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Monthly Newsletter



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Indian Wells by the Numbers

Energy Generation

On January 16, the Clubhouse generated **more than 108% of expected energy needs.** This results in having more power available from battery storage, lowering our costs each day.

A conservative calculation of energy savings at the clubhouse, not including the golf resort maintenance yard, was **over $11,000 during the month of December alone.**

Letter From The City Manager

Dear Indian Wells Residents,

As we kick off the month of love, let's shower Indian Wells in appreciation! Support your community by dining at your favorite local restaurant, shopping at our local businesses, enjoying the resort campus, getting some practice swings in at the Indian Wells Golf Resort or taking part in the unique activities that make our City special.

As you immerse yourself in what you love most about Indian Wells, snap a quick photo! The City would love to feature your view of Indian Wells in our next newsletter and on the City's official social media channels. Send your photos to Community@IndianWells.com.

There are a lot of exciting events and projects to look forward to in the coming months, including:

- **Resident Movie Night:** Join us for a free showing of 50 First Dates on the greens of the Indian Wells Golf Resort on March 19. No RSVP is required. Feel free to bring blankets or chairs for more comfortable viewing.
- **Strategic Planning Session:** The City Council will hold its 2026 Strategic Planning Session on March 17 at 9 a.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. During this session, we will discuss our citywide goals and establish priorities for the upcoming Fiscal Year. I encourage you to attend to stay informed on the City's objectives for the year and to share your thoughts on the future of Indian Wells.
- **Local Road Paving:** Design is underway for this year's Local Road Paving. Select streets will be ready for grind and overlay construction: North end of Camino del Rey, Reina Court, South end of Indian Wells Road and Fairway east of Eldorado. Construction is currently anticipated for the late summer.
- **Eisenhower Walk of Honor Extension Project:** The City and City Council are working to extend the Eisenhower Walk of Honor at City Hall. As of the January City Council meeting, the project is entering the design phase to add another stone monument to the memorial.
- **Rehabilitation Design of Fred Waring Drive:** This summer, the City will be undertaking a significant community project, the rehabilitation of Fred Waring Drive from Washington Street to Deep Canyon Road. This upgrade will greatly improve travel comfort and road safety in Indian Wells. The City of Indian Wells will partner with the City of Palm Desert on this project to save taxpayer money in both communities. Stay tuned for more details as we finalize our plans for future summer infrastructure improvements.
- **Cocun Wellness Resort:** City staff and the City Council are currently collaborating with the proposed developer of the Cocun Wellness Resort. Developments of this nature require careful review to ensure they deliver meaningful amenities and long-term value for Indian Wells residents. A community meeting on this project will be scheduled in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued patience as these projects move forward. We remain committed to enhancing the Indian Wells experience and spreading the love for our community.

If you have any questions, please visit us at City Hall or call (760) 346-2489.



Dr. Chris Freeland

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City Manager

Council Meeting Highlights: January 2026



Dr. Toper Taylor
Mayor



Brian M. Penna
Mayor Pro Tem



Bruce Whitman
Council Member



Greg Sanders
Council Member



Dana Reed
Council Member

- The City Council authorized staff to seek a vendor to develop design concepts to expand the Eisenhower Walk of Honor. This project will add another monument pillar to recognize Indian Wells residents who have served in our armed forces and enhance landscaping around the Civic Center courtyard.
- The City Council adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 21.85 of the City of Indian Wells Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units to comply with recent changes in state law. Changes include:
  - AB 1154: Removes the owner-occupancy requirement for a Junior ADU built with its own restroom.
  - SB 543: Requires cities to allow a primary dwelling unit, one detached ADU, one converted ADU and one Junior ADU on a lot.
  - SB 9: Requires cities to submit a compliant ADU ordinance within 60 days of the state law adoption.
- The City Council discussed resident and resident guest golf rates. Based on the discussion with City staff and public comments, the Council requested that staff and Troon investigate the fairness of the current resident-rate golf system and provide additional analysis to determine whether the current system can be improved to increase equitable accessibility at the Indian Wells Golf Resort.



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

Indian Wells Golf Resort News

Experience the upgraded Indian Wells Golf Resort this year!

With many exciting new programs, both golfers and non-golfers are sure to enjoy a taste of luxury.

On the courses, players will be impressed by the complexity and uniqueness of both the Players Course and the Celebrity Course. The renovations on the Players Course were completed in December 2025, introducing plenty of new opportunities for play, including the redesigned back nine, featuring the new 17th and 18th holes.

