



PALM DESERT

BrightSide

A CITY OF PALM DESERT PUBLICATION

MAY AND JUNE
2024

PALM
DESERT

What's Inside

LIBRARY GOES MOBILE
DURING RENOVATIONS

CITY BUDGET COMMUNITY
MEETINGS

JUNIOR POET LAUREATE
ANNOUNCED

AQUATIC CENTER
OFFERS SUMMER FUN

PALM DESERT DAY
AT AIR MUSEUM

DINING DEALS FOR
RESTAURANT WEEK

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES

GET YOUR FREE
RECYCLING GUIDE

FREE DOCUMENT
SHREDDING EVENT



FREE SPRING CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

Civic Center Park Amphitheater will be filled with music and fun from 7 – 8:30 p.m. every Thursday night in May, as Palm Desert’s free Concerts in the Park series returns for five weeks of unforgettable entertainment sure to please all ages and tastes.

The excitement kicks off at the amphitheater on Thursday, May 2, with Pretzel Logic, recreating the sophisticated sounds of Steely Dan. The band’s amazing performers and authentic renditions are sure to leave the audience humming tunes that invoke memories of younger days.

The series continues May 9, with The A-List, a crowd-pleasing, high energy dance band playing the biggest hits of yesterday and today that will have you dancing on the lawn, which is encouraged!

Neon colors, wild hair, and lots of eyeliner will be in style May 16, when The Reflexx takes the stage to perform New Wave favorites of the 80s from bands like Duran Duran, Depeche Mode, INXS, and more.

Take a trip back in time to the beginnings of Rock and Roll with The Dreamboats on May 23. This internationally known group is as recognized for their wild stage antics as they are for capturing both the iconic look and sound of the biggest 50s and 60s rock and pop pioneers.

The series concludes with a little extra twang on May 30, as Country Nation pays tribute to the biggest stars of modern country music, while also honoring the classics. Audience participation is a regular part of the show, so wear your boots and bring your friends for some line dancing!

In addition to the great music, concertgoers can enjoy delicious culinary creations offered by a variety of food trucks, or bring your own picnic basket along with blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the show. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited.

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

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

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 \$94,500.

To qualify, applicants must have good credit, some savings, and a consistent employment history. Successful applicants will be selected to pre-qualify 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.

Help Protect Our Local Waters

We all share a responsibility to care for our environment and safeguard the beauty and vitality of our community. One crucial aspect of this responsibility is maintaining clean storm drains, which play a vital role in preventing flooding, protecting water quality, and preserving the health of our local ecosystems.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program addresses water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Learn more about NPDES and how this affects your project by [visiting \[epa.gov/npdes\]\(http://visiting.epa.gov/npdes\)](http://visiting.epa.gov/npdes) or waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/ or by contacting the Palm Desert Public Works Department at **760-776-6450**.

Calendar

Palm Desert City Council Meetings
Thursdays, 4 p.m.
May 9 and 23; June 13 and 27

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27
City Hall Closed

Father's Day
Sunday, June 16

Palm Desert Independence Day Celebration
Thursday, July 4
Save the date for fireworks!

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM HOSTS PALM DESERT DAY

Experience some of history's most iconic aircraft free of charge, as Palm Desert Day returns to the Palm Springs Air Museum on Saturday, May 4.

Palm Desert residents and workers are invited to spend the day enjoying the museum's extensive collection of legendary planes spanning multiple eras of aviation, 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 to discover on the tarmac.

If you want to bring history to life, the Air Museum also features Warbird Rides for an additional cost, offering the flight of a lifetime in a vintage aircraft, with options including the T-6 Texan, Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star, or legendary P-51 Mustang among their fleet of six historic aircraft.

Palm Desert Day is sponsored by the City of Palm Desert. To receive free museum 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. The Palm Springs Air Museum is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail.

