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SPRING CONCERTS IN THE PARK: MUSIC, FUN, & GOOD VIBES ALL MONTH LONG!

Palm Desert's Concerts in the Park series is back this May, offering five weeks of live music and entertainment at Civic Center Park. Every Thursday evening from 7 – 8:30 p.m., the outdoor amphitheater will host an exciting lineup of performers, featuring a mix of classic rock, Motown, country, and pop hits. With free admission and a welcoming community atmosphere, this event is a great way to enjoy a spring evening with family and friends.

The series kicks off on May 1 with TLR, a tribute band dedicated to honoring the legendary sound of the Eagles. Known for their exceptional harmonies and authentic renditions, TLR will transport audiences back to the greatest era of classic rock with hits like *Hotel California* and *Take It Easy*.

On May 8, Stone Soul takes the stage, bringing along the best of Motown and classic soul. With a high-energy performance featuring favorites from artists like Stevie

Wonder, The Temptations, and The Four Tops, this show will have the audience dancing and singing along all night.

Boots, cowboy hats, and two-stepping will be the theme on May 15, when Eric Sage & Young Guns takes the amphitheater stage with their high-energy style of Country, not only paying tribute to the greats, but also featuring the rock-inspired modern sounds of artists like Keith Urban, Big & Rich, and more.

If you are looking for a performance that spans generations, then you'll want to be at Civic Center Park on May 22, as Pop Vinyl brings the greatest songs of yesterday and today to the stage. Playing everything from Earth, Wind & Fire to Bruno Mars, and Al Green to Maroon 5, Pop Vinyl is sure to provide an evening of non-stop entertainment.

The series concludes with a tropical twist on May 29; get ready to relax under the

stars as Jimmy's Buffet takes center stage to end the month in our own Palm Desert version of paradise! With their laid-back vibes and plenty of opportunities to sing along to the legendary sounds of Jimmy Buffett, you'll feel like you are part of an endless island party.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to relax on the grass while enjoying the performances. A variety of food trucks will be on-site, offering delicious options for those who want to grab a bite during the show. Guests are also welcome to bring their own picnic baskets. Alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

With an exciting lineup, a beautiful outdoor setting, and a festive community atmosphere, Concerts in the Park is a can't-miss event this spring. Civic Center Park is located at the northeast corner of San Pablo Avenue and Fred Waring Drive. For more information, call 760-568-1441.

Inside Story

Make a Difference: Volunteer for Palm Desert's Citizens on Patrol!

Want to give back to your community and help keep Palm Desert safe? Join Citizens on Patrol (COPS), a volunteer program that supports the Palm Desert Police Department by serving as extra eyes and ears throughout the city.

COPS volunteers conduct non-confrontational patrols, report suspicious activity, assist with traffic control at special events, and help with programs like DUI checkpoints and "Click It or Ticket." They also oversee the Vacation Home Check Program, providing peace of mind for residents who are away for extended periods.

No law enforcement experience is needed, only a valid driver's license and a commitment of 20 hours per month. Volunteers receive full training, including CPR/First Aid certification, driver's education, and traffic control instruction.

Becoming a COPS volunteer is a great way to make a positive impact in the community, meet new people, and contribute to public safety. Ready to get involved? Call 760-862-9848 or visit [PalmDesert.gov/COPS](https://palmdesert.gov/COPS) to apply today!

Affordable Housing & Home Repair Assistance

The City of Palm Desert offers programs to support residents with affordable housing and essential home repairs. Income-qualified households earning up to 120% of Riverside County's Area Median Income (currently \$97,500 for a family of four) can join the Affordable Housing Program interest list to access resale homes priced between \$170,000 and \$290,000. Applicants should have good credit, savings, steady employment, and pre-loan approval.

Low-income homeowners may also qualify for the Emergency Home Improvement Program, which provides financial assistance for critical repairs like water damage, HVAC, or water heater replacement, and roof repairs.

For more details, visit palmdesert.gov/housing or contact the Housing Division at 760-776-6412.



Calendar

Palm Desert City Council Meetings
Thursdays, 4 p.m.
May 8 and May 22
June 12 and June 26

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26
City Hall Closed

Palm Desert Independence Day Celebration
Friday, July 4
Save the date for fireworks!

