



# BrightSide

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## FREE SPRING CONCERTS RETURN TO CIVIC CENTER PARK

Palm Desert's Civic Center Park Amphitheater is once again the hot spot for live music in May with the return of the City's Spring Concerts in the Park.

On stage from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday in May, Palm Desert's Spring Concerts will feature a diverse range of talented performers designed to please music lovers of all ages and tastes. The excitement kicks off at the amphitheater on Thursday, May 4, with a performance by **Upstream**, a beloved Caribbean music group known for their infectious beats and positive message. With a talented lineup of musicians delivering reggae and calypso, Upstream is sure to get the crowd moving and grooving.

The concert series continues on May 11 with **We Belong**, a Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo tribute band; and **AMFM** on May 18, a top L.A. party band playing it all

from favorite jazz standards to the Top 40. The season will wrap up on May 25 with a return performance by **Yachty by Nature**, playing your favorite "groovy soft yacht rock tunes" from the late 70s and early 80s. Expect to hear songs from artists like Michael McDonald, Hall and Oates, Boz Scaggs, Steely Dan, Toto, Christopher Cross, and more.

In addition to the great music, concertgoers can enjoy the delicious culinary creations offered by a variety of food trucks parked by the amphitheater or bring their own picnic baskets along with their blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the shows. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited at Civic Center Park.

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



## Inside Story

**Did you know Palm Desert has Sister Cities in Gisborne, New Zealand, and Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Mexico?** Since 1956, Sister Cities International (SCI) has fostered global relationships through cultural, educational, and trade exchanges. Locally, the Palm Desert Sister Cities Foundation is responsible for coordinating our relationships with Gisborne and Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering with or serving on the board of this non-profit foundation, please contact Mark Talboys at **760-333-4629** or [amtalboys@mindspring.net](mailto:amtalboys@mindspring.net). Online application: [cityofpalmdesert.granicus.com/boards/forms/748/apply](http://cityofpalmdesert.granicus.com/boards/forms/748/apply)

**Going out of town?** Palm Desert's Vacation Home Check Program provides residents with enhanced security during extended vacations. Citizens On Patrol (COPs) volunteers patrol registered single-family homes in non-gated neighborhoods when residents are away for two weeks or more.  
*Information & registration: 760-862-9848*

**Never miss out on the latest e-news from Palm Desert.** Register now to receive the City's enhanced email offerings, including a monthly digital edition of *BrightSide*, Fireworks Alerts and City Council Meeting updates.  
*Information: [www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/newsletters](http://www.palmdesert.gov/our-city/newsletters)*

## Calendar

**Palm Desert City Council Meetings**  
Thursdays, 4 p.m.  
May 11 and 25; June 8 and 22

**Coffee with the Mayor**  
Tuesday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.  
Bump 'n Grind Trailhead, Painter's Path behind Desert Crossing Shopping Center  
Enjoy free coffee and conversation with Palm Desert's Mayor and learn more about the City's active transportation plan for bicyclists and pedestrians.  
*Information: [www.palmdesert.gov/news](http://www.palmdesert.gov/news)*

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 29  
City Hall Closed

**Palm Desert Independence Day Celebration**  
Tuesday, July 4  
Save the date for fireworks!  
*Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 454*

**LifeStream 9 Cities Challenge Blood Drive**  
Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Palm Desert Community Center  
*Information and appointments: 800-879-4484 or [LStream.org](http://LStream.org)*

## PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM HOSTS PALM DESERT DAY

Palm Desert residents and workers are invited to enjoy a day at the Palm Springs Air Museum free of charge on Saturday, May 6, as the popular attraction celebrates Palm Desert Day.

Located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, the Palm Springs Air Museum has over 70 aircraft on display including the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Bomber. Named by CNN Travel as one of the top aviation museums in the world, the museum encompasses 91,000 square feet of climate-controlled hangars, with additional aircraft on display on the tarmac.

Saturdays at the Air Museum are "Open Cockpit" days. From 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., a selected aircraft is opened up and guests

are treated to the special experience of being allowed to sit at the controls and pose for pictures. Museum volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide the historical backdrop for the aircraft. A suggested \$5 donation for the open cockpit experience includes a souvenir photograph.