Book your tee times now at IndianWellsGolfResort.com.

Additionally, True Spec Golf is now available just steps from the clubhouse at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. This premium club-fitting organization combines cutting-edge technology with personalized service to offer a unique fitting experience tailored to each golfer's equipment. Make your appointment today at TrueSpecGolf.com to elevate your game with custom-fitted clubs.

New this year at Kestrel is Kocktail Hour; a two-hour event offered Monday through Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Guests can enjoy creative culinary small plates paired with playful craft cocktails. In this indulgent social setting, try new "Blaisy" creations paired with the lounge's signature cocktails while enjoying occasional live music. Stop in for a drink or a bite to eat after your round of golf, or simply to unwind in the afternoon. Make a reservation at Kestrel.Kitchen.

Need a weekend getaway? The Indian Wells Golf Resort offers easy-to-book stay-and-play golf packages, making it simple to experience true relaxation right in your backyard. These packages can include tee times, hotel accommodations and rental cars all in one seamless transaction. Whether you want to relax at a spa, lounge by the pool or soak up the sun on the golf course, Indian Wells has it all.

Plan your staycation today.



Please note the following hours for the Indian Wells Golf Resort

Kestrel: A Richard Blais Kitchen + Lounge

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

Happy Hour
- Monday-Saturday: 3-5 p.m.
- Sunday: 2-3 p.m.
- 20% of shared starters
- $2 off wines, drafts, and well drinks.

Food Truck Hours

Daily from 6-9 a.m.

Fairway Grille Hours

Daily from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Golf Shop Hours

Daily from 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Congratulations to Dina Purvis, Indian Wells' New Public Works Director



Indian Wells extends its congratulations to Dina Purvis on her appointment as the new Public Works Director!

Dina has been with the City of Indian Wells for over 6 years and started in January 2020 as an Assistant Engineer. After excelling in her role and becoming Public Works Manager in 2023, she was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director, where she oversaw all ongoing and future capital improvement projects and public works operations in Indian Wells.

After numerous positive reviews from both staff members and residents highlighting her hard work and dedication to the City, Dina was promoted to Public Works Director in December 2025. In this role, she will continue to oversee Indian Wells' infrastructure and maintain services to ensure they operate safely and efficiently.

Before joining the City, Dina earned her Bachelor's degree in geospatial intelligence from Delta State University. Additionally, she recently obtained her Master's degree in applied geospatial information systems and technology from UCLA.

Dina looks forward to serving Indian Wells residents in this new role and advancing efforts that improve the community's quality of life.

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.

Casa Dorado, 1964 | 45-005 Camino Dorado



Nestled against Eisenhower Mountain, Casa Dorado is an iconic mid-century jewel featuring 116 resort-style homes in a beautiful park-like setting. Casa Dorado is one of the Coachella Valley's first condominium resort communities.

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 IWHPF.

Welcome Ebony Stinson, New General Manager for Indian Wells Resort Hotel



The City of Indian Wells is excited to announce the appointment of Ebony Stinson as the new General Manager of the Indian Wells Resort Hotel.

With over 28 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Stinson is passionate about service-driven leadership, community engagement and destination promotion.

"I am proud to serve the Indian Wells Resort Hotel and the Indian Wells community," said Stinson. "I look forward to upholding high standards of service and promoting our community as a premier choice for leisure travelers, golf enthusiasts and tennis lovers from around the world."

Ebony has been working in the Coachella Valley since 2024, engaging with the local community through her involvement in the Palm Springs Sunup Rotary Club and various networking organizations, including the Coachella Valley Referral Partner Network and the Desert United Network. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for Visit Greater Palm Springs. Through these organizations, she fosters partnerships, prioritizes community service and enhances the visibility and impact of the Coachella Valley as a top travel destination.

As the new General Manager, Stinson aims to enhance the guest experience.

Book your stay at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel at IndianWellsResort.com.

NOW OPEN!

Seven Olive Modern Gastro Pub at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

Introducing Seven Olive Modern Gastro Pub, the newest restaurant in Indian Wells! Located within the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, this upscale venue offers a blend of class and modernity, featuring an exquisite menu and a refined atmosphere.

Experience true luxury in your own backyard at Seven Olive with their Topgolf Swing Suites. These suites provide an ideal setting for gatherings of all types and ages, complete with golf simulators and a variety of other interactive games. Enjoy comfortable lounge seating and elevated dining, adding a unique entertainment option to the Indian Wells Resort Campus.

