

Community Spring Sale

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

March 22nd from 8 a.m. – 12 noon

We're inviting all members of the community to clean out their closets and join us for our first community sale of 2014. Rent a spot to sell your old belongings or stop by to shop your neighbors' closets. Remember: One man's trash is another man's treasure. Crafters are also welcomed to participate!

Registration: Spaces (one parking lot space) will be available for \$20. You must provide your own tables and display materials. Please visit the Leisure Services department by March 15th to register. For more information please contact Sahily Perez at Sperez@vpsfl.org or 561-964-8820.

Hurry! Spaces are limited!

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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.

Announced the Qualifications and Qualifying Time, January 28, 2014 thru February 11, 2014, for Candidates for the General Election for the District 2 and District 4 Council Seats on March 11, 2014, designated Voting Locations, appointed the canvassing board, and provided for a run-off election, if required.

Approved an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for the purpose of creating a mutual countywide contractor enrollment program to eliminate duplication of efforts and serve as a central depository of information on contractor's licenses, liability insurance, workers comp and business tax receipts.

Amended the Village Code at Chapter 34 "Land Development", Article IV "Signs" Division 1, Section 34-267 "Changeable Electronic Signs" to allow changeable electronic signs on public property.

If you need more information on this code amendment or contractor enrollment program, please contact the Land Development Department at (561) 965-4016.

Amended the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the Village to include twelve lots owned by Equity Trust Company/PBC Equity LLC, located on the east side of Reo Lane, south of Park Lane, to change the designation of the land use from "low density residential" to "medium density residential".

Annexed a property owned by Joaquin Guzman, located at 3774 Kirk Road, amended the land use designation to "low density residential" and rezoned the property to "residential multi-family".

Annexed a property owned by Monica Espinoza, located at 3872 Kirk Road, amended the land use designation to "low density residential" and rezoned the property to "residential multi-family".

Approved a preliminary plat for St. Paul Estates, submitted by John Reichard, Developer, to divide a three acre property into 27 zero lot line parcels for the site located on the east side of Reo Lane, south of Park Lane.

Approved a preliminary plat submitted by the Lutheran Church of Holy Cross & Joann Lewis to reconfigure the boundary lines for two parcels of land located on the west side of Kirk Road, north of Forest Hill Boulevard, for the purpose of developing a Dollar General Store.

Approved two sign variances for the McDonald's Restaurant at 3671 South Congress Avenue, to allow wall signage along the north and south facades not facing a street and to allow window signage exceeding 25% maximum coverage per window.

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LEISURE Services

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TRAVEL Club

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Spring Camp

Spring Camp offered for children ages 5 (must be enrolled in kindergarten) to 12 during the spring school break. The camp runs Monday, March 17th through Monday, March 24th. 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 \$144.00 for the session. Included in the fee are T-shirt, all field trips, arts & crafts supplies. Registration is going on now. For more information, contact the Village of Palm Springs Leisure Services department at 964-8820.

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Amended the Village Code at Chapter 2 "Administration: Article VI "Finance" by creating a new consolidated and updated Chapter 58 "Purchasing Code", in order to provide a uniform means of acquiring goods and services in a manner that protects the interests of the taxpayers.

Approved a Utilities Infrastructure Settlement Agreement with Hector Sardina for special assessment liens on twelve individual lots within Tarquino Estates Subdivision.

Approved a Design Services Task Order from Eckler Engineering in the lump sum of \$182,000 and limited services during construction on an hourly rate not to exceed \$83,000, for expansion of the Village's Sanitary Sewer System in the southwest corner of 10th Avenue North and Kirk Road.

Accepted a Utilities Easement from Ronald M. and Mary B. Schroader, 3853 Coconut Road, for expansion of water and sanitary sewer service.

Announced the winners of the holiday decorating contest and presented them with certificates and checks.

Issued a proclamation posthumously honoring Water Treatment Plant Employee Jack Craft for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Village and its residents.

Issued a proclamation announcing January 2014 as Human Trafficking Month and committed the Village of Palm Springs to protecting victims' rights, dignity and freedom.

Re-appointed Ronald Wong, as a regular member, and Richard Hughes, as a senior alternate member, to the Land Development Board.

GET TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE! SERVE ON A BOARD!

The **Land Development Board** makes recommendations on 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 concerning use of playgrounds, athletic programs and fields, as well as recreational centers, and the **Library Board** recommends improvements to expand library services and also recommends programs and activities that will best serve the residents. For information or to pick up an application, contact the Village Clerk's Office at 965-4010, or download an application on the website: www.vpsfl.org.

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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 Karen Mihelich 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:



March 24 Okeechobee Locks Trip

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. and travel to Stuart to board the Island Princess for a cruise along the St Lucie River and go through the locks from a saltwater environment to a fresh water environment. This trip is full.

March 31 Gulfstream Casino

Members will depart Palm Springs at 9:30 a.m. This trip is full.

April 9 Stage Door Theater & Lunch

Members will depart Palm Springs at 10:30 a.m. and travel to the Colony West Country Club for a buffet lunch, then go to the Stage Door to see a comedy by Joe DiPietro **Over the River and Through the Woods**. The cost is \$62 per person and the deadline is March 21st.

April 15 Flagler Museum & Lunch

Members will depart Palm Springs at 9:40 a.m. and enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum and time to explore on our own before sitting down to a Gilded Age style lunch. The cost is \$55 per person and the deadline is March 31st.

Ask a Master Gardener

I have been receiving questions at the Master Gardener Hotline about problems with plants that all come down to all of the rain we have been receiving. Too much water, to the surprise of some gardeners and homeowners, may be a problem.

