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# Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization (ICNO) Newsletter

**ICNO Donation to The Foundation for the Palm Springs  
Unified School District.**



May 12, 2023

Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization  
1775 Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 110-440  
Palm Springs, CA 92264-1613

Dear Indian Canyons Neighborhood,

On behalf of The Foundation, the Palm Springs Unified School District and our students – we thank you for your generous donation.

**Donation Amount: \$2,000.00**  
**Donation Allocation: Where Funds Are Needed Most**

Please know that your gift is changing the lives of young people challenged by poverty, marginalization, and academic competitiveness that can defeat even the most brilliant minds and personalities.

With your participation and assistance our district's children can enjoy a culture that enables them to feel a genuine sense of belonging, safety and worth. This is an essential building block of happy childhoods, productive schooldays, and successful lives. The future and success of our students is our major objective and your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Your contribution to The Foundation is listed below, no goods or services were exchanged. The Foundation for Palm Springs Unified School District is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation, Federal Tax I.D. #26-1265520. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

In partnership,  
  
Ellen Goodman  
Foundation Director

DEAR NEIGHBORS,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
THIS MEANS THE WORLD TO OUR  
STUDENTS :)

Check Number 5263 Amount: \$2,000.00

*The Foundation for the Palm Springs Unified School District builds public-private partnerships to strengthen our schools and create opportunities for students to achieve. Our Foundation's vision is to mobilize individual investors, businesses, teachers, parents, and community leaders to ensure the success of all our students. By tapping into passion and power, we will unite our community members and join forces to fulfill the promise of public education and prepare every student for success.*

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<p>Digital Communications/Social Media – Jack Johnson</p> <p><b>Committee Chairs</b></p> <p>Modernism – Thomas Sims</p> <p>Modernism Support – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>Web-Site – Doug Patterson</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – Carolyn Lumber</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – George Doomany</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – Nick Bouchard</p> <p>Landscape Support – Steve Bryan</p> <p>Landscape Support – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>PS One Alternate – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>Golf Course Affiliate – Carolyn Lumber, Bruce Moccia</p> <p><b>Board Members at Large</b></p> <p>Bill Babbitt</p> <p>Kenny Cohen</p> <p><b>Board Member Emeritas</b></p> <p>Mike Dixon</p>	<p><b><i>This Month's ICNO Board Meeting Minutes, 5/13/2023</i></b></p> <p><b>Safety</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Paul Gruman</b></span></p> <p>Working on the next seminar. More later</p> <p><b>Treasurer and Membership Recap</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>George Doomany</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$75k cash in bank account; full financial report will be made as of 6-30-23</li> <li>• 2023 Sponsorship fees: \$1570</li> <li>• Under the two -year rule we have 242 members: 203 current members (including one registered but not paid; reminders sent) plus 39 additional members from 2022 who have not renewed for 2023.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the \$25,000 reserve, we have approximately \$20,500 in funds earmarked for landscape improvements. Budget discussion tabled until Carolyn Lumber meets with the new manager Jason Brewer to determine costs.</p> <p><b>One PS Recap</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Steve Villa, Cliff Hopkins</b></span></p> <p>Cliff attended the ONE-PS meeting on June 13, 2023. Here are some items the ICNO board should be aware of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FD on La Verne:</b> The Fire Department has outgrown the station on La Verne which serves our neighborhood. There will be an earmark in the city budget to build a new fire station for our district. No details yet vis a vis where the new station will be located and what it will cost. But they will of course build time in the planning process to get feedback from ICNO and other neighborhood groups impacted by this change.</li> <li>• <b>Indian Canyon Bridge:</b> They are going to ask for \$50M for a grant to refine the bridge on Indian Canyon to minimize / eliminate the existing road from being closed during flooding and sandstorms. For the applicants to strengthen their case, they need feedback from the community for the grant application. Jack will send out an eblast to the membership to poll their opinions. This must be completed by July 5.</li> <li>• <b>Commissions – the city needs commissioners:</b> If anyone is interested in serving on one of the city-wide commissions, you have until 5pm this Thursday to apply. Since the deadline is fast approaching, call me 415-602-3941 and I will explain a little bit more about what I learned at tonight's meeting.</li> <li>• <b><u>Juneteenth Celebration:</u></b> If you're in town, come out to one of the Juneteenth Celebrations on Friday evening June 16 and/or Saturday evening June 17.</li> </ul>
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**Chair Comments and Announcements, Kathy Cohn**

- **COD Update:** Next step - revised site plans going to the City Council for feedback.
- **Blue Zone:** ONE-PS does not recommend we go forward with the Blue Zone project – ONE-PS has shared that recommendation with the City Council.
- **Annual Neighborhood Meetings:** Remember to let Denise know when our next annual meeting will be so ONE-PS board members can attend/participate.
- **Red Cross Life Saving Information:** July is Red Cross / Blood Drive month.
- **Underserved and Underrepresented PS Residents:** 6,000 (or 15%) of PS city residents are not living in a designated ONE-PS neighborhood. A small number live downtown, the balance live generally west of the city toward the mountains. ONE-PS is working to bring better representation to those people – it's a significant number of people who deserve representation.

