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## Famous Public Artists Showcased in *New Film Series*

Beginning this month, the public is invited to enjoy a series of free, art-themed films, including documentaries featuring famed glass sculptor Dale Chihuly and Maya Lin, creator of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. All films are free and will be held at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at the UCR Palm Desert Graduate Center, 75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive.

The new public art film series, which debuts Wednesday, January 21, with *Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem*, and continues through March, is presented by the City of Palm Desert Public Art Department and the University of California, Riverside Palm Desert Graduate Center.

The documentary *Chihuly in the Light of Jerusalem* chronicles artist Dale Chihuly's exhibition at the Tower of David Museum in Old Jerusalem. The film follows the world's most famed glass artist as he leads an international team of artists in mounting more than a dozen large-scale glass sculptures within the ancient citadel. The visually spectacular exhibition drew more than one million visitors. A conversation with award-winning Coachella Valley artists Jerry Hirschmann, a glass blower, and Michael Paul Thiry, a metal sculptor, will follow the screening.



On Wednesday, February 18, *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision* will be shown. The Academy Award winning documentary profiles the sculptor, public artist, and architect who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Lin was only 21 when she created the piece. The documentary shows the struggles that the artist went through after the Memorial was commissioned, as well as a decade of her public projects, including the Civil Rights Memorial, the Yale Women's Table, and the Juanita Peace Chapel. A discussion with Phillip K. Smith III, building designer, public artist, and founder of The Art Office in Indio, will follow the film.

A third documentary, title to be announced, will be shown on Wednesday, March 18.

Films are free, but reservations are required. To reserve tickets, please call **834-0956**. For more information, call **568-5240** or visit [www.palmdesertart.org](http://www.palmdesertart.org) or [www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu).



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The 2009 Palm Desert Calendars are here! Check your mailbox or pick up your free copy at the Palm Desert

Visitor Center, 72-567 Highway 111, or at City Hall, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive.

Information: 568-1441 or 346-0611

Palm Desert's next free monthly docent-guided **public art tour** takes place Saturday, January 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. and features the art at **Civic Center Park**. Meet in front of *Messenger of the Puul* statue at the park's south entrance off of Fred Waring Drive.

Information: 568-5240

Entries are being accepted for the **McCallum Theatre's Open Call talent competition**. Aspiring singers, dancers, and other performers must submit their **entries by Friday, January 9**. All finalists receive cash prizes and the grand prize winner will appear as an opening act during the McCallum's 2009-2010 season.

Information: 346-6505 ext. 142

Registration for **Palm Desert Youth Sports Association baseball and softball** takes place Tuesday – Friday, January 6 – 9, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 10, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Palm Desert Sports Authority, 72519 Highway 111 (inside the Desert Crossing center). Registration is \$100 per child and open to boys and girls ages 5 – 14. Children new to the program must provide a copy of their birth certificate to register.

Information: 568-0700 or visit [www.pdysa.org](http://www.pdysa.org) or email [pdysa@dc.rr.com](mailto:pdysa@dc.rr.com)

### Dates to Remember

**New Year's Day**  
January 1

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
January 19



## Senior Center Celebrates Theater Night

Palm Desert residents are eligible for a special treat on Saturday, January 24, at 7 p.m. when the Joslyn Senior Center celebrates Palm Desert Theater Night with a presentation of "Stardust" at the Arthur Newman Theatre. On this night only, Palm Desert residents receive admission to the play for the discounted Joslyn member price of \$17.

Presented by the Joslyn Players, "Stardust" is a rousing musical revue that showcases songs from composer Mitchell Parish. These melodies, made famous by big band all stars such as Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, and Hoagy Carmichael, are some of the most popular

in American music – songs such as Sweet Lorraine, Moonlight Serenade, Sleigh Ride, Deep Purple, Volare, and of course, Stardust.

Gina Bikales, the theatre's managing director, said, "We have a terrific director, a wonderful music director, and a very talented cast."

