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Family YMCA of the Desert will once again be leading children’s games and activities before each of the five shows. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited. Civic Center Park is located on the northeast corner of San Pablo Avenue and Fred Waring Drive.

The kickoff Spring concert is just one of the many fun events featured as part of First Weekend Palm Desert, held every first weekend of the month, November through May. For more information about First Weekend, please visit www.pdfirstweekend.com.

For more information about Concerts in the Park, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 425.
Be sure to catch the City’s last docent guided public art tour of the season on Saturday, May 5 from 9 to 10 a.m., with a free tour of the El Paseo Exhibition. Participants will meet at the northwest corner of El Paseo and Portola Avenue. Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 664

Save the date for fireworks, live music, and fun at the City of Palm Desert’s Independence Day Celebration at Civic Center Park on Wednesday, July 4. Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 425

Mark your calendar for July 7 when Palm Desert residents will once again have a chance to save lives and represent their community at the 9 Cities Challenge Blood Drive taking place at the Palm Desert Community Center. Information: 760-776-6380

Going out of town? Palm Desert’s Vacation Home Check Program provides residents with enhanced security during extended vacations. Citizens On Patrol (COPs) volunteers patrol registered single-family homes in non-gated neighborhoods when residents are away for two weeks or more. Information & registration: 760-862-9848

Did you know that in addition to dialing 911 for emergencies, Palm Desert residents and others who live in Riverside County can dial 211 for information about a wide variety of needs? County 211 information and referral specialists have a database of more than 800 community resources to help you get the assistance you need on topics including:

- housing assistance
- early childhood and parenting support
- food pantries
- mental health care
- disability and aging support services
- legal services
- employment
- counseling
- substance abuse programs
- support for victims of physical or sexual abuse

The 211 system also allows public safety officials to provide residents with critical information in times of crisis. For more information, please call 211.

The City’s many standing committees and commissions present a range of opportunities for residents and business people to meaningfully engage with their local government and help lead their community.

Because Palm Desert is a diverse community, it benefits when people who represent a variety of backgrounds, traditions, and experiences serve on its committees and commissions. This service enables their voices to be heard by the City Council on a wide variety of important issues including development, parks and recreation, public art, housing, and much more.

If you would like your voice to be heard, please apply to serve on a Palm Desert committee or commission. Applications are accepted year round. Current vacancies include: the Art in Public Places Commission; Cultural Resources Preservation Committee; Library Promotion Committee; Rent Review Commission; and Sustainability Committee.

Meeting schedules can be accessed on the “Calendar” page of the City’s website – www.cityofpalmdesert.org.

For applications and more information, please visit www.cityofpalmdesert.org or contact the City Clerk’s office at 760-346-0611, ext. 304.

RESTAURANT WEEK GROWING IN 2018

A popular culinary tradition is getting bigger and better this year when Restaurant Week returns for its 11th year Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 17.

Organized by the Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau and sponsored by the City of Palm Desert, Restaurant Week 2018 is the perfect time to visit a favorite restaurant or to try something new, as chefs prepare mouthwatering meals at a fixed price.

More than 100 area restaurants will be offering their own unique prix fixe menus for lunch and dinner. Prices range from $15 to $49 per person, depending on the time of day and restaurant. Prices do not include beverages, tax, or gratuity. No tickets or special passes are required, but reservations are highly recommended.

For more information, please visit www.palmspringsrestaurantweek.com.
Springtime signals the return of warmer temperatures, longer days, and increased activity by coyotes out on the prowl for an easy meal.

A longtime desert resident whose presence here predates the development of Palm Desert’s homes and businesses, coyotes play an important role in our natural ecosystem controlling rodents and other potential disease-carrying pests. They are often more active in the spring because they need extra food for their young.

Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits, but will take advantage of any available food source including pet food, garbage, and domestic animals. You can help protect yourself, your pets, your property, and the coyotes themselves by following some simple steps.

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes
- Do not leave uneaten pet food outside
- Bring pets inside at night and do not leave them outside unattended
- Put garbage in tightly closed containers that coyotes cannot tip over
- Remove easy sources of water
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles
- Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey
- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises or throw rocks

A natural part of our beautiful desert, coyotes are here to stay. You can do your part to encourage coyotes to remain in the wild where they belong by following the aforementioned tips. For more information, call the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at 909-484-0167.

The City will host a free, two-day shredding event at City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. Shredding will take place from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until the trucks are full. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips. Binders will not be accepted. All documents will be shredded onsite and then recycled.

For security purposes, the following types of documents should be considered for shredding:

- Legal papers
- Credit card slips
- Bank statements
- Receipts/invoices
- Payroll records
- Medical records
- Tax records
- Accounting files/records, financial statements
- Contracts
- Personnel files
- Canceled checks
- Photographs

This event is free and open to Palm Desert residents and businesses. Businesses will be limited to ten boxes of materials per day. For more information, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 454.
Summer Farmers’ Market Returns to Westfield Mall

Escape the heat this summer to find the Coachella Valley’s freshest local produce and unique artisan products in the air conditioned comfort of Westfield Palm Desert.