**City Council update from Jeffrey Bernstein, Mayor Pro Tem**

- Good news – COD is moving forward and should go out for bid next year. COD schematic designs are out – you can see them in the Desert Sun. They are going to the COD design committee this week. Three buildings (accelerator, culinary, and an Events Center). The design looks great – the planning commission likes it. It's modernist, has lots of inside meeting space, and a good deal of parking. Hopefully it will move forward with the COD and go out for bid next year.
- There are five new art projects coming to the downtown area – the goal is to make an art plaza around the museum. You will see them soon.
- Finalized the strategy for the city: Quality of life and community infrastructure are the key tenets.
- Just appointed about 32 people to our various commissions, including commissions like Historic Preservation, Measure J, Park and Rec, Planning, Public Arts, Sustainability – you have until Thursday to apply. Decisions will be made by EOM.
- The city council approved a big grant to clean up abandoned property.
- Two buildings were designated as Class 1 Historic Buildings: Tahquitz Resort and the Union Bank on Ramon and Indian Class 1 – both passed.
- Measure J is generating \$21M in annual revenue – most of the \$\$ goes toward the 5-year capital plan that will fund the library, new lighting, several parks' projects, and more.
- Two-year budget is close to being finalized and voted on by the City Council.
- Dream Hotel settlement agreement is final – start construction in 2024 and before each stage financials must be approved. 156-room hotel + 69 condos. They redesigned it make sections two stories instead of four, so it won't impact neighbors' views.
- The state legalized street vending but the city put in health and safety regulations. Jeffrey said they must have a health permit issued by Riverside County and also, they are not allowed in high traffic areas at peak times (e.g., Arenas on weekends, Palm Canyon on weekends, etc).

### City Manager update from Scott Stiles

- The proposed two-year budget will go to council on June 29th – things in the budget include: three more firefighter positions; 4 new police dispatch positions; more positions in Parks and Rec; \$750k in improvements in the swim center; \$850k for playground equipment; \$6M and \$9M for street re-paving; \$\$ for an apparatus vehicle that will push sand off the roads quicker while waiting for the grant. Financing strategies for major improvements for the Library.
- Our hotels and vacation rentals are booming – it's been June gloom on the coast, and a lot of people are coming to PS, which is good for our hotel tax revenue.
- We're filling positions at the airport. Check out the city's website – lots of jobs are going to open. The City is looking for talented folks.

