

Santa's PJ Party

Wednesday, December 10th!

(Formerly known as Lunch with Santa)

On Wednesday, December 10th, children ages 3-8 are invited to join us for a pajama party with Santa from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the Village of Palm Springs Administration building located at 226 Cypress Lane. Dress your children in their favorite PJ's and drop them off with us and enjoy some time to yourself, get some holiday shopping done, or stay and take pictures. The children will have dinner, do arts & crafts activities, play a variety of holiday games, and get a chance to tell Santa what they want for Christmas! **PARENTS BRING YOUR CAMERAS IF YOU WANT A PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD WITH SANTA!** *Space is very limited!! The cost is \$15 per child.*

1st Annual Tree and Menorah Lighting

Wednesday, December 3rd!

The Village of Palm Springs will kick-off the holiday season with a Christmas tree and Menorah lighting on Wednesday, December 3rd, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the City Hall Building in the Village Center Complex located at 226 Cypress Lane. Residents and their families are invited to celebrate with us while enjoying live musical performances by the St. Luke's choir and the John I. Leonard JILL Jive. Get in the spirit and wear your ugly Christmas sweater (or shirt/vest) and enter in our "Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest" for a chance to win a gift basket. Refreshments will also be available for purchase on-site. For more information about this event, please contact the Leisure Services Department at 561-964-8820 or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/PSLeisure) for the latest updates about this event.

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COUNCIL News

The Village Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

Amended the Village's Comprehensive Land Use Plan to create a "Mixed Use" Land Use Category.

Amended the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 34 "Land Development" to create a new Subdivision VIII "Mixed Use", specifically Sections 34-870 to 34-877, to set forth new regulations for Mixed Use Planned Developments.

If you need further information on these amendments, please contact the Land Development Department at (561) 965-4016.

Authorized an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Lake Clarke Shores for the purpose of Lake Clarke Shores purchasing an excess capacity of 100,000 gallons of wastewater discharge from the Village for the cost of \$83,500.00, said wastewater being related to the Sub-Regional Wastewater Agreement.

Approved budget transfers from the General Fund for \$110,000 and Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund for \$60,793, to Council and Utility Contingency Funds.

Approved the Village Library Annual Plan of Service.

Re-appointed Village Resident Gene Hall to the Police Pension Board for a two year term to expire in October 2016.

Issued a proclamation announcing October 2014 as "City Government Month" in Palm Springs, acknowledging that city government is the closest government to most citizens and the one with the most direct daily impact on its residents.

Issued a proclamation announcing October 15, 2014, as "White Cane Safety Day" in Palm Springs and also announcing that Council and Staff would be participating in the Safety Day event on the corner of Congress Avenue and Dolan Road on that day.

Set the council meeting schedule for the remainder of 2014 and all of 2015 at once a month on the second Tuesday of that month, starting at 6:30 pm. The only exceptions would be July and September 2015, which would require two meetings to meet budget and tax levy legal requirements.

TRAVEL Club

964-8820



The Travel Club meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Thursday, December 11th Isle Casino

Members will depart Palm Springs at 9:30 a.m. for the SMOKE FREE Isle Casino and will each receive \$15 in free play & a \$5 lunch coupon (for buffet only). The cost is \$26 and the deadline for registration is December 4th.

Thursday & Friday, January 15-16th Fort Myers

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. and head to Fort Myers to have lunch at Nervous Nellies and some browsing time in the stores. Then we will check in to the Four Points Sheraton, enjoy a cocktail party at the hotel before going to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre to see "Crazy for you". The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, go to the Miromar Outlets (coupon books with be given out) the final part of the trip is a stop at a Casino (TBD). The cost is \$177 per person for double occupancy or \$214 for single occupancy and the deadline is December 6th.

Thursday, January 22nd The Kravis Center

Members will depart Palm Springs at 6:15 p.m. for the Kravis Center to see Broadway's Next Hit Musical. In this show master improvisers gather made up, hit song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor & laughter. The cost is \$58 per person and the deadline for registration is December 4th.

Saturday, January 31st Atlantis Country Club Dinner Dance

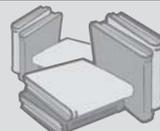
Members will transport themselves to the Atlantis Country Club at 7 p.m. (190 Atlantis Blvd, Atlantis) to see Vinnie & Co., '50s Music & Dancing show. A delicious dinner buffet will be served. So bring your friends, put on your dancing shoes and let's go back in time to the good old days. The cost is \$52 per person and the deadline for registration is December 4th.

