



# We need your feedback!

Reply for a chance to win a \$25 Publix gift card

In an effort to gauge the effectiveness of the Village Newsletter, we are asking all of our residents to participate in a simple trivia contest with the winner randomly selected out of all the correct respondents. Simply email lturner@vpsfl.org with the word "Contest" in the subject line no later than Friday, August 14th, 2015 with your answers to the following questions;

1. In what year was the Village of Palm Springs incorporated?
2. Who is the Village's Scholarship named after?
3. What fruit is prominently displayed throughout the website?

All of the answers can be found within the pages of the Village's website (www.vpsfl.org). Only one entry per residence please. Good luck!

# PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER



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## Youth Soccer

Registration for children 5-17 years (age on 9/1/15) will continue until Saturday, August 22nd. Start Smart Sports Development Program for ages 3 and 4 year olds will also register at this time. The cost per child is \$80 for Residents and \$110 for Non-Residents. The program fee includes uniform shirt, socks, shorts, and approximately 12 games. Shin guards are necessary.



(If you sign up before Saturday, August 8th you will receive a \$10 discount.) Coaches and Sponsors are needed.

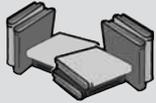
Please contact Dennis at the Leisure Services office for more information at 964-8820.

## Village Announces \$5,000 Matching Grant For Eligible Property Improvements

As an incentive to encourage residents and business owners to renovate their property, the Village is offering financial assistance, on a reimbursement basis, for construction projects that:



1) require a building permit, 2) cost at least \$500, and 3) enhance the visual appeal and value of the structure. Specific program details and the application form can be found on the Village website, or call the Land Development Department at 561-965-4016 for more information. The deadline to file complete applications for this grant is Monday, August 31st.



**LIBRARY NEWS**  
965-2204

**TAKE A CLASS!**

**Book Discussion!** Join us Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 PM for a book discussion on *The Bookseller* by Cynthia Swanson (available in print, large print, audio book, and eBook formats at the library). Explore a different book with us each month in this relaxed setting. Light refreshments will be served.

**Make a difference!** Join the Friends of the Library. August is Membership Drive month. Free tote bag to first 50 new members. Call Jerry for details!

**Beach Art!** Create your own sand art painting Thursday, August 20th from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Materials provided. Must pre-register at the circulation desk. For more information call Karen.

**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.

Elementary School age youngsters are reminded to pick up their Reading Logs from the Summer Reading Program. Your new teacher will be interested to see that you have been reading, and will reward you!

**Wednesday is Pre-school Story Time**

- Children from 30 months to about 4 years. This program meets year-round from 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. Stories, music, short movies and crafts.

**Cuentos en español** meets the second Tuesday evening of the month, August 11 at 7:00 p.m., el martes, el 11 de agosto a las 7:00 pm. This program is bilingual in Spanish and English. This month's theme is stories about school starting. El tema es los comienzos de clases. Families are welcome.

Music lovers, these programs are for you:

- Folk Club - August 1st and 15th at 1:00 p.m.
- Bluegrass Jam - August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

**Library Hours**

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Fri-Sat 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Closed Sunday



**TRAVEL Club**  
964-8820

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, August 13th Benvenuto Summer Luncheon**

The cost is \$36 and the deadline is August 6th.

**Tuesday, August 18th The Isle Casino**

The cost is \$26 and the deadline is August 11th.

**Friday, August 28th Stuart Day Trip to McMow Glass Factory**

/Elliot Museum The cost is \$83 and the deadline is August 7th

**September 17th - 18th Ft. Myers/Broadway Palms Dinner Theater**

The cost is \$153 double/\$184 single and the deadline is August 21st

**Saturday, December 12th Christmas Pageant - First Baptist Church of Ft.**

Lauderdale The cost is \$73 and the deadline is Sept 4th.

