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Monthly Newsletter



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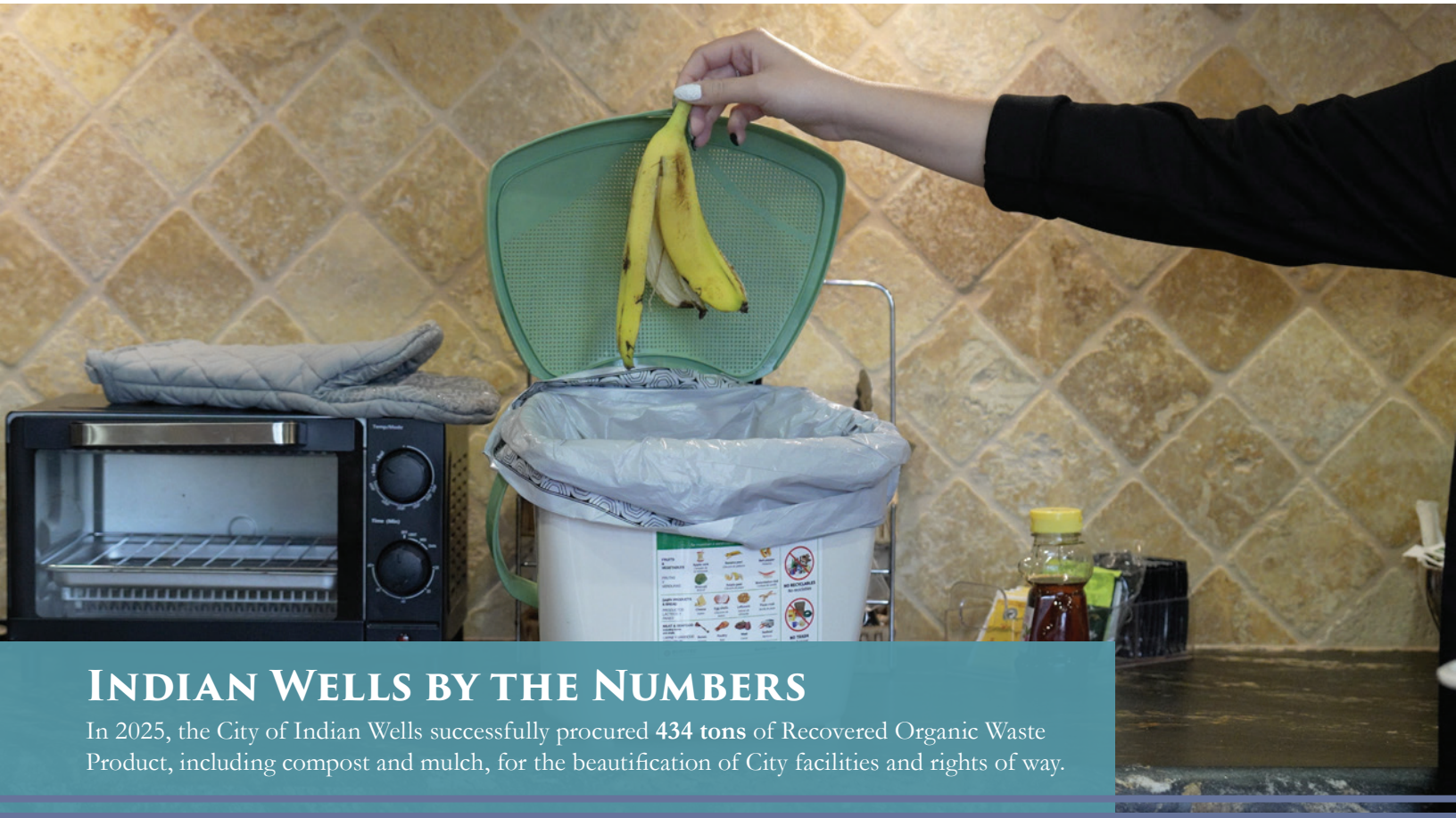
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Indian Wells by the Numbers

In 2025, the City of Indian Wells successfully procured **434 tons** of Recovered Organic Waste Product, including compost and mulch, for the beautification of City facilities and rights of way.

Letter From The City Manager

Dear Indian Wells Residents,

Tennis season is officially here, and the energy in Indian Wells is palpable! The City is thrilled to welcome the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament to our community this week, running until March 15. This event brings Indian Wells much pride every year, and we eagerly anticipate the excitement that lies ahead.

