn how researchers are unlocking the secrets of rattlesnake behavior by studying footage from time lapse and live-streaming cameras on a den with hundreds of rattlesnakes.

### Microplastic Ingestion by Baleen Whales

Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m.

Baleen whales may be at extreme risk of exposure to microplastics, but neither the amount nor pathway of microplastic ingestion are well understood.

Reservations Requested: [palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu)



## SURVEY TO HELP IDENTIFY BROADBAND NEEDS

The City of Palm Desert is working to better understand the connectivity needs of its residents and businesses and needs your feedback on the current state of broadband internet where you work or live.

Participation in a brief survey is crucial in helping the City identify areas of greatest need, the value of next-generation high-speed broadband services for economic development, and more. Your input may help the City find Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to partner within a given area, and funding opportunities to support new initiatives.

The survey can be found at [www.palmdesert.gov/broadband](http://www.palmdesert.gov/broadband) and takes only a few minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Please limit participation to one person per household. Because this is a survey to assess wired internet service, participants should use a device connected to a wired internet connection (through WiFi or Ethernet) if possible, and not a cellular connection (4G/LTE/5G), to take the survey. Participants with no wired internet connection may take the survey on a mobile device. The survey closes on March 31.



## DRAMATIC LANTERN EXHIBIT SETS LIVING DESERT AGLOW

After a dazzling debut in 2022, Glow in the Park returns to The Living Desert this spring with an all-new line-up of larger-than-life illuminated lanterns.

Glow in the Park delivers a dazzling immersive experience that is visually stunning and infinitely memorable. Intricate and colorful, the awe-inspiring lantern creations feature animals and landscapes representing wild places on land and sea. Interactive attractions and memorable photo opportunities add to the event's appeal.

Don't miss this chance to watch the desert come alive with spectacular installations that will delight people of all ages. The event opens March 15 and 16 for members only, and then to the general public from March 17 through April 30. Hours each night are 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. with last admission at 9:00 p.m. Advanced reservations are required. Ticket prices are Adults \$27.95; Members \$25.95; Children (ages 3-12) \$17.95; Child under 3 free. *For more information and tickets visit [livingdesert.org](http://livingdesert.org)*

## HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HELPS LOWER INCOME HOMEOWNERS

Lower-income homeowners with homes that need emergency repairs are encouraged to apply for the City of Palm Desert's Home Improvement Program.

Examples of the types of repairs that could be eligible for assistance under the program include emergency water damage repairs, HVAC replacement, water heater replacement, and repairs to damaged roofs.

If you own your own home, think you might qualify for the program, and would like *more information*, please contact the City's Housing Division, at 760-346-0611, ext. 412 or email [sestrada@palmdesert.gov](mailto:sestrada@palmdesert.gov).



## CITY SEEKS COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

One of the many things that make Palm Desert a uniquely wonderful place is its involved citizenry, who give generously of their time and talents to serve our community. More than 100 volunteers serve on the Palm Desert's standing committees, commissions, and boards, and the City is currently seeking applications from citizens who wish to join them.

As City ambassadors, appointed members develop recommendations reflective of the community, and provide the City Council with perspectives to make policy decisions that enrich Palm Desert.

Applications are welcome year-round with interviews and appointments occurring in May or June annually. With few exceptions, appointed members must reside in Palm Desert. Certain boards may also require specific experience in a technical field or have other qualifying criteria. Please carefully review your preferred board's requirements to ensure eligibility.

*For more information* regarding each board, including agendas and minutes, and to complete an application, please visit [www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/committees-and-commissions](http://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/committees-and-commissions).



# WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL CELEBRATES SPRING

Celebrating its 16th year of promoting recreation and the beautiful outdoors, the Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival returns to Palm Desert's Civic Center Park on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Presented by Friends of the Desert Mountains, the festival features skilled local artisans, shopping and information booths, enchanting wildflower displays and an exciting raffle. A huge interactive Kids' Zone and "Naturally Inspired" youth art contest brings families from all over Coachella Valley. Local food trucks and beverage concessions will be available along with a beer and wine garden for adults. Live music performances will add just the right note to the festival as well.

This FREE event is fun for all ages and helps promote education, environmental stewardship, land conservancy, and an appreciation of our fine Desert Mountains.

Kicking off the Wildflower Festival will be the FODM 5K, an exciting trail adventure in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Run or walk on natural desert terrain raising funds to support conservation of these wonderful desert lands.

Civic Center Park is located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert. *For more information about the Wildflower Festival or 5K run, visit [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org) or call the Friends of the Desert Mountains' office at 760-568-9918.*



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on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 4 p.m.



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