City of Indian Wells
Monthly Newsletter



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Indian Wells by the Numbers

355 pounds of debris picked up by maintenance staff throughout the City

Letter From The City Manager

Dear Indian Wells Residents,

For those who went away for the summer, welcome back to Indian Wells! While the community may have been quiet, the City worked diligently to enhance the quality of life through several capital improvement projects, and secured various local and regional funding solutions. Road projects along Washington Street and Miles Avenue are now complete. These projects are intended to improve tennis tournament traffic and safety during next year's BNP Paribas Open.

At last month's City Council meeting, the Council continued Indian Wells' commitment to provide regional solutions to address homelessness in the Coachella Valley. Indian Wells, as well as many other cities in the Coachella Valley, have provided $125,000 in funding to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to address homelessness. In addition, the City of Indian Wells has pledged $125,000 to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Martha's Village & Kitchen to provide shelter and services to individuals and families across the Coachella Valley.

Indian Wells continues to invest in our community by increasing our Grants-in-Aid and Homeless Services funding programs. These initiatives are vital for supporting organizations throughout the Coachella Valley by expanding programs to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for those facing hardship. This year, Indian Wells will dedicate over $500,000 to local non-profits to provide services in the Coachella Valley.

In other news, the Players Course renovations are wrapping up at the Indian Wells Golf Resort! The Players Course will reopen to the public this November, with a Grand Opening celebration planned for December 2 at 9 a.m. We are eager to welcome you back to the newly improved course, which is sure to enhance the golfing experience for residents and visitors alike.

This fall promises to be an exciting time in Indian Wells, with many events and activities planned. If you have questions, feel free to call (760) 346-2489 or visit us at City Hall.



Best Wishes,

Dr. Chris Freeland

Dr. Chris Freeland
City Manager

Council Meeting Highlights: September 2025



Bruce Whitman
Mayor



Dana Reed
Mayor Pro Tem



Dr. Toper Taylor
Council Member



Brian M. Penna
Council Member



Greg Sanders
Council Member

- The City Council adopted the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan and approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Palm Desert to share emergency management resources.
- The Council reviewed and received the Indian Wells Golf Resort Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
- The Council approved the Planning Commission's annual recruitment schedule and designated Mayor Bruce Whitman and Council Member Brian Penna to serve on the Ad-Hoc Interview Committee.
- The Community Activities Committee event calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and the citywide holiday decorations, provided by Christmas Kings, were approved.
- The City Council approved funding for the CV Housing First Program to increase homelessness responsiveness and capacity in the Coachella Valley, particularly in assisting local law enforcement and public health workers with homeless services through the use of rapid resolution and crisis stabilization units.



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

Indian Wells Golf Resort News

Indian Wells Golf Resort Tees Up for November Reopening





The improvements at the Indian Wells Golf Resort are wrapping up on schedule and on budget! As we approach the reopening of the Players Course to the public in November, our staff is diligently working on the final touches to enhance the course's beauty and playability.

Throughout September, workers focused on replacing, maintaining and installing landscaping around the course. Although grass was planted a month prior, course officials are waiting for the greens to fully grow in to ensure optimal golfing conditions. Additionally, City staff are working to replace various trees throughout the course and maintain the health of native plants.

The new putting green and back tee for the Celebrity Course are now complete and provide a fantastic view of the tee shot landing area. This putting green will be a wonderful addition to the Golf Resort.

We can't wait to reopen the course to our community in November and look forward to hearing your thoughts on the new design!

Save the Date

The Indian Wells Golf Resort will host a formal Grand Opening celebration on December 2 at 9 a.m. Stay tuned for more details.



Please note the following hours for the Indian Wells Golf Resort

Players Course Closure:
Closed until November

Kestrel: A Richard Blais Kitchen + Lounge has resumed normal hours:

Monday-Saturday:
Lunch: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bar Menu: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dinner: 5-9 p.m.

Sunday:
Brunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bar Menu: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
*Closed for dinner service

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

Golf Shop Hours:
Sunday-Thursday | 6 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday and Saturday | 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Construction Concludes at the Miles Avenue and Washington Street Intersection

The Miles Avenue and Washington Street Improvements project is now complete. In just under six weeks, City staff enhanced the intersection of Miles Avenue and Washington Street and rehabilitated sections of Miles Avenue to improve road safety and transportation efficiency.

Thanks to our dedicated Public Works team, Indian Wells swiftly upgraded this vital intersection, providing residents with better access to nearby cities and amenities, including La Quinta and Palm Desert.

