

Meet your new Village Manager – Richard Reade

Richard J. (Rich) Reade was selected as the new Village Manager of the Village of Palm Springs, replacing Karl Umberger who is retiring after 18 years with the Village, both as Police Chief and the last 15 as Village Manager. Rich was selected after a thorough selection process which included a formal application, a written questionnaire, and an in-person interview with the Village Council. Rich comes to Palm Springs from the City of Delray Beach, where he was the Public Information and Sustainability Officer. Previously, Rich has worked as the City Manager and Finance Officer for the City of Port Richey, City Manager for the City of Davenport as well as Assistant City Manager for the City of Auburndale. He also worked as Management Assistant for the City of West Palm Beach.

A native of New York City, Rich moved to Florida at age 13 and graduated from Crystal River High School. Rich has a Bachelor's of Business Administration/Finance from Florida Atlantic University and a Masters of Public Administration from Florida State University. Rich looks forward to getting to know the residents and business owners in Palm Springs.



PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2013

226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461

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COUNCIL News

The Village Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

Tentatively established a millage rate of 3.9% operating and .71 debt service for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. The final tax levy rates will be adopted at the budget hearings on September 12 and September 26, 2013, in Council Chambers.

Established Preliminary Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates for fiscal year 2013/2014 for collection of the fees for garbage, trash and recyclables services on the Palm Beach County Tax Notices. The fees remain the same as last year, with \$144 for single family, \$90 for multi-family and mobile homes.

Amended the Village Code at Chapter 34, Land Development, Article III "Landscaping", Section 34-163 Landscape plans for single family dwellings, and adding Section 34-164 to require foundations plantings.

Amended the Village Code at Chapter 34, Land Development, Article VI "Lane Use" Division 7, Subdivision II "Recreational Vehicles, Commercial Vehicles and Similar Vehicles" Section 34-915 to allow certain temporary uses of recreational vehicles.

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

Annexed a 1.0447 acre parcel of land owned by Perry Massie Trust, located at 2862 2nd Avenue North, amended the land use to commercial and the zoning to commercial general.

Approved a site plan submitted by Aldi Florida LLC, for construction of an additional 2,858 square feet of space for a commercial grocery store, to be located at 3403 A South Congress Avenue in the Palm Springs Plaza.

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Permit Number 315

Approved a site plan and special exception use submitted by Kiddie Haven Preschool, for renovation of an existing 3,234 square foot home in Phase 1 and an additional 1,000 square feet in Phase 2. To be located at 2783 Gulfstream Road, adjacent to the existing preschool.

Approved an annexation agreement with Trail Properties for a .3114 acre parcel located at 1616 South Military Trail, allowing certain land uses for the parcel.

Awarded a bid contract to Atlantic Painting and Sandblasting LLC, in the amount of \$53,480.00, for the painting of the R.L. Pratt Water Treatment Plant Contact Basin.

Approved a budget amendment from Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$17,600.00, to cover salary and pension costs for the new Village Manager through the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

Approved a Police Department Forfeiture Fund expenditure in the amount of \$3,202.81, to purchase and install a card access system for the police building.

Awarded a Task Order to Eckler Engineering, in the lump sum of \$123,000 for design services, and an amount not to exceed \$71,600 for services during construction, for the expansion of the sanitary sewer service along Kent Avenue, Sussex Avenue, Colle Drive and Kivey Drive.

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TRAVEL Club
964-8820



LEISURE Services
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. **All trips are open to members only and costs are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the Palm Springs Leisure Services Department.** Trip minimums must be met in order for trips to take place. Trips often fill up before deadline dates - make your reservations early! If you know of any members who are sick, may be hospitalized or have suffered a loss, please contact Dani Bailey at 964-8820 to send them a card.

Emergency Contact Information – We need names and numbers for people who will not be accompanying you on trips to contact in case of an emergency. Our computer system can store at least 10 emergency contacts per person. Please update this information next time you are at the Leisure Services office.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

September 28 Indoor Picnic

Catered by Park Avenue Grill!

Join your friends of the Travel Club from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Leisure Activity Building (located next to the basketball court in the Palm Springs Complex). Enjoy barbeque chicken, BABY BACK ribs, and all the sides, drink and dessert as well as bingo and door prizes! The cost is \$13 per person and the deadline is September 12th.

October 12 “Chicago”

Members will depart Palm Springs at 11:15 a.m. to have a delicious sit-down lunch (TBA) then proceed to the Broward Center for Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale to see “Chicago”, a sensational tale of sin, corruption and all that jazz! It has everything you want from knockout dancing to an edge-of-your-seat story. The cost is \$74 and the deadline is September 16th.

