



PALM DESERT

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PALM DESERT CHOREOGRAPHY FESTIVAL 27 YEARS OF DANCE EXCELLENCE

The Palm Desert Choreography Festival, the desert's premier celebration of dance, returns to the McCallum Theatre stage for its 27th year on Saturday, November 9, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 10, at 4 p.m. This highly anticipated festival is a dynamic platform for emerging and established choreographers to showcase their talents while engaging new audiences in the Coachella Valley.

The festival is unique in its mission to highlight dance as an art form and to provide a space for dancemakers to share their creative works with the public. Twenty-five talented choreographers from across the nation have been selected to present their work in two distinctive performances over the weekend. These choreographers, chosen from submissions across the country and abroad, will compete in a choreography competition split into two divisions, offering dance enthusiasts a chance to witness a diverse

range of styles and performances.

Beyond the performances, the festival offers educational opportunities, such as workshops and residencies, to inspire and support the next generation of choreographers and dancers. The event also celebrates those who have made significant contributions to the world of dance, ensuring that this art form continues to grow and thrive.

The festival kicks off on November 9, when professional dancers take the stage to perform choreographed pieces for the audience and a panel of expert judges, who will present awards at the end of the night. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to the celebrated choreographic duo, Nappytabs (Tabitha and Napoleon D'umo). With an impressive body of work spanning from *So You Think You Can Dance* to the Oscars and Superbowl Halftime shows, Nappytabs has left an indelible mark on

the world of dance.

On November 10, the festival shifts its focus to emerging choreographers and dancers from colleges, studios, and local dance companies. These talented performers will also compete for a range of awards. Additionally, students from the East Valley Dance Project will showcase original choreography in a special exhibition, adding a local touch to the weekend's performances.

Tickets for the Palm Desert Choreography Festival start at \$28 and can be purchased by calling 760-340-ARTS (2787), visiting mccallumtheatre.com, or stopping by the McCallum Theatre Box Office. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience the best of dance in the desert!

PALM DESERT festival
choreography

Inside Story

Give us Your Opinion on Bike Lane Additions

Palm Desert is exploring the idea of adding bike lanes to several key area roads, and we want your input to help shape the future of our community's active transportation options. Whether you're an avid cyclist, a casual rider, or simply interested in a more accessible and sustainable Palm Desert, your opinion is vital.

We invite you to share your feedback by visiting the Active Transportation page at [EngagePalmDesert.com](https://www.engagepalmdesert.com). You can also join us for a virtual open house to learn more and share your ideas. Two sessions will be held – December 3 at 5:30 p.m., and December 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Zoom links for the open house events are available at www.palmdesert.gov/atp. Let's make Palm Desert an even better place to ride – your opinion matters!

Sign Up for Affordable Housing Notifications

The City of Palm Desert and the Palm Desert Housing Authority offer programs to encourage prospective income-qualified households with low to moderate incomes to achieve first-time homeownership. By joining our interest list, you'll be the first to know when affordable homes become available.

To qualify, household income must not exceed 120% of Riverside County's area median income (currently \$97,500 for a family of four). Applicants should have good credit, some savings, a consistent employment history, and be able to secure a pre-approved loan from a lender. Homes are typically resale units priced between \$170,000 and \$290,000.

Don't miss this opportunity! Contact the City's Housing Division at 760-346-0611, extension 412, or visit [PalmDesert.gov/Housing](https://www.palmdesert.gov/Housing), to learn more and get started.



Calendar

Palm Desert City Council Meetings

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
November 14
December 12

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11
City Hall Closed

Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 28
City Hall Closed November 28 and 29

Christmas

Wednesday, December 25
City Hall Closed December 24 and 25

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31
City Hall Closed December 31 and January 1

STAY ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN AT PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

As the weather cools down, stay active at the pool! The Palm Desert Aquatic Center is not just for summer; it's the perfect solution to help you stay fit year-round while enjoying the outdoors. The center's pools are always kept at a comfortable temperature, ensuring that you can swim no matter the season.

