

## U.S. Surgeon General Visits FoundCare in Palm Springs



Pictured here are Police Chief Tom Ceccarelli, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, Mayor Bev Smith, and Village Manager Richard Reade.

United States Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy spoke with media, and toured FoundCare's health center, following a listening session where Surgeon General Murthy met with community stakeholders, faith leaders, public health officials, and leaders from sectors such as urban planning, parks and recreation, and law enforcement to discuss key health issues, the Affordable Care Act and public health issues that are facing Palm Beach County.

This was the tenth stop on a cross-country listening tour. The sessions were held at FoundCare, a community health center located on South Congress Avenue in Palm Springs.

# PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER



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## Incumbants Retain Seats

Village Incumbent Candidates retain council seats for two more years - There will be no election in March 2015 since there were no challengers for District 1 seat held by Doug Gunther, District 3 seat held by Sergio Escalada and the position of Mayor, held by Bev Smith. In accordance with elections laws, the two council members and the Mayor will automatically retain their council seats for two more years, until March 2017. Congratulations to the Mayor and both Council Members.



Council Member  
Gunther



Mayor  
Smith



Council Member  
Escalada



**Book Discussion!** Join us on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a book discussion on *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (available in print and ebook formats at the library). Explore a different book with us each month in this relaxed setting. Light refreshments will be served.

**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.

**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 March. For more information call Michele at 965-2204.

**Annual Bookmark Contest** - The Palm Springs Public Library Bookmark Contest is open for children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The Contest begins March 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues until March 31<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is **Unlimited Possibilities @ your library**. Winners will be announced after April 1<sup>st</sup> and prizes will be awarded on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pick up your entry forms all month at the Library.

**Teen Gamerz** - Attention Teen Gamerz! Challenge your friends or yourself in TeenSpace Gamerz, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. NBA2K14, Need for Speed:Rival, Sonic Generation, Titanfall and other exciting games are provided. For more information, contact Michele at 965-2204.

**Cuentos en español** meets on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., *el martes, el 10 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m.* This month's theme is **Springtime; el tema es la primavera**. 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Bring your favorite book to read to Trouble or use one of ours.

**Science Club** investigates Ecology: food webs and the environment on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Children from Second through Fifth Grade (or older) are welcome. Register at the circulation desk.

**Preschool Storytime** meets each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for children from 30 months until they start school. Storytimes are based on the **Very Ready Reading Program** which teaches parents how to help their child get ready to read by sharing 7 activities with their child daily; Sounds, Words, Rhymes, Songs, Stories, Playtime and Books. No registration is needed, just come in.

**Toddler Storytime** continues through March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to register your 12 to 30 month old child, contact children's librarian Mary Helen Sakellarios at 965-2204. This Story Time Series will be using the **Very Ready Reading Program** for younger children.

**Evening Storytime** is held each week on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This program is for children age 2 to 8; parents are welcome. No registration is required for this program. Parents or caregivers must stay in the building.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Anyone interested in sharing their talents in crocheting caps, making beautiful plastic canvas/yarn cross necklaces with colorful beads, sewing pillowcase sundresses, sewing fabric and yarn dolls? All materials supplied by non-profit organization for finished products to be donated to orphans and homeless around the world! Meetings held once a month for fun and fellowship and returning finished products and receiving more materials. If interested, please call Pam Heramb at (561) 795-5103 for more information.



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:

### Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Mai-Kai, Fort Lauderdale

Members will depart Palm Springs at 4:30 p.m. for the beautiful Mai-Kai in Fort Lauderdale. The roaring drums sound the beginning of the exciting islander revue. You will be enticed by the romantic Hawaiian wedding dance and the thrilling Samoan fire knife dance performed by the native Polynesian dancers. Transportation, dinner, show & gratuity are included. The cost is \$89.

### Wednesday & Thursday, April 29-30<sup>th</sup>, Murder Mystery Train

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. for Fort Myers to have lunch at 2 Meatballs in the Kitchen. After lunch we will visit the Calusa Nature Center before checking in to the Holiday Inn. In the evening we will enjoy dinner aboard the Murder Mystery Train. The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, go to the Miromar Outlets (coupon books will be given out) the final part of the trip is a stop at a casino (TBA). The cost is \$209 per person for double occupancy or \$239 for single occupancy and the deadline is Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## MARCH 2015

### Calendar of Events

Mar 5	9:00 a.m.	Travel Club Meeting
Mar 10	10:00 a.m.	Special Magistrate Code Hearing
Mar 10	6:30 p.m.	Land Development
Mar 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular Council
Mar 17	6:30 p.m.	Library Board
Mar 19	7:00 p.m.	Leisure Services Board

MARK (X) THESE DATES

# TAKE A CLASS!

Register with instructor on first day of class.

## Exercise Classes with Pat Mieszczenski

**(561) 969-0686 Location: Studio**

- **\*\*NEW CLASS\*\* Beginner Mayo Clinic Chair Class– Call Pat to sign up**  
**Tues 1:00-2:00p or Fri 9:30-10:30a \$5 (4 classes)**  
**No class March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- **Chair Exercise (Men & Women) - Includes strengthening, stretching, movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands**  
**Mon 9:45-10:45a \$65 INTERMEDIATE (5 Classes)**  
 or  
**Thurs 10:00-11:00a \$52 INTERMEDIATE (4 Classes) or**  
**Thurs Only(3 classes) \$39** No class March 19<sup>th</sup>, make up Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
 \*Special rate to take both classes \$96 (8 classes)

- **Fit For Life (Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30a (No Class March 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>))**  
 Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body (prices are per month)  
**2x/week (8 Classes) \$96**  
**3x/week (11 Classes) \$127**