Palm Desert Day is sponsored by the City of Palm Desert. To receive free admission, individuals must show proof of Palm Desert residency in the form of a California Driver's License or utility bill, or proof of employment such as an ID badge or business card from a Palm Desert business. Museum hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



## LOBBY RENOVATION TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY

The Development Services wing of Palm Desert City Hall is set to undergo a renovation project this summer that will revamp its lobby, conference room, and public restrooms. The aim of the project is to streamline operations, provide a more efficient use of space, and allow staff to better serve their customers. The project will also bring the public counters and restrooms into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The project will begin in June and is expected to be completed in September. Customer service staff working in Planning, Building and Safety, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and the Permit Center may be temporarily relocated during construction. Directional signage will be in place to guide visitors to City Hall during the renovation project.

As always, residents and business customers may also receive assistance from City staff members by phone, email, or online. For more information, call the Permit Center at **760-776-6435** or email [permitcenter@cityofpalmdesert.org](mailto:permitcenter@cityofpalmdesert.org).

# Community

## INFORMATION

MAY & JUNE 2023



### CITY OF PALM DESERT

Palm Desert Civic Center  
73510 Fred Waring Drive  
760-346-0611

Summer Hours beginning Monday, June 5:  
Monday – Thursday: 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Closed May 29

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

Visitor Services  
760-568-1441

Short Term Rental Hotline  
760-862-6900

Code Enforcement 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

**Young Artists Exhibition**  
Through May 21

**FUN & GAMES Summer Art Show and Sale**  
May 25 – June 25

### 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.

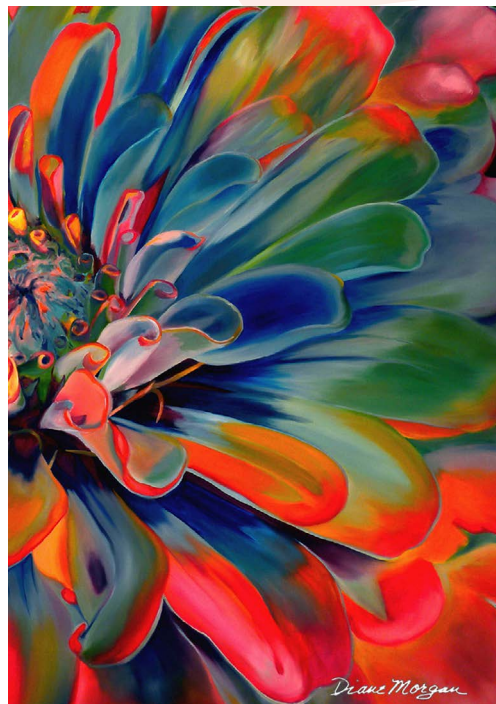
#### Pushing Color: All Media,

Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### The Emerging Artist: Lessons of Self-

Discovery, Thursday, May 4, 10:00 – 11:30 a.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)



Summer Hours beginning Monday, June 5:  
Monday – Thursday: 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Closed May 29

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 aged 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

### 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.





## Summer Basketball

Ages 5 – 14

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

## 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/)

## THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73545 El Paseo  
760-862-1990

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

## 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.  
through May 29

The Historical Society Museum closes for the season on Tuesday, May 30 and will reopen October 6. Save the Date for the HSPD 50th Anniversary Party to be held on Saturday, September 23.



**Now available:** *Encore: The Mystique of Shadow Mountain*, a new book on the history of many of the homes in the Shadow Mountain neighborhood and the architects who designed them

## JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way  
760-340-3220

[joslyncenter.org](http://joslyncenter.org)  
Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Onsite Programs

Exercise classes, bridge, bingo, canasta, pinochle, mah-jongg, Scrabble, quilting, woodcarving, knitting, painting, table tennis, lawn bowling, art classes, New Joslyn Singers, Joslyn Strummers ukulele group, stringed instrument band, Joslyn Singles, book club, 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; free Fitness Center and more.

Information: Alex Garcia at 760-340-3220, ext. 117 or [AlexG@joslyncenter.org](mailto:AlexG@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.

