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Thomas Sims

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Mark Gold



Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization (ICNO) Newsletter

Congratulations to Indian Canyons resident Brad Prescott for his contribution of the abandoned Mesquite Golf Course to the Oswit Land Trust, for the establishment of a nature preserve in Palm Springs.

Per the Desert Sun:

"Prescott's foundation purchased the abandoned Mesquite Golf Course and donated it to the trust. The trust, founded and led by Jane Garrison, plans to turn the property into a preserve with gardens, butterfly habitat, floating docks for migratory birds, an education and nature center, and a "memorial forest" where desert trees can be dedicated in the memory of a loved one.

Garrison's group is compiling an impressive track record of preserving open space in and around Palm Springs — a task that is taking on increasing urgency as more and more land gets swallowed up for massive warehouses, housing projects, and other development."

Communication/Social
Media – Jack Johnson

Web-Site – OPEN

Historian – Arlene
Young

**Board Members at
Large**

Kenny Cohen

Mike Dixon

Meet an ICNO Board Member –



George Doomany – Treasurer, Membership Chair

My husband Norman Goldblatt and I bought our house in Indian Canyons in 2019, so 22/23 will be our 4th season as residents. We divide our time between Indian Canyons and a home in East Hampton, NY. We celebrated our 40th anniversary together in August with a very enjoyable cruise on the Danube River. Although I began my career as a professional clarinetist, I have now been in the private equity investment business for over 35 years, and continue to work part time. I volunteer at our local animal rescue in East Hampton and plan to do the same when we return to Palm Springs in the Fall. Norman is a former fashion executive and he also volunteers for various local organizations, including the Gay & Lesbian Community Center Food Bank, Modernism Week, and the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

This Month's ICNO Board Meeting Summary

September 17th 9am

Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call: Doug Patterson

Present: Doug Patterson, Bruce Moccia, Steve Bryan, Steve Villa, Michael Alcenius,
Mike Dixon, George Doomany, Kenny Cohen, Jerry Nies, Mark Gold

Absent: Carolyn Lumber, DeeAnn McCoy, Arlene Young

Treasurer's report: George Doomany

There will be a full report at the next meeting which will be the end of the quarter. We have approximately \$53,000 in our account. We have agreed to hold \$25,000 in reserve. Of the remainder, approximately \$10,000 has been pledged for improvements to the golf course entrances and the landscaping on the LaVerne Parkway. \$2500 is being donated to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter during the capital/matching funds campaign; \$2500 to the Oswit Land Trust; \$2500 to the LGBTQ Center Food Bank. We will have continuing discussions about how to distribute the remaining funds.

Membership report: George Doomany,

We will start our 2023 membership drive in the coming weeks. George will modify the form for the coming year. We will draft a letter to be sent via snail mail to all addresses within ICNO's boundaries. Mark Gold will provide address labels from his sources. The board will make an effort to hand deliver letters and forms to those houses that have sold in the past year.

ONE-PS report: Steve Villa

Steve will get the notes from the last meeting and circulate.

Social, Annual Parties: Steve Bryan

Fall party will be held on Nov 12, 2022, from 4 to 7. We believe this may conflict an event for the Oswit Land Trust, but we can't change the date now.

Modernism: Thomas Sims, Mark Gold

There have been a few hiccups for the Modernism Tour as one house dropped out, but we are now set and photos are already being taken.

Communication/Web Site: Jack Johnson, Doug Patterson

The website has been down due to an email glitch with the host server, but that should be corrected in the coming week.

Announcements/Communications/Newsletter: Michael Alcenius, DeeAnn McCoy

Michael is working on the next newsletter. We will be sending out postcards announcing the formal launch of the new website and save-the-date reminder for the Fall party. We will send out additional postcards to announce the Annual Business Meeting in January and for the next Operation Lighthouse in late Fall.

Safety: Jerry Nies, DeeAnn McCoy

Jerry will confer with Gene to find a free weeknight at the clubhouse to hold the next event.

Development, Landscaping: Mark Gold, Carolyn Lumber

We are waiting to have a meeting with Jason at the club to finalize the plans/costs for our landscaping projects.

Golf Affiliates: Bruce Moccia, Carolyn Lumber

The new affiliate forms were sent out in an email (though not everyone got one). This year, some of the terms have been changed and there doesn't seem to be a minimum amount that has to be raised. We will clarify when Gene gets back from vacation next week.