HIKING SAFELY IN THE HEAT: ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR STAYING COOL AND PREPARED

Hiking in early summer can be an incredible way to connect with nature, but high temperatures can quickly turn a simple outing into a dangerous situation. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just starting out, understanding the risks of extreme heat and taking precautions can make all the difference in staying safe on the trail.

Heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are serious concerns when hiking in higher temperatures. Heat stroke, in particular, is a life-threatening emergency, with symptoms that include confusion, rapid pulse, dizziness, and a body temperature exceeding 103°F. If you or someone in your group experiences these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately and seek a cooler or shaded area.

Planning ahead is essential for hiking safely in the heat. Starting early in the day helps avoid the most intense temperatures, which typically peak between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wearing lightweight, moisture-wicking clothing, a



wide-brimmed hat, and sunscreen can provide necessary protection from the sun. Taking frequent breaks in shaded areas and avoiding overexertion helps prevent overheating. Sticking to established trails and respecting all signage and closures is not just a safety measure, it's the law. Entering private property while hiking is prohibited and may result in citations or fines.

Staying hydrated is one of the most important aspects of hiking in the heat. Bring more water than you think you'll need and sip regularly, even when you don't feel thirsty, to help prevent dehydration. Caffeinated or alcoholic drinks should be avoided, as they can contribute to dehydration. Those on fluid-restricted diets or with underlying health conditions should consult their physician before increasing water intake.

Checking the weather and air quality before heading out is another key step in preparing for a safe hike. Hot days often bring poor air conditions, which can be harmful, particularly for individuals with respiratory issues. Websites like [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) provide real-time updates on air quality levels in the area.

A safe hike is a successful hike, and being prepared, staying alert, and looking out for fellow hikers ensures an enjoyable experience for everyone. Respecting nature goes beyond simply leaving no trace, it means following posted signage, staying on designated trails, and avoiding restricted or private areas. By honoring the rules, knowing your limits, and hiking responsibly, you can stay safe while preserving our trails for future generations to enjoy.

SIP, CHAT, AND CONNECT AT COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Looking for a chance to engage with your city leaders over a freshly brewed beverage? Coffee with the Mayor is back, offering two exciting opportunities to learn about city initiatives, ask questions, and share your thoughts directly with Palm Desert's Mayor and City staff, all in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

The first event will take place on Tuesday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m., at the Palm Desert Entrepreneurial Resource Center, located at 37023 Cook Street, Suite 102. Formerly known as the Palm Desert iHub, this dynamic space serves as a vital resource for small business owners and entrepreneurs. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience this unique and innovative facility that provides training, technical assistance and access to resources for small business owners and entrepreneurs, while also offering co-working space and meeting areas for local startups and businesses relocating to Palm Desert.

The second event invites residents to start their morning poolside at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center on Thursday, June 12, at 8:30 a.m. Set against the stunning backdrop of Civic Center Park, this gathering offers a chance to learn about the wide range of programs and amenities the Aquatic Center provides. From fitness classes to family-friendly recreational opportunities, this popular community facility has something for everyone. Join us at 73751 Magnesia Falls Drive.

As always, Coffee with the Mayor is an open forum for residents to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage in meaningful discussions about their city. Free coffee and light snacks will be available, and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit PalmDesert.gov/coffee.



RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS WITH DELICIOUS DINING DEALS

Food lovers, mark your calendars! Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week 2025 is set to take place from Friday, May 30, through Sunday, June 8, offering 10 days of incredible culinary experiences across the Coachella Valley. This highly anticipated event features specially curated prix-fixe menus at some of the region's top dining establishments, making it the perfect time to indulge in new flavors or revisit favorite spots.

Participating restaurants will offer multi-course meals at set price points, allowing guests to explore a wide variety of cuisines, from fine dining to casual eateries. Expect a range of delicious offerings with prices designed to suit every budget. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch menus will be available for \$15 to \$35 per person, while dinner options range from \$29 to \$59 per person. It's important to note that prices do not include beverages, tax, or gratuity.