"Stardust" premieres on Thursday, January 15, and continues until February 1, showing Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for Joslyn members and \$21 for general admission. The Arthur Newman Theatre is located at 73-750 Catalina Way (at San Pascual). For more information or tickets, please call 340-3220, ext. 109.



## Seniors Invited to Compete at

# Sports Festival

Athletes 50 and older who want to compete in the 2009 Palm Desert International Sports Festival need to sign up by January 23 for the four-day event, which runs February 5 – 8.

Hundreds of athletes, ranging in age from 50 to over 90, competed in last year's games in events including track and field, swimming, golf, basketball, tennis, volleyball, softball, racquetball, bowling, lawn bowling, race walking, pickleball, and soccer.

Registration costs \$35 plus \$5 per event. Golf and bowling competitions require additional fees. Full payment is due at time of registration. An optional opening reception and dinner at The Living Desert on Friday, February 6, costs \$25 for competitors and \$30 for guests.

Brochures and registration forms are available at many area libraries and community centers. Forms also can be downloaded and printed from the Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District website at [www.cvrpd.ca.gov/isf/index.htm](http://www.cvrpd.ca.gov/isf/index.htm).

Additional information is available at the Portola Community Center, 45-480 Portola Avenue, or by calling Sofia Pimentel at 568-2560, or Mike Brazil at 393-5114.

# PUBLIC WORKS PROGRESS CONTINUES

By constantly working to improve Palm Desert's roads and other infrastructure, the City helps maintain the community's economic vitality and enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors. The Public Works Department provides the following overview of current and future projects.



## Fred Waring Drive Median

Construction of a median and installation of landscaping was recently completed on Fred Waring from Washington Street to California Drive. Trees, plants, boulders, flagstone, and new irrigation were installed in the median.

## Monterey Avenue Median

This joint project, between the cities of Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage, involved construction of a landscaped median island on Monterey between Hovley Lane West and Country Club Drive. The completed project includes attractive, mature palm trees.

## Monterey Avenue and Interstate 10

An environmental study and final design are underway for a ramp modification project that would provide a loop onramp from northbound Monterey to westbound Interstate 10. The westbound off ramp will be relocated to exit on Varner Road. A contract for construction is expected to be awarded in early 2010. This project will reduce congestion on northbound Monterey and improve the access to westbound I-10.

## Portola Avenue and Interstate 10 Interchange

Environmental studies and a new connection report have been completed for review and approval by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration for the proposed interchange. Construction of this project, which will provide additional access to I-10, is scheduled to begin in 2012.

## Portola Avenue and Frank Sinatra Drive

Design is underway for traffic signals, drainage, street widening, the relocation of Edison transmission lines, and other improvements at the intersection.

## Cook Street Intersections

Design is nearing completion for drainage and other improvements at two Cook Street intersections: Country Club Drive and Hovley Lane East. Changes include eliminating dips and improving drainage and traffic flow. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-2010.

## Traffic Signal on Highway 74 and Mesa View

Design is underway for the installation of new traffic signals that will improve traffic flow and safety at this intersection. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-2009.

## Pavement Preservation Program

This past fall, contracts were awarded to slurry seal various city streets and overlay the pavement on Mesa View Drive between Highway 74 and Portola Avenue. Corner curb ramps were reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Additional street pavement overlays, including portions of Fred Waring Drive between Highway 111 and San Pascual, are scheduled to be completed this spring.



Challenging economic times mean that more people are struggling to make ends meet this holiday season than in years past. In response to this need, the City of Palm Desert, in cooperation with local organizations and businesses, has launched a food drive to benefit Food In Need of Distribution (FIND).

A non-profit, community-based organization that serves the entire Coachella Valley, FIND provides food through its own food bank and through a number of local organizations that distribute it to children, seniors, working families, and others in need of assistance.

The public is invited to participate in this worthwhile effort which will continue through February 28. For more information, please call **346-0611, ext. 331**.