PALM DESERT ANNOUNCES JUNIOR POET LAUREATE

The City of Palm Desert is proud to introduce Addison Jackson as our official Junior Poet Laureate, serving alongside City Poet Laureate Lori Davis as an ambassador of poetry and literature, and providing inspiration to young writers around the Coachella Valley.

Jackson, a tenth grader at Xavier College Preparatory High School, was selected from applications submitted to the City and evaluated by Poet Laureate Davis, and Addison hopes the work she does in her new role will encourage other teenagers to express themselves through art.

"Teenage years are defined by challenges, new ideas, and new experiences," said Jackson. "Poetry is about refusing boundaries, giving way to the raw emotion that teenagers sometimes can't verbalize."

"To really be able to tap into the vulnerability of poetry, that is important to us."

Jackson made her official debut as Junior Poet Laureate on April 8, at the City of Palm Desert National Poetry Month Workshop alongside Poet Laureate Davis, and looks forward to meeting and inspiring other writers, both young and old.

"This is an opportunity to expand my voice to a wider audience, not just for myself, but for others, as well," she said. "That's what really defines poetry, that connection to others."

Learn more about the City of Palm Desert Poet Laureate program at PalmDesert.gov/Poet.



SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS AT FREE EVENT

The City of Palm Desert, in partnership with Burrtec Waste and Recycling, is offering free document shredding services to help residents and businesses securely dispose of sensitive items such as tax records, legal documents, and bank statements. The shredding event is scheduled to take place Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, at Palm Desert City Hall, from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m., or until the trucks are full.

This is a drive-through, drop-off event, and no appointment is 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, contact the City of Palm Desert at **760-776-6342** or email recycling@palmdesert.gov.

Community

INFORMATION

MAY AND JUNE 2024



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
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: palmdesert.gov/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
artistscouncil.com
Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Casting Shadows: Dimensional Art Show and Sale
May 15 – June 9

Fun + Games Show and Sale
June 12 – June 30

Workshops:

Life Drawing with a Live Model
Sundays, May 5 and 19, June 2,
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Acrylic Painting with Diane Morgan
Thursdays in May, 1 – 3:30 p.m.
Fridays in May, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Watercolor With Diane Morgan
Fridays in May, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Critique Group
Second Thursday of the month, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

For details and to purchase tickets for events, exhibitions and workshops, and to learn more about the Artists Council, visit: artistscouncil.com

CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

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



Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Summer Hours begin Monday, June 3
Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Friday

Educational Programs

Bachelor's and master's degrees, 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.

Information: www.csusb.edu/OLLI
or call **909-537-8270**

Campus Organizations

Join the Cal State University Associates, a premiere organization of campus supporters. Enjoy educational and enlightening speaker events throughout the season. The majority of membership dues support student scholarships.

Learn more: 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



Street Fair

Saturdays and Sundays,
8 a.m. – 2 p.m., October – May
Information: **760-636-7957** or
codaastreetfair.com

COD Veterans Resource Center
760-773-2536

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

DESERT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

75080 Frank Sinatra Drive
DesertHorticulturalSociety.org
admin@deserthorticulturalsociety.org

Friday Night Lectures

Portola Community Center, 6 p.m.

May 17: Linda Castro with CalWild. Topics include the Chuckwalla National Monument, and soldiers' correspondence from the Desert Training Center during WWII.

The museum will be closed for the summer starting June 1.

JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way
760-340-3220

JoslynCenter.org

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sunday, 3 – 5 p.m.

Sunday Cabaret Series

Sundays through May 26, 3 – 5 p.m., doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Arthur Newman Theater

Onsite Programs

Exercise classes, bridge, bingo, indoor pickleball, canasta, pinochle, mah-jongg, Scrabble, quilting, knitting, painting, table tennis, lawn bowling, art classes, New Joslyn Singers, Joslyn Strummers ukulele group, Joslyn Singles, virtual book club, HI-CAP Q&A and more.

Information: JoslynCenter.org/Programs or call 760-340-3220

Onsite Programs with our Partners

Braille Institute/low vision classes, First Foundation Fraud Prevention, Eisenhower Health lectures, Health Expos, JFS Let's Do Lunch, and more.