Treat yourself to a staycation complete with a round of golf at the Indian Wells Golf Resort, a luxurious hotel stay, relaxation at the spa or by the pool and a reservation at Seven Olive Modern Gastro Pub.



New RBC Code of Conduct Policy



The Residence Benefit Card (RBC) is one of the many ways the City of Indian Wells celebrates its residents, offering access to exclusive events, discounts and resident-only experiences. To help preserve these benefits and ensure they are enjoyed fairly by everyone, the City Council has adopted a new Residence Benefit Card Code of Conduct Policy, administered by the City Manager's Office. Thank you to the Council for their diligent work in creating the policies established by the document.

This policy clearly outlines how the RBC may be used and the expectations for cardholder conduct. At its core, it reflects values our community already shares: respect, courtesy and integrity. Cardholders serve as ambassadors for Indian Wells when attending City-sponsored events or visiting partner venues, and responsible use helps maintain the quality of these experiences for all residents.

Clear guidelines help protect the long-term success of the RBC program by keeping benefits resident-focused and partnerships strong. We encourage residents to review the policy and continue enjoying the privileges of the Residence Benefit Card while helping uphold the standards that make Indian Wells an exceptional place to live.

To view the full Code of Conduct Policy Manual,
scan the QR code or visit **CityOfIndianWells.org/RBCConduct**
A comprehensive list of RBC benefits is available at **CityOfIndianWells.org/RBC**.

IW Fast Fact

The City of Indian Wells is a designated Certified Autism Center by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards. City staff have completed specialized training and certification in best practices for assisting autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals, enhancing service quality and creating welcoming experiences for all.

Save the Date: 2026 Indian Wells Strategic Planning

Mark your calendars for the Indian Wells 2026 Strategic Planning Session!

The City Council will host the City and Indian Wells Golf Resort Strategic Planning Session on March 17, starting at 9 a.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. During this meeting, the City Council and City staff will discuss our goals for 2026 and beyond.

Stay tuned for more details!







Indian Wells Resident Night at Acrisure Arena

Thank you to everyone who attended the most recent Resident Night at Acrisure Arena!

It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together for an exciting evening. We had a blast cheering on the Coachella Valley Firebirds and sharing such a fun, memorable experience with you.



How to Recycle Organic Waste in Indian Wells

Did you know that when food and other organic waste rot in landfills, they release methane, a powerful climate pollutant? This contributes to hotter summers, more frequent droughts and an increased risk of wildfires.

By keeping food scraps and yard waste out of landfills, Indian Wells helps lower greenhouse gas emissions and turns organic material into valuable compost. This process supports healthier soils and a more sustainable community.

To help combat climate change, California residents are required to recycle yard clippings and bagged food scraps in the green trash bin. Using the green bin correctly ensures organic materials are diverted from landfills and processed properly.

What Goes in the Green Bin?

The following food and organic items are accepted in your green bin:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Eggshells
- Bread and grains
- Rinds and peels
- Cooked meat and seafood
- Bones
- Food-soiled paper (such as napkins or paper towels)
- Coffee grounds
- Plate scrapings

Please note that the bags used to collect food scraps do not need to be compostable. These bags are removed during the sorting process before composting begins.



To learn more about organic waste recycling in Indian Wells, watch this short video.



Submit Pictures of Indian Wells for a Chance to be Featured!

Indian Wells offers beauty year-round, and we'd love to see it through your lens! Capture your favorite spots from around town and share them for a chance to be featured on our official social media channels or in an upcoming newsletter.

Send your photos to **Community@IndianWells.com** for an opportunity to be highlighted and enjoyed by the community.

Please ensure photos showcase locations within Indian Wells and do not include identifiable people, including children. By submitting, you authorize the City to use your photo in promotional materials, including social media, videos, newsletters, the City website and IW-TV.

Upcoming Meetings

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

February 5 — Housing Authority Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

February 19 — Special Planning Commission Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

February 26 — Planning Commission Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

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Indian Wells City Hall

March 5 — Special City Council Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

Upcoming Events

February 14 — Resident Day at the Palm Springs Museum
10 a.m.

February 16 — City Hall Closure
Presidents Day

February 19 — Coffee with Indian Wells Golf Resort General Manager
8-9:30 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort

March 19 — Resident Movie Night on the Green: 50 First Dates
6-8 p.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort

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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