Palm Desert celebrates our nation’s independence on Thursday, 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 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 98.5 The Bull.

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.
ENJOY COOL POOLS AND HOT FIREWORKS AT PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

The Palm Desert Aquatic Center is one of the desert's best places to cool off while reveling in the fun and fireworks that make Independence Day a uniquely American tradition every Fourth of July.

Enjoy a day filled with swimming, water play, and other activities topped off with a great view of the fireworks at the City's Independence Day Celebration in neighboring Civic Center Park.

On Thursday, July 4, recreation swim at the Aquatic Center’s three pools starts at 11 a.m. and continues through the conclusion of the fireworks at 9 p.m. Diving boards and slides will close at dusk.

Admission for Palm Desert residents is $4 for adults (ages 13 - 59), $3 for seniors and youth (ages 6 - 12 or 60 and up), and $2.50 for children (ages 2 - 5). Children under 2-years-old are free. Admission fees for non-residents are slightly higher. The Aquatic Center's concession stand will be selling food and drinks in keeping with the holiday.

Thousands of people attend Palm Desert's Independence Day Celebration each year and parking can be a challenge, especially in the late afternoon when streets around the Aquatic Center and Civic Center Park begin to close.

Aquatic Center visitors are encouraged to arrive early and plan for parking. Alternative options include Magnesia Falls Drive east of Portola Avenue as well as the parking lot for Magnesia Falls Park. The Aquatic Center is located at 73751 Magnesia Falls Drive. For more information, please call 760-565-7467.

DON'T GET BURNED – LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROS

Fireworks lovers across our great nation look forward each year to July 4. If you enjoy the eye popping colors and ground shaking bangs of Independence Day fireworks, make sure you plan to do so at an authorized display.

Personal fireworks are illegal in Palm Desert and most Coachella Valley communities.

Palm Desert’s firefighters encourage everyone who enjoys a good fireworks display to attend an organized public fireworks show such as the City's Independence Day Celebration at Palm Desert Civic Center Park on Thursday, July 4.

Fireworks are not toys. 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 blow torch.

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.

PROTECT YOUR PETS ON JULY 4

The celebration of our nation’s independence is a joyful occasion, 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 Thursday, July 4.

For more information about the City’s Independence Day Celebration, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 425.
COMMUNITY GALLERY FEATURES

Color Vibration – Concept of Self

The Palm Desert Community Gallery will highlight artwork from Hiroko Momii in its new exhibition – Color Vibration – Concept of Self – on display July 5 through September 6. A public reception will honor the artist on Monday, July 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Born in Japan, Momii moved to the United States in 1979. In 1980, she hired on as an apprentice at a silk screen art studio and realized that she wanted to become an artist when she first pulled a squeegee across a silk screen.

Momii entered the MFA program in painting and drawing at California State University, Long Beach in 1994, graduating with a Master’s degree in 1998. During her studies in the program, she found the way to express her inner experiences and visions through abstract painting. Momii is influenced by Wassily Kandinsky’s statement, “Spirituality is the purpose of art,” and says that for her, making art has become a life process, with the act of painting serving as meditation.

Momii has exhibited her artwork in both solo and group shows at galleries in Santa Fe, Los Angeles, the Morongo Basin, and Japan.

The Palm Desert Community Gallery is located in Palm Desert City Hall and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 664 or visit www.palmdesertart.org.

MAKE POOL SAFETY A PRIORITY

Although it is 100% preventable, drowning is the leading cause of accidental injury-related death for children ages 1 to 4 in Riverside County.

Nearly 90% of all drownings and near-drownings occur in backyard pools or spas. A drowning child can lose consciousness in less than 30 seconds and suffer irreversible brain damage after just four minutes.

To reduce the threat of drowning, remember the ABCs of water safety:

A – Adult Supervision
Assign an adult to keep their eyes on children in the water at all times.

B – Barriers
Ensure that pools are protected by fences, self-closing and self-latching gates, motion sensors, and window and door alarms.

C – Classes
Parents and caregivers should take CPR and First Aid. Swimming courses are recommended for children and adults.

For more information, please visit www.rvcfire.org.

SAVE A LIFE AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

DONATE BLOOD DONATE BLOOD

The seventh 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 takes place on Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Palm Desert Community Center donors will receive a ticket for a free movie and a commemorative cap.

Summer is the most challenging time for blood donations and your generosity could save a life while helping Palm Desert reclaim the total donations title that our community won five years ago.

Donors must be at least 15 years of age – donors under 17 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.

STATE ROUTE 60 WIDENING PROJECT STARTING SOON

Motorists in Palm Desert are generally fortunate when it comes to avoiding traffic delays, but commuters and others travelling west on State Route 60 toward Riverside, Los Angeles, and Southern California beaches might not be so lucky beginning this summer.

Work is starting on a new $135 million project to widen a 4.5 mile section of the heavily traveled east-west highway through “the badlands” between Beaumont and Moreno Valley.