- **Teen & Adult Beginner Exercise Workout – NEW**  
**Tues 4:30-5:30p \$52**

- **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**

- **Pre School Motor Skills – “Tumbleweeds” - NEW**  
**Mon 11:15a-12:00p \$52 Ages 3-5**

- **\*\*NEW Senior Men’s Workout**  
**Thurs 11:15a-12:15p \$39 (3 Classes) No class March 19<sup>th</sup>**

## 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\*\*\*\***

# Palm Springs 2015 “Eggstravaganza”

When: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Where: Palm Springs Athletic Complex  
 Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt Start Times and Age Groups:

2 & Under – Anytime (please see map for location)	
3 & 4 Year Olds	6:45 pm (Field 1)
5 - 7 Year Olds	7:10 pm (Field 1)
8 - 10 Year Olds	7:30 pm (Field 1)

There will be separate “Goody” areas and egg hunts for each age group listed above. Children will be permitted on the field during the designated start time to hunt for prize filled eggs. A few eggs will contain a “Golden Ticket,” which may be redeemed for a prize.

In addition to our annual egg hunt, here are a few things that you don’t want to miss out on this year:

- BRING YOUR CAMERAS to take a picture of your child with the Easter Bunny!
- The Cock-A-Doodle-Do Petting Zoo of Wellington
- Face Painting
- Bounce House
- Games and Arts & Crafts
- Entertainment
- Refreshments (available for purchase)

For more information, please contact the Leisure Services office at 964-8820.

## Spring Camp

Spring Camp will be offered for children ages 5 (must be enrolled in kindergarten) to 12 during the spring school break. The camp runs Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 \$150.00 for the session. Included in the fee are T-shirt, all field trips, arts & crafts supplies. For more information, contact the Leisure Services department at 964-8820.

## 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**

## 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.

Announced the qualifying period for the March 10, 2015 elections would be from January 27, 2015 through February 10, 2015. The voting locations would be consolidated to Village Hall and the Village Library. The Canvassing Board would consist of the Village Clerk, the Deputy Village Clerk and the Supervisor of Elections.

Amended the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 10 "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article I, Section 10-28 "Abatement of Unsafe Buildings" to provide procedures to address unsafe buildings and their repair and/or demolition, provided for definitions, enforcement, inspections, notices, hearing, appeal, recovery of costs and other miscellaneous provisions. Amended Section 10-31 by deleting Section 116.

If you need further information about this code amendment, please contact the Land Development Department at (561) 965-4016.

Annexed 24 properties, individually owned, and located on Lakewood Road, Patio Court, Broadway Street, Diamond Road, Evergreen Lane and Diamond Lane, into the Village boundaries, changed the land use to "low density residential" and "medium density residential", and rezoned the properties to "residential multi-family" and "residential single family".

Abandoned all right, title and interest in an unimproved 10 foot wide road right-of-way alley abutting a commercial property at 2888 2nd Avenue North, on the recorded Plat of Belle Vue Park Addition.

Approved, with conditions, the site plan submitted by Yvette Louka to convert an existing 969 square foot residential home into a professional office building, located at 2886 10th Avenue North.

Approved and signed an Alley Maintenance Agreement with Chong Family Investments, Inc., owners of Shores Plaza, located at 1946 South Congress Avenue, for the service alley and drainage ditch behind Shores Plaza.

Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Cumberland Farms Store at Kirk Road and 10th Avenue North for fundraising event which collected \$1,000 for Palm Springs Youth Sports.

Presented 15 residents from Winged Foot Road, Pinehurst Road, Dale Road, Lanier Road, Henthorne Drive, Santa Ana Drive and Shady Lane Road with Certificates and \$100.00 checks as winners in the 2014 Holiday Decorating Contest.

Approved new hourly rates for Eckler Engineering for calendar year 2015.

Re-appointed Johnnie Tieche and Charles Nefzger to the Land Development Board as regular members with terms to expire on January 25, 2018.

**Palm Springs Police Department**  
**968-8243**

## Palm Springs Police participate in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) High Visibility Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Campaign

The Palm Springs Police Department continues to participate in the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) High Visibility Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement Campaign. The focus of this campaign is to increase awareness and provide education to the motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians using our roadways. Our participation in the most recent campaign this past summer was extremely successful in that officers made contact with over 400 drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists in an effort to educate, change behaviors and raise awareness.

Though there are many behaviors associated with bicycle/pedestrian violations, crashes and fatalities, the most common areas of concern are:

- Speeding (5MPH can make the difference between types of injuries)
- Failure to stop for red lights or stop signs
- Failure to yield to pedestrians and bicyclists
- Distracted driving
- Blocking crosswalks

These behaviors present a clear danger to our traveling public. Our efforts have been designed and implemented to change these behaviors and make our roadways safer for everyone. The number one goal is to change behaviors, thereby saving lives and reducing injuries. Our traffic safety program is comprehensive and we will continue to try new ways to reach the over 200,000 drivers utilizing our roadways. **The message is clear: Slow down. Be respectful of others sharing the roadways and always wear your seatbelt.**

If you are interested in obtaining a tri-fold handout of the relevant traffic laws please visit the Palm Springs Police Department.

## Our Canals

A canal is an artificial waterway that is constructed for the passage of water. The canals were created many years ago to drain the Everglades for agriculture but today our canals are still being used. We have canals named 8 through 11 in our city limits. They are important because some of our storm water system is connected to the canals to relieve the excess rainfall. **Canals are NOT meant for throwing items into them.** Please dispose your things that you don't want responsibly. Everyone needs to do their part on creating a nice environment for all to enjoy.