Diners can look forward to unique tasting menus, wine pairings, and cocktail specials, all showcasing the diverse culinary scene in Palm Desert and the surrounding areas. Sample dishes from past years have included pork tenderloin Milanese, grilled vegetable spaghetti, Maine diver scallops, and decadent chocolate cake with hazelnut ice cream.

No tickets or special passes are required but be sure to make reservations in advance to secure a table at your restaurant of choice, as spots tend to fill up quickly. It doesn't matter if you are looking to start a new culinary adventure, or are just searching for a great deal, Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to explore and savor the best of the Valley's cuisine.

For restaurant listings, menus, and reservations, visit dineGPS.com.

Community

INFORMATION

MAY AND JUNE 2025



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: Through the Lens Show and Sale

April 30 – May 25
Opening Reception: Thursday, May 1
5 – 7 p.m. (free to the public)

This exhibition offers a platform for talented photographers to showcase their work, featuring an inspiring range of imagery, from captivating scenes of nature to thought-provoking abstracts.

Fun + Games Show and Sale

May 28 – June 29
Opening Reception: Thursday, May 29
5 – 7 p.m. (free to the public)

This last show of the season is playful, quirky and bright, reflecting the anticipation of summer fun in the desert. All mediums are accepted and over 100 member-artist works will be on display. The end-of-season celebration will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2 – 4 p.m.

CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

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



Campus Administrative Hours
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Summer Hours (starting June 2):
Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Campus will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day, and June 19 for Juneteenth.

Student Services Building Groundbreaking Ceremony

Friday, May 9, 9:30 a.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 enlightening and educational lectures throughout the season. Membership dues help 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

Summer Camp

June 9 through August 8
7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sessions will be full of exciting, structured activities sure to interest both new and returning campers. Learn new skills and build self-esteem through sports, activities, scavenger hunts, creative arts, and group games. All activities are carried out under the watchful eye of our camp staff.

Beginner Belly Dancing

Thursdays, 9 – 10 a.m. or 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga for Active Adults

Mondays, 10:45 a.m.



Tai Chi for Your Health

Mondays, 12 p.m.

Beginning Guitar

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Second Level Guitar

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Moo Duk Kwan (Tae Kwon Do)

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.

Ballroom Swing and Salsa Lessons

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Youth Beginners Tennis

Monthly Sessions, Mondays and Fridays, 6 – 7 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

Ages 7 to 11

Youth Advanced Beginners Tennis

Monthly Sessions, Mondays and Fridays, 7 – 8 p.m.

Civic Center Tennis Courts

Ages 11 – 15

Youth Soccer Clinic

Monthly Sessions, Saturdays, 9 – 10 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

Ages 2 – 5

Youth Soccer Clinic

Monthly Sessions, Saturdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Civic Center grass area behind YMCA

Ages 5 – 8

For pricing and class location, visit:

MyRecreationDistrict.com

Palm Desert Resident Cards

Palm Desert Resident Cards, for use at Desert Willow Golf Resort, are issued by the Desert Recreation District at the Palm Desert Community Center.

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

Desert Rose Society meetings will resume in October. Regular meetings occur on the second Tuesday of the month at Portola Community Center, 45480 Portola Ave. Social starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting and guest speaker.

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. To book starting times online, visit: desertwillow.com

Two Day Signature Golf Schools

Perfect your game with expert instruction from PGA professionals at the Palm Desert Golf Academy. Visit: desertwillow.com/golfschools

Mastering the Short Game Golf School

Enhance your short game skills with focused instruction designed to improve your putting, chipping, and more. Visit: desertwillow.com/golfschools

Daily Group Golf Clinics

Elevate your game with The Palm Desert Golf Academy's Daily Group Golf Clinics, offering expert-led sessions designed for overall improvement.