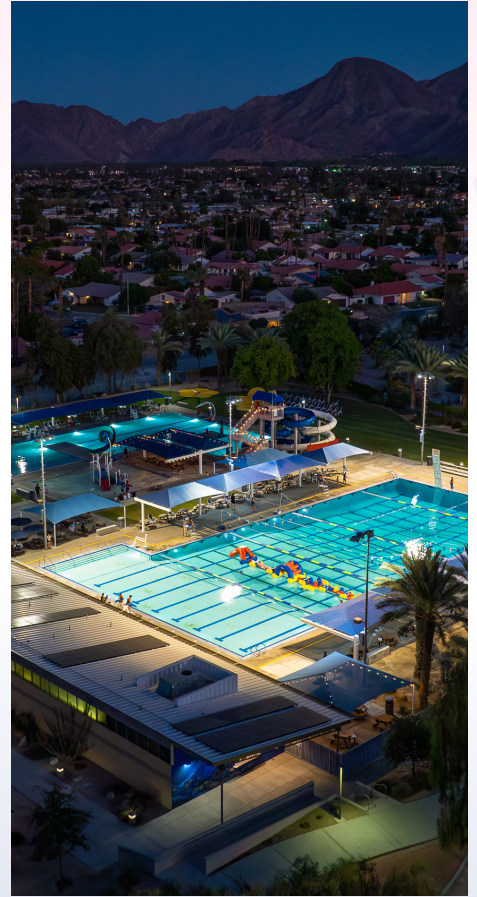
With daily lap swim sessions for both short and long courses, and morning water exercise classes, you can maintain your fitness while you make new friends and connect with other community members. Whether you're swimming for leisure or working out, Palm Desert Aquatic Center is the ideal spot to enjoy some fresh air and stay in shape.

In addition to lap swimming, the center offers a variety of activities for all ages. Check out their website for information on swim lessons, available throughout the year. On select weekends, the whole family can enjoy recreational swim sessions with access to exciting features like a rock climbing wall, rope swing, diving boards, and water slides.

Located on Magnesia Falls Drive in Civic Center Park, the Palm Desert Aquatic Center offers plenty of free parking, as well as special rates for Palm Desert residents, making it a convenient and affordable option for locals.

And don't miss out on the newly updated Hot Spot Café, offering a full menu of tasty options on recreational swim days.

For a fun and healthy wellness experience, visit Palm Desert Aquatic Center. Find hours, class times, register for lanes, and learn more about upcoming programs at [PDPool.com](https://www.palmdesert.gov/pdpool).



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

The City of Palm Desert, in partnership with Burrtec Waste and Recycling Services, is offering free document shredding services to help residents and businesses securely dispose of sensitive documents such as tax records, legal documents, and bank statements, on Friday, November 22, and Saturday, November 23, from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m., or until the collection trucks are full.

This drive-through, drop-off event is taking place at Palm Desert City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive. No appointments are needed, and signs will be posted directing participants to the drop off location.

Accepted items include stapled and bound office paper, glossy paper, photos, file folders, and envelopes. While paper clips are allowed, binder clips and notebooks will not be accepted. Residents and businesses are limited to ten boxes per day, and boxes and bags will not be returned. Please ensure that any hazardous materials, such as batteries and potentially flammable liquids, are removed from bags and boxes before drop-off. For more information, please contact the City of Palm Desert at 760-776-6342 or email recycling@palmdesert.gov.

FREE

SHREDDING EVENT

FRIDAY NOV 22, SATURDAY NOV 23
7:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Dispose of sensitive documents for free! Open to residents and businesses, no appointment necessary. Limit 10 boxes per day.

Palm Desert Civic Center Park
73510 Fred Waring Drive

Please Remove any hazardous materials or flammable liquids


PALM DESERT

Community

INFORMATION

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 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.

Palma Village Park Renovations

Palma Village Park, 44550 San Carlos Ave. will be closed for renovations from October 21 through the beginning of December. For information, visit: PalmDesert.gov

ARTISTS CENTER AT THE GALEN

72567 Highway 111
760-565-6130
artistscouncil.com

Upcoming Exhibitions and Shows:

COLOR: Exhibition and Sale

October 9 – November 10
Opening Reception: October 10, 5 – 7 p.m. (free to the public)

Off the Wall: Show and Sale

November 13 – December 8
Opening Reception: November 14, 4 – 6 p.m. (free to the public)

Wrap it Up: Show and Sale

Opening Reception: December 12, 4 – 6 p.m. (free to the public)

All shows will feature over 130 works from local artists, including a variety of two and three-dimensional art. The Artists Center gift shop will also feature handcrafted items, ceramics, jewelry and prints for a unique shopping experience.

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.