### Monthly Topic Presentation, Yvonne Wise – Parks and Recreation

- They did a deep dive on Parks and Rec – overview, mission, special events, programs, youth programs.
- We have 6 recreation facilities throughout Palm Springs, 11 parks, 6 playgrounds, and 56 athletic courts and fields.
- **Special Events:** There is a team within Park and Recs that ensures events that take place in our public places and that if something happens we are prepared to respond. This team does at times deny special events because they may have a noise / negative impact on the neighborhoods. Major events include: Pride; Veterans Parade; Festival of Lights Parade; Black History Month Parade and Town Fair; Homecoming Parade; Tree Lighting Ceremony; Village Fest.
- **Programs:** Pickleball lessons at Demuth Park – Thursdays; Indoor Pickleball at Desert Highland Unity Center and Demuth; Summer Adult Line Dance Class Fridays at 4:30pm 18+ all skill levels; The Art of Crafting Fridays 11:30 to 1pm; Knitting and Sewing Class – two different classes, all skill levels welcome. Mature Adult Program – it started as a senior drop in, now it's a seasoned mature adult, 55+ – they do a variety of things for mature adults; Water Aerobics at the Swim Center – Mon/Wed/Fri from 10 to 11.
- **Youth Programs:** The rec supervisor talked about youth programs and activities.
  - The Art Factory class – ages 5 to 13 on Monday and Friday
  - Ice Cream social on July 7th at 3pm
  - Come Ride with Us – all ages, all levels, ride a bike, learn about the history of Palm Springs
  - Drill Team & Drum Squad – learn about rhythm and movement. They have a special camp this summer July 17 - 27th from 3 to 5pm.
  - K-12 After School Program. It's free. It helps guide them at all ages.
  - Youth Encouragement Program – it teaches kids about how cities are run.
  - Pee Wee Rec Program for pre-school age kids for summer
  - For Kids Only – an after-school program for young kids, Mon - Fri after school, they also provide in reading and math skills and on Friday they do fun activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Summer Camp – There are camps at two locations. Just started yesterday. They spend the entire summer at camp and then go from there to school.</li><li>○ Summer Skateboard</li></ul>	
	<b>Social</b>	<b>Steve Bryan</b>
	Nothing to report.	
	<b>Modernism 2023 Cliff Hopkins</b>	<b>Thomas Sim, Mark Gold,</b>
	7 houses have been secured for 2024 and three houses have already been volunteered for 2025. Please contact Mark and Tommy with other candidates. The Board voted to donate 6 tickets to the 2023 tour to the HRC fundraiser in exchange for tickets to their garden party in August.	
	<b>Development/Charity Doomany, Nick Bouchard</b>	<b>Mark Gold, George</b>
	We will revisit our charitable contributions as we will have more monies available.	
	<b>Landscape Cliff Hopkins</b>	<b>Mark Gold, Steve Bryan,</b>
	Tabled until Carolyn and Jason meet.	
	<b>Golf Course Affiliate Lumber</b>	<b>Bruce Moccia, Carolyn</b>
The renewed Affiliate Program will be announced in August. Golf affiliates will be limited and there will fewer discount cards sold. Those who have been affiliates in the past will get priority.		
<b>Communication/Social Media/Digital</b>	<b>Jack Johnson</b>	
Jack is working on an opt-in registry.		
<b>Marketing/Promotion Hopkins</b>	<b>Nick Bouchard, Cliff</b>	
Post card announcing new website is ready. Mark Gold is getting an up-dated address list and Nick will label and mail the post cards.		
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Michael Alcenius</b>	
New newsletter will go out soon.		
<b>Website</b>	<b>Doug Patterson</b>	
Conversations will be had with Madeline to keep the website current.		

### 2023 Calendar

Jan, Annual meeting  
Feb, Eblast Charitable organization request from membership, S-100 form filed by 29<sup>th</sup>, IC Modernism 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Apr, Post financials by 30<sup>th</sup>, Spring Party, Review and renew insurance by May 1  
May, Tax filing by May 15  
Nov, Fall Party, compose letters for membership, publish Board position solicitations, strategize Xmas parade  
Dec, Mail membership letter

**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.**

**2023**  
**July 15**  
**Sep 16**  
**Oct 14**  
**Nov 18**  
**Dec 16**

### Did You Know? Palm Springs Disposal Service (PSDS)

**7:04**

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**WHERE DO I PLACE THE CART ON COLLECTION DAY?**

If you are a curbside subscriber, you will place the cart at the edge of the street or next to the curb with the arrow on the lid pointing toward the street and away from your property. Allow at least four feet of clearance around the cart for proper collection, this includes your recycling cart.

Of course if you are a Walk-In subscriber, we will move your cart to the curb for collection and return it later in the day. Remember that subscribers to Walk-In trash collection also receive Walk-In Recycling (1st cart) for no extra charge.

 **HAVE MY TRASH PICKED UP BY MY HOUSE OR GARAGE?**

## **Palm Springs Animal Shelter News**



**ON SALE NOW!** Our good friends Boss Dog and Friends and Windmill City Screen Printing have graciously designed and produced a limited-edition t-shirt to support the homeless pets of Palm Springs Animal Shelter!

Inspired by the big dog overpopulation crisis at the shelter, 100% of the proceeds from the sale of this t-shirt will go directly where it is needed most, the animals!

Please visit [bossdogart.com](http://bossdogart.com) to snag yours **TODAY!**

Have you lost a pet and want to talk about it with others? Join us for our **Sammy's Circle Support Group**. Sammy's Circle is a safe place to share our grief and to share the stories of our beloved pets, both those who have recently left us, as well as those whose memories have long lingered in our hearts.

**First Monday of the Month, 5:30-6:30pm**  
**Third Saturday of the Month, 9:30-10:30am**  
**Community Room, Palm Springs Animal Shelter**  
**4575 E. Mesquite Ave., Palm Springs**

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## *Classifieds*

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



ICNO July 2023  
See complete event information above

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 PS Restaurant Week	10 PS Restaurant Week	11 PS Restaurant Week Ends	12	13	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am – 10:00 am ICNO Board Meeting 9:30-10:30 am</li> <li>Sammy's Circle Support PSAS</li> </ul>

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 City of PS Blood Drive Police Training Center 7:30 am-3:30 pm	27	28	29
30	31					

ICNO August 2023  
See complete event information above

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 5:30-6:30 am Sammy's Circle Support PSAS	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 9:30-10:30 am Sammy's Circle Support PSAS
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