### 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).

## Special Events

### Age Well, Drive Smart Senior Driver Education Class

Friday, May 26  
Presented by the California Highway Patrol, the curriculum addresses aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment, and more.

### Spring Health & Wellness Fair

Wednesday, May 31, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Medical seminars, glucose screening, blood pressure screening, and body mass index.

Information and Joslyn Center Membership:  
Melanie Lyons at 760-340-3220 ext. 102 or [Melaniel@joslyncenter.org](mailto:Melaniel@joslyncenter.org)



## THE LIVING DESERT

47900 Portola Avenue  
760-346-5694

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

Through May 31: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;

last admission 4 p.m.

June 1 – September 30: 7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.;

last admission 12:30 p.m.



## Tours and Experiences

### Giraffe Feeding

Through May 31: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 1 – September 30: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$6 members; \$8 non-members  
with paid park admission

An experience for a lifetime, giraffe feeding gives guests a one-on-one encounter with these graceful giants.



### Rhino Encounter

May 1 – 31: 8:30 a.m.

June 1 – September 30: 8 a.m.

\$45 members; \$50 non-members  
with paid park admission

This special opportunity offers guests the chance to meet black rhinos – Jaali or Nia – up close and personal in an exclusive animal care area. The semi-private experience features a keeper chat that gives an inside look at these amazing animals. Reservations recommended..

### Private Safari Tours

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

### Hiking Trails

Open daily through May 31 with membership or paid admission  
Trails for all skill levels are available, including the quarter-mile Discovery Loop; a mile-long Adventure Loop through a desert wash and across a rocky bajada; and the five-mile Wilderness Loop through a boulder-strewn canyon and along a rocky ridgeline with stunning vistas.

## Special Programs

### Summer Zoo Camp

Three-day camps offered on select dates, June 7 – July 27

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$225 members; \$250 non-members  
ZooCamp offers kids in grades K-5 the opportunity to explore nature, meet new friends, and have fun at The Living Desert.

Information and registration:

[LivingDesert.org/ZooCamp](http://LivingDesert.org/ZooCamp)

## MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive

760-340-ARTS (2787)

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

Tickets for the 2023-2024 season are now available on their website.

## 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)

### State of the City Address

Friday, May 12

CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hear from Palm Desert's Mayor and City Councilmembers at the annual State of the City Address. Learn about the city's mindful economic growth, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement, as well as the many ways Palm Desert is moving forward to enhance life for its residents, businesses, and visitors.

### Swing Into Summer Golf Tournament

Friday, June 2

### Putt Putt on El Paseo

Thursday, June 15

Registration and sponsorship information for all events: [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 Monday, May 29

### Summer Reading Program

The Library's Summer Reading Program, Find Your Voice, runs from June 12 – July 21. Each week has different theme and focus, including language, storytelling, and writing. Open to all ages.

Event Details: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### Adult Programs

#### Simply Book Club

Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.: Biography

Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.: Male Author

Community Room – Drop-In

Let's talk books! You are invited to read a book of your choice on the assigned



topics. Come and share your review.

### Adult Art Workshops

Mondays, May 8 and June 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Led by Karen Riley of S.C.R.A.P. Gallery. Seats are limited and reservations are required.

Event Details and Reservations: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### Brain Boot Camp

Wednesday, May 10 and 17, 1 – 3 p.m.

Community Room

Discover new ways to challenge your brain with this two-session series (sign up for both) offered in partnership with The Joslyn Center. Seats are limited and reservations are required.

Event Details and Reservations: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### Sound Bath/VST

Thursdays, May 4 and June 1, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Community Room

Join licensed practitioner Michelle Hedgecock for sound healing sessions. Seats are limited and reservations are required.

Event Details and Reservations: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### Teen Programs

Open to teens grades 6 – 12

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

### Anime Alliance Club

Thursdays, May 11 and 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Explore Japanese culture, watch popular animes, do anime-inspired crafts, and sample Asian snacks.

### Beginner Yoga for Teens

Saturdays, May 13 and 27, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Reservations required

Event Details and Reservations: [rivlib.libcal.com](http://rivlib.libcal.com)

### KPOP Club

Wednesday, May 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### Teen Book Club



Tuesday, May 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### Children's Programs

#### Storytime and Craft

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

Animal Samaritans will join Storytime in May. Beginning June 12, Storytime will focus on Summer Reading Program/Find Your Voice with fun stories and crafts.

