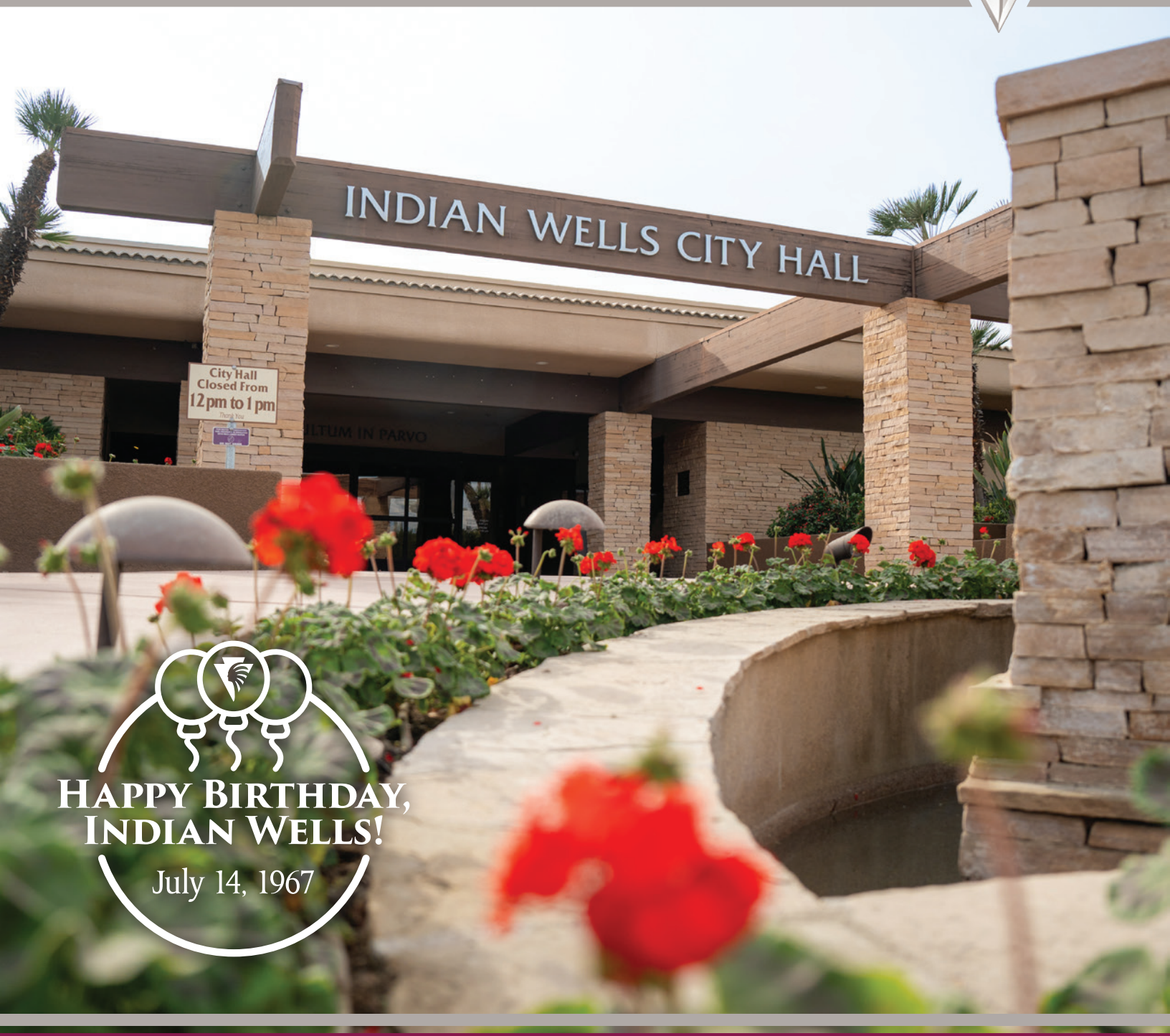
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Monthly Newsletter



Happy Birthday, Indian Wells!
July 14, 1967

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Indian Wells by the Numbers

279 pounds of debris picked up by maintenance staff throughout the City (June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025)

4,686 Resident Benefit Cards issued (January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025)

Letter From The City Manager

Dear Residents,

Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, I want to take a moment to wish each of you an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the eight Safer Streets community meetings and hearings over the past two years. As authorized in the City Council meeting on June 10, the City is moving forward with the necessary street redesigns to enhance safety, accessibility and quality of life for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in Indian Wells.