Bring canned and dried foods and other non-perishable items to any of the following locations:

- Palm Desert Civic Center, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive
- Palm Desert Visitor Center, 72-567 Highway 111
- Portola Community Center, 45-480 Portola Avenue
- San Pablo Community Center, 43-900 San Pablo Avenue
- Family YMCA of the Desert, 43-930 San Pablo Avenue
- Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, 72-559 Highway 111
- College of the Desert, 43-500 Monterey Avenue
- Palm Desert Library, 73-300 Fred Waring Drive
- Bristol Farms, Jensen's, and Ralphs locations in Palm Desert during operating hours.



## Experience Palm Desert's **Two New Parks**

The City's two newest parks were designed to provide hours of fun for Palm Desert residents and their four-legged canine friends.

University Park East is a 2½-acre neighborhood park that features playgrounds, a shaded picnic area, a basketball court, restrooms, a community garden, and ample green space. The park is located at 74-902 University Park Drive.

Almost as large and just as fun, University Dog Park is the largest dog park in Palm Desert. Located at 74-802 University Park Drive, the park is divided into sections for large dogs and small dogs (weighing less than 25 pounds). The park is equipped with restrooms for dog owners.

Both parks are located southwest of Cook Street and Gerald Ford Drive. The parks recently celebrated their grand openings and are now open daily from dawn until 10 p.m. For more information, please call **346-0611, ext. 464**.

# Maximize Your Savings With Customized Information

Coming soon to homeowners in the City of Palm Desert is a unique chance to see how your energy use measures up. Set To Save is providing residential customers of Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company free customized Home Energy Reports illustrating how much energy they use compared to 100 similar households in their area.

Palm Desert is one of the first communities in the nation to receive this free service, thanks to the Set To Save partnership. These customized Home Energy Reports are a groundbreaking tool that researchers say can inspire homeowners to cut their energy use up to 20 percent.

Homeowners can utilize the reports to set their own energy goals and track their improvement. People who use more energy also will receive valuable tips on how to reduce their consumption and cut their utility bills at the same time. They will also be helping Palm Desert reach its goal of cutting energy use and demand in the community by 30 percent over five years.

Initial reports detailing electricity use will start arriving in mailboxes early this year, followed shortly thereafter by natural gas reports. Both reports will arrive several times each year. When they reach your mailbox, please take a good look at them. They can save you a lot of money and it won't cost you a dime.

For more information, please call the Office of Energy Management at **837-0287**.



The City of Palm Desert  
Southern California Edison  
The Energy Coalition  
Southern California Gas Company



## Free Rose-Pruning Tips

Help your buds, sprays, and blooms be their best with help from the Desert Rose Society, which offers a free rose-pruning demonstration on Saturday, January 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the rose garden in Civic Center Park.

Learn how pruning improves flowering, keeps rose plants healthy, and directs future growth. The demonstration also will cover pruning tools, timing, and techniques.

Expert growers will be on hand to answer other rose care questions. Civic Center Park is located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive. For more information, please call **341-5232**.



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Web sites:  
[www.palm-desert.org](http://www.palm-desert.org)  
[www.cityofpalmdesert.org](http://www.cityofpalmdesert.org)

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# Community

# Information

**JANUARY 2009**



**PALM DESERT**



**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE/PALM DESERT CAMPUS**

75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive  
834-0800  
[www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu)

**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day), and **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**"Cellulosic Ethanol: A Solution to our Dependence on Foreign Oil"**

Free lecture by Professor Charles Wyman  
Wednesday, January 7, 4 – 5:30 p.m.  
RSVP required: 834-0956

**Geraldine Brooks**

Lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "March" and "People of the Book"  
Thursday, January 22, 6 p.m.  
\$10

Information: 834-0956  
or [www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu)

**Dan Smetanka**

Free talk by renowned editor discussing the basics of writing a book and how to get published.