Resident Day during the tournament will take place on Thursday, March 5. It is always a joy to watch thrilling tennis matches with you, and we can't wait to see those of you who purchased tickets for one of the most exciting events of the year.

During this time, traffic congestion may occur near the Indian Wells Tennis Garden as attendees arrive and depart from the tournament. Thank you for your patience as the City experiences this seasonal increase in visitors throughout the month. Tourism remains the primary source of revenue for Indian Wells, and the BNP Paribas Open is a premier event that generates significant economic activity for our resorts, hotels and local businesses.

City staff have been diligently working to balance the needs of our tourists while also addressing the top priorities of our residents. Notably, Indian Wells is in active communication with the Palm Springs Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) after residents and City officials submitted noise complaints regarding the new landing flight pattern. In partnership with the Palm Springs Airport Noise Committee, we're working steadfastly to address the issue of increased noise. In January, the Committee received 175 noise complaints from Indian Wells residents, and we're committed to finding a solution. Our City Council is working diligently with the Palm Springs Airport Commission and the FAA to address resident concerns. We have also met with Congressman Ken Calvert's Office to advocate on behalf of the community on this matter. To report further noise complaints, **please fill out the FAA Aviation Noise Complaint and Inquiry Response form.**

Save the Date

2026 Strategic Planning Session
March 17 at 9 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort

Looking ahead, the City and City Council are hosting our 2026 Strategic Planning Session on March 17 at 9 a.m. at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. During this meeting, City staff and the City Council will discuss our goals for 2026 and beyond. These objectives will serve as a framework for our upcoming Fiscal Year, helping the City establish priorities that ensure our long-term fiscal health and enhance the quality of life in Indian Wells. I encourage you to attend this year's Strategic Planning Session to stay informed about the City's current objectives and to share your thoughts on the future of Indian Wells.

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

Best wishes and happy tennis season,



Dr. Chris Freeland

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City Manager

Council Meeting Highlights: February 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 passed Ordinance 768 to clarify that the Council is now the City's sole Planning Agency, satisfying state requirements and clearing up outdated definitions.
- The City Council approved the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Indian Wells and Troon Golf for the use of the Indian Wells Golf Resort Clubhouse for a Temporary Emergency Shelter.
- The City Council adopted the City's 2026 Investment Policy.
- The City Council approved the formation of the Municipal Code Update Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Council Member Greg Sanders and Mayor Dr. Toper Taylor. The Council also authorized the formation of the Tennis Garden Relationship Expansion Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Mayor Dr. Toper Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Brian Penna.
- The City Council amended the draft process policy, allowing them to now vote on the representatives for three major regional boards: the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Committee, the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the Visit Greater Palm Springs Committee. The City Council will keep using the standard draft process for the local Finance Committee.



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

Indian Wells Golf Resort News

The Indian Wells Golf Resort (IWGR) held an exclusive interview with Players Course architect John Fought on his vision for the recently renovated course.

IWGR: Now that the Players Course is open, how do you feel about how the renovation turned out?



Fought: I am most delighted with the new golf course. It is closer to my original vision, and the course fits together much better with a stronger flow for play.

IWGR: What part of the finished course stands out to you the most?



Fought: I like all of the new holes that we built, but the finish with holes 16 through 18 really stands out. With par being different on each hole, they provide a variety of golf shots. They also make for a stunning end to the round, with wonderful views of the mountains and the clubhouse. It just feels right now.

IWGR: What do you hope golfers notice after playing the course once or twice?



Fought: I think players will notice how well the holes fit together. The new course is much more classic in nature. It's easily walkable, and the holes are challenging even for the best players.

IWGR: How does the course play differently today compared to before the renovation?



Fought: The original course had some wonderful holes, but it was more disjointed, especially with the last two holes being so far away. Golf courses are like a piece of music — they need rhythm. The course now fits together the way it was always intended to, and I think players will also appreciate that it has returning nines.

IWGR: As the course continues to mature, what excites you most about its future at Indian Wells?



Fought: I think the new course would be a great venue for a high-caliber tournament. We'll see what opportunities come next, but I believe it's well-positioned for that kind of stage.

Learn more about how Fought's design came to life on the Players Course in the January edition of the Indian Wells Insider.

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.
Dinner: 5-9 p.m.

Sunday
Brunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
No Dinner Service

Happy Hour
Monday-Saturday: 3-5 p.m.
Sunday: 2-5 p.m.