#### Sensory Storytime

Tuesdays, 11:40 a.m.

Sensory Storytime encourages children to move and interact with the environment



through music, reading, and fun activities.

### 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)

Open Thursday – Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Star Party at the Monument

Saturday, May 13, 8 p.m.

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

Check [desertmountains.org/calendar](http://desertmountains.org/calendar) for other summer events and updates.



## 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)

### Arts & Letters: Matthew Zapruder

Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m.

Arts & Letters is a free series that invites the community to spend time with today's most influential authors through interviews and personal readings. Join UCR Palm Desert for an evening with acclaimed poet Matthew Zapruder, who will discuss his most recent book, "Story of a Poem." In his memoir, Zapruder explores not just what it means to be a poet, but also what it means to be alive during this extraordinary time.

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

### UCR Osher

Courses offered through UCR Palm Desert's Osher program are an excellent way to keep your brain and body active and make new friends. New courses will start soon. Learn more about Osher by visiting their website.

Information: [palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher](http://palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher)



## COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

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



### Learning in Retirement

Classes resume in the fall.

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

### COD Street Fair

Through May 28: Saturday and Sunday,  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 3 – 25: Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Closed July and August

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 May 29

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)

Check website for hours

### Ongoing Classes

**Drawing Fundamentals for Adults,**

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 1 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

### Summer Camp

Begins June 5, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$360 for a three-week session or

\$140 for weekly sessions



### Ballroom, Swing and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

May 3 – 24 and June 7 – 28

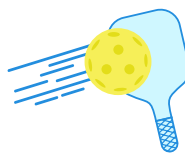
\$52 per month

### Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

May 3 – 24 and June 7 – 28

\$43 per month



### Indoor Pickleball Clinics

May and June

Days vary; check website for more information

### 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/](http://cityofpalmdesert.org/departments/special-programs/)

[desert-willow-golf-resort](http://desert-willow-golf-resort)

### Golf Center at Palm Desert

74945 Sheryl Avenue

760-779-1877

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

Check 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](http://desertrosesociety.com)

The last Desert Rose Society meeting of the season will be on

Tuesday, May 9 at the Portola Community Center:

Social starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by a short

meeting and guest speaker at 5 p.m.

Events will resume in September.



## DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

47950 Dune Palms Road

La Quinta

760-777-4200

[dsusd.us](http://dsusd.us)

Final day of the 2022-2023 school year is Friday, June 2. Summer school begins Tuesday, June 6.



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

### Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14

Treat Mom to a special brunch this Mother's Day at The Terrace Restaurant. Indulge in a lavish buffet while enjoying the beautiful views of Desert Willow's award-winning Firecliff Course. Dine alfresco on the Lakeview Terrace patio or dine indoors with panoramic windows.



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Seatings are available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pricing is \$65.99 per person, \$24.99 children 6 to 12, and children 5 and under eat free.

Advanced reservations are required.

Information: [desertwillow.com/mothersday](http://desertwillow.com/mothersday)

### 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)

### City of Palm Desert Championship

Saturday, May 27 – Sunday May 28

Are you ready to be crowned golf champion of Palm Desert? The City of Palm Desert and Desert Willow Golf Resort are pleased to announce the 2023 City of Palm Desert Championship. This Memorial Day weekend, partner up in a two-person team event and compete in two rounds of golf to prove you're the best golfers in Palm Desert!

Information: [desertwillow.com/citychampionship](http://desertwillow.com/citychampionship)

## FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue

760-341-9622

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



### Summer Day Camp

Weekly camps begin Monday, June 5 and include exciting theme-based weeks such as Legos, Disney, Gamer, Crafting, Adventure, Sports, Fashion Week, and more. Information and registration:

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



## HELP LEAD YOUR COMMUNITY AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER

The City of Palm Desert's committees and commissions present a range of opportunities for residents to meaningfully engage with their local government and help lead their community. More than 100 volunteers serve on Palm Desert's committees, and the City is currently seeking applications from citizens who wish to join them.

