



PALM DESERT

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ENJOY FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

Civic Center Park is the place to be for unforgettable music and incredible performances in October, as the City of Palm Desert Concerts in the Park series returns every Thursday of the month, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. The fall lineup features a wide variety of favorites that are sure to thrill audiences of all ages and musical tastes, along with a special Halloween performance the entire family can enjoy!

The fun starts on Thursday, October 3, with Gypsy Dreams, paying tribute to the eclectic sounds of pop-rock legends Fleetwood Mac. The band's high-energy stage presence, authentic costumes, and perfect harmonies will take you back to the heyday of 'The Mac' and have you singing along to your favorites.

Come prepared to show off your best dance moves on October 10, when Latinova takes the amphitheater stage to perform crowd-pleasing Latin Jazz favorites full of rhythm, vibrance, and fun.

Get a little funky on October 17, as OC Groove stops by with soulful singers and a full horn section to perform iconic R&B, Rock, and Blues hits from artists like Chicago, KC & the Sunshine Band, Tower of Power, Kool & the Gang, and more!

The series continues October 24, with one of the most unique Country music experiences you will find anywhere, when Wild West performs the hottest hits ever made by the lady superstars of Country, playing favorites from Shania Twain, Carrie Underwood, Martina McBride, and many more. Line dancing is encouraged!

And we're wrapping up the month with the biggest Halloween party in Palm Desert on October 31! Dress up and come out to Civic Center Park for a very special performance from Dead Man's Party, a tribute to Experimental Rock pioneers Oingo Boingo. Endorsed by members of the original band, Dead Man's Party recreates Oingo Boingo's famous Southern California Halloween concerts, along with your favorite 80s New Wave hits.

In addition to the great music, concertgoers can enjoy delicious culinary creations offered by a variety of food trucks, or bring your own picnic basket along with blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the show. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited.

Civic Center Park is located on the northeast corner of San Pablo Avenue and Fred Waring Drive. For more information, please call 760-568-1441.

Inside Story

Palm Desert Offers Home Ownership Opportunities

The City of Palm Desert offers programs to encourage home ownership within the community for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. If you would like to participate in these programs, you can add your name to an interest list maintained by the City.

The household income for participants cannot exceed 120 percent of the area median income for Riverside County, adjusted for family size. For a family of four, the current area median annual income is \$97,500.

To qualify, applicants must have good credit, some savings, and a consistent employment history. Successful applicants will be selected to pre-qualify with a lender when a home that is suitable for their household's size and income becomes available. Homes that are part of these programs are generally resales and can range in price from \$130,000 to \$260,000.

For more information, please contact the City's Housing Department at 760-346-0611, extension 412.



Dog Park Overseeding

All City of Palm Desert **dog parks will be closed** from Tuesday, October 1 through Thursday, October 31 for overseeding, tree trimming, and yearly maintenance. All other City parks will be renovated and overseeded during this time as well but will remain open. Information: 760-776-6450

Calendar

Palm Desert City Council Meetings

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

September 12 and 26

October 10 and 24

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Monday, September 2
City Hall Closed

E-Waste Collection Event

Saturday, September 21

See story in this issue

GET PREPARED WITH FREE EMERGENCY TRAINING



A major disaster could strike at any time, and experience has shown that the first 24 to 72 hours afterwards can be critical; with emergency responders stretched thin and resources being quickly depleted, it is important for individuals and neighborhood to be self-reliant until assistance is available.

To help residents and visitors be prepared for a major event, the City of Palm Desert has developed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. This 20-hour course educates people about disaster preparedness, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace

following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects within their community.

The Palm Desert CERT Program is certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and free to Palm Desert Residents. The next three-day CERT course starts Friday, October 4, from 5 – 9 p.m., and then continues Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Participants must complete all 20 hours to become certified.

Classes will be held at Palm Desert City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive. **Space is limited.** Learn more and register for free at palmdesert.gov/CERT.