**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 (No Classes Aug 17th & 18th)  
Mon 10:00-11:00a \$52 (4 classes)  
Tues 11:00a-12:00p \$39 (3 classes) Tues 1:00- 2:00p \$39 (3 classes)
- **Chair Exercise (Men & Women) - Includes strengthening, stretching, movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands.**  
(No Class Aug 13th & 17th)  
Mon 10:00-11:00a \$52 INTERMEDIATE (4 Classes)  
Thurs 10:00-11:00a \$39 INTERMEDIATE (3 Classes)  
\*\*Special rate to take both classes \$84 (7 Classes)
- **Fit For Life (Mon-Wed @ 9:00a)**  
Stability balls, strength training with bands & weights, light dance & strength (prices are per month). (No Class Aug 17th)  
2x/week (8 Classes) \$96 1x/week (4 Classes) \$52
- **\*\*New Pre School Motor Skills (No Class Aug 13th)**  
Thurs 11:15a-12:00p \$39 (3 classes) Ages 3-5 Starts Aug 6th - Aug 27th

**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 (4 classes) Ages 8 & Above

**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 Sensei Reinaldo Roach - (617) 312-6788  
M/W/Th 6:00-8:00p \$70 Ages 7-Adult  
with Rodrigo Suarez - (561) 628-8439  
T/Th 4:00-5:00p \$70 Ages 4-13  
Sat 9:00-11:00a

**NEW 2D and 3D Skill Building Art Class**

**with Educational Gallery Group (561) 313-0965**

**E-Mail: Lindsay@egsquared.org Website: www.egsquared.org**

**Location: Leisure Activity Building**

- **2D Drawing Skill Building Class:** We will focus on painting and drawing in areas such as color theory, design elements, observation, and art history with an emphasis on still life and figurative drawing
- **3D Art Intensive Skill Building:** We will introduce the basic three dimensional process and materials, discussing proportions, emphasis, organic forms and balance.  
Tues 4:00-6:00p \$150 (6 Sessions) 2D Grades 3-5  
3D Grades 6-10  
Tues 6:00-8:00p \$150 (6 Sessions) 2D Grades 6-10  
3D Grades 3-5

**NEW Community Youth Orchestra Program**

**with Daniel Mattos (561) 232-0960 Location: Classroom**

- The Community Youth Orchestra Program offers an opportunity for children to explore their musical talents through the study of an orchestra instrument within a positive and safe environment. Classes will be offered in a group format. Spaces available for violin, viola, and cello.  
Mon & Wed 4:00-6:00p \$180 (per month) Ages 7-11

# Flood Protection Information:

During periods of heavy or extended rainfall, the Village of Palm Springs has experienced localized flooding. The last occurrence was in October 1999 when heavy rains caused severe flooding in many areas of Palm Beach County. The LWDD canals L-8, L-9, L-10, and L-11 pass through the Village of Palm Springs. The Village also has several lakes, Lake Bonita, Lake Palmarito, Lake Frost, and Lake Sago, many of which outfall into these canals. Many developments within the Village have retention ponds. The primary reasons for flooding in the Village are the capacity limits and overflow of the canals, lakes, ponds, and storm drains and the filling in and altering of property by owners that change the topography and runoff characteristics of the area. If your property has been spared from any flooding, do not assume that it is safe from any future heavy rainfall events.

## VILLAGE FLOOD SERVICES:

Flood Insurance Rate Maps are available for review in the Land Development Department. The Land Development staff can assist you in determining your flood zone, base flood elevation, and provide you with information on flood insurance requirements. In addition, the Land Development Department maintains elevation certificates on all newly constructed buildings. Elevation certificates for buildings constructed since 1996 are available for review in the Land Development Department. Additionally, the Village of Palm Springs Library has the Flood Insurance Rate Map as well as many excellent flood protection references. For further information call the Village of Palm Springs Land Development office at 965-4016.

If you experience localized flooding of your property, call the Village of Palm Springs Land Development Department at 965-4016. They will assess the flood problem and may be able to offer some assistance.