Information: 760-340-3220

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. Some programs have a \$5 fee.

Information: Alex Garcia at 760-895-4656 or 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. Thursday delivery of frozen meals for weekends also available.

Information: JoslynCenter.org/Meals-On-Wheels-and-Pennys-Pantry or contact Bob Elias at 760-895-4635 or BobE@JoslynCenter.org

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, 9 – 10:30 a.m. (or until depleted). Free, fresh produce provided by FIND Food Bank.



Spring Health and Wellness Fair

May 29

Medical seminars, glucose screenings, blood pressure tests, opportunity drawings, and more.

Visit: JoslynCenter.org

THE LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS

47900 Portola Ave.

760-346-5694

www.LivingDesert.org

May 1 – 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

May 1 – 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Additional fee with paid park admission.

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.

Additional fee with paid park admission.

This special opportunity offers guests the chance to meet a black rhino. Reservations recommended.

Private Safari Tours

Daily two-hour guided morning tour, with private shuttle and Giraffe feeding. Reservations required.

For pricing and details, visit: LivingDesert.org

Hoppy Hour

Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 31, 3 – 5 p.m.

New at Kookaburra Café, join us for exclusive Hoppy Hour appetizers and 50% off the entire bar menu!

Special Programs

Spring and Summer Zoo Camp

Spring Camp: May 27, registration now open.

Summer Camp: select days, June 12 – August 1, registration now open.

ZooCampers learn about wildlife through STEM activities, arts and crafts, up-close animal encounters, and more. Visit: LivingDesert.org/ZooCamp

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Shops at Palm Desert
lirpalmdesert@gmail.com
lirpalmdesert.com

MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive
760-340-ARTS (2787)

McCallumTheatre.org

New Season on Sale!

Tickets for all 2024-2025 season shows are on sale now, including a roster of six Broadway musicals, jazz, classical comedy, and tribute shows, along with

a few surprises.

Tickets: McCallumTheatre.org

The Boy who Cried Wolf by Tutti Frutti Productions

May 11, 2 p.m.

A gifted ensemble of actor/musicians embody delightful characters, including hilarious sheep, and perhaps a scary wolf or two! Tickets are only \$15 for this family event, fees included.

Wanda Sykes

June 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.

The Emmy Award-winning stand-up comic, writer, actress and producer brings her unique brand of comedy to the desert, taking on everything from politics to marriage and parenting.

Samara Joy

June 15, 8 p.m.

The 23-year old three-time Grammy winner has already established herself as the next jazz singing sensation, introducing classic standards to a new generation of fans with her timeless, irresistible sound.

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive
760-565-7467

pdpool.com



Full facility rentals are available. Contact pdacprograms@desertymca.org for more information.

Recreational Swim with All Attractions Open Weekends in May, Memorial Day, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Swim Lessons

Ages 6 months – 17 years. Registration opens May 10.

Water Exercise Classes

Mondays through Saturdays, various times. Registration: pdpool.com/exercise-programs

Dive-In Movies

Gate opens at 7:30 p.m., movie begins at sundown.
May 24: Lilo & Stitch
June 14: Trolls Band Together

Hot Summer Nights

Tuesdays in June, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Come to the pool at sundown and play into the night!
Long course lap swimming all day on weekends.

Please visit the website for hours of operation and detailed schedule information.

PALM DESERT CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET

Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce parking lot
72559 Highway 111, Palm Desert
cvcfm.org
Open Wednesdays from October – May, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72559 Highway 111
760-346-6111
pdacc.org

Joint Chamber Mixer at the Palm Springs Air Museum

May 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Annual event with all Valley Chambers participating. A great opportunity for Valley-wide networking and connections.

Business Breakfast: Cybersecurity Edition

May 14, 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Cybersecurity Advisor Jake Aguiar will discuss cyber threats to small businesses, along with preparation and response steps.