Visit: desertwillow.com/daily-clinics

FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT

43930 San Pablo Avenue

760-341-9622

ymcaofthedesert.org

Now Accepting Applications for the 2025-26 School Year

Discover our nurturing, year-round child development program offering high-quality care from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., with breakfast, lunch, and snacks included. Submit your application before June 1. Visit: YMCAoftheDesert.org

Summer Day Camps

Day Camps include a variety of experiments, games, and fun activities. We have plenty of camps to choose from, including art, cooking, games, sports, and much more. Summer Camps are educational, engaging and active. Visit: YMCAoftheDesert.org

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 is 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, closed in June
Friday - Monday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Free admission

Friday Night Lecture Series

Water in the Coachella Valley: Past, Present and Future, with Bob Keeran

May 16, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Palm Desert Library

JOSLYN CENTER

73750 Catalina Way

760-340-3220

JoslynCenter.org

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sundays through May 25, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Cabaret Series

Upcoming Events

Sunday Cabaret Series

Sundays, 3 – 5 p.m., through May 26

Arthur Newman Theatre

Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Programs

Onsite Programs

Exercise classes, bridge, bingo, indoor pickleball, canasta, pinocle, 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/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 fee.

Information: 760-895-4656

Nutrition Programs

Joslyn Community Food Bank

Fridays, 8 – 10 a.m. (or until depleted)

Fresh produce and non-perishable food for low-income seniors. Produce provided by FIND Food Bank.

For further information, visit JoslynCenter.org/community-food-bank or contact Alex Garcia at 760-895-4652 or AlexG@JoslynCenter.org.

For information about Joslyn Center activities or to become a member, contact the Joslyn Center at 760-340-3220. Yearly membership is \$35.



THE LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS

47900 Portola Ave.

760-346-5694

LivingDesert.org

Open daily through May 31, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(Last admission 4 p.m.)

June 1 – September 30, 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(Last admission 12:30 p.m.)

Tours and Experiences

Giraffe Feeding

Daily through May 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 1 – September 30, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Additional fee with paid park admission



Rhino Encounter

Daily through May 31, 8:30 a.m.

June 1 – September 30, 8 a.m.

Additional fee with paid park admission

Special Programs/Events

Bighorn Cafe and Oasis Splash Pad

Bighorn Cafe and the Bill Gross and Pax Stengaard Gross Oasis Splash Pad are now open! Bighorn Cafe offers guests a marketplace dining experience with incredible views of Bighorn Mountain. Oasis Splash Pad offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to enjoy a cool escape in an eco-friendly, desert-themed play area. Stop by and enjoy these brand-new additions to The Living Desert.

Private Safari Tours

Daily two-hour guided morning tours with private shuttle and giraffe feeding. Reservations required.

Visit: LivingDesert.org for pricing and details.

Walking Club: Members-Only Event

Tuesdays and Thursdays through

May 31, 8 – 9:30 a.m.

June 3 – October 1, 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Explore the world's deserts before most people have even had breakfast! Choose between a ¾ mile stroll or a 1¼ mile journey. Visit: LivingDesert.org/

[Membership](http://LivingDesert.org) to become a member.

Yoga at the Zoo: Members-Only Event

May 10 and 24, 9 – 10 a.m.

Meet at the Smith Patio between Kookaburra Cafe and Australian Adventures. Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear comfortable attire. Visit: LivingDesert.org/

[Membership](http://LivingDesert.org) to become a member.

Wild at Heart: Adult ZooCamp

May 2 and 3, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In this avian themed ZooCamp for Adults (18+), participants will connect with fellow enthusiasts, learn about avian behavior, and meet some feathered-friends up close! Visit: LivingDesert.org/Events

ZooCamp

Select dates in June and July

ZooCamp offers kids, grades K-6, the opportunity to explore nature, meet new friends, and have fun at The Living Desert. Registration required.

Visit: LivingDesert.org/ZooCamp

Hiking Trails

Reconnect with nature as you explore the pristine Sonoran Desert through the Zoo's three hiking trails, ranging from beginner skill level to adventurous. Entrance to all trails is accessible until the gate closes at 4:00 p.m. Free for members or with paid park admission until June 1 when the trails are closed for the summer.

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

The Shops at Palm Desert

lirpalmdesert@gmail.com

lirpalmdesert.com

Dozens of 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

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.

Open Call Talent Project: Celebrating Local Artists

Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2 and 7 p.m.

Open Call is a dynamic talent competition showcasing 90 local performers, ages 10 to 79, in an energy-filled production featuring vocalists, dancers, and instrumentalists.

Audience members can vote for their favorite act, with winners announced and celebrated in the final performance.