Saturday, January 24, 6 p.m.  
Information: 834-0926 or  
e-mail [palmdesert@ucr.edu](mailto:palmdesert@ucr.edu)

**Continuing Education**

UCR Extension courses/programs  
Information: (951) 827-4105  
or (800) 442-4990

**Learning in Retirement (LIR) Program**

Information: 200-8881

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

Information: (951) 827-7139

**CITY OF PALM DESERT**

Palm Desert Civic Center  
73-510 Fred Waring Drive  
346-0611

[www.palm-desert.org](http://www.palm-desert.org)  
[www.cityofpalmdesert.org](http://www.cityofpalmdesert.org)

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day), and **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**Free Docent-Guided Tour of art in Civic Center Park**

Saturday, January 10, 10 – 11 a.m.  
Meet in front of the *Messenger of the Puul* statue at the park's south entrance off of Fred Waring.  
Information: 568-5240

**PALM DESERT OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

73-710 Fred Waring, Suite 200-A  
837-0287  
[www.settosave.com](http://www.settosave.com)

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day), and **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Sign up for a free in-home survey today and learn how you can save energy and money.

**PALM DESERT VISITOR CENTER**

72-567 Highway 111  
568-1441

[www.palm-desert.org](http://www.palm-desert.org)  
Daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day)  
Free pocket-sized maps available.  
Palm Desert tabletop book available.

**In the Palm Desert Community Gallery**

"Plein Air", a group exhibition of artworks by ten contemporary painters.  
On display through Sunday, February 1  
Information: 568-5240

**PALM DESERT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

73-520 Fred Waring Drive  
836-1600  
[www.palmdesertpolice.org](http://www.palmdesertpolice.org)

Report crimes and traffic problems online by visiting the Police Department website.



**PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

73-300 Fred Waring Drive  
346-6552  
[www.rivlib.com](http://www.rivlib.com)

Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.

**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day), and **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**Adult Programs**

**Basic Computer Classes for Adults**

Hands on, one-time classes

**Internet/Email**

Mondays, 10 a.m. – noon

**Introduction to Computers**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – noon  
Reservations required: 346-6552

**Breakfast, Books, and Banter**

First Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.  
January 7: Major Literary Prize Winners

**Music on a Sunday Afternoon**

Sundays at 2 p.m.  
January 11: Pianist Arthur Barduhn's Trio  
January 25: Rick Morgenstern's Musical Variety Show  
Reservations required: 346-6552, ext. 253



**Chefs at the Library**

Wednesdays at 2 p.m.  
January 7: Signature Mushroom Soup  
Chef Michel Despras  
January 14: Salsa Caliente With Flair  
Chef Alberto Lopez  
Reservations required: 346-6552, ext. 253

## PALM DESERT COMMUNITY CENTER

43-900 San Pablo Avenue  
568-9697

[www.cvrpd.ca.gov](http://www.cvrpd.ca.gov)

Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., closed Sunday  
**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day),  
and **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

### Health Club

Hours same as Community Center  
\$10 per year for Palm Desert residents



### Palm Desert Skate Park

Open 7 days a week,  
6 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Skate card, elbow & knee pads, & helmet are required.  
Skate cards are \$5 per year,  
available at the Community Center.

### Tiny Tots

Ages 3 – 5  
(Children must be toilet trained)  
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays,  
or Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9 a.m. – noon  
\$80 – \$120 per month

### Mommy, Movement, & Me

Ages 2 – 3½  
Wednesdays, 1:15 – 2 p.m.  
\$40 per month

### Ninth Annual International Sports Festival

Registration underway for this sports competition for mature adults in Palm Desert from February 5 – 8  
*Information: 393-5114*

### Free Fitness Day

A free day of exercise classes and workshops for all ages.  
Saturday, January 10  
*Information and class times: 568-9697*



### Winter Weigh-In

Monday, January 12 – April 3  
Kick off meeting for 12-week Community Center program is at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 12, at Freedom Park, Country Club Drive at Liberty Drive behind Ronald Reagan Elementary School  
*Information: 393-5114*

### Classes

Ballroom Dance, Belly Dance, Salsa & Swing Dance, Jazz Dance, Beginning Ballet, Disc Golf, Guitar, Piano, Voice, Jazzercise, Karate, Tennis, Yoga, Pilates

## Youth Programs

### Pajama Tales

Family storytime with activities, crafts, & refreshments  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
*January 7:* Mr. Snowman  
*January 14:* Painter's Palette  
*January 21:* The Easel

### Pre-School Story Time

Ages 3 – 6  
Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
*January 8:* Let It Snow  
*January 15:* Ice Fishing  
*January 22:* Teddy Bear  
*January 29:* Happy Birthday



### Free Family Event

Design Your Own Bird House  
Wednesday, January 28,  
6:30 p.m.