Intersection enhancements included

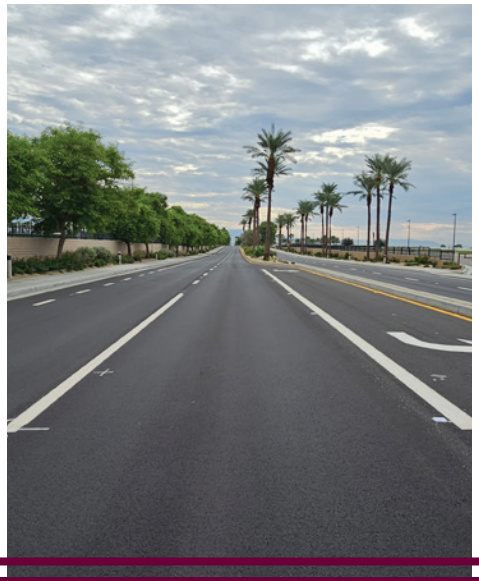
- Adding an extended right-turn lane on Washington Street
- Reshaping and enlarging the corner for the right turn from southbound Washington Street to westbound Miles Avenue
- Rehabilitating the pavement on Miles Avenue from Washington Street to Highway 111
- Refreshing the landscaping in the medians on Miles Avenue

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during construction as we enhanced this key intersection for the long-term benefit of our community.











Sharp Object Disposal Services

DON'T PLACE IN YOUR BINS



DO CALL BURRTEC FOR SHARP OBJECT DISPOSAL PICKUP

Collect your used needles, lancets and other medical "sharps" in a container. It can be an FDA-cleared sharps bin or another container, as long as it:

- is made of leak-resistant, heavy-duty plastic
- has a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid
- can be upright and stable during use
- is properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container

Proper labeling: Mark the container "Sharps." You can also get free biohazard stickers for your container from City Hall.

Container tip: Empty liquid laundry detergent bottles are an ideal option. When your container is full, call Burrtec for a pickup.



BURRTEC
"We'll Take Care Of It"

Please call 48 hours prior to your service day.

Call Burrtec to schedule a pick up (760) 340-2113

Will be collected along with any other household hazardous waste



GRAND HYATT
INDIAN WELLS RESORT & VILLAS

IW Fast Fact

The Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Resort & Villas was recently recognized in USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards as the #9 hotel pool in the nation!

The Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Presents

Historic Landmarks in Indian Wells

Indian Wells is home to eight designated historic landmarks, each offering a unique glimpse into the City's rich and diverse past. The Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation (IWHPF) carefully selected these properties based on rigorous criteria, including architectural merit, cultural relevance and connections to prominent individuals or significant events.





Beck Adobe, 1932 | 46-700 Purple Hills Road

This cozy adobe home was constructed in 1932 by John Beck, a successful date rancher and the owner of the nearby Bex Date Gardens. Nearly ten years later, General George Patton stayed at the Beck Adobe for six months while training for overseas deployment to desert terrain with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Stay tuned as we continue to explore the legacy and stories behind the landmarks that help define the character and heritage of Indian Wells, thanks to the Historic Preservation Foundation.

Welcoming Deputy Austin Travis Cook to the Indian Wells Special Enforcement Team



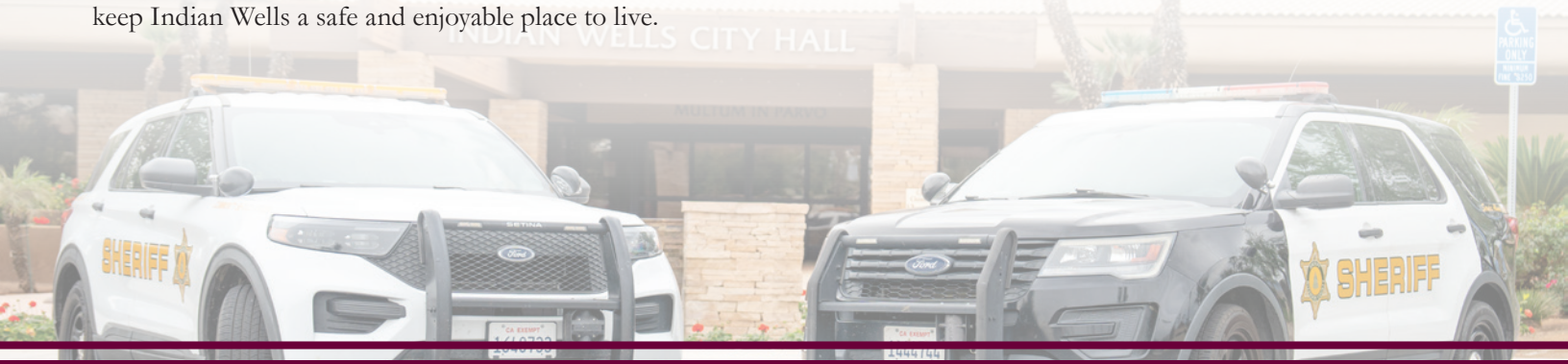
The City of Indian Wells is excited to welcome Deputy Austin Travis Cook as the newest member of its Special Enforcement Team.