Putt Putt on El Paseo

June 6, 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Putt your way along El Paseo enjoying custom putting holes set up at a variety of businesses, complete with Sips & Savors. End your round with food and a prize presentation at the after-party.

Palm Desert State of the City Address

June 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join us at the UCR Palm Desert Campus Auditorium to hear from Palm Desert leaders, Elected Officials and City Management, and learn about what is happening, what is coming up, and what we're proud of in Palm Desert.

For pricing and registration for all events, visit:
pdacc.org

PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

73300 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-6552

PalmDesertLibrary.org

Closed for renovations May 1 – June 31. The Library will re-open in July under City of Palm Desert management. Books can still be returned at the Library building, and members will be able to borrow books at one of five Little Free Libraries around Palm Desert, as well as from the mobile library vehicle. For details, visit: PalmDesertLibrary.org

Little Free Libraries

Take a book, leave a book! Find books, take-home activities, and special Palm Desert Library items at one of these kiosk locations around Palm Desert:

Portola Community Center: 45480 Portola Ave
Ironwood Park: 47800 Chia Drive
Palma Village Park: 44550 San Carlos Ave
University Dog Park: 74802 University Park Drive
Joe Mann Park: 77810 California Drive

Summer Reading Program

This eight-week program will lead participants on a literary journey that will enrich and educate. Starts June 10.
For details, visit: PalmDesertLibrary.org

One Book/One Palm Desert – Susan Orlean

Tuesday, June 18, 5:45 – 7 p.m.
Join us for an engaging evening with Susan Orlean, author of *The Library Book*, which recounts how the Los Angeles Public Library overcame adversity after a fire devastated their building in 1986.
For location and registration, visit:
PalmDesertLibrary.org

PEGASUS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

35-450 B Pegasus Ct
760-772-3057

PegasusRidingAcademy.org



Offering therapeutic riding sessions for children and adults with special needs. Programming runs Wednesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. as the weather permits. We are looking for volunteers!
Information: PegasusRidingAcademy.org or call 760-772-3057.

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

51500 Highway 74
760-862-9984

DesertMountains.org

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

Monument Night Adventures

Saturdays, May 18 and June 29, 8 p.m.
Discover how the desert comes alive after dark! Do you know which animals change colors under a blacklight? Take a short walk along the Art Smith Trail basin looking for the many nocturnal creatures that inhabit our desert.

PCT Northside Hwy 74 Adaptive Sports Hike

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m.
Join SoCal Adaptive Sports and Friends of the Desert Mountains volunteer docents on a two-mile hike for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends.
Reservations required: DesertMountains.org/calendar or call 760-862-9984

Star Party at the Monument

Saturdays, May 4, 7:30 p.m.; May 25, 8 p.m.; June 15, 8 p.m.
The Astronomical Society of the Desert conducts direct observations of the night sky through telescopes and giant binoculars.
Reservations required: DesertMountains.org/calendar or call 760-862-9984

Star Party in the Mountains

Saturdays, May 11 and June 8, 9 p.m.
The Astronomical Society of the Desert conducts "sky tours" and observations of the night sky with telescopes and binoculars.
Reservations required: DesertMountains.org/calendar or call 760-862-9984

Events are subject to change. Visit:
DesertMountains.org/calendar

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

Arts & Letters: David Martinez

Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m., UCR Palm Desert Auditorium.
Writer and UCR graduate David Martinez discusses his debut memoir *Bones Worth Breaking*. A book signing will follow the talk.

Seventh Annual BREATHE Workshop

Friday, May 24, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., UC Riverside Campus.
This year's workshop is themed *Environmental Aerosols and Health Effects*. Keynote presentations by Molly Blakowski and Kimberly Prather, PhD.
Information and registration: breathe.ucr.edu

UCR Osher

In-person and virtual courses for lifelong learners on history, literature, natural and social sciences, fine arts, and special events.
Information: palmdesert.ucr.edu/welcome-ucr-osher

VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF THE DESERT

42600 Cook Street, Ste 150
varietyofthedesert.org
760-773-9800, ext. 101



Caring Connections Program

Free developmental screenings for children up to five years of age. Inclusive adaptive opportunities are available at no cost with registration required.