Sunday, February 22nd thru Saturday February 28th Biloxi & New Orleans

Depart Palm Springs at 8:00 a.m. Motor coach transportation, 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights at a Casino Hotel on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, 10 meals: 6 Breakfasts and 4 dinners, Spectacular Gulf Coast Gaming, Guided Tour of Bay St. Louis, Guided Tour of New Orleans, Free time in French Quarter of New Orleans, A visit to a second Gulf Coast Casino & much more. The cost is \$478 per person, Double Occupancy, \$708 for single occupancy; \$457 per person for Triple occupancy (two double beds). Deadline for payment is December 12th.

YOUR VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Bev Smith, *Mayor*
 Sergio Escalada, *Vice Mayor*
 Doug Gunther, *Mayor Pro Tem*
 Joni Brinkman, *Council Member*
 Patti Waller, *Council Member*
 Richard Reade, *Village Manager*
 Glen J. Torcivia, *Village Attorney*
 Virginia Walton, *Village Clerk*



LIBRARY NEWS

965-2204

Book Discussion! Join us on Tuesday, December 16th, at 9:30 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. for a Book Discussion of "Christmas on Jane Street: a true story" by Billy Romp. *Every holiday season for nearly twenty years, Billy Romp, his wife, and their three children have spent nearly a month living in a tiny camper and selling Christmas trees on Jane Street in New York City. They arrive from Vermont the day after Thanksgiving and leave just in time to make it home for Christmas morning—and for a few weeks they transform a corner of the Big Apple into a Frank Capra-esque small town alive with heartwarming holiday spirit.* Available in both traditional and ebook formats at the library.

Individual computer training to learn basic internet, email, or word processing is a free service for patrons with a current library card. Stop by the library to schedule an appointment or call us at 965-2204.

Movies at the Library! Did you know the library is a great place to watch the latest film releases? Check the circulation desk calendar for information on movies showing in December. For more information call Michele at 965-2204.

Winter Movie Event- watch our fun winter movie feature, Wednesday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please register at the circulation desk.

Cuentos en español meets December 9th at 7:00 p.m., *el martes, el 9 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm.* This month's theme is Celebrations; *el tema es ¡Celebramos!* This program is bilingual in Spanish and English. Families are welcome.

Paws-to-Read! Practice your reading with Trouble, a Delta Society certified Therapy Dog on December 9th. Bring your favorite book to read to Trouble or use one of ours.

Science Club investigates Chemistry on Wednesday, December 3rd and December 17th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children from Second through Fifth Grade (or older) are welcome.

Evening Storytime is held each week on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. This program is for children age 2 to 8; parents are welcome. On December 11th, the Evening Storytime will feature a presentation of the puppet show, The Three Little Pigs.

Preschool Storytime meets each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for children from 30 months until they start school. They listen to stories, sing songs, and participate in activities that will help them build pre-reading skills. It is also a good time for parents to enjoy a few quiet minutes in a busy day. No registration is required for this program. Parents or caregivers must stay in the building.

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday

The Library will be closed December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas and December 31st in observance of the New Year.

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

Santa's sleigh ride will take place Saturday, December 13th. The ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. from the Palm Springs Police Department. Santa's sleigh will ride throughout the Village greeting everyone who is out to see. Come out and wave good morning to Santa and his helpers.

TAKE A CLASS!

Register with instructor on first day of class.