Deputy Cook has been with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for approximately four years, during which he has patrolled communities in the Coachella Valley and investigated complex cases.

In the past year, he was appointed as a Field Training Officer, demonstrating his commitment to community safety and support for newly sworn deputies.

Before joining the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Cook served for eight years in the United States Navy as an aircrewman. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Psychology from California Baptist University.

Deputy Cook is eager to collaborate with City personnel and community members to help keep Indian Wells a safe and enjoyable place to live.



Celebrating 20 Years of Modernism Week



Modernism Week will host its annual fall festival from October 16-19. The event features over 50 activities, including tours, talks and parties in unique locations that are typically not open to the public.

This event highlights mid-century modern architecture, art, interior design, landscape design and vintage style throughout the Greater Palm Springs community.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate local historical preservation and architecture.

Get your tickets today!

ModernismWeek.com/October-2025

Indian Wells City Hall Plugs In with Major EV Charging Upgrade

The City of Indian Wells is excited to announce the installation of 25 new electric vehicle (EV) charging ports at City Hall, a project that is a big win for both sustainability and fiscal responsibility.

The City secured a substantial benefit through a partnership with Southern California Edison (SCE) as part of their Charge Ready Program. SCE funded the approximate $375,000 cost of installing the electrical infrastructure, saving taxpayers a significant amount.

A user fee has been established to ensure the program is self-sustaining and not subsidized by taxpayers. The charging rate is $3.50 per hour for the first three hours and $5.50 per hour for each additional hour. With low network and operational costs, this project demonstrates a smart and efficient approach to providing essential services.

The initiative also expands public access. The EV chargers will be available 24/7 as required by the Charge Ready Program. Parking at City Hall will not be restricted, and residents without an electric vehicle can continue to use the parking lot as they always have.

This project is a prime example of how Indian Wells is committed to being a leader in environmental stewardship while maintaining sound financial management.





City Manager Dr. Chris Freeland Becomes Professor at California State University, San Bernardino



Congratulations to City Manager Dr. Chris Freeland on becoming an adjunct professor of public administration at California State University, San Bernardino! This exciting opportunity reflects his deep commitment to public service and shaping the future of our community.

As an educator, Dr. Freeland brings a wealth of practical experience and leadership expertise that will inspire the next generation of civic-minded professionals. This dual role as professor and city manager enhances his ability to serve our City with an even greater depth, perspective and expertise by blending theory with real-world application.

We can't wait to see how Dr. Freeland's work as a professor on the Palm Desert campus strengthens our community and the next generation!

Capture Indian Wells Your Way!

Whether it's a scenic trail, a stunning sunset or a hidden gem around town, send us your best photos of Indian Wells for a chance to be featured on the City's official social media platforms or in the monthly newsletter.

Email your snapshots to Community@IndianWells.com. Your photo could be showcased online for the community to enjoy!

Photos should highlight locations within the City and avoid showing identifiable people, including children. By submitting, you're giving the City permission to use your photo in promotional materials such as social media, videos, newsletters, the City website and IW-TV.