Fairway Grille Hours

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

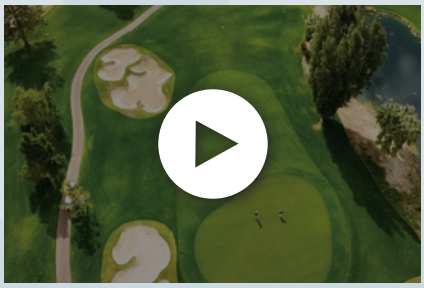
Golf Shop Hours

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

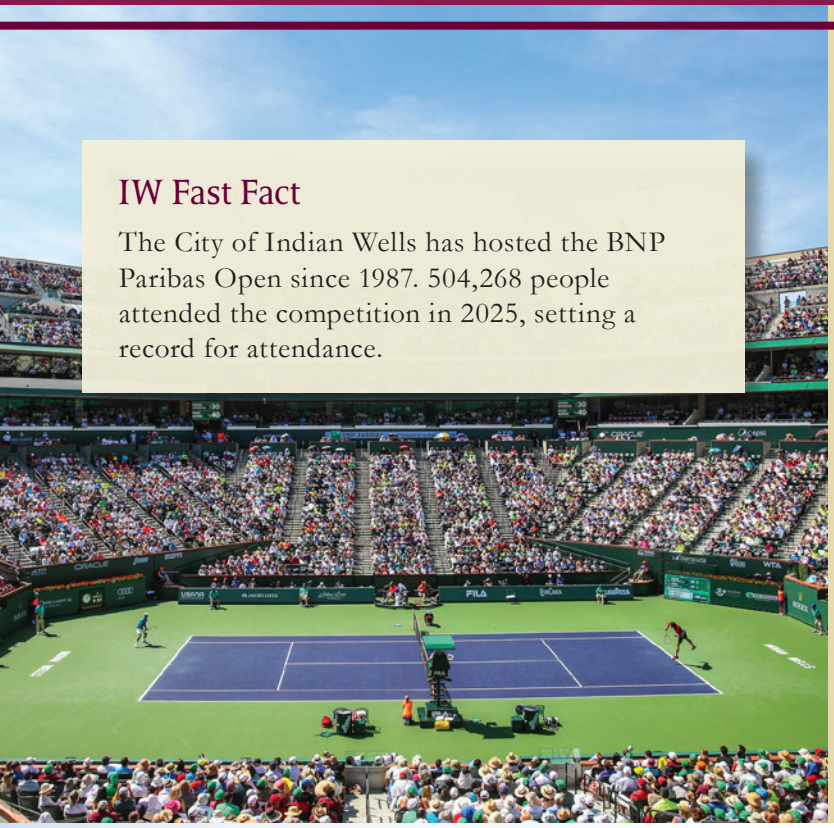
Food Truck & Shots in the Night Hours

Friday & Saturday: Sunset-10 p.m.

Watch our interview with John Fought



The 2026 BNP Paribas Open is here



IW Fast Fact

The City of Indian Wells has hosted the BNP Paribas Open since 1987. 504,268 people attended the competition in 2025, setting a record for attendance.

The BNP Paribas Open is happening this week through March 15!

You may experience traffic delays around the City during the tournament, especially from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. To help minimize traffic and congestion around the resorts and the Tennis Garden, please consider using alternate routes.

We are excited to join our local residents for a day of world-class tennis on Resident Day, Thursday, March 5. Please note that your BNP Paribas Open tickets are non-transferable. Transferring, selling or loaning tickets will result in Residence Benefit Card suspension.

To access your tickets and gain entrance to the tournament, attendees will need to **download the official BNP Paribas Open mobile app.**

Thank you for your patience during this season as we welcome the world to our community to get a taste of Indian Wells luxury.



Congratulations to Greg Renker, the 2026 Indian Wells Senior Inspiration Award Recipient

The City of Indian Wells is hosting the 34th Annual Senior Inspiration Awards at 11:30 a.m. on March 27 at the Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Resort & Villas. At this event, Riverside County and the nine cities within the Coachella Valley gather to celebrate and honor model senior citizens who go above and beyond to give back to their communities.



Please join us in celebrating Indian Wells' 2026 Senior Inspiration Award Recipient Greg Renker.