DIVE INTO EXCITING FALL ACTIVITIES AT THE POOL

Stay cool this fall and dive into a world of aquatic adventure in the heart of Palm Desert. The state-of-the-art Palm Desert Aquatic Center (PDAC) at Civic Center Park offers a refreshing escape for all ages, with plenty of fun activities and ongoing programs.

Upgrade your health and fitness routine with low-impact lap swimming and aquatic fitness classes that include both shallow and deep-water programs, as well as sessions that focus on those with arthritis. You can even work out from home, following along with helpful videos from PDAC class instructors that can be found at PDDPool.com.

If you are looking for an inexpensive day out with the family, PDAC is the place to go for weekend fun with the entire crew. In addition to the pool, you can enjoy thrilling water slides, a climbing wall, rope swing, and the challenging obstacle course, along with a splash playground for the kids. Grab a free bingo card, check off all the activities you have accomplished during your visit, and win free prizes!

PDAC has something for everyone. An extensive calendar of events promises endless fun for families and friends. Located at 73751 Magnesia Falls Drive. For hours, special events, and poolside rules, call 760-565-7467, or visit PDPool.com.

EXPERIENCE PALM DESERT FROM ART TO ZONING WITH CIVIC ACADEMY



Are you eager to gain a deeper understanding of the inner workings of Palm Desert? If so, consider applying for the Civic Academy, an exciting and free program offered by the City of Palm Desert.

This multi-week program offers a behind-the-scenes look at the City through interactive demonstrations, captivating presentations, and informative tours. Attendees will examine issues using data, interact with decision-makers, and explore ways to contribute to our community.

Uncover what sets Palm Desert apart in five engaging sessions:

October 7: *Managing the City.* Uncover insights from the City Manager, City Clerk, Library Services and discuss the topics of Homelessness & Disaster Management.

October 14: *Balancing & Promoting Palm Desert.* Explore the realms of Finance, Economic Development, and Tourism.

October 21: *Developing Palm Desert.* Dive into Planning, Code Compliance, and Affordable Housing.

October 28: *Maintaining Palm Desert's Charm.* Palm Desert is known for its many beautiful public spaces, art, and events. Learn how the City maintains these programs with demonstrations from the City's Public Art, Parks & Recreation, Environmental Programs, and Special Events staff.

November 4: Keeping Palm Desert Moving. Tour the City's Corporate Yard facility and gain perspective on Public Works, Capital Projects, and Public Safety.

Applications are open until September 13, 2024, and space is limited. Dinner will be provided for participants at 5 p.m., each session is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Learn more about the program and apply at PalmDesert.gov/CivicAcademy.

Community

INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2024



CITY OF PALM DESERT

Palm Desert Civic Center
73510 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-0611
Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

palmdesert.gov
DiscoverPalmDesert.com

Visitor Services
760-568-1441

Short Term Rental Hotline
760-862-6900

Code Enforcement Hotline
760-776-6360

Report Graffiti
760-340-5776

Palm Desert Police Department
Emergencies: **Call 911**
Non-emergencies: **760-836-1600**

Palm Desert In Touch

Get information on City meetings, parks, trails, and public art, plus identify issues, including graffiti and code violations, and report them directly to City staff.

Information: palmdesert.gov/intouch

EngagePalmDesert.com

The City's civic engagement platform allows residents a chance to ask questions, share comments, and contribute ideas on City projects.

ARTISTS CENTER AT THE GALEN

72567 Highway 111
760-565-6130
artistscouncil.com
Upcoming Exhibitions and Shows:

Hot Times / Cool Art: Show and Sale
September 9 – October 6

Colors: Exhibition and Sale
October 9 – November 10

For details about workshops, critique groups, events, lectures, and Artists Council information, call **760-565-6130**, email info@artistsacouncil.com or visit: artistscouncil.com.

CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

37500 Cook Street
760-341-2883
pdc.csusb.edu



Campus Administrative Hours
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day

Educational Programs

Bachelor's and master's degrees, teaching credentials, and certificates. New programs include Hospitality Management, Entrepreneurship, Cybersecurity, Social Work, Kinesiology, and Child Development.
Information: csusb.edu/pdc/our-programs

Campus Organizations

Join the Cal State University Associates and become a member of a premiere organization of campus supporters. Enjoy educational and enlightening speaker events throughout the season. The majority of membership dues support student scholarships.
Learn more: CalStateUniversityAssociates.com

COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS

72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms
760-343-3644
rcdas.org

Services include animal adoption and licensing.