Upcoming trips in the works (Dates/times subject to change)

- Dec. 7 Holiday Party at Atlantis Country Club
- December Gaylord Palms overnight trip

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- Jan 7-9 “Wizard of Oz”
(Broward Center for Performing Arts)
- March/April Caribbean Cruise
- Apr 4-May 11 “Over the River and Through the Woods”
(Stage Door Theatre)
- June 7 & 8 “Mid-life! The Crisis Musical” overnight to Ft. Myers



SEPTEMBER 2013

Calendar of Events

- Sept 2 Labor Day Holiday, Village Offices Closed
- Sept 10 10:00 a.m. Code Enforcement Hearing
- Sept 10 6:30 p.m. Land Development
- Sept 12 7:30 p.m. Regular Council
- Sept 17 7:00 p.m. Library Board
- Sept 19 7:00 p.m. Leisure Services Board
- Sept 26 7:30 p.m. Regular Council

MARK (X) THESE DATES

Village of Palm Springs School Days Out

- **September 5th — Field Trip, Lunch Included — \$25.00
- **October 18th — Field Trip, Lunch Included — \$25.00
- **November 27th — Field Trip, Lunch Included — \$25.00

For ages 5 to 12. Drop off between 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and pick up between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sign up at the Leisure Services Office. Space is limited. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Field Conditions Hotline – (561) 304-4619

“Is our game or practice rained out”? This is a question asked of the Leisure Services Department almost daily, especially during the summer months. In an effort to make it even easier to answer this question, the Village of Palm Springs has set up a new hotline with field condition updates. Updates will be posted every half hour when a storm is approaching until a determination is made about the status of athletic activities. We hope you will find this new phone number helpful. Our regular office phone number of 964-8820 will still be available for other inquiries as well.

Ask a Master Gardener



Whitefly



What are whiteflies? First of all, they are not flies. They are small, winged insects that are related to aphids, scales, and mealy bugs. These insects typically feed on the underside of leaves with their “needle-like” mouthparts. Residents have noticed plant leaves yellowing, dropping, covered with a white waxy material or covered with whitefly excrement called honeydew and its accompanying sooty mold.

Whiteflies have become a major issue in South Florida with at least three species of particular concern in Palm Beach County: Ficus, Rugose Spiraling and Silverleaf. They can be managed with proper plant care, spraying them off with a strong flow from a hose, use of other beneficial insects and careful application of the appropriate pesticides. In a new habitat, natural insect enemies may slowly emerge and control pest populations without human intervention. Improper use of pesticides can harm beneficial insects and makes controlling whiteflies more difficult. Our recommendation for reducing harm to beneficial insects is to use insecticides applied directly to the soil or trunk.

Please direct any gardening questions to Lynda Hare at harezoo@comcast.net

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Approved Amendment No. 7 to the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Agreement with Republic Services of Florida LP, d/b/a Republic Services of Palm Beach, for extension of the terms of service through March 31, 2022, and other minor revisions to the existing clauses of the agreement.

Approved an amended agreement with the Town of Lake Clarke Shores to continue to provide Public Safety Communication Dispatch Services for an additional five year period once the existing agreement expires on September 30, 2013, for an agreed upon annual fee of \$41,086.

The **Land Development Board** makes recommendations on land issues such as building site plans, annexations, special exceptions, land use and zoning, and also functions as a quasi-judicial board hearing applications for variances from the Land Development Code; **Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals** hears cases when there is an appeal to a decision of the Building Official; the **Leisure Services Board**, advises on matters of recreation, use of playgrounds, athletic fields and recreational centers, and the **Library Board** recommends improvements to expand library services and also recommends programs and activities that will best serve the residents. Pick up an application from the Village Clerk or download an application on the website. For further information call the Village Clerk at 965-4010.



TAKE A CLASS!



Register with instructor on first day of class.

Adult Exercise



Beginning Adult Strength, Stretch & Stability Balls

Includes mat work, bands & weights

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	8:45 - 9:45a	Adult	Studio	\$60	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Chair Exercise (Men & Women)

Class will include strengthening, stretching, movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(BEGINNER)

or

Thurs	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
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(INTERMEDIATE)

*Special rate to take both classes \$88

Fast Aerobic Workout at Barre and Center

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$24	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

or

Wed	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$24	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
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Fit For Life (Mon & Wed 9:00) (No Class September 2)

Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body

(prices are per month)

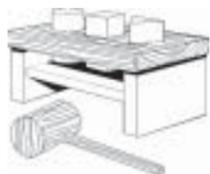
DAYS A WEEK	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
2	Adult	Studio	\$88	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
2 + extra 1/2 hour	Adult	Studio	\$126	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Youth Classes



Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	3:15 - 4:15p	5-6	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Mon	4:15 - 5:15p	5-6	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Thurs	11:15-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Preschool Classes

Children's Acrobatic Mat Exercises & Stretch

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	11:00-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Pre School Motor Skills - "Tumbleweeds" (class starts September 9)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10:15 - 11:00 a	3-5	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Martial Arts



Judo

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

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	6:30-8:00p	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755
Mon	6:30-8:00p	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755
Sat	10:30-12:30	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755

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



Karate

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.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
M/Th	5-8p	7-Adult	Studio	\$70	Renaldo Roach	(617)312-6788
AND					Rodrigo Suarez	(561)315-1037
Wed	6:30-8p					

New Class!