New Business: Doug Patterson

- **2023 Membership Drive** needs to be initiated by October 17, 60 days prior to the December Board meeting.
- **Board Member solicitations.** We also need to solicit new members for the board who will replace the 6 members whose terms are up. Those on the Board who wish to remain on the Board must also send in an email to Doug stating so. Anyone interested will need to declare before the December meeting so proper ballots and bios can be drawn up if necessary. Anyone is eligible to run.
- **January Annual Meeting.** The Annual Business Meeting will be January 14 at the North Clubhouse at 9 AM. We need to invite speakers which usually include reps from the fire and police departments, Todd Hooks the from Tribe, reps from club management, Denise Goolsby, and the Mayor or our city council representative.
- **New Website postcard.** Once the website is up and running, we will send a postcard to alert the membership and include a save-the-date reminder for the Fall party.

ONE-PS report: Michael Alcenius (summarized notes from meeting on 9/13/22 by Don Barrett)

LISA MIDDLETON – MAYOR

1. CITY MANAGER SEARCH UPDATE - City moving as quickly as possible. Assistant City Manager, Teresa Gallavan, is Interim Manager.
2. COD LAWSUIT – City filed against COD for lack of records disclosure after numerous city requests for the info. Of concern is the substantial reduction of campus size with extraordinary costs. Original plan used all of the property now only about 1/2 use is proposed. (Site – old PS Mall on Tahquitz).
3. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL – 40% of the funding is for competitive projects, which includes PS projects. Funding is vital to PS projects:
 - (1) INDIAN CANYON BRIDGE at wash to eliminate periodic closing due to flooding and blowing sand. When closed the ambulance time from DHS increases substantially. Currently a study to lower the \$285M price tag. Maybe using prefab structures would result in a cost of \$50M? (
 - 2) TRAIN SERVICE TO - FROM LA TO VALLEY. Lisa attended a meeting at LA Union Station with Riverside County Transportation Commission, and Amtrak COO and VP of CA Operations. All have goal of daily service to Valley. Issue is Union Pacific owns the tracks and does not want to share with Amtrak even though Amtrak has a legal right to use the tracks. Building another rail line costs about \$1B+!

4. SHORT TERM RENTALS –The Council established citizen work group assessed how PS Short Term Rentals Ordinance is working. A report is expected in October.
5. CONGRATS TO MAYOR LISA MIDDLETON who was elected Vice President of California League of Cities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – LT. WILLIAM HUTCHINSON

1. CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY – Learn about our police department; ride along with a police officer. A very interesting interactive class. For info <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/police/communitypolicing/community-police-academy/citizen-s-police-academy-online-application>
2. MONGOLS IN TOWN – a biker gang of 700+. Extra police forces will be here to assist PS Police.
3. OPERATION CLEAN STREETS – Continues to try to get homeless off the streets. Last sweep removed 24 individuals – 1 into mental health assistance, 3 into emergency housing, the rest arrested. Program will continue.
4. OTHER POLICE PROGRAMS –
 - (1) IMPACT DETAIL – crime analysis and solutions plus crime prevention in collaboration with neighborhoods.
 - (2) EFFICIENCY STUDY – to improve efficiencies and ensure best use of technology
5. STAFFING – still an issue. 18 officers out of 109 out with injuries.

CERT – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – DANNY DE SELMS EVENT - SEPTEMBER 29 THURSDAY HOME DEPOT 10:00 – NOON Look for CERT trailer. See what to buy to be prepared. Discounts at Home Depot. BE PREPARED! Next CERT Training TBA

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Acting Fire Chief Jason Loya said a few words. 21-year veteran of PS Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief. Former Chief Kevin Nalder resigned a few weeks ago for unknown reasons.

SUSTAINABILITY – LINDSEY PAIGE-MCCLOY & LIZ HERNANDEZ

1. Intro of new Office of Sustainability Manager Lindsey Paige-McCloy.
2. Review of new organic waste program. New Green Waste bins delivered soon. Will be a learning process. See EVENTS above for October 20 workshop at city hall.

DESERT WATER AGENCY – XOCHITI PENA

1. PLEASE DO NOT OVERSEED! The annual PS Fall ritual. WHY>
 - (1) There are fines for daytime watering which the new grass seeds require
 - (2) Landscaping costs are up (overseeding is labor intensive)
 - (3) Cost of seed is up
 - (4) Let the “gold” go – it will grow back in the spring
 - (5) Do your part!

AUDIENCE QUESTION: If we are to conserve water why approve these water intensenew developments? ANS: DWA does not have a development approval process that is a city function.

NOTE: Attend the October 1 & 2 Candidate Forums and learn what the water board candidates have to say!