COLLEGE OF THE DESERT

43500 Monterey Avenue
760-346-8041
collegeofthedesert.edu



COD Veterans Resource Center

760-773-2536
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;
Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Provides critical services for veterans and dependents to support their success and educational needs.

DESERT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

75080 Frank Sinatra Drive
DesertHorticulturalSociety.org
admin@deserthorticulturalsociety.org

DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT

Palm Desert Community Center
43900 San Pablo Avenue
760-568-9697
MyRecreationDistrict.com
Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays



PLEASE NOTE: The Community Center is closed for renovations. The offices and front desk have been relocated to the Parkview Building in the Civic Center parking lot at 73710 Fred Waring Drive. Check the website for details.

Tai Chi For Your Health

Mondays, 12 p.m.
Portola Community Center
\$55 per month

Introduction to Tai Chi

Thursdays, 12 p.m.
Portola Community Center
\$16 per class

Beginning Guitar

Wednesdays
September 18 – October 16, 6 p.m.
Portola Community Center
\$80 per session

Second Level Guitar

Wednesdays
September 18 – October 16, 7 p.m.
Portola Community Center
\$80 per session



Ballroom Swing and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays

September 4 – September 25 or October

2 – October 23, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Palm Desert Amphitheater

\$52 per session or \$18 daily drop in fee

Line Dancing

Wednesdays

September 4 – September 25 or October

2 – October 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Palm Desert Amphitheater

\$43 per session or \$13 daily drop in fee

Youth Beginners Tennis

Monthly Sessions

Mondays and Fridays, 6 – 7 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

\$60 per session

Ages 7 to 11



Youth Advanced Beginners Tennis

Monthly Sessions

Mondays and Fridays, 7 – 8 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

\$60 per session

Ages 11 - 15

Youth Soccer Clinic

Monthly Sessions

Saturdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

\$40 per session

Ages 5 – 8



Youth Soccer Clinic

Monthly Sessions

Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

\$40 per session

Ages 2 – 5

Palm Desert Resident Cards

Palm Desert Resident Cards, for use at Desert Willow Golf Resort, are issued by the Desert Recreation District at the Parkview Building (temporarily).
Information: PalmDesert.gov/DesertWillow

Golf Center at Palm Desert

74945 Sheryl Avenue

760-779-1877

golfcenterpd.com

Check website for hours.

Home of the First Tee - Coachella Valley

youth golf program. Includes a 9-hole course, driving range, putting greens, and more.

DESERT ROSE SOCIETY

desertrosesociety.com

The next Desert Rose Society

meeting will be held Tuesday, September 10, at the Portola Community Center. Regular meetings occur on the second Tuesday of the month.

Social starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting and guest speaker at 5 p.m. offering advice on growing roses in the Coachella Valley.

We are actively seeking new members!

Visit: desertrosesociety.com



DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

47950 Dune Palms Road, La Quinta

760-777-4200

dsusd.us

The DSUSD website lists information for individual schools, as well as student vacation days and District Board meetings. Visit: dsusd.us/calendar

DESERT WILLOW GOLF RESORT

38995 Desert Willow Drive

760-346-0015

desertwillow.com

Visit website for current hours.



2024 Course Maintenance Schedule

September 23: Firecliff Course reopens.

September 23 – October 24: Mountain View Course, public chipping green, range, and Palm Desert Golf Academy close for overseeding.

October 25: Mountain View Course, public chipping green, range, and Palm Desert Golf Academy reopen.

