Palm Desert celebrates our nation’s independence on Wednesday, July 4, with free festivities featuring fireworks, food trucks, live music, and more at Civic Center Park.

The Independence Day fun starts at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation of our nation’s flag by a U.S. Marine Corps color guard followed by a concert featuring the Swing Cats Big Band performing a variety of classic American swing and big band favorites.

The sky will light up at 9 p.m. with a spectacular 20-minute-long fireworks display synchronized to patriotic-themed songs simulcast on radio stations The Mix 100.5 FM and 93.7 KCLB.

A warm welcome is extended to Indian Wells residents. Palm Desert thanks the City of Indian Wells for helping to defray some of the costs of this year’s celebration.

Revelers will once again have an opportunity to buy taste tempting treats from a variety of food trucks and vendors. Attendees are also encouraged to bring picnic dinners, blankets, and chairs to enjoy the show. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, and portable barbecues are prohibited. Private fireworks are illegal in Civic Center Park and throughout Palm Desert. Flashlights are recommended for safely exiting the park.

To protect public safety during the holiday celebration in the busy park, golf carts will not be allowed to operate inside park grounds on July 4. The dog park in Civic Center Park will also be closed that day.

Civic Center Park is located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive (Fred Waring and San Pablo Avenue). San Pablo Avenue between Magnesia Falls Drive and the entrance to College of the Desert will be closed beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3. Other road closures around the park, including Magnesia Falls Drive, are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on July 4. Parking will be allowed at the park until 6 p.m. with access from Fred Waring Drive. Private vehicles will not be allowed into the park once lots are full.

For the comfort and convenience of attendees, free, air-conditioned shuttle service will be provided between The Gardens on El Paseo and the park, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Gardens is located at the corner of El Paseo and San Pablo Avenue.

For more information, please call 760-568-1441.
Independence Day falls on Wednesday this year, which means that trash service for residents and businesses in Palm Desert will be delayed by one day. Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 454

The Joslyn Center’s Meals on Wheels program provides seniors with regular, friendly human contact in addition to nutritious food. Residents ages 50 and up who are unable to drive, shop, or cook could be eligible, regardless of income. Information: BobE@joslyncenter.org or 760-340-3220, ext. 110

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 mall from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday through mid-September. Information: www.certifiedfarmersmarkets.org or 844-7FARMCV (844–732-7628)

The celebration of our nation’s independence is a joyful occasion for proud Americans, but the loud noises associated with fireworks and other festivities on July 4 can be confusing and frightening to pets. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) advises pet owners to keep their dogs and cats at home in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area during fireworks displays. The City of Palm Desert encourages residents who live in affected areas to follow the SPCA’s advice and protect their pets. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their pets indoors during the 20-minute fireworks display at Civic Center Park scheduled to start at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4. For more information about the City’s Independence Day Celebration, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 425.

Don’t get burned – Leave fireworks to the pros

Personal fireworks are illegal in Palm Desert and the City’s firefighters encourage everyone who enjoys the eye-popping colors and earth-shaking explosions of a good display to attend an organized public fireworks show such as the City’s Independence Day Celebration at Palm Desert Civic Center Park on Wednesday, July 4. Fireworks are not toys. When things go wrong with fireworks, they typically go very wrong very fast and the results can be deadly. Fireworks and sparklers are designed to explode or throw off showers of hot sparks and they burn at temperatures exceeding 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than a blowtorch. More fires are reported on Independence Day in the United States than on any other day of the year and fireworks account for nearly half of those fires. The Riverside County Fire Department provides a website with fire safety and emergency incident information as well as the dates and locations of public fireworks displays at www.rvcfire.org. For more information, please call 951-940-6985.
**LOVE ART?**

**BECOME A PALM DESERT DOCENT**

Art lovers from across the Coachella Valley are encouraged to volunteer as docents for the City of Palm Desert, giving walking tours of the City’s celebrated public art collection.

Docent led tours feature the sculptures of the El Paseo Exhibition as well as public artworks in Civic Center Park and at the Palm Desert Public Library. Regularly scheduled tours are held monthly on selected Saturdays from September through May.

Docs also are needed for private tours scheduled upon request any day of the week.

This opportunity is not limited to Palm Desert residents. Prior experience or study in the arts is preferred. Accepted volunteers receive a training program on most Thursdays beginning October 18 and ending January 17, with breaks over the winter holidays. Instruction includes hands-on education, presentations by guest speakers, and classroom meetings. Once training is completed, volunteers commit, on average, up to four hours a month for a period of at least one year.