## FLOOD INSURANCE:

The Palm Springs Village Council has taken every action necessary, such as the enactment and enforcement of required codes, to qualify you for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Many people have the mistaken belief that flood damage is covered by their standard homeowner's policy. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding including a canal overflowing its banks, an ocean storm, and local drainage problems. If your property is even suspect to the possibility of flood damage from a hurricane, you should be protected with a NFIP Flood Policy. The NFIP offers separate coverage for the building structure and the building contents. There is often more damage to the contents of a building than the building structure. Check with your insurance agent on the different types of coverage available to you. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance unless it is a new mortgage, so don't put off purchasing it.

## DRAINAGE:

It is important to keep the drainage system clear of debris that could impede the flow of water. Florida law prohibits the willful obstruction of our drainage systems and provides both civil and criminal penalties for anyone convicted of such a felony. Do not dump trash, vegetation, debris of any kind into the canals, lakes, or storm drains. The Lake Worth Drainage District maintains the canals and canal banks. If your property abuts a canal, please do not store your personal property on the canal banks.

If you see dumping or debris in the lakes, canals, or storm drains please contact the Village Public Services Department at 965-8260.



## DEVELOPMENT:

Always check with the Land Development Department prior to altering, regrading, filling, or building on your property. All properties within a Special Flood Hazard Area must have permits for any development activity in accordance with Section 34-63 of the Village's Code of Ordinances.

If you see any development activity without a Village permit posted on the site, please call the Land Development Department at 965-4016.

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS:

If the cost of any improvement, reconstruction, or repair equals 50% or more of the market value of the building, then the building must comply with all current codes. This includes damaged buildings. The Village's Code of Ordinances Section 34-61 through 34-95 specifies development procedures and flood reduction standards for new construction and substantial improvements.

## FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM:

During periods of heavy rainfall or when it rains for a period of days, Palm Beach County may issue a flood warning. If we have been experiencing flooding in the area, tune to one of the local television or radio stations known to have an active news bureau. Suggested stations are channels 5, 12, or 25, for television and WEAT, WIRK, WJNO, WRMF, WPBR, and WPOM for radio. If you must be evacuated, you will be advised of the routes that you should take to temporary Red Cross shelters. If you need transportation, the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management will provide it for you. They can be reached at 233-3500.

## FLOOD SAFETY:

Safety is the most important consideration. Be prepared and ready to evacuate before the water level reaches your home.

- Keep important papers in a safe place.
- Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station.
- Turn off your electric at the main power switch.
- Shut off gas supply to house.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water in case the water supply gets contaminated.
- Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters.
- Secure your outdoor belongings.
- Stay away from electrical wires and downed power lines.
- Avoid flooded areas. If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible.
- Keep the gas tank at least half full. Gasoline pumps will not be working if the electricity is off.
- When walking through floodwaters, use a pole to check the ground in front of you.



## PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES:

These measures may include retrofitting and grading a yard; sandbagging; sealing building walls with waterproofing compounds, impermeable sheeting or other materials, and shielding openings from floodwaters. An easy protection measure is to relocate appliances and furniture or protect contents with plastic bags and sheeting. Protection of utility systems can be accomplished by elevating the entry points above the base flood elevation or encasing them in waterproof conduit.

## NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS:

Certain areas of the Village rely solely on retention/percolation in swales and easements during times of heavy rains. Therefore, it is important that these swales are not filled or altered. Always check with the Village Land Development Department before changing the grade on any property.

For additional information, FEMA flood publications can be found in the Palm Springs Library.

## 4th of July Celebration in Palm Springs another successful event!

The Palm Springs 4th of July Celebration went out with a bang with bounce houses, a photo booth, patriotic tattoos, face painting, live entertainment by Alwyz Entertainment, and delicious grilled foods from the VFW Post 4360. The John I. Leonard Booster Club was also there selling lemonade, Italian ices, and popcorn, and the event included some fantastic performances by The Dai-ichi Shotokan Karate-Do, Top-Notch Twirlers, and Zumba Fitness.