The plans for Eldorado Drive, Fairway Drive, Rancho Palmeras Drive and Cook Street were developed after numerous discussions with community members, City leaders and elected officials, ensuring we have the best design for traffic safety moving forward. Stay tuned for further updates as we enter the next phase of this project, which includes developing timelines and securing bids from consultants for design. To learn more about the Safer Streets Indian Wells project, visit the project webpage.

As our staff work hard this summer to enhance your experience traveling within the City, we hope you enjoy a relaxing and restful season with a staycation in our beautiful community. Our world-class resorts, serene spas, sparkling pools and fine dining experiences provide the perfect escape right in our own backyard. When planning your staycation, remember to take advantage of the fantastic benefits and discounts available through your Resident Benefit Card (RBC). With your RBC, you can receive up to a 20% discount at local hotels and restaurants that partner with the City. The City is working to add more RBC benefits. For a complete list of resident benefits, please visit the Resident Benefit Card page.

On behalf of the City, thank you for being part of what makes Indian Wells such a special place. We look forward to seeing you back again in the fall. Until then, stay cool, stay safe and have a fun-filled summer.

Best Wishes,



Dr. Chris Freeland

Dr. Chris Freeland
City Manager

Council Meeting Highlights: June 2025



Bruce Whitman
Mayor



Dana Reed
Mayor Pro Tem



Dr. Toper Taylor
Council Member



Brian M Penna
Council Member



Greg Sanders
Council Member

- City Council approved the additional proposed enhancements to the Player's Golf Course, including landscaping improvements and the relocation of the putting green, and allocated $400,000 from the existing Golf Course Renovation contingency fund to fund the improvements.
- Repairs to the pump vault and water feature at Hole #18 on the Celebrity Course and a supplemental appropriation of $160,000 from the Golf Resort Fund were approved.
- Council signed off on a three-year services agreement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to provide municipal police protection and enforcement services for the City of Indian Wells from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
- The Council approved the committee and commission appointees for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2027.
- The Council approved a supplemental appropriation of $65,000 to repair a storm drain line on Fred Waring Drive.
- An Ordinance designating Moderate, High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) was introduced, as recommended by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, in accordance with the California Fire Code and Government Code section 51179.
- The Council approved an ordinance* requiring emergency access preemption systems on new and existing gated community access points and implemented a six-month rebate program, offering $500 per gate for communities that provide proof of payment and installation in order to provide emergency vehicle access.

*This was adopted at the Special Council Meeting on July 2.

Council Meeting Agendas
CityofIndianWells.org/City-Hall/Current-Future-Agendas

Indian Wells Golf Resort News

Players Course Renovations: On Budget and On Schedule

Renovations to the Indian Wells Golf Resort's (IWGR) Players Course are on track to be finished by this November! Furthermore, these renovations continue to come in under budget. As approved at the June City Council meeting, IWGR officials will be adding additional desert landscaping around the Resort and moving the Celebrity Course's putting green from its initially planned location by the Fairway Grill to just past the Celebrity Course tee box for Hole #1. These changes will help immerse golfers in the Golf Resort experience and further elevate these top-tier courses. Even with the add-ons, no additional funding is needed, and the project is still expected to come in under budget.







Summer Hours and Course Closures

Please note the following summer hours and course closures for the Indian Wells Golf Resort:

Celebrity Course Closures:
June 30-July 11 and August 11-22

Players Course Closure:
Closed through November

Market Place Hours:
Daily from 6-11 a.m.