Beginning in late July and continuing through the end of the year, one westbound lane on the 60 freeway will be closed so that workers can begin the widening. The project is designed to improve safety and reduce congestion with new lanes scheduled to open in late 2021. Additional project features include: widened shoulders; new wildlife crossings/fencing; and flattened roadway curves that will improve motorist site distance.

Interstate 10 is recommended as an alternative route during construction.

For more information, please visit rtc.org/60trucklanes. A helpline is also available by calling 866-413-6060.
Recycling is Changing –
When in Doubt, Throw it Out

Palm Desert residents might think that they are doing the environment, and their community, a favor by putting everything that might potentially be recyclable in their gray bin.

While putting the wrong item in a recycling bin might seem insignificant, it makes a big difference locally and globally as thousands of tons of recyclables are being prevented from being reused.

Think of “one bad apple spoiling the bunch.” The same now holds true for recycling thanks to new guidelines being enforced by China, a major importer of recyclables from the United States.

You can do your part to help the environment and ease the global crisis by learning what is recyclable, what is not, and taking care to keep them separated.

The City has provided a convenient new tool – RecycleCoach – to help you navigate the ever changing and sometimes confusing world of recycling.

RecycleCoach is an app that can be accessed from your mobile device or home computer. The app has all the information you need to become an expert recycler and avoid common mistakes. To access the app, visit recyclecoach.com or download RecycleCoach from your mobile device’s app store.

Help solve a global issue by changing the way you recycle at home and remember the following motto – “When in doubt, throw it out.”

For more information, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 454 or email hhorning@cityofpalmdesert.org.

73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

JULY/AUGUST 2019

Just for Kids
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

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 July 4

Children’s Summer Reading Program
Ages 12 and under
Children will discover a world of reading with games, prizes, and more on
Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m.
July 10 Arty Loon – juggling, poetry, illusions
July 17 Pacific Animal Productions –
animal acrobats
July 24 Billy Bonkers – music and comedy
July 31 Kids Imagine Nation – interactive
song & dance

SUMMER READING

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

Summer Camp
Summer Day Camps
Ages 5 – 15
Camps include Adventure, Nerf Tag, Ninja Warrior,
Slime, Fashion Week, Action Hero, Good Eats, Jedi,
Training, Hot Wheels, and more.

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 Zoo Camp
Ages 4 – 13
Weekly camps through
July 26, Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – noon
Registration: livingdesert.org

CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT
71701 Gerald Ford Drive, Rancho Mirage
760-321-0602
www.cdm.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

Summer Camps
From STEM camp to music, garden to table,
there is a camp to interest every child.
Full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) or half-day (9 a.m. – noon
or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) camps available.
Information: cdm.org

Extended Care
Morning, lunch, or afternoon sessions available
$10 per child per session
Registration: 760-321-0602 or cdm.org

PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM
IN PALM DESERT
72567 Highway 111
760-346-5600
www.psmuseum.org/palm-desert/
Offering daily free admission provided
by Helene V. Galen
Friday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Monday – Thursday & major holidays

Palm Desert Art Camp
Discover creative hands on projects
and adventurous gallery experiences
with a team of museum
educators and visiting artists.
July 8 – 12 (ages 7 – 9)
July 15 – 19 (ages 10 – 12)
Class sizes limited
Information & registration: 760-322-4852
or email zfleming@psmuseum.org

Something for Everyone
PALM DESERT ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CITY OF PALM DESERT
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 July 4

Visitor Services
760-568-1441
Report Graffiti
760-340-5776
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

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

Exhibition: Shoulder to Shoulder: Depicting the Figure
On display through October 20
Information: psmuseum.org
or call 760-346-5600

Free AmDocs Films at the Museum
Enjoy a selection of films from the American Documentary Film Festival
Saturdays in July at 1 p.m.
July 6 Above (India) – 7 minutes
Cuban Queens (USA) – 7 minutes
The Serpent and the Girl (China) – 6 minutes
The Sketch as Art (Sweden) – 15 minutes
July 13 Detroit’s Riviera (USA) – 36 minutes
July 20 Havana, from On High (Canada) – 80 minutes
July 27 Two Worlds (Poland) – 50 minutes

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. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Slides & diving boards open at 11 a.m. daily

Dive-In Movies
Gates open at 7 p.m., movies start at sundown
$4 admission (children under 2 free)
July 19 Transformers Bumblebee
August 2 Disney’s Lilo & Stitch

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

Golf Center at Palm Desert
Home of the First Tee of the Coachella Valley
Youth golf program includes 9-hole par three course,
driving range with chipping and putting greens, foot golf, and more.
Offering summer camps and new player classes.
74945 Sheryl Avenue
760-779-1877
www.thefirstteecoachellavalley.org
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Open to the public

Family YMCA of the Desert
43930 San Pablo Avenue
760-341-9622
www.ymcaofthedesert.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Palm Desert Public Library
73000 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 July 4

Adult Summer Reading Program
Read 10 books between July 1 and August 31 and receive a prize.
Read 20 books and get two prizes.
Contact the Circulation Desk for more information.