To book starting times online,

visit: desertwillow.com

Holiday Parties

Holiday season is right around the corner; now is the perfect time to reserve space for your company holiday party! Let our professional team assist you with options to fit a variety of budgets. Visit: desertwillow.com/meetings-private-events

The Terrace Restaurant

Discover exceptional dining in a resort-style atmosphere, with breathtaking views of the Firecliff Course. Visit: desertwillow.com/terracerestaurant

FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue

760-341-9622

ymcaofthedesert.org



Lu Interactive Party Package

Book a private party with interactive activities suitable for children of all ages. Participants will enjoy immersive larger-than-life experiences that develop essential skills and focus on core educational subjects, while learning in a physically active environment. Packages start at \$200 plus security deposit. Visit: ymcaofthedesert.org

37th Annual Hoedown at Sundown

Saturday, November 2, Indian Wells Country Club
Grab your cowboy hats and join us for cocktails, camaraderie, and a stomping good time!

Visit: ymcaofthedesert.org/hoedown-at-sundown-2024

Jean Benson Child Development Center

75433 Orange Blossom Lane

760-836-3336

Serving children 2 – 5 years of age by supporting their unique interests, skills, and needs through a play-based curriculum. The focus is on social, emotional, physical, and language development,

which form the basis of lifelong learning. Free or low-cost tuition available for qualifying families.

Information: ymcaofthedesert.org/jean-benson-child-development-center/

THE GARDENS ON EL PASEO

73545 El Paseo

760-862-1990

thegardensonelpaseo.com

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT & FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

72861 El Paseo

760-346-6588

hspd.org

Open October – May

Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Free admission

The Firehouse Museum will reopen for the season on October 5, with a welcome-back reception on October 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome. See the new exhibits and learn about the history of Palm Desert.

JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way

760-340-3220

JoslynCenter.org

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., beginning October 5

Upcoming Events

A Matter of Balance

Starts September 9

This four-week, eight session class teaches you how to prevent falls and how to recover quickly.

Watercolor Society Demonstration

October 14, 6:30 p.m.

Visit: CVWS.org

Sunday Cabaret Series

Sundays, 3 – 5 p.m., starting October 6

Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Programs

Onsite Programs

Exercise classes, bridge, bingo, indoor pickleball, canasta, pinochle, mah-jongg, Scrabble, quilting, knitting, painting, table tennis, lawn bowling, art classes, New Joslyn Singers, Joslyn Strummers ukulele group, Joslyn Singles, virtual book club, HI-CAP Q&A, free blood pressure screenings on Mondays, and more.

Information: JoslynCenter.org/Programs or call 760-340-3220

Onsite Programs with our Partners

Braille Institute/low vision classes, First Foundation Fraud Prevention, Eisenhower Health lectures, Health Expos, JFS Let's Do Lunch, Riverside County Office on Aging Care Pathways, and more.

Information: 760-340-3220

Joslyn Wellness Center Programs

Free and low-cost programs include Go4Life®, Aging Mastery Program®, Brain Boot Camp, Problem-Solving Strategies, Mindful Living,



Bereavement Group, free Fitness Center, and more. Some programs have a \$5 fee.

Information: Alex Garcia at **760-895-4656** or AlexG@JoslynCenter.org

Nutrition Programs

Meals on Wheels: Providing healthy meals Monday – Friday to seniors in Palm Desert, Sun City Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Indian Wells. Thursday delivery of frozen meals for weekends is also available.

Information: JoslynCenter.org/Meals-On-Wheels-and-Pennys-Pantry or contact Bob Elias at **760-895-4635** or BobE@JoslynCenter.org

Penny's Pantry Community Food Bank: First and third Fridays, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Fresh produce and non-perishable food for low-income seniors.

Farmers' Market: Second and fourth Fridays, 9 – 10:30 a.m. (or until depleted). Free, fresh produce provided by FIND Food Bank.

THE LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS

47900 Portola Ave.

760-346-5694

LivingDesert.org

June 1 – September 30, 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(Last admission 12:30 p.m.)

October 1 – May 31, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(Last admission 4 p.m.)



Tours and Experiences

Giraffe Feeding

September, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

October, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Additional fee with paid park admission.

Giraffe feeding gives guests a one-on-one encounter with these graceful giants.

Rhino Encounter

September, 8 a.m.

October, 8:30 a.m.