For your lawn, excessive water promotes rapid growth of weeds such as sedge and dollar weed, fungus, and root rot. Shrubs can get leafspot, die back, and suffer root decline. Plants that sit in water-logged soil long enough can actually wilt, will lack vigor, and develop light green or pale yellow-green areas in leaves because of root oxygen deficiency. Oxygen-starved roots do not function properly and are unable to withdraw water and nutrients from the soil. Of course, wet conditions also foster the development of root-rot fungal diseases

Overwatering is among the most common problems tomato growers face. Long periods of rain may cause plants and their surrounding soil to be waterlogged, which may cause leaf yellowing. Too much water, particularly if soil is not draining well, prevents proper air flow to roots, essentially drowning them and eliminating the nutrient supply. As roots die, leaves will begin to turn yellow before they die and drop.

Signs of too much water for your plants include - Yellowing leaves, Wilting leaves, Stunted growth and Poor crop production. And in worse cases dying plants.

Some things you should plant in March are: Heat tolerant annuals for color (such as crossandra or firecracker shrub, gazania and melampodium which have daisy like flowers and zinnia which are popular flowering plants) that will last into fall. You can also plant caladiums for a showy tropical display all summer.

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

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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	\$52	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Chair Exercise (Men & Women) No Class February 17th
Class will include strengthening, stretching, movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10:00-11:00a	Adult	Studio	\$65	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(BEGINNER) (5 Classes)

or

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	10:00-11:00a	Adult	Studio	\$52	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(INTERMEDIATE) (4 Classes)

*Special rate to take both classes \$96

Fast Aerobic Workout at Barre and Center

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	8:30-9:00a	Adult	Studio	\$35	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

or

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	8:30-9:00a	Adult	Studio	\$28	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Fit For Life (Mondays 8:45 a.m., Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.)

Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body (prices are per month)

DAYS A WEEK	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
2 (9 Classes)	Adult	Studio	\$108	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
3 (13 Classes)	Adult	Studio	\$150	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Teen & Adult Beginner Exercise Workout

New class forming!

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Tues	4:30-5:30p	Teen-Adult	Studio	\$52	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

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
Thurs	7:00-8:00p	8 & Up	Multi-Purpose	\$30	Betty Rodriguez	(561)313-8477

Youth Classes



Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	3:15-4:15p	5-6	Studio	\$65	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Mon	4:15-5:15p	5-6	Studio	\$65	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Thurs	11:15-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$52	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Preschool Classes



Children's Acrobatic Mat Exercises & Stretch No Class February 17th

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	11:00-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$65	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Pre School Motor Skills – "Tumbleweeds"

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10:15-11:00a	3-5	Studio	\$65	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	10:30a-12:30p	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	6:30-8:00p	7-Adult	Studio	\$70	Renaldo Roach	(617)312-6788

AND
Wed 6:00-8:00p
OR

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
T/Th	4:00-5:00p	4-13	Studio	\$70	Rodrigo Suarez	(561)315-1037
Sat	9:00-11:00a					

MARCH 2014

Calendar of Events

- Mar 6 9:00 a.m. Travel Club Meeting
- Mar 11 10:00 a.m. Code Enforcement Hearing
- Mar 11 6:30 p.m. Land Development
- Mar 13 6:30 p.m. Regular Council
- Mar 18 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- Mar 20 7:00 p.m. Leisure Services Board

MARK (X) THESE DATES

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*



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.

Tax Help - AARP tax preparers are in the library on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The last hour is reserved for people already signed up and waiting. No last minute arrivals will be accepted.

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

Teen Gamerz - Attention Teen Gamerz! Challenge your friends or yourself in TeenSpace Gamerz, Saturday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m. Rock Band, Crash, Knock Out and other exciting games are provided. For more information, contact Michele at 965-2204.

Science Club will meet Monday, March 10th and 24th at 3:30 p.m. This month's theme is States of Matter. This program is for children in Grades 2-5. Please pre-register at the circulation desk.

Cuentos en español meets the second Tuesday evening of the month, March 11th at 7:00 p.m., el martes, el 11 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. This program is bilingual in Spanish and English. This month's theme is animal stories. El tema es los cuentos de los animales. Families are welcome.

Paws-to-Read returns in April. Our therapy dog is on maternity leave. Her puppies were born in January.

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

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.

The Annual Bookmark Contest will run through March 31st! This program is for children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Pick up your entry forms at the circulation desk today.

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



Tax Identity Theft Awareness

The Palm Springs Police Department wants to raise awareness of this growing problem.

Each tax season, we receive numerous reports from citizens who find out that their tax returns have already been filed fraudulently. The following are tips to protect your identity during this tax season and throughout the year. The best defense is to file your tax returns as early in the season as possible to prevent someone who already has your information from beating you to it.

- Ensure that your home wireless network is secured with a password and consider installing a firewall, especially if you are filing your tax return electronically.
- If you have any doubts about the security of your home internet connection, consider mailing the return directly from a post office. Never send outgoing mail from an unsecured home mailbox.
- If you have a third party prepare your tax return, be sure to research the tax preparer thoroughly before providing your personal information. Check reviews and references.
- Be aware that the IRS will only contact you through the US Mail. Do not respond to requests for information by phone, email, or any other means.
- Purchase a quality cross-cut shredder and always shred all sensitive information. This includes any tax preparation documents that you do not need, including bank statements, credit card statements, and junk mail, such as preapproved credit card offers.

Visit www.annualcreditreport.com and request your credit report annually. The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCPA) requires each of the three credit bureaus to provide you with a free credit report once every 12 months. To keep a consistent watch on your financial safety, consider staggering the requests from each bureau every four months throughout the year.

If you find that your social security number has been compromised, contact the IRS ID Theft Protection Unit at 1-800-908-4490.

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