Greg's incredible dedication to community service, local donations and volunteerism has left a lasting impact on our community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Row, Casa Dragones and the Eisenhower Medical Center, where he also serves as Chairman.

Purchase your tickets today.

The Indian Wells 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 Preservation Foundation (IWPF) carefully selected these properties based on rigorous criteria, including architectural merit, cultural relevance and connections to prominent individuals or significant events.

Native Oasis and Native Springs Associations Sandpiper Gardens, Midcentury Modern Condominiums, 1965 | Iroquois Drive and Lark Lane

Built in 1965 by renowned architect William Krisel, AIA, these airy abodes are distinct for their midcentury modern architecture, block layout, gardens, pristine views and rooflines.





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 IWPF.

Want to support Indian Wells' unique past while gaining access to exclusive events and updates about historic designations or conservations? Register to be an IWPF member today!

January Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department Service Summary

The Indian Wells Fire Department, staffed by CAL FIRE and the Riverside County Fire Department, is committed to keeping Indian Wells residents safe with quick response times to emergency calls.

157 service calls to the Fire Department in January

114 calls for medical response

75% of all calls resulted in Fire Department responses under 5 minutes

4.28 minute average response time

Compared to other regional data, Indian Wells continues to have one of the quickest response times in the Coachella Valley.

January Incident Response Activity

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
False Alarm	24
Medical	114
Public Service Assist	11
Residential Fire	1
Rescue	1
Standby	1
Traffic Collision	5
Incident Total	**157**



IW Fast Fact

Did you know that residents in Indian Wells don't pay ambulance fees in the City? This cost is covered by insurance and the City to ensure all residents receive timely and quality care when it matters most.

Thanks for Coming to Resident Day at the Ballpark

On February 1, Indian Wells hosted an inaugural Indian Wells Day at the Ballpark event in collaboration with Palm Springs Power Baseball and community activity partners.

We had a blast with over 100 residents who came to one or both of the available games. Attendees received a complimentary food package upon entrance, including a hot dog, chips, soda or bottled water and a drink koozie.

The games were a hit with residents of all ages, offering a family-friendly outing that encouraged community bonding.



The Palm Springs Power, a summer collegiate baseball team, was hosted by the City's Community Activities Committee.



Mayor Dr. Taylor sports Power Baseball gear.



Council Member Whitman throws the first pitch.



Stay Informed. Stay Safe. Sign Up for Nixle Alerts.

In an emergency, timely information matters. Stay up to date when it matters most by signing up for Nixle, the City's alert notification service. Once registered, residents will receive voice messages or text alerts about severe weather, natural disasters, road closures, traffic advisories, public safety alerts, emergency incidents and community updates or events.

Signing up is quick and free:

- ✦ Text **92210 to 888777**, or
- ✦ Visit **nixle.com/register** to create an account and customize your alert preferences.

Want step-by-step guidance? **Watch our short video to learn how to register and choose the alerts that matter most to you.**

Nixle helps ensure you have accurate, real-time information when it's needed most. Don't wait until an emergency happens — sign up today and stay connected.

Upcoming Coachella Valley Association of Governments

Used Motor Oil Recycling Events

Got used motor oil or filters? Drop it off at a recycling event hosted by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)!

Upcoming March Recycling Events

- Saturday, March 21, from 8-11 a.m. at AutoZone (34860 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert)
- Sunday, March 22, from 8-11 a.m. at AutoZone (12660 Palm Dr., Desert Hot Springs)
- Saturday, March 28, from 8-11 a.m. at AutoZone (1717 E. Vista Chino Dr., Palm Springs)
- Sunday, March 29, from 8-11 a.m. at AutoZone (812 East Hobson Way, Blythe)

Coachella Valley residents can bring up to five gallons of used oil per vehicle per event and trade in two used oil filters for a free replacement filter (of up to $15 value; limit two free filters per household).





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.

March 5
Special City Council Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

March 17
City and Indian Wells Golf Resort Strategic Planning
Indian Wells Golf Resort

March 26
Planning Commission Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

April 16
City Council Meeting
Indian Wells City Hall

Upcoming Events

March 1-15
BNP Paribas Open
Indian Wells Tennis Garden

March 27
Senior Inspiration Awards
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Conference Center

April 1
Coffee with a Cop
8-10 a.m.
Indian Wells Golf Resort Players Room

April 2
State of the City & Hospitality Awards
8:30-11 a.m.
Tommy Bahama Miramonte Resort & Spa

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

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

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