Meditation Mondays
Led by Vib Verma
Selected Mondays, July 1, and August 5, 6 p.m.

Book Club: Hooked on Books
First Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
July 2 The Golden State by Ben Winters
August 6 Bring your favorite book, author, or genre

Dungeons and Dragons
Table top version of the popular game
Ages 18 and up
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Monday Matinee Movie
Selected Mondays at 2 p.m.
July 22 Toy Story 2 (1999)
August 26 Toy Story 3 (2010)

Tech Tuesdays
First Tuesday of the month, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
July 2 & August 6

Veterans Resource Center
Information and referrals for anyone who has served in the military.
Walk-in Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
or call for an appointment
Information and appointments: 760-346-6552
or 360-820-5992

Cal State University San Bernardino
Palm Desert Campus
37500 Cook Street
760-341-2883
pdc.csusb.edu
Campus Administrative Hours:
Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Friday
Closed July 4

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

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Offers 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.
Information: osher.csusb.edu or 909-537-8270
Join the Cal State University Associates and attend monthly entertainment and educational events.
Information:
www.CalStateUniversityAssociates.com
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

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

LIR (Learning in Retirement)
Seniors can stay healthy and joyful while exercising their brains with LIR. Six-week fall session begins in November at College of the Desert’s classrooms at Westfield Palm Desert
$60 per session for up to five courses
Information: www.lirpalmdesert.com

CREATE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
73733 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 106
760-834-8318
www.createcenterforthearts.org
Offering art classes six days a week with scholarships available for Palm Desert residents

THE GARDENS/EL PASEO VILLAGE
73545 El Paseo
760-862-1990
Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Holiday hours may vary

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT
72861 El Paseo
760-346-6588
www.hspd.org
Open Friday – Monday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Closed for the summer and reopening Friday, October 4. Researchers can call 760-346-6588 or email hspd.firehouse@gmail.com for appointments.

For fun information about the history of Palm Desert and its neighborhoods, visit BecomingPalmDesert.com

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
Volunteers needed – call 760-340-3220, ext. 103
The Joslyn Center is a Riverside County Cool Center offering water, fans, activities and programs to beat the heat.

New Joslyn Fitness Center
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – noon and 2 – 4:30 p.m.
Free for Joslyn members; $5 guests
Information/orientation: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronica@joslyncenter.org

Free fitness classes for seniors held throughout the week. Call or visit www.joslyncenter.org for class times.

Free Open House & BBQ
Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cabaret on Sundays
Arthur Newman Theatre
Through September
Doors open at 1 p.m.; shows start at 2 p.m.
July 7 Michael Shapiro – “Fabulous Places”
July 14 Patti Gallagher & Mark Almy – “Together Again”
July 21 Frank Duncan & Bruce Hall – “Side by Side Again”
July 28 Cody Wood – “This Song’s for You”
August 4 Lisa Donahey – “Jazzaret”
August 11 Gary Lynn Floyd – “Welcome to My World”
August 18 Marcia Harp – “Where Was I When I Needed Me”
August 25 David Duvall – “So Naughty, So Nice: Songs Bobby Short Taught Me”

First Friday Monthly Birthday Celebration
Celebrate a month of birthdays the first Friday of every month with free cake.
July 5 & August 2, 11 a.m.

Meditation Class
Thursday, 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Free for Joslyn members

Grief Recovery Method
Eight-week program dealing with grief, loss, safety, and health.
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronica@joslyncenter.org

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

Giraffe Feeding
Daily 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
$7 with paid admission ($5 members)

Summer Memberships
Valid through September 30
$30 per person; $45 dual; $80 family (two adults & four children)

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Image Relationship Dialogue Sessions
Teaches couples and families ways to communicate
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronica@joslyncenter.org

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

Free Wednesday Matinee Movie Series
1 p.m.
Includes popcorn and lemonade
Information: www.joslyncenter.org/Matinee-Movies

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

Brain Bootcamp
Improve your memory
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117

Balance Conditioning
Improve strength, flexibility, core, balance
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
$5 per class
Information: 760-636-2205

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

Go4Life
Unique exercise and physical activity program
Information: 760-340-3220

Zumba Fitness
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 9 – 10 a.m.
$5 per class
Information: 760-636-2205

Problem Solving Strategies
760-340-3220, ext. 117

Aging Mastery Program
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117

Cornerstone Club
Join a select group of dedicated donors who give
$25 or more per month to support The Joslyn Center and its services
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 107

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

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

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.

McCALLUM THEATRE
73000 Fred Waring Drive
760-340-ARTS (2787)
www.mccallumtheatre.com
Visit www.mccallumtheatre.com or call the box office for a complete listing of July & August shows

PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
72559 Highway 111
760-346-6111
www.pdacc.org

Business Breakfasts
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

SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT’L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER
51500 Highway 74
760-862-9984
www.DesertMountains.org
Friday – Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed for lunch (noon – 12:30 p.m.)

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