Additional fee with paid park admission.

This special opportunity offers guests the chance to meet a black rhino. Reservations recommended.

Hiking Trails

Reopening October 1. Hiking trails for all skill levels are available. Trails are accessible with paid admission or annual membership.

Special Programs/Events

Me and You at the Zoo

Tuesdays and Fridays starting

October 1, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

This interactive parent participation program is designed for toddlers and accompanying adults.

Free with membership or paid park admission. No advance registration is required, so drop in anytime!

Hoppy Hour

Tuesday and Thursday starting

October 1, 3 – 5 p.m.

Join us at Kookaburra Café for exclusive Hoppy Hour appetizers and 50% off the entire bar menu! Included with your membership or paid park admission. Food and beverages are an additional fee.

Hotdogs with Heroes

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Families, local businesses, and first responders are invited for an afternoon of fun and community connection. This free public event requires prior registration and does not include Zoo admission. The first 100 families to register will receive a free hotdog kids' meal.

Wild at Heart: ZooCamp for Adults

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Living Desert is thrilled to offer this new ZooCamp program for the young and wild at heart! Registration is required.

Mini ZooCamp

Saturday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This Mini ZooCamp session is for campers in grades K-1 and 2-3. Registration is required.

Howl-O-Ween

October 26 and 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Celebrate the spooky season at The Living Desert's annual Halloween weekend event! Free for members or with paid park admission.

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Purchase your own California native desert plants grown at The Living Desert! This plant sale is open to the public and does not include Zoo admission.

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Shops at Palm Desert

lirpalmdesert@gmail.com

lirpalmdesert.com

The Learning in Retirement Fall Semester returns November 4, with 29 informative and enjoyable classes custom-built for seniors. Courses are offered in-person or via Zoom. Take up to five classes for just \$45. Registration begins October 7. Visit: lirpalmdesert.com

MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive

760-340-ARTS (2787)

McCallumTheatre.org

New Season on Sale!

Tickets for all 2024-2025 season shows are on sale, including a roster of Broadway musicals, jazz, classical, comedy, and tribute shows, along with a few surprises.

Randy Rainbow

October 11 and 12, 7:30 p.m.

Emmy and Grammy nominated comedian, producer and best-selling author, known for his popular web series, The Randy Rainbow Show.



2024
2025
season

Terri Clark

October 26, 8 p.m.

The Grand Ole Opry member and platinum-selling Country artist takes the stage to perform her biggest hits.

Capitol Fools

October 27, 7 p.m.

Cast members from past seasons of the Capitol Steps bring their hilarious brand of political satire, over-the-top impressions, and parody songs to the desert.

Tickets: McCallumTheatre.org/all-shows

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive

760-565-7467

pdpool.com



Full facility rentals are available. Contact pdacprograms@desertymca.org for more information.

Water exercise classes are offered Mondays through Saturdays.

Private swim lessons for all ages are available upon request.

Long course lap swimming all day on weekends.

Please visit the website for hours of operation and detailed schedule information.

PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72559 Highway 111

760-346-6111

pdacc.org

60th Annual Golf Cart Parade

El Paseo

Sunday, October 27, 12 p.m.

The Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade is a local tradition! VIP, Senior and Veteran seating available. Visit: GolfCartParade.org

PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

73300 Fred Waring Drive

760-346-6552

PalmDesertLibrary.org

Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Closed September 2

For details, visit: PalmDesertLibrary.org

Library Cards

Visit the library, or apply online at PalmDesertLibrary.org

Library Programs

Hands-on Games, Puzzles, and Activities Mondays and Fridays, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Early Learners



Lego® Open Build

Tuesdays and Fridays, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Children

Teenscape: Anime, Tech, Games, and Crafts

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Teens

Chinese Mahjong Group

Tuesdays, 1 – 3 p.m.
Adults

Storytime: Stories, Songs and Simple Crafts

Thursdays starting September 12,
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Early Learners

After School Discovery Crafts

Thursdays starting September 12, 3 – 5:30 p.m.
Children

Events

Movie Mania

September 4, 11, and 18, 3:30 p.m.
Free screenings of *Wall-E*, *San Andreas*, and *Coco*
All Ages