Applications are due no later than **Monday, September 17, at 4 p.m.** (not a postmark deadline). Interviews will be held the first week of October. If you are interested in receiving a docent application or for more information, please email dschwartz@cityofpalmdesert.org or call 760-837-1664.

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**ENJOY COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR AT THE LIBRARY**

Enjoy free coffee and conversation with Palm Desert’s Mayor starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, at the Palm Desert Public Library.

Attendees will get a chance to speak with the Mayor and ask questions about all the exciting things happening in Palm Desert in the cool comfort of the Palm Desert Library.

Each Coffee with the Mayor has been held at a location that highlights one of Palm Desert’s many attractions and amenities including: Desert Willow Golf Resort, The Living Desert, McCallum Theatre, Hotel Paseo, Palm Desert Aquatic Center, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center.

The Palm Desert Library is located at 73300 Fred Waring Drive. For more information about Coffee with the Mayor, please call 760-776-6380 or email dhermann@cityofpalmdesert.org.

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**COPS VACATION CHECK PROGRAM Offers Enhanced Summer Security**

Sizzling summer temperatures inspire many Palm Desert residents to leave town in July and August for vacations in cooler destinations.

Vacationing residents and others who need to leave their Palm Desert homes for extended stays have a way to feel more secure about their property thanks to the City’s Citizens on Patrol (COPS) Vacation Check program.

COPS volunteers will patrol and visit registered single-family homes in non-gated communities while residents are away for two weeks or more. These ongoing visits will check for broken windows, vandalism, and other obvious problems. COPS inspections will be confined to the exteriors of participating homes and problems will be reported to the resident and the Palm Desert Police Department, as appropriate.

To register for the Vacation Check program, residents can fill out an application at the Portola Community Center, 45480 Portola Avenue, or contact Citizens on Patrol at 760-862-9848 to request a form.

Completed applications must be submitted in person at the Portola Community Center and proper identification is required. For more information, please call 760-862-9848.

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**Save a Life and Support Your Community**

The fifth annual Nine Cities Blood Drive Challenge returns this July with Coachella Valley communities competing head-to-head to inspire the most lifesaving donations.

Palm Desert’s drive kicks off the yearly contest on Saturday, July 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Palm Desert Community Center. Summer is the most challenging time for blood donations and your generosity could save a life while helping Palm Desert reclaim the participation title — including 42 first-time donors — it won last year. The City is also looking to win back the total donations honor that Palm Desert won four years ago.

All blood donors will receive a free, single-day ticket voucher to Wet ‘n’ Wild Palm Springs and a coupon valid for four free tacos at Jack in the Box.

Donors must be at least 15 years of age — donors under 18 require proof of their date of birth and a signed parental consent form (available at the drive) — weigh at least 110 pounds, and feel well on drive day. A photo ID is also required. Donors should maintain their regular meal schedules and increase fluid intake (water is best) in the 24 hours prior to donating.

The Palm Desert Community Center is located at 43900 San Pablo Avenue adjacent to Civic Center Park. For more information and to make an appointment, please call LifeStream at 800-879-4484 or visit LStream.org.
Palm Desert residents and businesses have a new local choice for more affordable, cleaner electricity – Desert Community Energy (DCE).

Palm Desert has teamed with Palm Springs and Cathedral City to create a community-based, locally controlled power supply program that will work with Southern California Edison to provide electricity from renewable sources at competitive prices. DCE revenues will be reinvested in our communities, creating jobs and renewable resources while helping to reduce our carbon footprint.

Starting in August, all Southern California Edison electricity accounts will be automatically transferred to DCE’s “Desert Saver” service, which offers more renewable energy content than Edison at a savings of 3% on the energy purchase portion of your bill.

The transition will be completely seamless and your service will not be interrupted. Unless you want to keep Edison as your power supplier, you don’t need to do a thing – you will be automatically included in this money-saving program.

Palm Desert residents and businesses in Imperial Irrigation District’s service area will not be affected and are not eligible for DCE service.

To make a more positive impact on the environment, you can also choose DCE’s Carbon-Free service, which is offered at the same rate that you pay Edison now.

You can also opt out and stay with Edison’s bundled service with a single click at www.DesertCommunityEnergy.org or by calling 855-357-9240.