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



Pictures with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.
Palm Desert Civic Center Park
Join us for a magical day of holiday cheer at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park amphitheater! Share your Christmas wishes and take photos with Santa at this free family event. We'll also have creative arts and crafts for the kids.

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

November 6 – December 11, 6 p.m.

Portola Community Center

\$80 per session



Second Level Guitar

Wednesdays

November 6 – December 11, 7 p.m.

Portola Community Center

\$80 per session

Ballroom Swing and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays, December 4 – 18

Palm Desert Amphitheater

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

Line Dancing

Wednesdays

November 6 – 27 or December 4 – 18

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, November 12, 4:30 p.m.,



at the Portola Community Center. The topic for the meeting will be "Striped Roses".

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

November 4 – December 19: Firecliff Course and Public Putting Green closed for overseeding. Facilities will reopen December 20.

To book starting times online, visit: desertwillow.com

Lessons at the Palm Desert Golf Academy

Take your golf game to the next level this fall with lessons at Desert Willow Golf Resort. PGA Professionals provide personalized instruction designed to improve specific areas of your game. One-on-one and junior golf sessions available. Visit: desertwillow.com/private-instruction

Weddings and Special Events

Host your wedding or special event at Desert Willow Golf Resort. With 33,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor spaces, stunning desert views, and dedicated event planning services, your day will be truly unforgettable. Contact: Robbie Lomes, Director of Catering, rlomes@desertwillow.com, 760-346-7060, ext. 103.

Music and Dining Under the Stars

Enjoy a magical evening with open-air music and a hand-crafted buffet curated by Executive Chef Francois Gaertner while taking in breathtaking views of the Firecliff Course on the scenic Lakeview Terrace. Select Thursdays, 6 – 9 p.m.

Thursday, November 14, 2024 – Seafood Buffet

Thursday, January 30, 2025 – Steakhouse Buffet

Thursday, February 25, 2025 – New Orleans Buffet

Visit: desertwillow.com/music-dining-under-the-stars

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

Thanksgiving Break Camp

November 25 – 27

Winter Break Camp

December 23 – 27 (closed December 25)

December 30 – January 3 (closed January 1)

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

Celebrate the Season

Friday, December 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Join us on El Paseo for our annual tree lighting, along with a holiday concert, and real snowfall in the desert! Free to the public, everyone is invited.

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

Friday Night Lecture Series

November 15, 5:30 p.m., Palm Desert Library

Dr. Peter Zmolek will lead a talk on lithium extraction at the Salton Sea.

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

Wine & All That Jazz: Café Noir

January 14, 2025, 6 p.m.

The Joslyn Center is thrilled to announce the 7th annual Wine & All That Jazz gourmet five-course wine pairing event at the Classic Club in Palm Desert. The evening will commence at 6 p.m. with champagne and hors d'oeuvres, followed by an elegant five-course meal paired with select wines. Each course will be introduced by a sommelier while light jazz fills the room.

Visit JoslynCenter.org/Fundraising-Events or contact Greg Murphy at 760-895-4651 or GregM@JoslynCenter.org for more information.

Sunday Cabaret Series

Sundays, 3 – 5 p.m., Arthur Newman Theater

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, line dancing lessons, Joslyn Singles, virtual book club, HI-CAP Q&A, free blood pressure screenings on Mondays, and more.

Information: [JoslynCenter.org/](https://www.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

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](https://www.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](https://www.livingdesert.org)

Open daily, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(Last admission 4 p.m.)

Tours and Experiences

Giraffe Feeding

Daily, 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

Daily, 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Additional fee with paid park admission.
This special opportunity offers guests the chance to meet a black rhino.
Reservations recommended.

Special Programs/Events

Me and You at the Zoo

Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.,
Learning and Impact Building



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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.

Coffee and Conversation:

Members-Only Event

First Saturday of each month, 9 – 10 a.m.
At this new members-only event, hear first-hand stories about conservation projects and in-field adventures from those leading the charge, while enjoying a complimentary coffee! Visit: [LivingDesert.org/Membership](https://www.livingdesert.org/Membership) to become a member.

Walking Club: Members-Only Event

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Ready to start your day on the wild side? Join The Living Desert's members-only walking program and explore the world's deserts before most people have even had breakfast! Choose between a ¾ mile stroll or a 1¼ mile journey to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Zoo, alongside your fellow members. Visit: [LivingDesert.org/Membership](https://www.livingdesert.org/Membership) to become a member.