The Problem with Pink

Le Petit Théâtre de Sherbrooke and La [parenthèse] / Christophe Garcia
Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

In its U.S. premiere, *The Problem with Pink* blends dance, theater, and striking visuals to explore friendship, identity, and societal expectations. This 55-minute, family-friendly show challenges gender norms through the playful yet thought-provoking journey of four friends navigating the meaning of pink. Tickets are \$15, inclusive of fees.

Tickets: McCallumTheatre.org/all-shows

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

73751 Magnesia Falls Drive

760-565-7467

pdpool.com



Hot Spot Café

The Palm Desert Aquatic Center's new Hot Spot Café is serving up tasty treats, including breakfast burritos, buffalo wings, waffle fries, snacks, beverages, and more! In addition to purchasing items at the pool, you can also walk up to the window from Civic Center Park to grab

a snack during your daily walk. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 – 11 a.m., and Monday – Thursday, 4 – 7 p.m.

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

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

PALM DESERT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

72559 Highway 111

760-346-6111

pdacc.org

All Valley Joint Chamber Mixer

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Palm Springs Air Museum

Chamber Connect Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.

Cyber Security & Data Protection

Wednesday, June 18, 11:30 a.m.

Navigating Employee Benefits

Putt Putt on El Paseo

Thursday, May 29, 4 p.m.

The Gardens on El Paseo

2025 Business Awards & Board Recognition

Tuesday, June 24, 5 – 8 p.m.

Palm Valley Country Club

Registration and sponsorship information at pdacc.org

PALM DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

73300 Fred Waring Drive

760-346-6552

PalmDesertLibrary.org

Monday – Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

For details, visit: PalmDesertLibrary.org

Library Programs

Special Events

Día de Los Niños

Saturday, May 3, 1 – 3 p.m.

The Historical Society of Palm Desert

Friday Night Lecture Series

Water in the Coachella Valley: Past, Present and Future, with Bob Keeran
Friday, May 16, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Poet's Oasis – Free Poetry Workshop

Wednesday, June 4, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.

Dinosaur Puppet Show

Thursday, June 12, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Magician Arty Loon

Thursday, June 26, 11 a.m.

In-Person Author Talks

Fumble: A Memoir with Jason Bussman
Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Speechless with Vanessa Abraham
Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration required

Virtual Author Talks

How to Use Anxiety to Thrive
with Dr. David H. Rosmarin
Wednesday, May 7, 11 a.m.

Writing a Thriller with Liann Zhang
Wednesday, May 14, 11 a.m.

How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood
with Rachelle Bergstein
Wednesday, May 21, 11 a.m.

Gina Della Togna & Brian Gratwicke
(Smithsonian Tropical Institute)
Wednesday, June 4, 11 a.m.

Lisa Jewell
Tuesday, June 10, 11 a.m.

Katherine Applegate
Tuesday, June 24, 1 p.m.

Palm Desert Reads Book Club

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
Monday, May 12, 1 – 2 p.m.
Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell
Monday, June 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

Educational & Community Programs

Tech Tutor: Basic Technology Assistance
Mondays: May 5, 12, 19 and June 2, 9, 16, 23
Wednesdays: May 7, 14, 21, 28
and June 4, 11, 18, 25
1 – 2:30 p.m. Registration required

Coachella Valley Garden Club
May 14 and June 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**English as a Second Language:
English for Restaurant Workers**
May 19 and 22, 1 – 3 p.m.

Stand Against Mental Health Stigma
Wednesday, May 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Storytimes and Early Learning Programs
Once Upon A Cuento: Bilingual Storytime
May 14 and 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fables & Friends Storytime
Tuesdays in May and June, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Tales & Tots Storytime
Thursdays in May and Wednesdays
in June, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Little Learners Lounge: Magna-tiles, blocks,
and puzzles**
Mondays and Fridays in May and
June, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Games & Social Groups
Pokémon Library League
May 7 and 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
June 4 and 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

American Mahjongg
May 9 and 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
June 6 and 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Registration required

Super Smash Bros
June 11 and 25, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Chinese Mahjong
Tuesdays in May and June, 1 – 3 p.m.