Diaper Giveaway and Screening

May 7
Families will receive free child development screenings, diapers, wipes, and educational toys, along with opportunities to learn about additional resources.
Info and event times: varietyofthedesert.org



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

PLEASE NOTE:

The Community Center is closed for renovations.

The offices and front desk have been relocated to the Parkview Building in the Civic Center parking lot at 73710 Fred Waring Drive. Check the website for details.

Tai Chi For Your Health

Mondays, 12 p.m.

Portola Community Center

\$55 per month

Beginning Guitar

May 15 – June 12 or June 26 – July 24, 6 p.m.

Portola Community Center

\$80 per session

Second Level Guitar

May 15 – June 12 or June 26 – July 24, 7 p.m.

Portola Community Center

\$80 per session

Ballroom Swing and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays, May 8 – May 29 or June 5 – June 26,

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Palm Desert Amphitheater

\$52 per session or \$18 daily drop in fee

Line Dancing

Wednesdays, May 8 – 29 or June 5 – 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Palm Desert Amphitheater

\$43 per session or \$13 daily drop in fee

Youth Beginners Tennis

Mondays and Fridays, May 6 – May 31 or June 3 –

June 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

\$60 per session

Ages 7 to 11

Youth Advanced Beginners Tennis

Mondays and Fridays, May 6 – May 31 or June 3 –

June 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

\$60 per session

Ages 11 - 15

Youth Soccer Clinic

Saturdays, May 4 – 25 or June 1 – 22, 10 – 11 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

\$40 per session

Ages 5 – 8

Youth Soccer Clinic

Saturdays, May 4 – 25 or June 1 – 22, 9 – 10 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

\$40 per session

Ages 2 - 5

Palm Desert Resident Cards

Palm Desert Resident Cards for use at Desert Willow Golf Resort are issued by the Desert Recreation District at the Parkview Building (temporarily).

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

Golf Center at Palm Desert

74945 Sheryl Avenue

760-779-1877

golfcenterpd.com

Check the website for hours.

Home of the First Tee of the Coachella Valley youth golf program includes a 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 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. offering advice on growing roses in the Coachella Valley.



We are actively seeking new members!

Visit: desertrosesociety.com

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

47950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta

760-777-4200

dsusd.us

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 5. Please take extra care as our children will be playing in local neighborhoods. Summer school for high school begins Thursday, June 10, with summer school graduation Thursday, July 18. Summer school for elementary and middle schools runs June 6 – 22.

Please celebrate with the seniors of Palm Desert High School as the Class of 2024 graduates Thursday, May 30!

DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

38995 Desert Willow Drive

760-346-0015

desertwillow.com

Visit website for current hours.

Mother's Day Brunch at The Terrace

Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Treat Mom to a lavish buffet while soaking in



spectacular views of the Firecliff course. \$74.99 for adults, \$24.99 for children 6-12. Reservations required.

Visit: DesertWillow.com/events/MothersDay

City of Palm Desert Championship

May 25 – 26

Showcase your skills at this prestigious two-person team event to claim the title as the City of Palm Desert Champion! \$600/team for Palm Desert residents, \$700/team for non-residents. Registration required.

Visit: DesertWillow.com/CityChampionship

FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue

760-341-9622

ymcaofthedesert.org



Camp Oakes

June 9 – 15

Spend a week in Big Bear enjoying the fresh air and a variety of exciting activities. Ages 8 – 15. \$600 registration fee.

Summer Day Camps

June 10 – August 23

Offering a variety of activities, games, sports, experiments, and fun! Fees vary by activity, ranging from \$145 to \$180.

Girl's Summer Basketball Training

Fridays, July 12 – August 2

Practice footwork, shooting, and dribbling. \$60 registration fee.