ZooCamp

ZooCampers learn about wildlife through STEM activities, arts and crafts, up-close animal encounters, and more. Visit: [LivingDesert.org/ZooCamp](https://www.livingdesert.org/ZooCamp) to learn more.
Fall ZooCamp: November 15 – 27
Zookeeper Academy: December 23
Winter Mini ZooCamp: December 27
Winter ZooCamp: January 2 – 4

Zoo Families: Wildly Diverse

November 11, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
This family program invites you and your pride to learn about the animal families at The Living Desert and includes an up-close animal experience, story time, crafts, tram tour, and admission to the Zoo afterwards.
Visit: [LivingDesert.org/Events](https://www.livingdesert.org/Events)

WildLights

Select nights, November 26 – December 30
Adults only (18+) Night: December 19
Returning for its 32nd season, WildLights brings new festive features along with seasonal fan-favorites. Save on admission with the 'Day and Light' bundle that allows guests to visit the Zoo during the day, then experience WildLights at night.
Advance registration recommended, tickets are available at: [LivingDesert.org/WildLights](https://www.livingdesert.org/WildLights)

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Shops at Palm Desert
lirpalmdesert@gmail.com
[lirpalmdesert.com](https://www.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. Visit: [lirpalmdesert.com](https://www.lirpalmdesert.com)

MCCALLUM THEATRE

73000 Fred Waring Drive

760-340-ARTS (2787)

[McCallumTheatre.org](https://www.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.

Choreography Festival

Saturday, November 9, 7 p.m.
Sunday, November 10, 4 p.m.
Now in its 27th year, 25 gifted choreographers from across the nation present their work on the McCallum stage for two unique performances before a live audience and a panel of judges. Winners announced at the conclusion of each night.

Come From Away

November 26 – December 1
The Broadway show and Best Musical winner comes to the McCallum, recounting the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded travelers welcomed into a small town in Newfoundland in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

The Maestro & The European Pop Orchestra: European Holiday

December 13 and 14, 8 p.m.
After their impressive McCallum debut last season, The Maestro & The European Pop Orchestra return with "Pop Meets Classics," plus beautiful music for the Holiday Season.

Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour 2024

December 22, 7 p.m.
Dave Koz & Friends announce the 27th anniversary edition of the longest-running jazz-based Christmas tour.

Tickets: [McCallumTheatre.org/all-shows](https://www.McCallumTheatre.org/all-shows)

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive

760-565-7467

[pdpool.com](https://www.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

El Paseo Cruise Night

Fridays, November 1 and December 6, cruise begins at 4 p.m.

You don't need to own a Classic Car to enjoy all the festivities of Cruise Night on El Paseo. Everyone is welcome! Car staging begins at 2 p.m. in the Chamber parking lot on El Paseo and Hwy 111. If you don't own a car to Cruise with, come view the cars and meet the owners. Cruise starts at 4 p.m. Visit: pdacc.org for more dates & details.

26th Annual Peace Officer and Public Safety Awards Lunch

November 20, 11 a.m., Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage

A special event to honor, celebrate, and thank the heroes that serve and protect us every day throughout the Coachella Valley. Registration and sponsorship opportunities at pdacc.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 holidays

For details, visit: PalmDesertLibrary.org



Library Grand Opening Celebration

Wednesday, November 20, 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Performers, Scavenger Hunt, giveaways, costumed characters, and treats.

Fun for the whole family!

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 until November 19, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teens

Chinese Mahjong Group

Tuesdays, 1 – 3 p.m.

Adults

Chilean Canasta Connection: Meet, Play, Enjoy!

Wednesdays, starting November 13, 3 – 5 p.m.

Adults, Older Adults

Storytime: Stories, Songs and Simple Crafts

Thursdays until November 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Early Learners

After School Discovery Crafts

Thursdays, 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Children

Coachella Valley Garden Club

Wednesday, November 13 and

December 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Adults, Older Adults

Poet's Oasis

Wednesday, November 13, 1 – 2:30 p.m., and 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

With Poet Laureate Lori Davis. All skill levels welcome.

Teens, Adults, Older Adults

Palm Desert Reads Book Club

Educated, by Tara Westover

Monday, November 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Monday, December 9, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Events

Pokémon Library League

Wednesday, November 6 and 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4 and 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All skill levels, including beginners

Adults, Older Adults

Know the Ten Warning Signs for Alzheimer's and Dementia

Thursday, November 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Adults, Older Adults

The Historical Society of Palm Desert Friday Night Lecture Series: Investigating Lithium Recovery From Geothermal Brine in the Imperial Valley

Friday, November 15, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Peter Zmolek

Adults, Older Adults

Adult Craft: Mad Mugs!