### Teen Time at the Library

Grades 6 – 12  
Games, music, computers, refreshments, and more  
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Homework Club

Homework help from tutors and the young adult librarian in the Laptop Lab  
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.



## PALM DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72-559 Highway 111  
346-6111  
[www.pdccc.org](http://www.pdccc.org)  
**Closed Thursday, January 1,**  
**and Friday, January 2** (New Year's)

### New Member Orientation

Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
Chamber Offices (see new address above)  
Free, please RSVP

### "Issues over Eggs" Networking Breakfast

Superintendents from all three area school districts  
Tuesday, January 13, 7 – 8:30 a.m.  
Desert Willow Golf Resort  
38-995 Desert Willow Drive  
\$17 members with RSVP; \$20 at the door

### All Valley Chamber Mixer

Thursday, January 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Jessup Auto Plaza, Cathedral City

### New Chamber Offices Grand Opening Mixer

Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
\$5 members; \$15 non-members & guests



## CAL STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO

Palm Desert Campus  
37-500 Cook Street  
341-2883  
<http://pdcc.csusb.edu>  
*Campus Administrative Hours:*  
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Fridays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Closed Thursday, January 1, & Friday, January 2** (New Year's), **and Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

### "Somebody," Songs from the Life of Ethel Waters

Saturday, January 3, 7 p.m.,  
and Sunday, January 4, 2 p.m.

### Energy Alternatives for Southern California

Southern California Edison's Stuart R. Hemphill  
Saturday, January 17, 2 p.m.



### "Niagara Falls"

Popular comedy returns to the Indian Wells Theater  
Beginning Thursday, January 8, with performances Thursday through Sunday  
*Information, tickets, and show times: (877) 658-4242 or visit [www.tix.com](http://www.tix.com)*

### Mature Adult Programs

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
*Information: 341-2883, ext. 78121 or email [jsterlin@csusb.edu](mailto:jsterlin@csusb.edu)*

### Fee Waiver Program for Residents Over 60

*Information: (909) 537-5219 or email [ksmith@csusb.edu](mailto:ksmith@csusb.edu)*

## CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT

71-701 Gerald Ford Drive, Rancho Mirage  
321-0602  
[www.cdmod.org](http://www.cdmod.org)  
Open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
*Admission: \$8, ages 2 and up*  
*Annual individual membership: \$25*  
**Closed Thursday, January 1** (New Year's Day)

### Holiday Discovery Camp

Ages 5 – 9  
Friday, January 2, 8:30 a.m. – 5:25 p.m.  
Educational activities, art, stories, and special projects  
*Registration required: 321-0602 or [www.cdmod.org](http://www.cdmod.org)*

## COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

43-500 Monterey Avenue  
346-8041

[www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu)

Closed Thursday, January 1, and Friday,  
January 2 (New Year's), and Monday, January 19  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

### Alumni Association Street Fair

Every weekend  
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Information: 568-9921



**Donations needed for the  
Friends of the COD Library  
"Twice Sold Tales" Book Sale in March**  
Information: 346-5721 or 773-6446

**Opening Reception: Rita Blitt, Visual Rhythms**  
Monday, January 12, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Exhibition on display Tuesday – Friday,  
noon – 4 p.m., through February 6  
Information: 776-7278

### Enchanted Evening II

Broadway-style review benefitting COD's  
Bridges to Success program, featuring a host  
of local stars including McCallum Theatre  
Open Call finalists.  
Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m.  
McCallum Theatre  
Tickets: \$175, \$60, \$40, \$20  
Information: 340-2787 or  
[www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com)

**COD's Center for Training and Development**  
Offers a wide variety of computer classes  
including classes designed specifically  
for seniors.  
Information: 776-7420  
[www.CODtrainingcenter.com](http://www.CODtrainingcenter.com)

**Institute for Sales & Service Excellence (ISSE)**  
A career resource area located at Westfield  
Palm Desert providing monthly job fairs  
featuring different employers.  
Information: 776-7394

## DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

38-995 Desert Willow Drive  
Pro shop and tee times: 346-7060  
General information: 346-0015  
[www.desertwillow.com](http://www.desertwillow.com)  
Book tee times online.