LEARNING ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

ONE-PS has 51 official Neighborhood Organizations (NOrgs). Two of them presented interesting info and highlights of their NOrg (Neighborhood Organization). OLD LAS PALMAS – One of the oldest NOrgs with about 400 members mostly single- family homes. Many fun events happening including the home tour, doggie walks, and social functions. Money raised via home tours is used to beautify street medians and to maintain them.

MELODY RANCH – Did you know Melody Ranch was the original name of the ritzy Parker Hotel? And it was owned by Gene Autry? To use the name the new NOrg asked the widow of Gene Autry for permission to use the name Melody Ranch. Parker Hotel is a member and that is the location of the NOrg meetings – Nice!! The NOrg of 3 HOAs with about 1000 residents is lobbying PS for a Welcome to Palm Springs sign on HWY 111 as you enter from Cathedral City.

A Note From Phil Woodrum – PGA General Manager Indian Canyons Golf Resort – AFFILIATES PROGRAM

Welcome back all past Affiliates, Discount Card Holders, and all other patrons of Indian Canyons Golf Resort! We have some new programs that we wish to inform you about, including information on how they will work and when you can apply. Be aware that there are limits to some of the programs and precise information on when and how to apply will accompany this letter.

What we have done:

A lot of changes have been going on after the season has ended. The first thing to announce is a new computer system that is integrated with our tee sheet coming on September 1st. In the past, GolfNow has owned our tee sheets and our system, making a mess of trying to get tee times online and causing you to call the Golf Shops to make them. With our new system, each golfer will be able to create their own identity, password, golfer number, course, and then identify which tee time they want. With a little behind the scene handling, we will make sure what category you belong in and when you can make your tee times. This will allow you the opportunity to book the tee time you want in a more efficient manner.

We had in place this summer, a full crew for the golf courses and did not follow past practices of laying off employees during the off season. This has allowed us to create better golf course conditions for you to play. This has included bunker repairs, tee repairs, a beautification process, and many other items. We hope that you will like this transformation and our crew's efforts.

Here is a brief explanation of the programs that will be offered to our loyal customers this season.

Affiliates Program:

This is the program that we have had in the past couple of seasons for the North Course only. This will remain the same price of \$4,500.00 for a couple, and \$3,000.00 for a single. This will include a 20% discount in the Golf Shop on regular priced items,

a 15% discount on all food purchases (either restaurant), a specialty discount rate for playing with your guests, unlimited range usage, and a 31-day window for booking through the online system. We will ask for a photo of each individual member that will be placed in the computer to complete this process. We found that certain members allowed their cards to be used by non-members last season and this is not fair for our members who follow the rules. This will start being offered on October 1st via instructions listed below. Limit of 50 of these programs will be offered.

Affiliates Plus Program:

This is an exciting program that will offer all of the perks of the above Affiliate Program, PLUS the opportunity to play either golf courses on seven days per week. This also will include a 31-day booking window and the prices will be \$6,500.00 for a couple and \$5,000.00 for a single. This will start being offered on October 1st via instructions listed below. Limit of 100 of these programs will be offered.

Affiliates Social Program:

An exact copy of last year's Program with the hope that we will be able to open the North restaurant more this season. The price will remain at \$1,200.00 for this season and will include a 15% discount at either restaurant and an invitation to all social events at a special rate. This will start being offered on October 1st via instructions listed below. As an added incentive, one round of golf, per membership, would be granted at 50% off our regular resort rates.

An Affiliates Program application is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Candidates Forums – PALM SPRINGS FALL ELECTION

The Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS), in partnership with the Palm Springs Cultural Center are pleased to announce a series of Candidate Forums:

MODERATOR - Mark Talkington, editor of The Palm Springs Post.

WHERE - Palm Springs Cultural Center, at 2300 E Baristo Rd.
(Former Camelot Theater)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

1PM – 4PM

Desert Water Agency Board – Stephan Bronack, Steve Grasha,
Marcus Miceli

Palm Springs City Council District 3 – Ron DeHarte, Joy Meredith
(Introduction of non-contested candidates)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

1PM - 4PM

Palm Springs City Council District 1 – Grace Garner, Scott Nevins

Palm Springs City Council District 2 – Jeffrey Bernstein, Renee Brown

The Forums will feature questions from the community that have been reviewed and combined prior to the event as well as questions from the audience.