Palm Desert’s Summer Certified Farmers’ Market returns to the lower level of the Coachella Valley’s only regional mall (near World Gym) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday, May through mid-September.

The market’s nearly two-dozen farms are regionally-based, most within 100 miles of Palm Desert, and provide a wide assortment of fruits and vegetables. In addition to the wonderful produce, the market offers a mouthwatering array of other products including farm raised meats, eggs, cheeses, honey, organic coffee, flowers, prepared foods, soups, chocolates, soaps, and more.

For more information, please visit www.certifiedfarmersmarkets.org or call 844-7FARMCV (844–732-7628).

73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Get Help for Emergency Repairs Through Home Improvement Program

Lower income homeowners with homes that need emergency repairs are encouraged to apply for the City of Palm Desert’s Home Improvement Program.

Examples of the types of repairs that could be eligible for assistance under the program include emergency air conditioner repairs and repairs to damaged roofs.

If you own your own home, think you might qualify for the program, and would like more information, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 421.

Look what’s on the Bright Side... inside!
**PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
73300 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-6552
www.rivlib.net
Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
Closed May 28 (Memorial Day)

**Baby Story Time**
Ages 2 and under
Most Mondays
10:30 a.m.

**Children's Summer Reading Program**
Wednesdays, June 20 & 27, 10:30 a.m.
Information: 760-346-6552

**Preschool Story Time**
Ages 3 – 5
Fun with stories, puppets, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts
Most Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Little Bricks**
Grades 4 – 12
Thursdays, May 24 & June 28, at 3:30 p.m.
Reservations required: 760-346-6552

**Teen Time**
Grades 6 – 12
Most Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Teen Summer Reading Program**
Thursdays, June 21 & 28
3:30 p.m.

**FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT**
43930 San Pablo Avenue
760-341-9622
www.ymcaofthedesert.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Family YMCA of the Desert offers a variety of kids camps in June including Adventure Camp, Camp Oakes, Sports Academy, Lego Builders, Jedi Training, and more.
Information: www.ymcaofthedesert.org

**PALM DESERT COMMUNITY CENTER**
43900 San Pablo Avenue
760-568-9697
www.myrecreationsdistrict.com
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays

**Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert**
71701 Gerald Ford Drive
Rancho Mirage
760-321-0602
www.cdmud.org
Open Tuesday – Saturday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
Admission: $9.95, ages 1 and up
Annual memberships available

**SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT’L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER**
51500 Highway 74
760-862-9984
www.desertmountains.org
Open Thursday – Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Monument Story Time**
Ages 5 – 7
Hear a story about desert creatures and then enjoy arts & crafts or a nature walk. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Sunday, May 6, 1 – 2 p.m.
Reservations required: 760-862-9984

**Monument Young Explorers**
Ages 8 – 14
Learn about maps and compasses and how to navigate while exploring outdoors. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Sunday, May 6, 1 – 2 p.m.
Reservations required: 760-862-9984

**STORY FOR EVERYONE**

**PALM DESERT ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

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Palm Desert Civic Center
73510 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-0611
www.palm-desert.org
www.cityofpalmdesert.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed May 28 (Memorial Day)
Visitor Services
760-568-1441
Report Graffiti
760-346-5776
Short Term Rental Hotline
760-862-6900
Code Enforcement Hotline
760-776-6360
Palm Desert Police Department
Call 911 for emergencies
Non-emergencies: 760-836-1600

**Free Docent-Led Public Art Tour**
Tour of the El Paseo Exhibition
Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.
Meet at the northwest corner of El Paseo and Portola Avenue
Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 664 or visit www.palmdesertart.org
The Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce continues to promote, support, and enhance business prosperity, civic vitality, and quality of life in our beautiful Coachella Valley.

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**Galen First Fridays**
May 4, 4 – 9 p.m.
4 p.m.  Docent tour of the Galen
5:30 p.m.  Cash bar by Cuistot
7 p.m.  Live music in the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden

**Saturdays in the Sarkowsky**
Games, themed crafts, garden tours and more
May 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Crafts: 1 – 3 p.m.
Museum Tour:  2 – 3 p.m.

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**CAL STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO**
Palm Desert Campus
37500 Cook Street
760-341-2883
pdc.csusb.edu
Campus
Administrative Hours:  Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed May 28 (Memorial Day)
Closed Fridays beginning June 22

**Educational Programs**
Offering Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctor of Education degrees as well as Teacher Preparation/ Credential and Certificate Programs

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**OLLi**
Offered non-credit, university-level courses for adults 50+ along with events, travel program, and discussion groups. Experience the fun of learning with no homework, tests, or grades.