Exercise Classes with Pat Mieszczenski

(561) 969-0686 Location: Studio

- **Beginning Adult Strength, Stretch & Stability Balls – NEW -**
Includes mat work, bands & weights
Mon 9:45-10:45a \$52 (4 classes)
*Special rate for both Beginning Adult and Chair class,
Mon-Thurs, \$84 (7 classes)
- **Chair Exercise (Men & Women) -** Includes strengthening, stretching,
movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands
(No Class Dec 25 or Jan 1)
Tues 1:00-2:00p \$39 BEGINNER (3 Classes) or
Thurs 10:00-11:00a \$52 INTERMEDIATE (3 Thurs Classes
and 1 Mon, Dec 22)
*Special rate to take both classes \$72 (6 classes)
- **Fit For Life (Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30a ,**
No Class December 24,26,29,31)
Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body
(prices are per month)
2x/week (7 Classes) \$84
3x/week (10 Classes) \$115
- **Teen & Adult Beginner Exercise Workout – NEW**
Tues 4:30-5:30p \$39
- **Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8)**
Mon 4:00-5:00p \$52 5 & 6 Year-olds
Mon 5:00-6:00p \$52 6 & 7 Year-olds
Thurs 11:15-11:45a \$39 3 & 4 Year-olds
- **Pre School Motor Skills – “Tumbleweeds” - NEW**
Mon 11:15a-12:00p \$52 Ages 3-5

Zumba Fitness with Caroline Mann

(561) 516-9861 Location: Multi-Purpose Room

- Zumba is a blend of Latin music with fitness and dance steps to create an energetic and fun aerobic workout. No dance experience required. This is a multi-level class for beginners or advanced and is great for all fitness levels, ages and sizes.
Thurs 7:00-8:00p \$20 Ages 8 & above

Judo with Jorge Miranda

(561) 452-5755 Location: Leisure Activity Building

- Judo is an Olympic sport and is the martial art most practiced in the world. Judo improves fitness as well as self-esteem. Our club and instructors are certified nationally as well as in Florida.

M/W 6:30-8:00p **** Youth
T/Th 6:30-8:00p **** Adult
Sat 10:30a-12:30p **** All Ages

****1 Day per week \$35 per month/2 Days per week \$50 per month****

Karate Location: Studio

- Shotokan Karate Do training is divided into three parts: *kihon* (basics), *kata* (forms or patterns of moves), and *kumite* (sparring) and teaches discipline, self trust, self defense, respect and organization.

with Renaldo Roach – (617) 312-6788

M/Th 6:30-8:00p \$70 Ages 7-Adult and
Wed 6:00-8:00p

with Rodrigo Suarez – (561) 315-1037

T/Th 4:00-5:00p \$70 Ages 4-13 and
Sat 9:00-11:00a

Mendez Wins Silver Medal In Martial Arts Competition

Students from the Bruce’s Champion Karate, which holds classes here in the Village of Palm Springs, competed in the National Shotokan Karate-Do International Federation Tournament on October 11th in Lauderhill, Florida. Sensei Rodrigo Suarez led Manuel Mendez, Ronald Mendez, and Luica Freiro in the tournament and Manuel Mendez brought home a silver medal for placing 2nd in Kata (form).



“I’m very proud of my students and I’m thankful of their parents for their continuous support to this beautiful sport,” says Sensei Rodrigo Suarez.

No Dumping, Drains to the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Our surface water runs from our yards, driveways and streets as runoff directly into the catch basin. Catch basins can be located in parking lots, streets and swales. It is a square structure with the grate covering over it. Never put anything into the catch basin or even a canal.

As a homeowner or consumer we need to be conscious of what we use. Here are some things you need to know.

- (1) Use fertilizers sparingly.
 - (2) Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters disposing it properly.
 - (3) Vegetation of bare spots in your yard will help soil erosion.
 - (4) Use least toxic pesticides and follow the label.
 - (5) Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil.
 - (6) Pick up after your pets waste and dispose it properly.
 - (7) Finally, dispose your painting items properly.
- For more information visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

DECEMBER 2014

Calendar of Events

Dec	4	9:00 a.m.	Travel Club Meeting
Dec	9	10:00 a.m.	Special Magistrate Code Hearing
Dec	9	6:30 p.m.	Land Development
Dec	11	6:30 p.m.	Regular Council
Dec	16	6:30 p.m.	Library Board
Dec	18	7:00 p.m.	Leisure Board
Dec	24,25	Village Offices closed, Christmas Holiday	
Dec	31	Village Offices, Happy New Year	

MARK (X) THESE DATES

LEISURE Services

964-8820

Palm Springs Police Department
968-8243

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Winter Camp

Winter Camp offered for children ages 5 (must be enrolled in kindergarten) to 12 during the winter school break. The camp runs Monday, December 22nd, 2014, through Monday, January 5th, 2015. (We will be closed 12/24, 12/25 & 1/1/15 for the holiday). Camp hours will be 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. with field trips scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$200.00 for the entire session. Included in the fee are T-shirt, all field trips, arts & crafts supplies. Registration is ongoing. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Palm Springs Police 4th Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser

The Palm Springs Police Department is hosting its 4th Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event on **Saturday, December 13, from 12-4 p.m.** at the Palm Springs Plaza located at 3319 S. Congress Avenue (SW corner of 10th Ave N and S Congress Ave). This event is designed to collect new, unused, and unwrapped toys to benefit those needy families during the holidays. Have your picture taken with Santa Claus for a donation of a toy or \$5. In addition, we will have a bounce house, dunk tank, obstacle course, arts and crafts, and "Serving Savory and Sweets" food trucks. Local businesses will be donating prizes for the raffle. Bring your family and enjoy the fun!!



HALLOWEEN EVENT WAS A "SPOOKTACULAR" SUCCESS!

The Halloween event that took place on Wednesday, October 29th was a hit!

We appreciate everyone who came out and enjoyed this

event which included live entertainment, games, arts & crafts, bounce houses and more!

A special THANK YOU to the following organizations:

- G-Star School of the Arts for putting together the "Bump in The Night" spooky house, which over 200 people walked through for a bone-chilling experience.
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for having the fire truck and rescue truck at the event while doing Halloween safety demonstrations.
- All of the volunteers for their hard work.
- Our event sponsors: Sam's Club, Publix, and Little Caesar's for helping us bring this event to life!



TRAFFIC

Navigating through traffic during the holidays can be especially stressful. In addition to normal traffic, many people are trying to get their shopping done and complete last minute errands. Please try to be patient during these busy times so that we will all have a safe holiday season. The following are some safety tips for around the house:

CHRISTMAS TREES

- If you are using a real tree, make sure it is fresh, because a fresh tree is less of a fire hazard. To pick a fresh tree, try tapping it on the ground; if it is fresh it should not lose many needles. The needles should be hard to pull from the branches and should not break when bent. The tree should also be sticky with resin.
- When you get your tree home, cut off a few inches off the bottom of the trunk. This allows for better water absorption and will keep your tree from drying out too quickly.
- Make sure the base of the tree is steady so the tree won't tip over easily.
- Be sure to keep your tree stand filled with water.
- Think carefully about where to place your tree. It should be out of the way of traffic and be kept away from fireplaces, radiators, and heat registers.
- If you are using an artificial tree be sure to use one that is rated fire resistant and UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or FM (Factory Mutual) listed. This will ensure that the tree has been inspected and meets specific safety standards

LIGHTS

- Use only UL or FM approved sets of lights and extension cords.
- Inspect extension cords for damaged insulation or loose plugs. If these conditions exist, do not use the cord.
- If you are using an extension cord, make sure it is large enough to carry the intended load. A rule of thumb is that the thicker the cord, the greater the load it can carry.
- Don't run cords through doorways or under rugs because this can damage the insulation.
- Never use electric lights on a metal tree because this could produce a severe shock.
- Check all tree lights before you hang them. Make sure all the lights work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets, or loose connections.
- Immediately replace any bulbs with broken filaments.
- Before using outdoor lights check the label to make sure they have been certified for outdoor use. Plug all outdoor decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you leave the house or go to bed.

ORNAMENTS / WRAPPINGS

- Use only noncombustible or flame resistant materials to trim a tree.
- Never use a lit candle on or near a tree or other evergreen decorations.
- Remove all wrapping papers, bags, boxes, ribbons, and bows from the tree and fireplace area after the gifts have been opened.

FIREPLACES

- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire could result since wrapping paper can ignite suddenly and burn.
- Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season. Creosote can build up in a chimney and can cause a chimney fire if not cleaned properly.
- Before lighting a fire, check that the flue is open.
- Always use a carbon monoxide alarm close to the site of your fireplace. It can protect your family from any carbon monoxide fumes which can result from an improperly vented fireplace.
- Always protect your family and home from burns by using a sturdy fire screen.
- Remember to burn only wood. Never burn paper or pine boughs which can float out of the chimney and ignite neighboring buildings.

SPACE HEATERS

- Place any portable heaters or space heaters at least three feet away from any combustible surfaces.
- Never leave space heaters operating if you are not in the room or when you go to bed.
- Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters.
- Do not attempt to dry anything by placing it over a space heater.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!