Chilean Canasta Connection
Wednesdays in May and June, 3 – 5 p.m.
Registration required

Lego® Open Build
Tuesdays and Fridays in May
and June, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Trivia
Thursday, June 12, 1 – 1:45 p.m.

Teen Programs
Teen Study Café
Mondays in May, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

TeenScape Tuesday
Tuesdays in May, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Game Zone
Thursdays in May, 4 p.m.
Thursday in June, 11 a.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. 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 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.

Tortoise Chat

Select Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
Come visit our desert tortoise enclosure and
learn about conservation efforts to study and
protect our wild population. You can also meet
Bowser, our adopted Mojave Desert tortoise! Visit:
DesertMountains.org/calendar for dates.

Yoga with the Ranger

Thursday, May 1 and May 8, 9 a.m.
Join National Monument Park Ranger Meg for an
outdoor yoga session designed for all skill levels.

Cahuilla Tewanet Overlook Trail - Adaptive Sports Hike

Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.
Join SoCal Adaptive Sports on a hike for
persons with disabilities, their family and
friends. Hike distance is about 2 miles
out and back. Reservations required.

Monument Night Adventures

Saturday, May 24 and June 14, 8 p.m.
Discover how the desert comes alive after
dark! Using blacklights, we will take a short
walk along the Art Smith Trail basin looking
for the many nocturnal creatures that
inhabit our desert. Reservations required.

Star Party at the Monument

Saturdays
May 3, 7:30 p.m.
May 24, 8:30 p.m.
June 14, 8:45 p.m.
June 28, 8 p.m.

The Astronomical Society of the Desert will
conduct "sky tours" and direct observations
of the night sky through telescopes and
giant binoculars. Reservations required.

Star Party in the Mountains

Saturday, May 17 and June 21, 8 p.m.
Join members of the Astronomical Society
of the Desert for fun "sky tours" and direct
observations of the night sky through telescopes
and binoculars. Reservations required.

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



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VARIETY – CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF THE DESERT

42600 Cook Street, Suite 150
varietyofthedesert.org
760-773-9800, ext. 101



Developmental Screening Events

Wednesday, May 7 and June 4, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Developmental Screenings offer early assessment
in communication, problem-solving, personal
and fine motor skills, as well as determining
social and emotional levels for children 5 years
and under. All families making an appointment
to attend this event will receive a free pack of
diapers and a toy. Info: varietyofthedesert.org

Adaptive Art Workshop

Wednesday, May 28 and June 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
In partnership with Coachellart, youth ages
5 – 18 are invited to take part in classes that
embrace creativity. All children must be pre-
registered and accompanied by an adult, parent
or caregiver. For information: call 760-773-9800
or email help@varietyofthedesert.org



MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER AT THE PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER

Beat the heat and dive into summer fun at the Palm Desert Aquatic Center (PDAC)! Located in Civic Center Park, this state-of-the-art facility is the perfect place to cool off, with amenities for swimmers of all ages and skill levels. Plus, with plenty of free parking and affordable rates, there's no better spot to make a splash with the entire family.

PDAC offers something for everyone, whether you're looking to elevate your workout routine with a lap swim, enjoy thrilling water slides, or stay active with aquatic fitness classes. The facility features pristine pools, including lanes for serious swimmers and a family-friendly recreation area complete with splash zones and an obstacle course. For those looking to improve their swimming skills, certified instructors provide top-tier lessons for all ability levels. Registration for Summer Group Swim Lessons starts on May 2.

Summer kicks off in May, with Recreational Swim open on weekends from 10:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.,

along with a special session on Memorial Day. Beginning June 1, Recreational Swim expands to Tuesday through Sunday. If you're looking for evening fun, Hot Summer Nights returns on Tuesdays and Fridays starting June 10, from 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

For an evening of family fun, Dive-In Movies are back, starting with *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* on Friday, June 20. Gates open at 7:30 p.m., and the movie begins at sundown, so bring your floaties and enjoy a film under the stars.

Looking for some friendly competition? Try the Family Fitness Challenge on Saturday mornings, where you can test your skills on a rope swing, climbing wall, diving boards, and inflatable obstacles.

With so many activities and events, Palm Desert Aquatic Center is your ultimate summer destination. Stay active, learn new skills, or enjoy a fun-filled day in the water; PDAC has something for everyone! Come make some waves and create unforgettable summer memories.