PLEASE REGISTER!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400912027667>

FACEBOOK: <https://fb.me/e/3H4A714ai>

For general information about the Candidate Forums email Events@ONE-PS.org or BobFarran@yahoo.com

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Social, Annual Parties: Steve Bryan

Great news! We found a host home. More news to follow but mark your calendars now for November 12, 2022, 4:00 – 7:00 PM!

Other Topics

Upcoming Board Meetings (Zoom meeting links and/or instructions will be sent out prior. All ICNO members are invited to attend) All meetings are on Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PST unless otherwise noted.

October 15

November 12

December 17th

Need to Recycle Biohazardous Waste?

Palm Springs Disposal Service conducts a weekly free drop off at their satellite site right next to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter at 1100 Vella Road on Saturdays only from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm October through May and 7:00 am to Noon June through September. This includes medical waste and paint disposal. Just load up your trunk, drive through, and the friendly staff will remove your items and provide a receipt.

Palm Springs Animal Shelter News



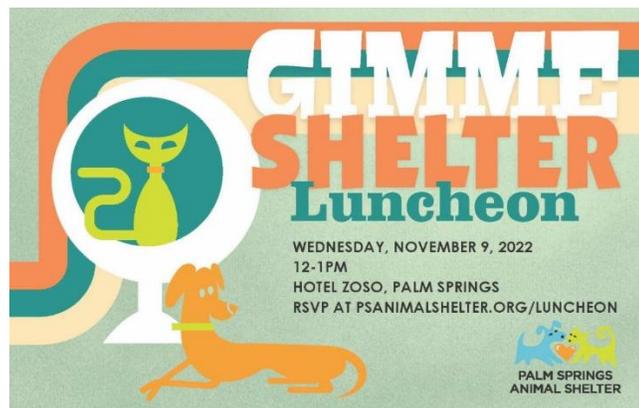
Join us on Tuesday, September 27th for an amazing night of bingo! We are excited to be the charity beneficiary of [Legendary Bingo](#), taking place at Oscar's in downtown Palm Springs. Dinner is at 6pm, followed by bingo at 7pm. Bingo is \$20 per person and you can pay at the door. To book a table for dinner, click [here](#).



Calling all Wreath Makers! We need your creativity! The shelter is thrilled to again be partnering with [The LGBT Community Center of the Desert](#) to host the annual Wreath Auction on Wednesday, November 30 at [Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge](#). If you have an inkling to create a wreath to auction off at the event, please contact [Jayson Lake](#). And be sure to save-the-date for this super fun event! More details to come!



Our Fall **Friends Forever Legacy Society Brunch** will be hosted on Sunday, October 30th at the shelter. The Legacy Society consists of supporters who have included the shelter in their estate plans. If you are a member or have an interest in including the shelter as a beneficiary in your estate planning, please join us by RSVP'ing [here](#).



Finally, plans are underway for our fall fundraiser - our [Gimme Shelter Luncheon](#). This is a FREE event (yes, we said FREE) taking place on Wednesday, November 9th at Hotel Zoso from 12-1pm (yes, only ONE HOUR!). We are currently looking for people to serve as Table Captains, which involves inviting your friends, family and colleagues to attend the event with you. Guests will be immersed in the mission of the shelter and will be invited to pledge their support to help us help the animals we serve.

If you'd like to learn more about serving as a Table Captain, please email [Bart Verry](#). Or, if you'd simply like to attend, please RSVP [here](#).

As always, thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

On September 23, Doug Patterson President of the ICNO Board and Michael Alcenius member presented Palm Springs Animal Shelter with a donation of \$2500.00.



From Left: Dan Rossie Executive Director PSAS, Doug Patterson Chair of Board ICNO, Carl Johnson VP of Board PSAS, Michael Alcenius Board Member ICNO and his dog-son Elvis (a PSAS alumnus).

If you would like to see updates and information from other community organizations, please provide suggestions.

Classifieds

A new addition. If you would like to submit material, please submit by email to icnboard@gmail.com and include "Classified Section Submission" in the subject field of your email.

- Year-round Indian Canyons resident looking to rent garage space for car and/or motorcycle storage. I do not need daily access, only occasional access. Reliable, responsible adult. If you have some space going unused,

why not generate some income from it. Please contact Steve S @ 310-993-4594 or sjsaward@gmail.com.

AFFILIATES PROGRAM APPLICATION

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=fe23a49730&attid=0.1.5&permmsgid=msg-f:1745155017475862675&th=1838093dfea3b093&view=att&disp=inline>

Applications are not accepted until after October 1, 2022 at 8:00 pm.

Send completed applications to gmolenkamp@indiancanyonsgolf.com.