**Golf Shop**  
Daily: 5:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Cook's Grill**  
Monday – Thursday: 5:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday – Sunday: 5:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Dining Room**  
Featuring a new menu  
**Breakfast**  
Friday – Sunday: 7:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Breakfast Buffet: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Lunch**  
Daily: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Happy Hour  
Monday – Friday: 3 – 6 p.m.

**Fairway Kids "Seven Skills" Series**  
Monday – Friday, January 5 – February 27  
3:45 – 5 p.m.  
\$150

**Fairway Kids Tots**  
Ages 3 – 5  
Wednesdays, January 7 – February 4  
3 – 3:30 p.m.  
\$99

**Daily Clinics**  
One-hour clinics on Tuesdays and Fridays  
from 9 – 10 a.m.  
\$30

*Palm Desert Residents can bring guests to play  
Desert Willow at reduced rates. Purchase the  
Platinum Card today and save all year long.*

## FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43-930 San Pablo Avenue  
341-9622  
[www.desertymca.org](http://www.desertymca.org)  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon  
Closed Sundays  
Closed Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

**YMCA Kids Sports Challenge**  
Boys and girls compete in dodgeball,  
basketball, soccer, relay races, flag football,  
and tennis.  
Ages 6 – 12  
Monday, January 19, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
\$20 members; \$25 non-members

**Winter Basketball League**  
Girls & boys, ages 6 – 13  
January 24 – March 14  
Times to be announced  
\$90 members; \$110 non-members

**"High School Musical"  
Registration**  
Kids ages 8 – 14 can register  
to audition for the show by  
singing, dancing, and acting.  
Eight week rehearsal, February 7 – March 28,  
followed by an on stage performance April 4.  
Registration: Monday, January 19, – Sunday,  
February 1, 9 – 11 a.m.  
\$80 members; \$90 non-members

**Intermediate Tennis**  
Ages 7 – 14  
Mondays & Wednesdays,  
January 5 – February 11  
5 – 6 p.m.  
\$40 members; \$50 non-members



## JOSLYN SENIOR CENTER

73-750 Catalina Way  
340-3220  
[www.joslyncenter.org](http://www.joslyncenter.org)  
Closed Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

### Joslyn Players

"Stardust," a musical revue featuring  
Mitchell Parrish songs from the 1920s – 1950s  
Opening night Thursday, January 15,  
continuing Thursdays – Sundays through  
February 1  
\$17 members; \$21 guests  
*Palm Desert residents admitted for  
member price on Saturday, January 24.*  
Box Office: 340-3220, ext. 109

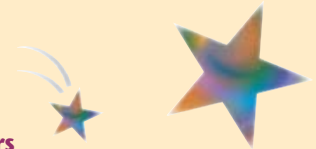
**Welcome to 2009 Tea Dance**  
Featuring music by the Debonaires  
Thursday, January 8, 2 p.m.  
\$8

**Annual Luau**  
Food, leis, and live  
Polynesian entertainment  
Thursday, January 22  
2 p.m.  
\$8

**ACT With MS**  
Alternate Saturdays beginning January 3  
Information: 774-1752 or  
visit [www.getfitwhereyousit.com](http://www.getfitwhereyousit.com)

**Wednesday Movie Matinee**  
Screenings at 1 p.m.  
\$2 members; \$3 guests  
(includes popcorn and beverage)  
Call for film titles: 340-3220

**Joslyn Center Cove Communities  
Lawn Bowling Club**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 8:30 a.m.  
\$50 annual membership fee





### MCCALLUM THEATRE

73-000 Fred Waring Drive  
340-ARTS (2787)  
[www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com)

#### Dame Edna

Thursday – Saturday, January 8 – 10  
8 p.m.  
Sunday, January 11, 7 p.m.