Lit Flicks at UCR: *A Million Miles Away*

Thursday, September 12, 3 p.m.
UCR Palm Desert Auditorium,
75080 Frank Sinatra Dr.
Older Children, Teens, and Adults

Disaster Preparedness Community Program

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
All Ages

Lantern Craft

Monday, September 16, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Adults

Film Noir Screening and Discussion

Adults
Monday, September 16, 2:30 p.m.
The Maltese Falcon, 1941: The Writing
Monday, September 23, 2:30 p.m.
Out of the Past, 1947: The Camera
Monday, September 30, 2:30 p.m.
The Third Man, 1949: The Union of
Screenplay, Music and Visual Artistry

Birds Are Amazing, with Nancy Dowling

Monday, October 7, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Learn about bird behavior and physiology
through video clips and photos.

Discovering the Literature of Ireland, with Terry Boyle

Monday, October 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Explore works of the Gaelic Revival that
brought Ireland's literary arts to the forefront
in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Biology of Plants, with Larry DeBuhr

Monday, October 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Learn about the amazing array of adaptations
and types of diversity in the plant world.

Don't be Spooked! Use the Internet

Monday, October 21, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Adults, Older Adults



Halloween Boo Bash!

Saturday, October 26, 1 p.m.
Celebrate Halloween with a costume
parade, tricks, and treats!
Families

Virtual Lecture Series

**Living in an Expansive Mind in a Distracted
World**, with Nate Klemp, Ph.D.
Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

A Deep Dive in Character Development, with Liane Moriarty

Saturday, September 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

A Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats, with Scientists from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction, with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions we Tell Ourselves, with Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, October 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PEGASUS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

20555 Mountain View
Road, Desert Hot Springs
760-772-3057

PegasusRidingAcademy.org



Therapeutic riding sessions for children and adults with
special needs. We are proud to announce Pegasus is
moving to Willowbrook Riding Club, which will offer
a covered arena. Programming runs Wednesday –
Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., starting in November.

We are looking for volunteers to assist
with our November programming! Visit:
PegasusRidingAcademy.org
or call **760-772-3057**.

SANTA ROSA & SAN JACINTO MTNS NAT'L MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER/ FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS

51500 Highway 74

760-862-9984

DesertMountains.org

Open Thursday – Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Scary Desert Creatures

Saturday, September 7, 7:30 p.m.
Get to know the critters that come out during

the night in an illustrated lecture and walk using
ultraviolet lights in search of scorpions! Wear
closed-toe shoes. UV lights will be provided.
Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National
Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Hwy 74.

Star Party in the Mountains

Saturday, September 7, 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, October 26, 6 – 9:30 p.m.
The Astronomical Society of the Desert will conduct
“sky tours” and direct observations of the night sky
through telescopes and giant binoculars. Sawmill
Trailhead Parking Lot, Pinon Flats Transfer Station Road.

Monument Night Adventures

Saturday, September 14, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 28, 7:15 – 9:30 p.m.
Discover how the desert comes alive after dark!
Do you know which animals change color under a
blacklight? Take a short walk along the Art Smith
Trail basin looking for the many nocturnal creatures
that inhabit our desert. Art Smith Trailhead, Hwy 74.

Night Sky Viewing Stars and Planets

Saturday, September 14 and
September 28, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Friends of the Desert Mountains volunteer
astronomers invite you to stop by and view an
ever-changing display of fascinating objects in the
night sky: stars, constellations, planets, the moon,
and even meteors. Art Smith Trailhead, Hwy 74.

Star Party at the Monument

Saturday, October 12, 6 – 10 p.m.
The Astronomical Society of the Desert
conducts direct observations of the night sky
through telescopes and giant binoculars.

Events are subject to change. *Reservations
required:* [DesertMountains.org/
calendar](http://DesertMountains.org/calendar) or call **760-862-9984**.