The 2nd Annual Most Patriotic Contest was also a big hit with the top 3 contestants in the children's category each going home with a prize, and the winner in the adult division scoring a BBQ basket, courtesy of the Presidente Supermarket on 10th Ave. & Fl. Mango, and a free standard oil change from our friends at Tires Plus on 10th Ave. and Congress.

The 4th of July event ended with a spectacular performance thanks in part to our Presenting Sponsor, Phantom Fireworks, who helped us light up the night in Palm Springs. We would like to thank everyone who came out to the event and we look forward to seeing you next year!



## COUNCIL News

The Village Council meets next on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. In July, the Village Council

- Adopted several Code changes in Chapter 34 "Land Development", to create a new Subdivision XXVI "Shopping Carts" setting regulations the use of and for abandoned carts; to create a new Section 34-896 "Special Events", procedures for review and approval of special events permits.
- Adopted an updated Water Supply Facilities Work Plan for the years 2015-2025, consistent with the South Florida Water Management District Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan.
- Annexed a commercial property at 11975 Congress Avenue.
- Granted a site plan approval to Philips 3400 LLC, to build an 18,040 square foot retail building and a special exception use for a 1,850 square foot restaurant, at 3400 S. Congress Ave. as well as a sign variance to allow for multiple tenant names on the entrance monument sign.
- Granted a special exception use to allow Behavioral Health a 1,884 square foot fitness center along the back portion of Bays 4, 5, and 6, in the commercial plaza located at 3395 Lake Worth Road.
- Approved several contracts to properly purchase water plant chemicals, road improvement repair and paving, gravity line and manhole rehabilitation construction projects, and repairs and calibration of flow meters and related devices.
- Approved the development of an apartment complex at 2061 Major Drive, and accepted a utility easements for 2061 and 2127 Major Drive.

# Prepare For Hurricane Season

June 1st marked the beginning of another hurricane season. Although the season lasts until November 30th, peak activity usually occurs during the second half of August through the end of September.

It is best to plan ahead to help you and your family stay safe as well as to protect your house and property. Review your insurance policies in order to ensure that your assets are adequately covered because once a hurricane watch has been issued, insurance providers will not issue additional coverage or new policies. Take inventory of your possessions and photograph or videotape any items of value well in advance. Keep your important documents in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box, and if you must evacuate, consider taking the documents with you.

If you plan to ride out the storm at home, identify the safest room, typically an interior room with no windows, and stay inside that room if a hurricane is expected to pass directly over your location.

Trim trees on your property in the weeks or months prior to the

beginning of hurricane season. Trees should not only be trimmed but also thinned to allow strong winds to pass through them in order to prevent them from falling down during a hurricane.

If you have pets of any kind, remember that pets can be traumatized if left behind alone during a hurricane. If a category 3 hurricane or higher is approaching, consider evacuating and taking your pets with you but remember that many shelters do not allow pets. You may need to make other plans to ensure your pet's safety and well-being during a hurricane.

### Prior to arrival, prepare for a hurricane by doing the following:

- Get any cash you may need because ATM's may not work after a storm.
- Fill up your vehicle's gas tank.
- Charge your cell phone battery as well as camera battery.
- Secure your home with hurricane shutters and bring loose yard or outdoor objects inside.
- First sanitize and then fill bathtubs, sinks and other containers with water for sanitary usage.
- To keep food fresh, put refrigerator & freezer on their highest settings in case of a power outage. Limit the number of times you open these appliances.
- Locate and place important documents in a waterproof container.

### After a storm or hurricane, it's important to note the following:

- Stay away from fallen wires and flooded areas.
- Never run a generator inside your home.
- If you need assistance in locating a shelter, contact the Red Cross.

For more useful information go to: <http://hurricane-preparedness.com/> and <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

## AUGUST 2015

### Calendar of Events

- Aug 6 9:00 a.m. Travel Club Meeting
- Aug 11 10:00 a.m. Special Magistrate Code Hearing
- Aug 11 6:30 p.m. Land Development
- Aug 20 7:00 p.m. Leisure Services Board
- Aug 27 6:30 p.m. Regular Council

MARK (☞) THESE DATES