Monday, November 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Create your own mug with us using our Makerspace Cricut machines and Mug Press

Adults, Older Adults

Holiday Crafts!

Thursday, December 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Monday, December 15, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Adults, Older Adults

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m.

Peanuts-themed party with activities, crafts, and snowy photo opportunities.

All ages

Dream It, Create It: Vision Boards and Scrapbooking

Monday, December 30, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

(drop-in program)

We'll provide everything you need to visualize your dreams and goals for the new year! While supplies last.

All ages

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. Pegasus is now operating at Willowbrook Riding Club, which offers a covered arena. Programming runs Wednesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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.

Birding Walk About, Desert Willow

Friday, November 1, 8 – 10 a.m.

Grab your binoculars and join a volunteer birding expert to look for our feathered desert residents. In this unique urban area, we are still able to find a native desert environment surrounded by local trees and shrubs that many of our feathered friends call home.

Carrizo Canyon Hike

Sunday, November 10, 8:30 – 11 a.m.

Carrizo Canyon is open October – December and provides wonderful opportunities to see the endangered Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and many other desert critters. A great outdoor experience close to downtown Palm Desert.

Monument in Your Back Yard

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Ready, set, explore! Embark on a visual journey of The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument while learning more about the biological, cultural, geological, recreational, educational and scientific values it was designated for.

Dead Indian Canyon Hike

Sunday, December 8, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Dead Indian Canyon is only open from October – December and provides wonderful opportunities to see the endangered Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and many other desert critters. A great outdoor experience close to downtown Palm Desert.

Events are subject to change. Reservations required: DesertMountains.org/calendar or call 760-862-9984.

THE SHOPS AT PALM DESERT

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760-346-2121

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE/PALM DESERT CAMPUS

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VARIETY – CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF THE DESERT

42600 Cook Street, Suite 150

varietyofthedesert.org

760-773-9800, ext. 101



Caring Connections Program

Free developmental screenings for children up to five years of age. Inclusive adaptive opportunities are available at no cost with registration required.

Info: varietyofthedesert.org

LIBRARY GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION ON NOVEMBER 20!

Ready, set, read! Palm Desert's long-awaited Library Grand Opening is happening on Wednesday, November 20, from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to join the fun. This family-friendly event promises excitement and entertainment for all ages.

The celebration will feature live performances by local artists, bringing vibrant energy to the day. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an adventurous scavenger hunt, giving everyone a chance to explore the library and discover its vibrant and inviting new spaces and resources.

Don't miss out on fantastic giveaways, including books and other library-themed surprises. Be on the lookout for costumed characters who will be on-hand to greet attendees, pose for photos, and add a touch of magic to the festivities. And, of course, no celebration would be complete without treats, so come ready to enjoy delicious snacks.

Whether you're a life-long Palm Desert Library patron or visiting for the first time, this grand opening celebration is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community, explore the library's new features, and sign up for your choice of one of our colorful new library cards. Bring your friends and family, and help us celebrate this exciting new chapter for our library!

We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit PalmDesertLibrary.org.



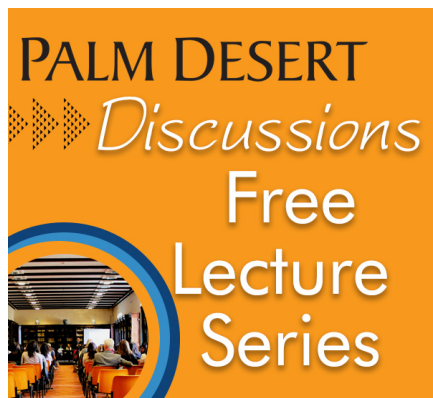
DISCUSSION SERIES CONTINUES WITH FOCUS ON HOMELESS SERVICES

The City of Palm Desert invites the community to attend the next Palm Desert Discussions event, focusing on homelessness services. This free ongoing series aims to foster understanding and open dialogue about important local issues. Following previous events on water usage and emergency preparedness, the upcoming discussion will spotlight resources available to people experiencing homelessness in the city.