Kestrel: A Richard Blais Kitchen + Lounge Hours:

Monday & Tuesday | Closed
Lunch Service | Wednesday-Sunday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Happy Hour | Wednesday-Sunday: 1-3 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 3-5 p.m.
Dinner Service | Friday & Saturday: 5-9 p.m.
Sunday Brunch | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Golf Shop hours:

Sunday-Thursday | 6 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday and Saturday | 6 a.m.-5 p.m.
During Celebrity Course Closure | Daily from 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

Watch the Highlight Videos from the 2025 State of the City Event

Earlier this year, Indian Wells hosted its annual State of the City event, highlighting major accomplishments, key priorities and exciting plans for the future. If you missed it or want a quick recap, this is a great time to catch up!

The video highlights offer a concise look at how we're working to improve services, strengthen our community and invest in long-term progress.

Watch the Full Playlist

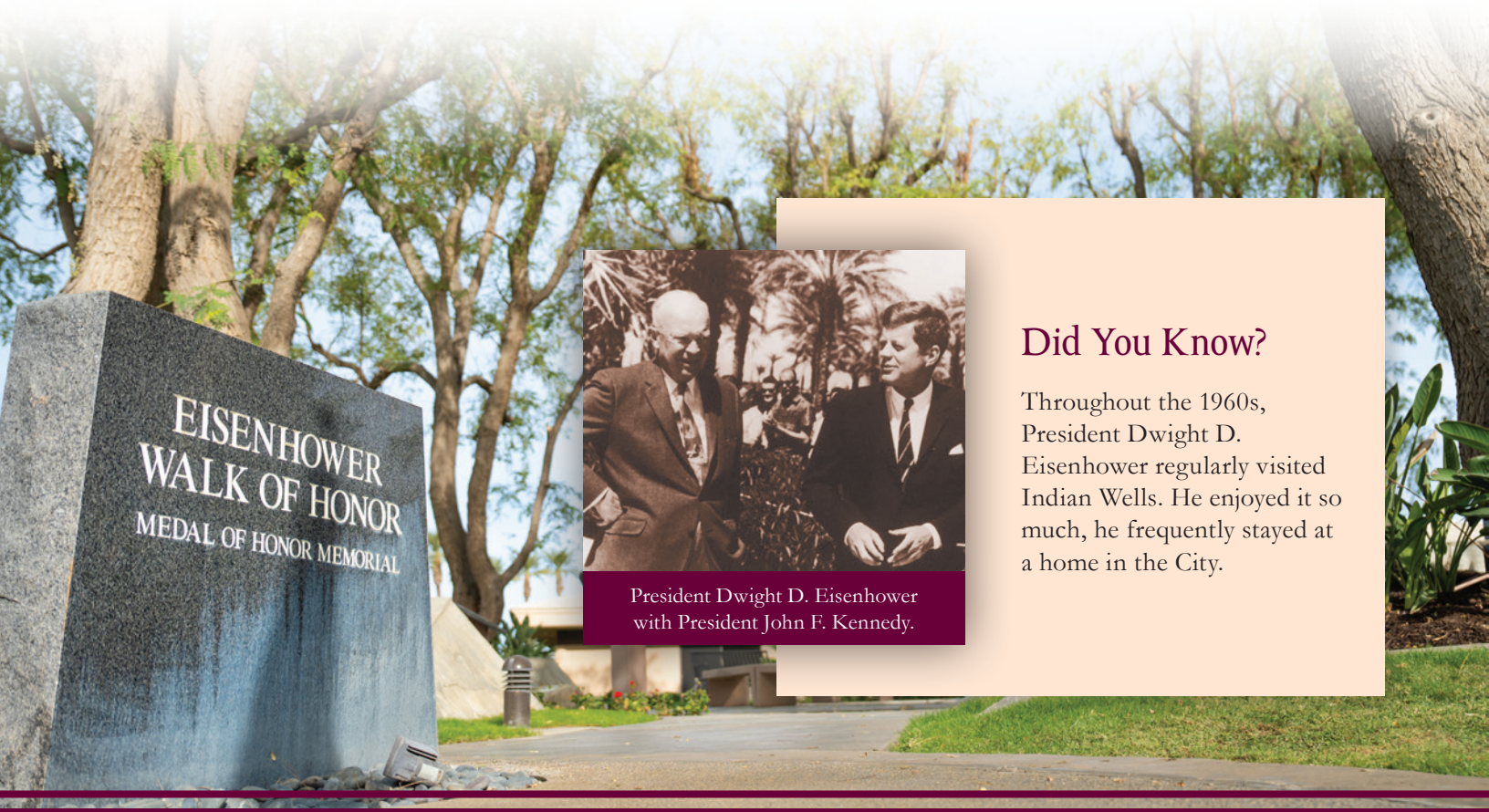


It's time to trim your palm trees!

