

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

Santa's sleigh ride will take place Saturday, December 14, 2013. The ride will begin from the Palm Springs Public Safety 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



LUNCH WITH SANTA

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, your children are invited to join us for Lunch with Santa from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Village of Palm Springs Administration building located at 226 Cypress Lane. Drop your children off with us and enjoy some time to yourself (or stay and take pictures) while they have lunch, 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 \$10 per child. Pre-register at the Leisure Services Office.*

SANTA CLAUS or MRS. CLAUS WILL BE CALLING YOU!!!!



On Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Santa or Mrs. Claus will be calling children of all ages checking to see if they have been naughty or nice. Children will have an opportunity to speak to Santa or Mrs. Claus over the phone to go over their wish list. Return the form below to: The Village of Palm Springs; Attn: Santa Calling; 226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461 **OR email ALL the information to: kmihelich@vpsfl.org (subject: Santa Call).** **ONLY ONE CHILD PER FORM PLEASE.** Please call 964-8820 for more information.

Child's Name: _____	AGE: _____	Description of Child's Likes & Dislikes:
Parent Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	ZIP: _____	Child's Wish List:
Phone Number: _____		
Best Time to Call: _____ 6:00 - 7:00 pm OR _____ 7:00 - 8:00 pm		



PALM SPRINGS

NEWSLETTER

"A Great Place to Call Home"

DECEMBER 2013
226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461
Visit our website at www.vpsfl.org

COUNCIL News

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 10 COUNCIL MEETING

Amended Chapter 78 "Utilities" modifying rates and charges for water and wastewater services within the Village, as well as outside the Village, for the fiscal years 2014 - 2019; modified private fire line and hydrant rates, modified amount required for capital contribution fees; modified Section 78-69 "connection required" to provide for financing, and modified miscellaneous fees and charges.

If you need more information on this code amendment, please contact the Utilities Department at (561) 965-5770.

Approved a site plan and special exception use, with conditions, for Diversified Property Service Associates to construct a two-story 13,280 square foot medical/professional office building and a three-story 39,793 square foot CLF Type III Drug & Rehab Facility, to include 65 beds on first and second floor with seven multi-family housing units on the third floor, to be located at 4020 Lake Worth Road.

Awarded a bid to Wharton-Smith, Inc., in the amount of \$677,000.00 to rehabilitate the R.L. Pratt Water Treatment Plant Filter System.

Renewed an Agreement with Glen J. Torcivia & Associates for the next two years to have this Firm serve as the Village Attorney.

PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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West Palm Beach, FL
Permit Number 315

Approved a two year contract with Diane James-Bigot, Esquire, for the purpose of having an alternate Code Enforcement Special Magistrate.

Issued a Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming October 20 - 26, 2013 as City Government Week in Palm Springs.

SERVE ON A BOARD

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 our website www.vpsfl.org. For information call the Village Clerk at 965-4010 or visit our website: www.vpsfl.org.

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. **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.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

January 11-12 Fort Myers

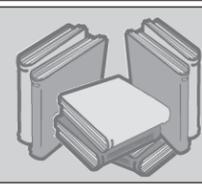
Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. to make the first stop at the Mardi Gras Casino and receive \$10 in free play and a \$3 food coupon. Then head to the Holiday Inn in Fort Myers for a cocktail party before going to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre to see "South Pacific". The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, go to *Irresistible Confections* and make your own 1/2 lb. box of chocolate to take with you! The final part of the trip is lunch at *2 Meatballs in the Kitchen*. The cost is \$177 per person for double occupancy or \$214 for single occupancy and the deadline is Friday, December 6th.