SHOW YOUR PALM DESERT PRIDE WITH FUN NEW MERCHANDISE!

Looking for a way to celebrate your favorite desert city, relive your unforgettable vacation, or find a unique gift? The Discover Palm Desert Visitor Center has you covered with an exciting new lineup of Palm Desert-themed merchandise!

In response to your many requests, Palm Desert souvenirs are back and better than ever. Check out our fun T-shirts, perfect for showing off your desert style, vibrant stickers that will jazz up your water bottle or laptop, and even limited-edition pickleball paddles (because, of course, Palm Desert!). And this is just the beginning, more fun items are on the way soon.

The Discover Palm Desert Visitor Center is conveniently located in the lobby of the Palm Desert Library at 73300 Fred Waring Drive. Now open seven days a week, it's your go-to spot for not only souvenirs but also insider tips on local attractions, restaurants, accommodations, and businesses.

Come meet our friendly team, explore the merchandise, and pick up something that screams "Palm Desert." For more details, stop by in person or visit [DiscoverPalmDesert.com](https://www.discoverpalmdesert.com).



SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS AT FREE EVENT

Got stacks of old tax records, bank statements, or legal documents piling up? Protect your sensitive information and clear out the clutter at Palm Desert's free Document Shredding Event, hosted by the City in partnership with Burrtec Waste and Recycling.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, when shredding trucks will be stationed in the parking lot at Palm Desert City Hall from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., or until they're full. No appointment is necessary, simply drive up, drop off your documents, and let the experts handle the rest.

This fast and secure service accepts a variety of paper materials, including stapled office paper, glossy pages, photos, file folders, and envelopes. While paper clips are allowed, please remove binder clips, notebooks, and any hazardous materials such as batteries or flammable liquids. Each household or business is limited to 10 boxes per day, and all bags and boxes will be discarded after unloading and will not be returned.

Whether you're tidying up your home office or safeguarding your personal information from identity theft, this free community event offers an easy and responsible way to dispose of confidential paperwork.

City Hall is located at 73510 Fred Waring Drive. For additional details, contact the City of Palm Desert at **760-776-6342** or email recycling@palmdesert.gov. Don't miss this opportunity to safely and securely get rid of the clutter!



PALM DESERT DAY AT THE PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

Palm Desert residents and workers can enjoy a day of aviation history at the Palm Springs Air Museum on Saturday, May 3, as Palm Desert Day returns with free admission and plenty of educational fun.

Named one of the world's top aviation museums by CNN Travel, the Palm Springs Air Museum spans 91,000 square feet across multiple climate-controlled hangars. The museum showcases a remarkable collection of aircraft from World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, along with the iconic F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Bomber. Visitors can explore interactive exhibits, historical displays, and educational programs that highlight the evolution of aviation and the role these aircraft played in shaping history.

For those seeking a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the museum offers Warbird Rides at an additional cost. These flights provide an unforgettable opportunity to ride in legendary aircraft like the T-6 Texan and P-51 Mustang. These amazing aircraft allow visitors to enjoy the thrill of flying in a piece of aviation history.

Palm Desert Day at the Air Museum is sponsored by the City of Palm Desert. To take advantage of free admission, attendees must present proof of residency with a California driver's license, utility bill, or proof of employment from a Palm Desert business, such as an ID badge or business card. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail in Palm Springs.

For information, visit [PalmSpringsAirMuseum.org](https://www.palmspringsairmuseum.org).





SAVING LIVES IN STYLE

Palm Desert is making pedestrian safety a top priority with a new initiative encouraging drivers to slow down, stay alert, and always yield to those crossing the street. As part of the global "Vision Zero" project, the City aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries by promoting safer streets for everyone.

We want to highlight our Very Important Pedestrians (VIPs), because everyone walking through our community deserves the VIP treatment. Whenever you spot this message on local TV, radio, or social media, let it serve as a friendly reminder to stay attentive, watch for pedestrians in crosswalks, and do your part to make Palm Desert's streets safer for everyone.

Driving, biking, or walking, safety is a shared responsibility. In Palm Desert, there's always time to stop for a VIP!



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