#### The New Christy Minstrels

Monday, January 12, 8 p.m.



#### Emanuel Ax

Tuesday,  
January 13  
8 p.m.

#### Michael Feinstein & Elaine Stritch

Friday, January 16, 8 p.m.

#### Ledisi

Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m.

#### Magnificat

“Il Trespolo Tutore”  
Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m.

#### Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel

“Chopin for Lovers”  
Monday, January 19, 7 p.m.

#### The City of Palm Desert Presents The Best of Doo Wop

Starring The Diamonds, Danny  
& The Juniors, The Vibrations,  
The Cadets, and more  
(Palm Desert residents receive a ticket discount)  
Tuesday & Wednesday, January 20 & 21  
8 p.m.

#### National Acrobats of China

Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.

#### Johnny Mathis

Friday & Saturday, January 23 & 24  
8 p.m.

#### The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley

Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m.

#### Movin' Out

Popular musical created by  
Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp  
Friday, January 30, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, January 31, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73-545 El Paseo  
862-1990  
Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

New Year's Day, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT

72-861 El Paseo  
346-6588  
Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Volunteers needed.  
Closed Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

#### Friday Night Lecture Series

Phil Brigandi discusses  
Randall Henderson  
and *The Desert Magazine*  
Friday, January 23, 7 p.m.  
\$5 per person includes  
coffee and cookies



### THE LIVING DESERT

47-900 Portola Avenue  
346-5694  
[www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org)  
Open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
(last admission at 4 p.m.);  
members only may enter park at 7 a.m.  
Admission rates: \$12.50 general; \$11 seniors 62+,  
Military, AAA; \$7.50 children ages 3 – 12;  
children under age 3, free

#### WildLights Holiday Festival

Through Sunday, January 4, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Annual favorite featuring more than  
350,000 lights  
\$7.75 adults; \$5.50 children ages 3 – 12;  
\$6 Living Desert members

#### Grandparents' Day

Sunday, January 11  
Grandparents with grandchildren  
receive a \$5 discount

#### Jazz at the Living Desert with Roger Neumann

Sunday, January 18, 4 & 6:15 p.m.  
Reserved indoor table seating.  
Reservations and information:  
346-5694, ext. 2162



#### Salton Sea Birding Trips

Sunday, January 4, Friday, January 16,  
& Saturday, January 31  
7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
\$30 members; \$35 non-members  
Information: 346-5694, ext. 2506

### COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS

72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms  
343-3644  
Information: [www.rcdas.org](http://www.rcdas.org)  
Animals available for adoption.

### SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTS NAT'L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER

51-500 Highway 74  
862-9984  
[www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings](http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings)  
Bookstore: 862-9084  
Open daily, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Volunteers needed

#### First Saturday Photography & Art Displays

January 3 and every first Saturday of the  
month through May.  
Information: 862-9984

#### Free Naturalist-Guided Morning Hikes

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. and Saturdays  
at 9 a.m. through April  
Easy to moderate, two-hour hikes.  
Wear appropriate clothing and footwear,  
sun protection, a small backpack, and bring  
at least 32 oz. of water.  
Information: 862-9984  
or visit [www.desertmountains.org](http://www.desertmountains.org)

#### Monumental Slideshow Safari with author Philip Ferranti

Tuesday, January 13, and every second  
Tuesday of the month through April  
Information: 862-9984

### SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

343-3456

#### SunBus Pass Outlets

Palm Desert Visitor Center  
72-567 Highway 111

College of the Desert Bookstore  
43-500 Monterey Avenue

#### Instant Cash

44-720 San Pablo Avenue

### THE ART PLACE ART WALK

The Art Place, 41-801 Corporate Way  
Friday, January 2, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Information: 776-2268

### EL PASEO ART WALK

Tour the art galleries  
on El Paseo  
Thursday, January 8  
5 – 9 p.m.  
Information:  
346-8885

