

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE

Santa's sleigh ride will take place Saturday, December 15, 2012. 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 8, 2012, your children, ages 5-10, 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 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 no later than December 3, 2012.

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



On December 12, 2012, 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 (one child per form) to: The Village of Palm Springs; Attn: Santa Calling; 226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461 **by December 10, 2012.** Please call 964-8820 for more information.

OR email ALL the information to: d Bailey@villageofpalmSprings.org (subject: Santa Call) ONLY ONE CHILD PER FORM PLEASE.

Child's Name: _____ AGE: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best Time to Call:
 _____ 6:00 - 7:00 OR _____ 7:00 - 8:00

Description of Child's Likes & Dislikes:

Child's Wish List:



December 2012

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 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

Annexed a residential property owned by Yaniel & Son Investment Group Palm Beach located at 3522 Kirk Road, changed the land use to "low density residential" and the zoning to "residential multi-family".

Annexed a residential property owned by Julio & Lizette Cruz located at 3816 Kirk Road; changed the land use to "low density residential" and the zoning to "residential multi-family".

Changed the land use to "low density residential" and the zoning to "residential multi-family" for seventeen (17) properties previously annexed into the Village, and located on Corrigan Court, Lakewood Road, Canal road, "A" Street and 39th Avenue.

Amended the Village Code at Chapter 1 "Definitions" to revise certain definitions to be consistent with the Florida State Statutes; amended Chapter 34 for "Community Residential Homes: to revise language to be consistent with the Florida State Statutes; and amended Chapter 34 for "Off Street Parking and Loading" "Minimum Requirements by Use". **If you would like more information about the change to the Village Code, please contact the Land Development Department at 561-965-4016.**

Approved, with conditions, a site plan and special exceptions uses submitted by High Point on Congress LLC for development and construction of 19,028 square feet of office space and 29, 691 square feet of utility warehouse space in Phase I, 4,017 square feet of additional utility warehouse space in Phase II, and a 392 square foot gas station with 12 fueling positions in Phase II, to be utilized by Florida Public Utilities Company, for the 7.3 acre site located south of the intersection of Summit Boulevard and South Congress Avenue on the east side of South Congress Avenue.

Approved the application submitted by Florida Public Utilities Company for a waiver from the Code to extend the hours of operation from 6:30AM to 11PM Monday through Saturday, excluding period emergencies, and to extend the hours for deliveries from 7AM to 9PM, for the 7.3 acre site located south of the intersection of Summit Boulevard and South Congress Avenue on the east side of South Congress Avenue.

PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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 Permit Number 315

Approved a three year agreement with the Service Employees International Union/ Florida Public Services Union (SEIU/FPSU) for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2015.

Renewed the Agreement for Village Attorney Services with Glenn Torcivia & Association for the period November 8, 2012 thru November 7, 2013.

Approved a revised Council Meeting Schedule for November/December 2012, with one meeting on November 8th and one meeting on December 13th, due to conflicting holiday dates.

Appointed Cinde Martin as a junior alternate on the Leisure Services Board to fill an unexpired term until March 27, 2013.

Issued a Mayor Proclamation recognizing October 21 – 27, 2012 as City Government Week in Palm Springs.

Issued a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing October 2012 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Palm Springs.

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, 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.

Leisure Services

964-8820

Winter Camp

The Village of Palm Springs will be offering a Winter Camp for children ages 5 (must be enrolled in kindergarten) to 12 during the winter school break. The camp runs Wednesday, December 26th, 2012, through Monday, January 7th, 2013. (No Camp January 1st) Camp hours will be 7:00a.m until 6:00p.m. with field trips scheduled between 9:00a.m and 4:00 p.m. Registration will begin November 26th, 2012. The cost of the camp is \$192.00 for the entire session. **(If you sign up before Saturday, December 8, 2012 you will receive a \$10 discount.)** Included in the fee are T-shirt, all field trips, arts & crafts supplies. For more information, contact the Leisure Services department at 964-8820.

Recreational Wednesday's

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

Dates:

December 12th

December 19th

Mommy & Me Playtime Group

Do you have children under 5 and would like to get together with other Mom's?

We would like to start a Tuesday morning playgroup for you and your child. Age appropriate games, stories, crafts, music & free play time will be offered.

For more information and to get your name on the list contact Karen at 964-8820. This program will begin in January.

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Welcome To The Village Cook!

Well, here it is already December! That means it's also peak cookie season. Don't let it pass without making a batch of these! They're perfect for cookie exchanges and office parties, lunch boxes and cookie plates, and a definite keeper recipe. May each and every one of you have a joyous and blessed holiday season!