The panel will feature key representatives from various organizations, including the City of Palm Desert, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, City Net, and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. These experts will share their insights on local efforts to support individuals facing homelessness and answer questions from the public.

This event is a valuable opportunity for residents to learn about the services and initiatives in place to help those in need. By attending, community members can engage in meaningful discussions and contribute to the collective effort of addressing homelessness in the area.

This evening of information and engagement will take place Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the Palm Desert Library, 73300 Fred Waring Drive. All are encouraged to join and participate in this important conversation. For more information, visit PalmDesert.gov.



PALM DESERT HONORS VETERANS AT CIVIC CENTER PARK

Palm Desert will honor the sacrifices of those who have served in the United States military and recognize the dedication of those who continue to serve our nation with a free Veterans Day celebration at the Civic Center Park Amphitheater on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m.

Following opening remarks from the Mayor of Palm Desert, a keynote speaker from the 7th Marine Regiment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms will address the crowd. The celebration will continue with a patriotic concert courtesy of the Heatwave Boys and Girls Club Jazz Band.

This year's event will be preceded by a Resource Fair from 10 – 11 a.m., including representatives from various organizations offering Veterans services. Limited seating is available, or attendees may bring blankets and portable chairs to enjoy the program from the lawn. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the celebration. Civic Center Park is located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive, on the northeast corner of Fred Waring and San Pablo Avenue. For more information, please call 760-568-1441.



DISCOVER PALM DESERT IN 2025 WITH THE CITY'S INSPIRING CALENDAR!

The City of Palm Desert 2025 calendar has arrived! This year's calendar combines the best features of our popular Palm Desert Pocket Guide with breathtaking images that showcase the city's most inspiring places and experiences.

Whether you're a nature enthusiast, fashionista, foodie, or shopaholic, the 2025 calendar highlights it all. From scenic hiking to luxurious resorts, vibrant art installations to exciting events, and iconic dining and shopping spots - each month invites you to explore something new in Palm Desert.

The calendar takes its inspiration from the Palm Desert Pocket Guide, a dynamic social media video series that uncovers hidden gems and unique experiences in our hometown.

Dive deeper into the guide by visiting DiscoverPalmDesert.com and unlock even more of what makes our desert so special.

Best of all, the 2025 calendar is free! Grab your copy at several convenient locations, including the newly relocated Discover Palm Desert Visitor Center at the Palm Desert Library, City Hall, the Joslyn Center, Desert Willow Golf Resort, and the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce.

Don't miss out on this visually inspiring guide to Palm Desert that you can enjoy all year long. Get your 2025 calendar today and let the adventure begin!





WILDLIGHTS IS BACK AND BRIGHTER THAN EVER

Enjoy a magical holiday experience as WildLights makes its dazzling return to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. Now in its 32nd season, this Palm Desert tradition has been recognized as a top-ten event by *USA Today* and features more than three million lights that transform The Living Desert into a glittering winter wonderland.

WildLights invites visitors to experience The Living Desert in an entirely new way, with glittering light displays, live nightly entertainment, and endless opportunities for Instagram-worthy photos. This year promises an even more enchanting experience, with festive photo ops and delightful wintertime treats that add to the holiday spirit.

Guests can enjoy the rare experience of exploring the zoo after dark, taking in the breathtaking lighted exhibits, and wandering through the African Safari section. Along the way, you might spot some of Africa's iconic animals, including rhinos, giraffes, zebras, and African painted dogs, all while surrounded by festive lights.

Some long-time favorites will also be returning, including the ever-popular

Tunnel of Lights, Dazzling Gift, and the festive holiday-themed G-Scale model trains. To complete the experience, guests can warm up at the s'mores station or visit one of the many food outlets for dinner. Adults 21 and over can enjoy a full bar featuring beer, wine, and specialty cocktails.

For those looking for a more adult-focused evening, the Adults Only (18+) Night returns on December 19. This exclusive event, a fan favorite from last year, offers a perfect atmosphere for date nights or festive holiday gatherings with friends.

"We are thrilled to invite everyone from the Coachella Valley and beyond to The Living Desert's 32nd WildLights celebration!" said Living Desert President and CEO Allen Monroe. "This cherished holiday event is a dazzling way to enjoy the season and view the zoo in a whole new light."

WildLights runs select nights from November 26 – December 30. For a full schedule, hours, and to purchase tickets, visit LivingDesert.org/WildLights.



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ENGAGE PALM DESERT
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