THE SHOPS AT PALM DESERT

72840 Highway 111
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GOLF CART PARADE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

El Paseo is set to sparkle this fall, as the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade celebrates its diamond anniversary. The parade has been a Palm Desert tradition since the 1960s, and this year participants will celebrate in style. With the theme "Diamonds of the Desert", expect to see a multitude of gleaming golf carts with decorations fit for the red carpet!

The 60th annual edition of the popular Golf Cart Parade will have El Paseo shimmering at noon on Sunday, October 27. The dazzling display of carts and floats will be joined by cheer groups and marching bands. Organized by the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce (PDACC), the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade is a treasured local tradition and fun for the entire family.

While the parade starts at noon, come early to enjoy all the day's activities. The Palm Desert Rotary will hold its popular Pancake Breakfast starting at 8 a.m. on the corner of El Paseo and San Luis Rey. Marketplace booths and food vendors open at 9 a.m. Other attractions include a custom golf cart show, a classic car show, and a Kids & Family Fun Zone sponsored by the Berger Foundation.

Bring a chair and find your spot to view the passing parade from multiple locations along El Paseo, or reserve shaded VIP seats that include a box lunch for \$30 each. Additional shaded seating areas are designated for senior citizens, sponsored by the Auen Foundation, and Veterans can reserve special seating, as well. Both are free of charge and include a boxed lunch. For more information and to reserve seats, please call the PDACC at 760-346-6111, or visit GolfCartParade.org.



GET YOUR PALM DESERT LIBRARY CARD

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Everyone is invited to discover all of the incredible resources available at the new Palm Desert Library and pick up a limited 'First Edition' card celebrating the reopening of the library under City management.

Throughout the month of September, the Palm Desert Library will host a variety of Library Card Sign-Up Month activities highlighting engaging new programs, homework help, crafts, author talks, story times, and more.

Movie Mania is a free family film series that kicks off with a screening of *Wall-E* on September 4, followed by *San Andreas* on September 11, and *Coco* on September 18. All movies will start at 3:30 p.m.

Parents and early learners can enjoy *Story Time at the Library*, every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., starting September 12, while adults of all ages are invited to a community disaster preparedness event on Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m.

And all month long, you can explore new ideas and horizons with *Transform Your Mind, Read a New Book*, a special program that encourages you to discover a wide range of authors and genres.

Of course, with school back in session, the Palm Desert Library is ready to help parents and students meet their learning goals, and your library card is the key to unlocking a variety of resources.

Students can take advantage of live online tutoring in both English and Spanish courtesy of Brainfuse, with the opportunity to work on multiple subjects, save projects in progress, and review previous lessons. Learners can enhance those late-night study sessions with downloadable eBooks and audiobooks via the Libby App and get access to newspapers from more than 100 countries around the world through PressReader. Your library card is also the gateway to free online language courses from Rocket Languages.

These exciting resources, and many more, are conveniently available anywhere you are through the official Palm Desert Library App. Just download the app, enter your new library card number, and then access online materials, search for and reserve books, and check your account status. The app is available on both the Apple App Store, and Google Play Store.

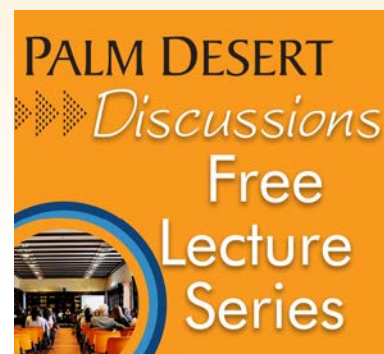
For more information, hours, and to sign up for a library card, visit PalmDesertLibrary.org.



JOIN US FOR A PALM DESERT DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY READINESS

Mark your calendar for September 25, and don't miss this chance to learn from experts on disaster preparedness. The City of Palm Desert invites you to attend the next Palm Desert Discussions event, focusing on Disaster Preparedness, taking place on September 25, 3 - 6 p.m., in the Community Room of the Palm Desert Library. This important session is part of the City's ongoing Palm Desert Discussions series, designed to inform and engage our community on critical topics relevant to our region.