In order to comply with the City's Municipal Code, residents must trim their Washingtonia Palms and Fan Palms by July 30.

You can avoid the unnecessary expense of repeat trimming by having your trees cut close to the deadlines after final bloom is assured.

For more details, visit CityOfIndianWells.org/PalmTrees



President Dwight D. Eisenhower with President John F. Kennedy.

Did You Know?

Throughout the 1960s, President Dwight D. Eisenhower regularly visited Indian Wells. He enjoyed it so much, he frequently stayed at a home in the City.

Vacation Time Safety

When you're on vacation, the last thing you want is to return home and find your house has been burglarized. Follow these steps to keep your home safe:

- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your residence.
- Stop mail and paper deliveries unless you have made arrangements to have them picked up daily by someone else.
- Set the volume on your telephone down so that it won't be heard ringing unanswered.
- Disconnect your electric garage door opener and manually lock the garage door.
- Connect your indoor and outdoor lights to an automatic timer in order to give the appearance that someone is home.
- If you mow and rake your lawn on a regular schedule, have someone continue this while you are away.

If you have any further questions, please call the Riverside County Sheriff's Department at (760) 836-1600.

Indian Wells Officers Recognized at the Cove Commission Award

Congratulations to our Indian Wells officers and public safety officials who were recognized at the Cove Commission Awards:





Deputy Peter Prajin, Special Enforcement Team (SET) Officer (left) and Kevin Brown, Firefighter II (right) received Awards of Merit.

Thank you for your continued service to our community and for keeping our City safe.

Resident Summer Social Recap

Thank you to all who joined us for the "Cool to be Hot" Resident Social! We enjoyed spending the evening with you, with some well-deserved summer downtime. Indian Wells appreciates your continued involvement and hopes you have a great rest of your summer.



City Council Appoints Commission and Committee Members

Congratulations to our new and reappointed committee and commission members! City Council appointed them at the June 10 City Council meeting for a two-year term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

- **Community Activities Committee:** Carina De Los Reyes, Dorothy Hamilton and Kerri Sullivan
- **Golf Resort Advisory Committee:** Ron Hendersen and Marcie Maxwell (reappointed for a second term ending June 30, 2027)
- **Grants In Aid Committee:** Peter Rammer and James Lee
- **Housing Authority Commission:** Koanda Worden and Jon O'Hea (reappointed until the vacancy is filled)
- **Palm Springs International Commission:** Phil Valdez

We extend a heartfelt thanks to the committee and commission members who concluded their term on June 30, 2025. Your input and involvement have been invaluable to our City.



Upcoming Meetings

Times are subject to change; please check the City Calendar.

July 10 — Community Activities Committee Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

July 31 — Planning Commission Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

Upcoming Events

July 10 — Coffee and Conversation with the City Manager
8-9 a.m.
Indian Wells City Hall

July 26 — Shred Event
7-11 a.m.
Burrtec Parking Lot
41575 Eclectic St.,
Palm Desert

August 6 — Coffee with a Cop
8 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort

For more information, visit CityOfIndianWells.org/Our-City/Residents/Calendar



Submit your photos of Indian Wells for a chance to be featured on our channels!

Submit pictures of your favorite spots around Indian Wells to Community@IndianWells.com for a chance to have your photo featured. Community members whose pictures are selected will also receive Indian Wells swag!

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Visit City Hall

44-950 Eldorado Drive
Indian Wells, CA 92210

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.)

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Police Department..... (760) 836-3215, ext. 5

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