Summer Basketball League

June 17 – August 1

Games twice a week. \$125 registration fee.

To register for summer programs, visit:

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. The focus is on social, emotional, physical, and language development, which form the basis of lifelong learning.

Information: ymcaofthedesert.org/jean-benson-child-development-center/

THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73545 El Paseo

760-862-1990

thegardensonelpaseo.com

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT & FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

72861 El Paseo

760-346-6588

hspd.org

Open Friday – Monday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., through May 31. Free Admission.

COOL OFF THIS SUMMER AT THE AQUATIC CENTER



Dive into a world of adventure right in your backyard at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center! Nestled in the heart of our community at Civic Center Park, PDAC offers a refreshing escape for all ages, with plenty of free parking and special rates for residents.

Whether you're seeking an exhilarating lap swim, thrilling water slides, or engaging aquatic fitness classes, we have something for everyone. Our state-of-the-art facility boasts pristine pools, including a lap pool for serious swimmers, and a family-friendly recreation area with slides and splash zones. Certified instructors provide top-notch swim lessons for all ability levels, ensuring safety and skill development. Plus, our extensive calendar of events promises endless summer fun.

Looking for activities the entire family can enjoy? Plan a night out at one of our Dive-In movies, or stop by Saturday mornings for our new Family Fitness Challenge; take on a fun and challenging course, including a rope swing, climbing wall, diving boards, and inflatable obstacles to test your skills.

Join us at PDAC, where the water is always the perfect temperature and the memories are endless! Visit pdpool.com.

CITY CONTINUES PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORT ON CITY BUDGET

The City of Palm Desert has engaged community groups in recent months seeking feedback on the City's budget and services. Despite cost-cutting measures taken in recent years, the City is still forecasting a deficit that will impact future budgets. Due to these and other challenges, the City is working with residents to explore ways to maintain services, including considering the potential for new voter-approved tax revenues.

To help guide decision making as the City plans for its next budget, the City is hosting Community Town Hall meetings, open to all, May 21, 22, and 29, and is asking residents to give feedback on their priorities for city services.

- May 21, The Living Desert, 12:00 p.m.
- May 22, Palm Desert Country Club, 12:00 p.m.
- May 22, UCR Palm Desert, 5:30 p.m.
- May 29, Palm Desert City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Please join us at these Community Town Hall events to hear more about the City's finances and services. Get details about the upcoming meetings, or to share your priorities online with a short Community Services survey at engagepalmdesert.com/city-services.

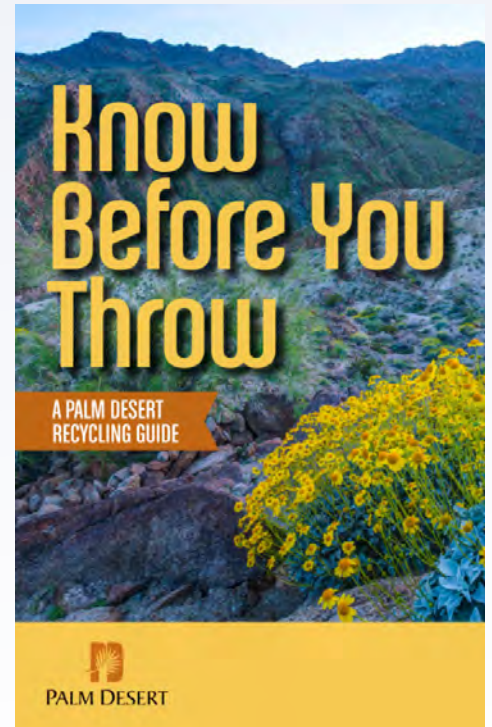
TAKE OUR SURVEY
ON CITY SERVICES



Know Before You Throw!