The City formed DCE because it wanted to provide a local choice for cleaner, more affordable electricity. Similar community choice programs have been working throughout California for years, giving customers rate savings while benefitting the environment. Edison will continue to deliver, maintain, and service electricity for DCE customers, who will still get a single monthly bill from Edison that includes the amount charged by DCE for electricity generation.

To learn more, please call 855-357-9240 or visit www.DesertCommunityEnergy.org.

73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
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 summer day camps in July & August for kids, ages 6 – 12, including: Adventure Camp, Art Camp, Cake Decorating, Comic Con, Dodgeball, Girl Power, Harry Potter, Hot Wheels, Jedi Training, Nerf Tag, and more.

Information: www.ymcaofthedesert.org

THE LIVING DESERT
47900 Portola Avenue
760-346-5694
www.livingdesert.org
Open daily, 8 a.m. (7 a.m. members) – 1:30 p.m. (last admission at 1 p.m.)

Zoo Camp
Ages 4 – 12
Explore the natural world and scientific concepts while going behind the scenes at the zoo.
Weekly camps, July 2 – 27
Pre-registration required: www.livingdesert.org

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

Summer Camps
A variety of camps teach about science, math, computer programming, technology, engineering, art, and music

Grades 3 – 5
STEM Discovery Camp (July 23 – 27)
Expanding Horizons Camp (July 30 – August 3)

Grades 6 – 8
STEM Discovery Camp (July 23 – 27)

Grades 7 – 12
Tech UC – Video Game Design and Content Creation Camp (July 30 – August 3)

CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT
71701 Gerald Ford Drive
Rancho Mirage
760-321-0602
www.cdmmod.org
Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission: $9.95, ages 1 and up
Annual memberships available
By Interim President/CEO Debbie Frazer

The Palm Desert Annual Golf Cart Parade will celebrate its 54th year on Sunday, October 28, on El Paseo. Considered the “unofficial kick-off to the season,” this one-of-a-kind parade is the longest running parade in the Coachella Valley.

Enjoy a full day of activities beginning with the Palm Desert Rotary Pancake Breakfast. After breakfast, take time to appreciate the latest souped-up, historic and hot rod carts on display at the Golf Cart Show and cast your vote for the People’s Choice Cart. A Kid’s Zone is packed with fun activities for children of all ages including a bounce house and rock-climbing wall. Food vendors are plentiful to satisfy your thirst and hunger throughout the day.

The Parade steps off along El Paseo at 12 p.m. with decorated electric golf carts, marching bands, dance troupes and more.

VIP Reserved Seating for prime parade access, complete with a boxed lunch and Complimentary Senior seating for 300 lucky seniors aged 65 years young and up (including a boxed lunch) is available.

For more information, please contact us at pdacc.org or (760) 346-6111.

Business Breakfats
Second Tuesdays
Reservations: www.pdacc.org

Profit Connection Luncheons
Selected Thursdays
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Information and reservations: 760-346-6111

Business After Hours Mixers
Selected Wednesdays
Information: www.pdacc.org

Palm Desert Aquatic Center
73751 Magnesia Falls Drive
760-565-7467
www.pdpool.com
Open Monday – Friday, 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
For lap swimming and recreation hours, visit www.pdpool.com or call 760-565-7467.

Summer Recreation Swim
Attractions open at 11 a.m. seven days a week (open July 4, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.)

Summer Palm Desert Certified Farmers Market
Westfield Palm Desert
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Information: www.certifiedfarmersmarkets.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
Write On!
Write support group meets third Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Veterans Resource Center
Volunteers, including representatives of Disabled American Veterans, provide information, assistance, and referrals for former service members
Information and appointments: 760-346-6552 or 360-820-5992

Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert
72567 Highway 111
760-346-5600
www.psmuseum.org/palm-desert/
Offering free admission
Closed Monday – Thursday & holidays
Friday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden is open 7 days a week

Exhibition: Journey Through the Desert – The Road Less Traveled
On display through November 25

Coachella Valley Animal Campus
72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms
760-343-3644
Information: www.rcdas.org
Animals available for adoption

College of the Desert
43500 Monterey Avenue
760-346-8041
www.collegeofthedesert.edu
Alumni Association Street Fair
Every weekend starting at 7 a.m.
RSVP & Information: 760-636-7957

Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts
Information: 760-776-7278

LIR (Learning in Retirement) has been keeping Valley seniors informed, mentally fit, and entertained for more than 20 years.
Westfield Palm Desert
$60 per semester for multiple courses
Information: www.lirpalmdesert.com

PaCE—Partnership and Community Education
www.collegeofthedesert/pace.edu
Short-term training, workshops, and certification services on a wide variety of subjects
Information: codpace@collegeofthedesert.edu or 760-776-7420

Desert Willow Golf Resort
38995 Desert Willow Drive
Pro shop and tee times: 760-346-7060, ext. 1
Information: 760-346-7060
www.desertwillow.com

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

The Gardens/El Paseo Village
73545 El Paseo
760-346-6588
www.hspd.org
Museum closed until October 5
Open to researchers by appointment

Joslyn Center
73750 Catalina Way
760-340-3220
www.joslyncenter.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Saturday & Sunday
Closed July 4
Accepting donations for the End Senior Hunger Campaign
Free fitness classes for seniors held throughout the week. Call or visit www.joslyncenter.org for class times.

Free Open House & BBQ
Tuesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Donate items for USO

Let’s Do Lunch
First & third Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Information & evaluation: 760-325-4088

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

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

Telephone Safety Net
Weekly check-ins, support, and socialization
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 110

Better Together – California Teachers Summit
Friday, July 27
Information: www.CATeachers Summit.com

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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.
Closed Fridays
Closed July 4 & 5

Offers non-credit, university-level courses for adults 50+ along with events, travel program, and discussion groups. Classes run all summer. Experience the fun of learning with no homework, tests, or grades.
Information: 760-341-2883, ext. 78121 or osher.csusb.edu

Join the Cal State University Associates and attend monthly entertainment and educational events.
Information: 760-341-2883, ext. 78140

Retired academic and administrative professionals from four-year colleges and universities are invited to join the Emeriti Society. Members get access to events and adult learning opportunities at Cal State’s Palm Desert Campus.
Annual memberships (October 1 – September 30) are $20.
Information:
pdc.csusb.edu/special-programs/emeriti
Balance Conditioning
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 10 – 11 a.m. & 11 a.m. – noon
$40 a month
Information: 760-636-2205

Executive Exercise
Strength, core, endurance
Monday – Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Free for members

Cool Combinations
Create classic and unique summer soups and salads
RSVP required: 760-340-3220

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

Go4Life
Exercise and physical activity program
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 102

Aging Mastery Program
Gain skills and tools to manage your health, remain economically secure, and contribute to society
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 118

Meals on Wheels
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 110

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.

MCALLUM THEATRE
73000 Fred Waring Drive
760-340-ARTS (2787)
www.mcallumtheatre.com

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

SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT’L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER
51500 Highway 74
760-862-9984
www.desertmountains.org
Open Thursday – Monday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (closed noon – 12:30 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.
Saturday, July 14, 9 – 10 p.m.
Reservations required: 760-862-9984 or www.desertmountains.org/calendar

Save the date for National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 29

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

THE LIVING DESERT
47900 Portola Avenue
760-346-5694
www.livingdesert.org
Open daily, 8 a.m. (7 a.m. members) – 1:30 p.m. Last admission at 1 p.m.

Summer Memberships
Valid through September 30
$25 individual; $40 dual
$75 family (2 adults & 4 children)

Summer Chill Tour Package
Through September 30, book one private, behind the scenes tour and get a second one free.

Giraffe Feeding
Daily, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
$6 with paid admission ($4 members)

International Save the Vaquita Day
Saturday, July 7

EDISON – New Guidelines For SUMMER SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Power outages in the summer are uncomfortable and can be dangerous. In an effort to provide reliable service while prioritizing the safety and comfort of its desert customers, Southern California Edison (SCE) has implemented new guidelines for scheduled maintenance and related outages when temperatures are high.

When the temperature or heat index reaches 105 degrees Fahrenheit, SCE will reduce maintenance related outages except in cases when work can be completed in less than five hours outside peak heat periods such as the evening or morning.

When the temperature or heat index hits 113 degrees, SCE will reschedule all maintenance outages except in cases of critical system reliability or involving safety, the environment, or legal compliance.

SCE may still conduct maintenance during the aforementioned periods if all affected customers have been contacted and the outage is acceptable to all.

For more information, please call 800-611-1911.