Sugar cookie bars:

Cream together:

2 sticks butter
2 cups sugar
now add 1 at a time,
4 eggs

2 tsp vanilla

Combine:

5 c flour
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp baking soda

Add to the wet mixture. Spread on a parchment lined jelly-roll pan.



Bake in a preheated 375°F oven for 10-15 minutes. (Mine was 17)- that's when mt toothpick came out clean. (Ovens are funny. They act different in every-one's house.)

Now- let the big ol' pan cool off. (Do your dishes.)

Now, make this: Buttery-butter-creme

With a mixer combine:

1/2 c butter, softened
1/2 c shortening

4 c powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla

1/2 tsp salt

3-5 tbs milk- *add one at a time while mixer is beating. You don't want it too runny.

Once cookies are cool, remove from the pan and frost. Slice them into four long bars, and then slice triangles out of each bar. You may have to clean your knife in between slicing. Decorate with colored sprinkles, if desired. Cookies can also be frosted after cutting with a pastry bag, if time allows.

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:

November 29 Jungle Queen Dinner Cruise (THIS TRIP IS FULL)

Members will depart Palm Springs at 4:00 p.m. to disembark on the Jungle Queen cruise in Fort Lauderdale. They will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Steamed Shrimp with all the trimmings. Immediately following dinner they will enjoy a new hilarious Variety Review (acclaimed by press & public as "Florida's most outstanding entertainment") followed by a beautiful moonlit scenic ride back.

December 13 & 14 Gaylord Palms Resort (THIS TRIP IS FULL)

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. The trip will include a lunch on the way up to the resort, a group dinner and a \$10 breakfast coupon (both at the resort), a trip to Old Towne the second day with lunch on your own, Christmas show at the resort, a shuttle to the nearby outlet malls (optional), coach transportation and resort accommodations. All taxes and tips are included except for the bus driver. The cost is \$199 per person double occupancy and \$289 for single.

January 26 "Singin' in the Rain" (TRIP IS FULL)

Members will depart Palm Springs at 11:00 a.m. for lunch TBA and then to the Maltz Jupiter Theatre to see "Singin' in the Rain", a high-energy romantic comedy filled with song-and-dance numbers, including "Good Morning," "Make 'Em Laugh" and, of course, "Singin' In the Rain." Complete with glittery showgirls, comical characters and an onstage rainstorm, this delightful extravaganza will leave you happy again! **A \$13 deposit is all that is required to hold your reservation! (Total cost for trip is \$75). The final balance is due September 14th.**

UPCOMING TRIPS IN THE WORKS (Date/events are subject to change)

January 14 Coconut Creek Casino



SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Stuff A Cruiser Event



DECEMBER 15, 2012
11:00AM - 4:00PM

PALM SPRINGS PLAZA
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S CONGRESS AVENUE IN PALM SPRINGS

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 (with a toy or a \$5 donation). In addition, we will have a bounce house, dunk tank, obstacle course, rollover simulator, 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!!

TAKE A CLASS!

Register with instructor on first day of class.

Exercise



Beginner Strength, Dance & Stretch (No class Dec 27)

Includes mat work, bands & weights

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	9 - 10a	Adult	Studio	\$36/mo	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Chair Exercise (Men & Women) (No class Dec 24, 27 or 31)

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 (3 classes)

BEGINNER

or	Thurs	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (3 classes)
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INTERMEDIATE

*Special rate to take both classes \$66

Fast Aerobic Workout at Barre and Center

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	8:30-9 a	Adult	Studio	\$18	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (3 classes)

or	Wed	8:30-9 a	Adult	Studio	\$18	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (3 classes)
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Fit For Life (Mon 8:45, Wed & Fri 8:30) (No classes Dec 24, 26, 28 or 31)

Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (prices are per month)

DAYS A WEEK	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
1 Day	9:00-10:00a	Adult	Studio	\$ 36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (3 classes)
2 Days	9:00-10:00a	Adult	Studio	\$ 66	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (6 classes)
3 Days	9:00-10:00a	Adult	Studio	\$ 99	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686 (9 classes)

FREE!! Mayo Clinic Chair Stretch & Strength Class

Call Pat Mieszczenski 969-0686

Tai Chi - New Seniors Class

Moving for Better Balance - Call for a FREE CLASS Pat Mieszczenski 969-0686



Yoga

Learn "Yoga by Steph". This class is not just for beginners! Breathe, be peaceful, and centered. Take the time to stretch and relax. Make sure to bring your own yoga mat.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Tues	7 - 8p	Teen-Adult	Studio	\$8/class	Stephanie Ader	254-8371
Thurs	7 - 8p	Teen-Adult	Multi	\$8/class	Stephanie Ader	254-8371

Zumba (MAKE SURE TO CALL INSTRUCTOR TO PRE-REGISTER!!)