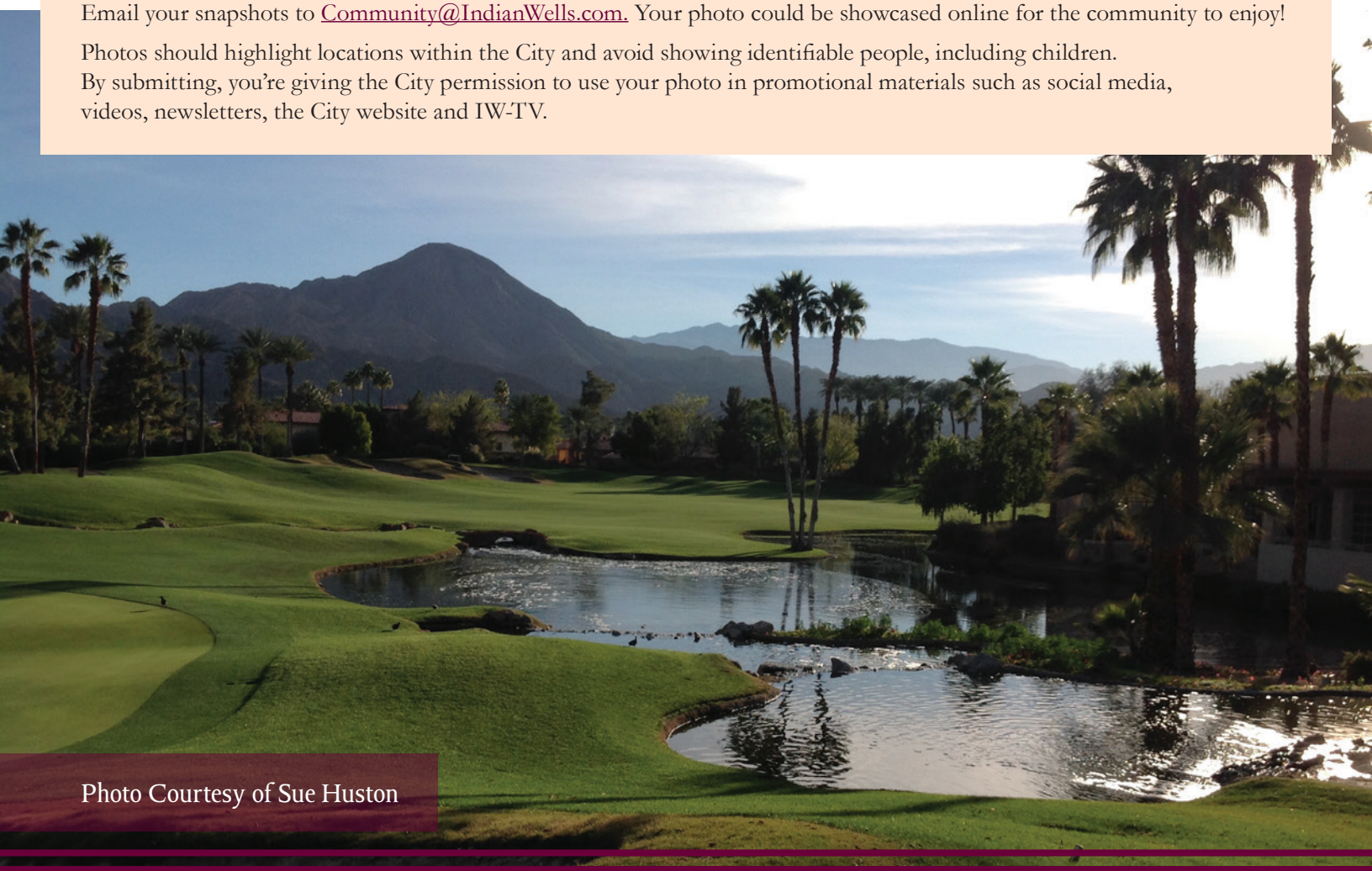


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Upcoming Events

October 2–5
Epson Tour Championship
Watch top women golfers compete in the season finale of the Epson Tour.

October 15
Coffee with a Cop
8-10 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort, Players Room

October 23
Resident Welcome Back Party
Indian Wells City Hall
5:30-8 p.m.

October 25
Shred Event
7-11 a.m.
Burrtec Parking Lot
41575 Eclectic St., Palm Desert

November 4
Coffee with the Indian Wells Golf Resort General Manager
8-9 a.m.
Kestrel: Kitchen + Lounge

November 11
Veterans Day Ceremony
10-11 a.m.
Indian Wells City Hall

December 2
Players Course Grand Opening Celebration
9 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort

Upcoming Meetings
Dates and times are subject to change; please check the City Calendar.

October 9
Community Activities Committee Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

October 14
Grants-In-Aid Committee Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

October 15
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

October 16
City Council Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

October 28
Indian Wells Golf Resort Advisory Committee Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

October 30
Planning Commission Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

Contact Indian Wells

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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Indian Wells Golf Resort .....(760) 346-4653

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Fire Department ..... (760) 568-5252

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