September's event will feature a vendor fair with the Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network, Riverside County Fire and Sheriff departments, SoCalGas, and more, providing valuable insights and knowledge on handling local emergencies. Whether you are looking to learn about emergency plans, resource availability, or best practices for staying safe, this discussion will equip you with the knowledge you need to protect yourself and your loved ones. Your participation will not only enhance your personal safety but also contribute to the resilience of our community. Palm Desert Discussions is a bi-monthly lecture series that allows residents to hear directly from City of Palm Desert community partners and regional public agencies. The next session will take place on November 20, 5:30 p.m., at the Palm Desert Library, and will focus on public safety and within the City. For more information about this event and future Palm Desert Discussions, visit EngagePalmDesert.com.



RECYCLE UNWANTED ELECTRONICS AT FREE COLLECTION EVENT

As part of Palm Desert's commitment to environmental sustainability, the City will host a free electronic waste collection event on Saturday, September 21, from 7 – 11 a.m. that will provide residents and businesses with the opportunity to conveniently dispose of and recycle e-waste items.

The collected e-waste is donated to Desert Arc Recycling, an organization dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to bring in a wide range of electronic items, including:

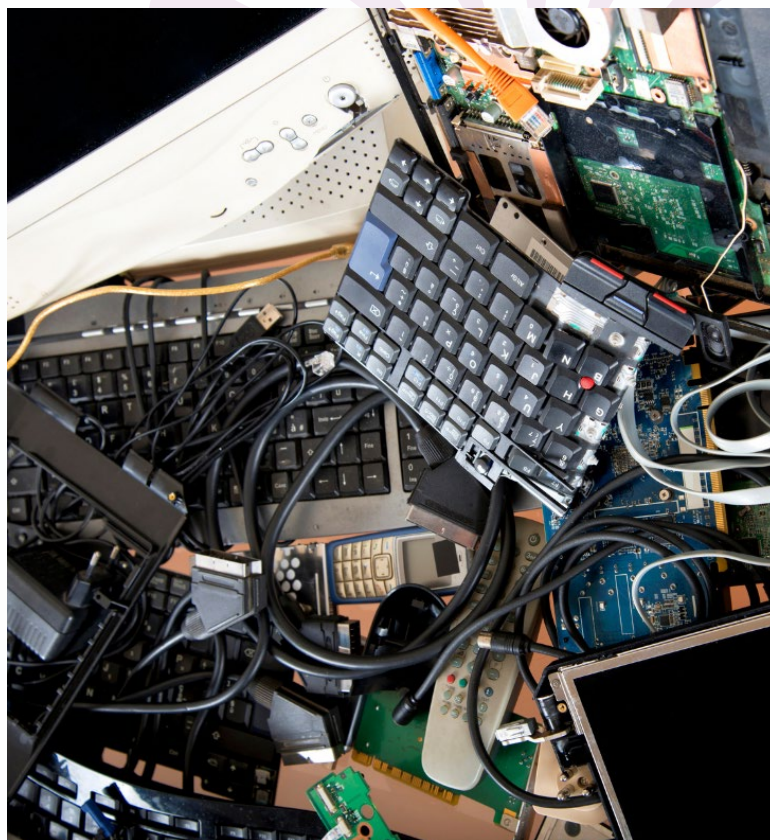
- Televisions
- Microwave Ovens
- Computers and Accessories
- Printers and Copiers
- Small Appliances
- Cameras
- Stereo Equipment and Radios
- Phones
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Video Game Systems
- Non-Lithium Batteries (taped on both ends)
- Lightbulbs

Please note that large appliances such as refrigerators, dryers, and stoves cannot be accepted at this event. Lightbulbs and non-lithium batteries, while not categorized as e-waste, can be dropped off at this event for recycling.

Businesses with more than 20 items for disposal are requested to call Desert Arc at 760-404-1370 to schedule an appointment.

The event will be held in the Palm Desert Civic Center parking lot, 73510 Fred Waring Drive. Participants can simply drive through and drop off their e-waste; no appointments are required.

For additional information regarding this Electronic Waste collection event, call 760-776-6342 or email recycling@palmdesert.gov.



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