February 24 - March 1 6 Day/5 Night Cruise

Members will depart Palm Springs at 11:30 a.m. to board the Royal Caribbean "Liberty of the Seas" in Fort Lauderdale. Ports of Call include Falmouth, Jamaica and Labadee, Haiti. The cost is \$559 per person (includes all port taxes, fees and round trip transport from Palm Springs to the ship) (Promenade View) and there is a \$100 deposit per person due Friday, December 6th. The balance must be paid by Wednesday, December 11th. **MUST HAVE ALL PASSPORT INFORMATION AT REGISTRATION.**



LIBRARY NEWS
965-2204



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

Movie Nights on Wednesday! Check the circulation desk for information on movies that will be showing on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Michele at 965-2204.

Teen Gamerz - Attention Teen Gamerz! Challenge your friends or yourself in TeenSpace Gamerz, Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m and Saturday, December 28th at 1:30 p.m. Rock Band, Crash, Knock Out and other exciting games are provided. For more information, contact Michele at 965-2204.

Winter Movie Event - watch our fun winter movie feature as you sit in a lighted wonderland, Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please register at the circulation desk.

Science Club is investigating two of your senses in December. On Monday, December 2nd, the focus is on your sense of smell; on Monday, December 16th we will investigate taste. This program is for children in Grades 2 through 5 and runs from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Register at the circulation desk.

Cuentos en español meets the second Tuesday evening of the month, Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m., *el martes el 10 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm*. The theme is holiday stories. *El tema es los días festivos*. This program is bilingual in Spanish and English. Families are welcome.

Free Puppet Show will be shown on Monday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm. It is based on the book, *Don't Laugh, Joe*, about a little opossum who is having difficulty learning how to "play possum." This puppet show is appropriate for children up to age 8 and their families.

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. Registration is not required for this program. Parents or caregivers must stay in the building.

Evening Storytime is held each week on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. is for children age 3 to 8. Parents are welcome but not required to stay in the room.



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.

DECEMBER 2013

Calendar of Events

Dec 5	9:00 a.m.	Travel Club Meeting
Dec 10	10:00 a.m.	Code Enforcement Hearing
Dec 10	6:30 p.m.	Land Development
Dec 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular Council
Dec 19	7:00 p.m.	Leisure Services Board
Dec 23,24,31		Village Offices Closed
Jan 1, 2014		Village Offices Closed

MARK (X) THESE DATES

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

LEISURE Services

964-8820

2013 Youth Soccer Sponsors – We Applaud You! Your generous donations and show of community spirit are greatly appreciated and we thank you for your support.

- Helix Medical Center • Jensen Insulation
- Palm Beach Toyota • MVP Sports
- Visual Images • Victor Dea, DMD

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 23rd, 2013, through Monday, January 6th, 2014. (We will be closed 12/24, 12/25 & 1/1/14 for the holiday). Camp hours will be 7:00a.m until 6:00p.m. with field trips scheduled between 9:00a.m and 4:00 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$192.00 for the entire session. Included in the fee are T-shirts, all field trips, and arts & crafts supplies. Registration is ongoing until full. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Recreational Wednesday's

Our Leisure Activities Building (By the Basketball Courts) will be open from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Children ages 8 & Up can come after school to borrow basketballs, tennis rackets & balls, play board games, build with Lego's etc. This is a drop in program where children can come & go as they please. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Field Conditions Hotline – (561) 304-4619

TAKE A CLASS!

Register with instructor on first day of class.

Adult Exercise



Beginning Adult Strength, Stretch & Stability Balls (no class December 26)

Includes mat work, bands & weights

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	8:45 – 9:45a	Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Chair Exercise (Men & Women) (no classes December 23, 30, or 26)

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	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(BEGINNER)

or

Thurs	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
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(INTERMEDIATE)

*Special rate to take both classes \$72

Fast Aerobic Workout at Barre and Center (No class December 25)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$21	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

or

Wed	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$21	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
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Fit For Life (Mondays 8:45 a.m., Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.) (no classes December 20 – Jan 6)

Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body

(prices are per month)

DAYS A WEEK	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
2	Adult	Studio	\$72	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
3	Adult	Studio	\$96	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Teen & Adult Beginner Exercise Workout (no class December 24 or 31)

New class forming!