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

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).*

## SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS AT FREE EVENT

The City of Palm Desert, in partnership with Burrtec Waste and Recycling Services, is offering free document shredding services to help residents and businesses securely dispose of sensitive documents such as tax records, legal documents, and bank statements. The shredding event is scheduled for Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. or until the trucks are full.

The shredding event will take place at Palm Desert City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive. This is a drive-through, drop-off only event, and no appointments are needed.

Accepted items include stapled and bound office paper, glossy paper, photos, file folders, and envelopes. While paper clips are allowed, binder clips and notebooks will not be accepted. Residents and businesses are limited to ten boxes per day, and boxes and bags will not be returned. Please ensure that all hazardous materials, such as batteries and potentially flammable liquids, are removed from bags and boxes before drop-off.

*For more information, please contact the City of Palm Desert at 760-776-6342 or email [recycling@palmdesert.gov](mailto:recycling@palmdesert.gov).*

## RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS WITH DINING DEALS

Locals and visitors alike are invited to embark on a culinary journey this June when Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week returns with delicious dining deals. This popular event, organized by Visit Greater Palm Springs and sponsored by the City of Palm Desert, will run for ten days from June 2 to 11.

Diners can look forward to experiencing an array of mouth-watering prix fixe menus for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner at numerous restaurants found throughout the Coachella Valley. With prices ranging from \$15 to \$35 per person for breakfast, brunch, or lunch, and from \$29 to \$59 per person for dinner, there's something for everyone's taste and budget. Furthermore,

participating restaurants may have additional "Special Offers" available during the event. It's important to note that the prices listed do not include beverages, tax, or gratuity.

Whether you're looking to indulge in old favorites or discover new dining delights, Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to tantalize your taste buds. No tickets or special passes are needed, but it's recommended that you make reservations in advance. *To find out more about the event and view menus from participating restaurants, visit [visitgreaterpalmsprings.com/restaurant-week](http://visitgreaterpalmsprings.com/restaurant-week).*

## MAKE POOL SAFETY A PRIORITY

Drowning is a preventable tragedy, yet it remains the leading cause of accidental injury-related death for children ages 1 to 4 in Riverside County. Drowning is fast, silent, and a real threat for all ages, not just children.

Nearly 90% of all drownings and near-drownings occur in backyard pools or spas. A child can lose consciousness in less than 30 seconds and suffer irreversible brain damage after just four minutes.

To reduce the threat of drowning, it is crucial to remember the ABCs of water safety:

### Adult Supervision

Assign an adult to keep their eyes on children in the water at all times and stay within reach of young children.

### Barriers

Ensure that pools are protected by fences, self-closing and self-latching gates, motion sensors, and window and door alarms.

### Classes

Parents and caregivers should take CPR and First Aid courses, while swimming lessons are recommended for both children and adults. Private and group swim lessons are available at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center, and the Family YMCA of the Desert offers financial aid for swim lessons. *For more information, please call 760-341-9622.*







# NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT CIVIC CENTER PARK

An active lifestyle is essential for good health, longevity, and quality of life. The City of Palm Desert believes all community members should have access to free fitness and recreation opportunities, and recently installed ten new fitness machines at Civic Center Park to meet that goal.

This new fitness zone can be found between the park's playgrounds and basketball courts, and includes a step-up station, hand cycle, skill trainer, leg press, cardio walker, chest press, and more. The selection of equipment provides for a variety of workouts including strength, cardiovascular, and flexibility. The equipment is sized for teens and adults and is designed to be simple and easy to use.

Seven of the ten machines are ADA accessible, adding an accessible fitness component to the existing offerings at Civic Center Park and expanding the health benefits to even more residents. Flooring was installed in the fitness area to improve ease of access, and two new shade structures aid in keeping those workouts cool. Park benches, waste receptacles, and a bike rack were replaced in the area as well.

Outdoor exercise, a trend that grew dramatically during the pandemic, is here to stay. Stop by the fitness area on your next visit to Civic Center Park and give a fresh air workout a try. *For more information on the park's fitness equipment, call City Hall at 760-776-6481.*



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