Zumba Fitness

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.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	7 - 8 p	8 & Up	Multi-Purpose	\$30	Caroline Mann	(561)516-9861
Thurs	7 - 8 p	8 & Up	Multi-Purpose	\$30	Betty Rodriguez	(561)313-8477

****Guest fee: \$10 per class for either Wednesday or Thursday

****Special cost for BOTH Wednesday and Thursday classes is \$50



Village Department Phone Numbers

Administration	Human Resources	965-4011
Village Clerk		965-4010
Land Development		965-4016
Leisure Services		964-8820
Library		965-2204
Finance		965-4013
Public Safety		968-8243
Code Enforcement		968-8243
Public Works		965-4022
Utility Department		965-5770

YOUR VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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



LIBRARY NEWS

965-2204

7th Annual Library Medieval Faire –September 14th at 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy the armor and sword displays, needlework, art and more! For more information, call Karen at 965-2204.

Celebrate Autumn with a Craft! Monday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Make your own pinecone birdfeeder. All materials provided, but space is limited. Sign up at the circulation desk. You must pre-register for this program. Call Karen at 965-2204.

McDonalds Reading Challenge – During the entire month of September students are encouraged to sign up for a library card (or renew your old card!). Each time you check out a book you will get a coupon for a McDonalds food item.

It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald! Ronald McDonald is coming to the library at 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 7th. Ronald will be performing a magic and reading promotion show for kids of all ages.

1 on 1 Service provides basic instruction skills for those wishing to learn how to use a computer. Individual training can cover basic internet use, email, or basic word processing. A current library card is required. Stop by the library to register for this free service, or call 965-2204.

Cuentos en español meets on the second Tuesday evening of the month, September 10 at 7:00 p.m., *el martes el 10 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm*. 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, September 10th & 24th at 3:00 p.m.

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.

Teen Gamerz - Attention Teen Gamerz! Challenge your friends or yourself in TeenSpace Gamerz, Wednesday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. Rock Band, Crash, Knock Out and other exciting games are provided. For more information, contact Michele at 965-2204.



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

Palm Springs Police Department

968-8243

Schools Are Open; Drive Carefully

August 19th marked the beginning of the school year for Palm Beach County schools. Unfortunately, the start of the school year also brings a lot more traffic on the streets of our Village. During the first few weeks of the school year, the roads around the schools can be very chaotic. Although most parents are very familiar with the routine, it seems that many have to learn the drop-off and pick-up process all over again. If you are the parent of a child and plan on driving your child to school, please keep a number of safety tips in mind as you drop them off and pick them up:



- Follow the instructions of the school and become familiar with the traffic pattern at your child's school. Know where to enter and exit the school safely and obey all signage.
- Remember that a child's size and lack of understanding about driving rules can place them at great risk. Drivers are less able to see a small child and it is harder for children to see oncoming traffic. A child's lack of road experience can make it difficult for them to judge dangerous situations.
- When dropping off, DON'T BACK UP! According to statistics, children being backed over accounts for more child fatalities than any other non-traffic related accident. This has been an all too common occurrence. One of the contributing factors is the prevalence of larger vehicles such as SUVs, pickups, and minivans, which have larger blind zones than passenger cars.
- If you can't avoid backing up and your car isn't equipped with a rear-view camera, the best option is to get out of your vehicle and check behind it just before putting it in reverse. If kids are nearby, make sure you can see them while backing up. If you can afford it, investing in a car backup video camera can be well worth the cost.
- Always have children exit your vehicle on the right (passenger) side and watch them walk safely to the sidewalk.
- STAY OFF THE CELL PHONE AND DON'T TEXT! Avoid using driver distractions such as cell phones, GPS devices, and even drinking your morning coffee.
- Please don't use alternate locations to drop off or pick up. Commercial plazas such as Woodhaven Plaza (Kirk Road and Forest Hill Boulevard) have called about the increased traffic clogging their parking lot.

If you are not dropping off or picking up children, being stuck in traffic around a school can be very frustrating. Surrounding streets can back-up with commercial vehicles, school buses and parents waiting to drop off children. Such situations are often coupled with unsafe driving behaviors as everyone is rushing to beat the morning school bell or hurrying to get to work on time. If you are forced to get caught in this traffic, try to remember that it will get better as the weeks go on. So, try to have patience and avoid getting into arguments with other drivers. And if nothing else, avoid the area, if you can, and find another route.