Know Before You Throw: A Palm Desert Recycling Guide is a resource for residents and businesses to keep our community clean and beautiful. This recycling guide provides in-depth information on various programs and services, including our new organics recycling program. Businesses and residents are encouraged to continue diverting food waste from our landfills to help meet SB 1383 climate goals. Recycling food scraps reduces waste and creates compost – a double win! Download your recycling guide in English or Spanish at: palmdesert.gov/recycling.

If you have not received your residential organic bins or kitchen pail, please call Burrtec Waste and Recycling Services at 760-340-2113.



RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS WITH DINING DEALS

When the temperature heats up, so do the deals at local restaurants, as Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week returns with delicious dining specials May 31 – June 9.

Foodies can look forward to a wide array of mouth-watering prix fixe menus for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner at a variety of restaurants throughout Palm Desert, as well as the rest of the Coachella Valley. With prices ranging from \$15 to \$35 per person for breakfast, brunch, or lunch, and from \$39 to \$59 per person for dinner, there is something to discover for every taste and budget. It's important to note that the prices listed do not include beverages, tax, or gratuity.

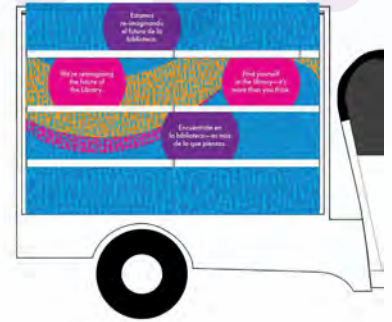
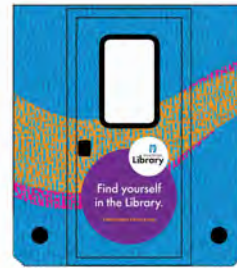
Whether you're looking to revisit one of your favorite hangouts, or get adventurous and try something new, Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to tantalize your taste buds. No tickets or special passes are needed, but it's recommended that you make reservations in advance. For information about menu offerings and participating restaurants, visit visitgreaterpalmsprings.com/restaurant-week.



LIBRARY GOES MOBILE DURING RENOVATIONS

It is official: the Palm Desert Library is starting a new chapter! The library will be closed for two months, starting May 1, for a cosmetic refresh and remodel as the City of Palm Desert prepares to take over management from Riverside County. But we're giving residents multiple options to connect in the meantime, including a Summer Reading Program, a meet-the-author event, a brand new mobile Library, and five Little Free Library locations that can be found throughout the city. The Little Free Libraries will be stocked with books, along with take-and-make activities and library items that are free to the public. Take a book and then bring it back whenever you are done to one of five convenient kiosks across the city. Magazines will be available at the Joslyn Center. Find your nearest Free Little Library location at PalmDesertLibrary.org. The Summer Reading Program will start in June and run for eight weeks; visit PalmDesertLibrary.org for details on our June 10 kick-off

event, which will feature a family-friendly performer and fun activities. The inaugural *One Book/One Palm Desert* program happens June 18, featuring an engaging evening with celebrated author Susan Orlean, who's work *The Library Book* recounts how the Los Angeles Public Library overcame adversity after a devastating 1986 fire. The book has been described as a love letter to libraries. Any outstanding books loaned from the County library may still be returned to the Palm Desert Library via the outdoor book drop, or can also be returned at any Riverside County Library branch, including those in Cathedral City, La Quinta, Indio, and Thousand Palms. To stay up to date on Palm Desert Library programs and mobile resources during the closure, and to sign up for the Library Newsletter, visit PalmDesertLibrary.org.



PALM DESERT

Phone 760-346-0611

Email
info@palmdesert.gov

Websites
discoverpalmdesert.com
palmdesert.gov

Watch City Council meetings live online at palmdesert.gov on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 4 p.m.

2024 CITY COUNCIL
Mayor: Karina Quintanilla
Mayor Pro Tem: Jan Harnik

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Gina Nestande
Evan Trubee
Kathleen Kelly

73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US Postage PAID
Palm Desert, CA
Permit No. 160

ECRWSS
Resident and/or Business
Palm Desert, CA

Look what's on the BrightSide... inside!