This class features exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating!

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Tues	6 - 7p	Adult	Studio	\$7/class	Gisselle Koury	967-8318
Thurs	6 - 7p	Adult	Multi	\$7/class	Gisselle Koury	967-8318

OR pre pay for 6-8 week classes only \$5 per class!

Dance Classes



Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8) (No class Nov 22)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	10:15-11 a	3-4	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Wed	3 - 4 p	5-6	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Wed	4 - 5 p	7-8	Studio	\$48	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Preschool Classes



Pre School Motor Skills (No class Dec 21)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	9:45 - 10:30 a	3-5	Studio	\$36	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Please Visit Our Website:
www.vpsfl.org



Martial Arts



Judo (No Class December 24)

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

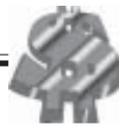
****1 Day per week \$25 per month/2 Days per week \$45 per month****

Karate (No Class Dec 24)

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/Thur	5-8p	7-Adult	Studio	\$70/mo	Renaldo Roach	(617)312-6788
AND						
Wed	6:30-8p					

Educational



Do You Want More Money in Your Pocket? FREE!!!

Are you tired of paying late charges every month? Is your budget in very sad shape or non-existent? Are you losing money every month? Get more money in your pocket each and every month with the technique!! Susanne Carroll is one of your neighbors in Palm Springs who wants to share her life changing experience with you. Please contact Susanne Carroll at (561) 965-9363 for more details.



2012

Village of Palm Springs Holiday Decorating Contest

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

Contest judging will take place on Wednesday, December 19, 2012
from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm

Please fill out registration form below and return by Friday,
December 14, 2012 to:

VILLAGE OF PALM SPRINGS
ATTN: SYLVIA
226 CYPRESS LANE, PALM SPRINGS, FL 33461

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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 from street.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012



LIBRARY NEWS
965-2204

Palm Springs Police Department
968-8243

Library Cinema – catch an afternoon matinee movie. Stop in for movie listings and times or call Michele at 965-2204 to reserve your seat.

Check out eBooks! Download and enjoy books on your computer, smartphone, iPod, Kindle or Nook. All you need is your library card! Visit www.vpslibrary.org for more information and instructions on how to download books. Click on the link to **ebooks**. Staff is available to assist. For more information, please call 965-2204.

Winter Craft – enjoy making a fun winter holiday bookmark, Friday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m. All materials provided, please preregister at the circulation desk.

Winter Movie Event- watch our fun winter movie feature as you sit in a lighted wonderland, Monday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please register at the circulation desk.

Puppet Show – Enjoy a fun puppet show presentation of “The Three Little Pigs”, Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Cuentos en español meets on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., el martes el 11 de diciembre. This program is bilingual: Spanish and English. El tema es los días festivos. The theme is holidays.

Paws-to-Read is back! Katy Girl will visit on December 4th from 3:00—4:00 p.m. Katy Girl is a Delta Society certified Therapy dog.

Science Club investigates the laws of motion in December. On Tuesday December 4th, the program is called “Go, Newton, Go!” and on December 18, we will study “Physics at an amusement park.” The programs are from 4:00—5:00 p.m., and are generally geared to children from 3rd through 5th Grade.

Bedtime Storytime is to help children age 2 to 8 learn to love reading. Working parents and their children will enjoy Bedtime Storytime at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. For more information contact Mary Helen Sakellarios at 965-2204.

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, Monday, December 10th 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



The library will be closed December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas and December 31st in observance of the New Year.

DECEMBER 2012

Calendar of Events

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

MARK (X) THESE DATES

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

FIREPLACES

- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire could result since wrapping paper can ignite suddenly and burn.
- Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season. Creosote can build up in a chimney and can cause a chimney fire if not cleaned properly.
- Before lighting a fire, check that the flue is open.
- Always use a carbon monoxide alarm close to the site of your fireplace. It can protect your family from any carbon monoxide fumes which can result from an improperly vented fireplace.
- Always protect your family and home from burns by using a sturdy fire screen.
- Remember to burn only wood. Never burn paper or pine boughs which can float out of the chimney and ignite neighboring buildings.

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.

CANDLES

- Candles should be burned for about the same amount of time in hours as the diameter of the candle is in inches. If a candle measures two inches in diameter, it should not burn for more than two hours.
- After the candle has burned for the recommended time, blow out the wick and allow the wax to cool completely before using it again.
- Candles should only be used on a heat resistant surface away from drafts, flammable fabrics and out of the reach of curious children.
- Use scissors to trim the wicks often to prevent the candles from smoking and sputtering.
- Did you know that heat and light can affect a candle's quality? Store your candles in a cool place to keep them burning brightly throughout the year.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

YOUR VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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