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT**
72861 El Paseo
760-346-6588
www.hspd.org
Friday – Monday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Museum closes for the summer (until October) May 29
Throughout May – Second Grade tours of the firehouse and fire safety training

**JOSLYN CENTER**
73750 Catalina Way
760-340-3220
www.joslyncenter.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Closed Sunday

**Mother’s Day Tea**
Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 – 1 p.m.
$10

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**DESSERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT**
38995 Desert Willow Drive
Pro shop and tee times: 760-346-7060, ext. 1
Information: 760-346-7060
www.desertwillow.com

**Resident Golf Sale**
40% non-sale apparel (excludes shoes, clubs, accessories, sunglasses, etc.) throughout May for Palm Desert residents

**Mother’s Day Brunch**
Sunday, May 13
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Adults $48.99;
Children (6 – 12) $19.99;
5 and under free

**City of Palm Desert Best Ball Championship**
Compete in two rounds of award-winning championship golf and enjoy Par 3 challenges, raffle prizes, awards luncheon, and more. Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27
$225 per player
Information & registration:
www.desertwillow.com/citychampionship

**2018 Summer VIP Card**
Enjoy discounts on green fees, lessons, dining, merchandise, and book tee times 7 days in advance
Residents: $49; Non-Residents: $79
Information: www.desertwillow.com/VIP

**Summer Elite Pass**
Enjoy unlimited golf, discounts, and use of practice area all summer long while booking tee times up to 21 days in advance.
Residents: $699; Non-Residents: $799
Information:
www.desertwillow.com/summerelite

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**COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS**
72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms
760-343-3644
Information: www.rcdas.org
Animals available for adoption

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"Are You at Risk of a Stroke?"
Desert Regional Seminar
Wednesday, May 9, 10 – 11 a.m.

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THE LIVING DESERT
47900 Portola Avenue
760-346-5694
www.livingdesert.org
Open daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(last admission at 4 p.m.)

Summer Hours (beginning June 1)
Open daily, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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Family Park After Dark
Close-up animal presentations, guided walks, and roasting s’mores by a campfire.
Friday, May 4, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Pre-registration required: 760-346-5694

Train Day
Discover The Living Desert’s 3,300 feet of model train tracks while enjoying a scavenger hunt, trackless train rides, train chats, and more.
Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. – noon

Mother’s Day Brunch
Buffet-style brunch includes live entertainment, animal encounters, and more.
Non-members: $40 adults; $30 children
Members: $35 adult members; $25 children

“Active Today... Healthier Tomorrow”
National Senior Health & Fitness
Wednesday, May 30, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Friday, June 15

Penny’s Pantry
First and third Fridays of the month
7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Providing non-perishable food and fresh produce to low income seniors since 2011.

Free Wednesday Matinee Movie Series
1 p.m.
Includes popcorn and lemonade

Joslyn Singles
Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.
$10 per month
Information: 760-969-9641

Adult Bereavement Group
Information: 760-674-3344

Alzheimers Association of the Coachella Valley Support Group
Weekly meetings.
Information: 760-996-0006

Apple Computer Classes
Information: 760-537-1728

Creative Painting Class
Information: 951-659-0599

Matter of Balance
Four-week group emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity.
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 102

Care Pathways
Series of 12 workshops on topics including: Living with Dementia; Preventing Caregiver Burnout; Managing Medication; and more presented by the Riverside County Office on Aging.
Information: 760-771-0501 or 800-510-2020

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE/PALM DESERT CAMPUS
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive
760-834-0800
www.palmdesert.ucr.edu

An Educational Program for Lifelong Learners
UC Riverside Extension’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is designed to enrich the lives of adult learners.
Information: 760-834-0997
or www.extension.ucr.edu/osopher

Cool off at The McCallum with Summer Institute Performances that feed the soul and awaken the imagination (ages 7 and up):
Miwa Matreyek: Myth and Infrastructure & This World Made Itself
Thursday, June 14, 1:30 p.m.

Pacifico Dance Company
Friday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.
Information & tickets: 760-340-ARTS (2787) or www.mccallumtheatre.com

The Desert Symphony Season Tickets
Information: 760-773-5988
Visit www.mccallumtheatre.com or call the box office for a complete listing of May & June shows.

EISENHOWER MEMORY CARE CENTER
42201 Beacon Hill, Suite A
760-836-0232
emc.org
Community-based resources to help people with Alzheimer’s/dementia and their caregivers.

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51500 Highway 74
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www.desertmountains.org
Open Thursday – Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monument Night Adventures
Discover the desert after dark while looking for nocturnal creatures and observing stars and planets with the Astronomical Society of the Desert.
Saturdays, May 19 & June 16, 8:15 – 9:30 p.m.

Star Party at the Monument
Saturday, May 19, 8 – 10 p.m.

Monument Science Survey
Volunteer and count plants and animals in the National Monument to help understand the effects of climate change.
Information: 760-568-9918 or www.desertmountains.org/application

Trail Tuesday
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