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Tues	4:30-5:30p	Teen-Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Zumba Fitness (no classes December 22 – January 3)

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



Youth Classes

Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8) (No classes December 23, 30 or 26)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	3:15 – 4:15p	5-6	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Mon	4:15 – 5:15p	5-6	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Thurs	11:15-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Preschool Classes



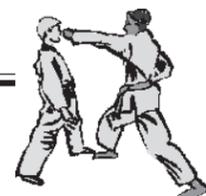
Children's Acrobatic Mat Exercises & Stretch (no class December 26)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	11:00-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Pre School Motor Skills – "Tumbleweeds" (no class December 23 or 30)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10:15 – 11:00 a	3-5	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Martial Arts



Judo (no classes December 22 – January 3)

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 (no classes December 22 – January 3)

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						
Wed	6:30-8p					

Welcome To The Village Cook!

Pecan Pie bars are the perfect no fork needed dessert for your holiday table. Make up a batch of these instead of the traditional pie. For more recipes and holiday tips head to thevillagecook.com or you can email any cooking/baking related questions to: michelle@thevillagecook.com

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- ½ cup dark corn syrup
- ½ cup light brown sugar, packed
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons good quality bourbon (I used Four Roses)
- 1¼ cups pecans, halves and pieces mixed
- Pastry for single crust pie, 9"



Instructions

1. Line pie tin with crust, flute edges and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 425
3. In a bowl, mix the eggs and corn syrups until smooth
4. Add the melted butter, sugar, vanilla and bourbon
5. Stir in the pecans and pour into the pie shell.
6. Bake at 425 for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 and bake for 20 minutes additional, or until the edges are set but the center still "quivers" a bit.
7. Do not over bake.
8. Note: the pecans rise to the surface as the pie bakes.

Ask a Master Gardener

Home Remedy for Insect and Disease Control Oil and soap spray for Insect Control

Mix 2 TBSPS cooking oil, 2 TBSP liquid dishwashing liquid (no degreaser) with 1 gallon of water. **NOTE:** This may injure hairy or waxy-leaved plants like squash and other crucifers. **DO NOT** use oil on orchids. Thorough coverage of the pest is necessary so spray both sides of the foliage thoroughly until it drips from the leaves. Test the spray on a small area of the plant. Wait 2-3 days and then check for any damage. It is always a good idea to water the plant the day before you spray. Spray your plant on a cloudy day or after the sun goes down every 5-7 days as needed. If a fungus is also present, add 2 TBSPS of baking soda to the above formula

NOTE: Shake well before and during application

Please direct any gardening questions to Lynda Hare at harezoo@comcast.net. Lynda Hare is a certified Florida Master Gardener.

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Palm Springs Police Department **968-8243**

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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

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. from the tree and fireplace area after the gifts have been opened.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

- SAVE THE DATE -

Palm Springs Police Department **3rd Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser**

The Palm Springs Police Department is hosting our 3rd Annual Stuff-A-Cruiser event on December 14, 2013 from 12pm-4pm 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, ladies auxiliary bake sale and gourmet food trucks. Local businesses will be donating prizes for the raffle. Bring your family and enjoy the fun!!

YOUR VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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



Village of Palm Springs *Holiday* *Decorating Contest* *2013*

15 winners will be selected to receive a \$100 cash prize.

Contest judging will take place on Tuesday, December 10, 2013
from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm

**Please fill out registration form below and
return by Friday, December 6, 2013 to:**

Village of Palm Springs
Attn: Sylvia Ward
226 Cypress Lane
Palm Springs, FL 33461

Or by Email:
sward@vpsfl.org

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

You must be a resident of the Village of Palm Springs to enter contest.
Due to safety concerns, all entrants must live on a thru street and/or
be easily accessible and visible.

www.vpsfl.org