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EPIC Partners with OhmConnect

EPIC is proud to partner with OhmConnect—an optional, free service which can help Palmdale residents and businesses reduce electricity costs. For EPIC participants who choose to sign up, when energy prices spike in our area, you’ll get an SMS or email alert to power down, helping you save energy when it matters most and lowering your bill. You can do this automatically by linking your smart thermostat or smart plugs. And, you’ll even earn points toward gift cards and other rewards at the same time.

Sign up now and get $50!

99 cent smart thermostats or smart plugs are available while supplies last.

Learn more at ohmconnect.com/epic.

Mercury Thermostat Recycling Program

Keep your friends, family and community safe by properly disposing of your mercury thermostats.

All Palmdale Residents are eligible for a $30 rebate per qualifying thermostat when you recycle it at the City of Palmdale’s Development Services building - Public Works.

How it works:

1. Place your mercury thermostat in a sealable bag.
2. Visit thermostatcare.org to print and fill out a rebate form and staple it to your sealed bag.
3. Drop off your mercury thermostat at: 38250 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale CA 93550 (7:30 am-6pm, Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday).

* Plastic bags and forms are available at the City of Palmdale for your convenience.

Versión en español disponible. >>
A MESSAGE FROM THE City Council

July is the beginning of Palmdale’s fiscal year, and we’re starting with a balanced budget that will build towards Palmdale’s BEST year yet.

BEST is how we categorize our priorities: B for Building Culture and Community, E for Economic Vitality and Innovation, S for Social Equity, and T for Transportation and Infrastructure.

We are excited to work together as your City Council to achieve these goals and recognize our staff’s dedication to these efforts. Here are events that demonstrate how we are building towards Palmdale’s BEST:

Building Culture and Community: National Night Out embodies our regional One Valley, One Vision regional cooperation, and our continued commitment to public safety. See page 13 for details.

Help us build by sharing your ideas on culture and community needs through our interactive Parks and Recreation Master Plan by visiting www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/ParksMasterPlan. Your input will help guide important decisions about where we build future parks, amenity needs and more.

Economic Vitality and Innovation: We are excited about the potential for 114,310 direct and indirectly generated jobs the future Center for Transportation Excellence could bring to our entire region; see story on page 7.

Social Equity: Join us as we celebrate 40 years of community service provided by South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) with our Empty Bowls Gala on Saturday, Sept. 30. All proceeds benefit SAVES and its mission of alleviating hunger in our community; see page 15. We have also identified a new SAVES location to help us better serve our community’s needs.

Transportation and Infrastructure: In addition to the Center for Transportation Excellence, we celebrated the Phase II groundbreaking at Sam Yellen Park, which will expand the park to fill 25 acres donated to the City by the Yellen family.

Additional new developments include:

• Breaking ground on the Ave. R Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School Project, which will bring improvements along Ave. R from Sierra Highway to 25th Street East.
• New playground equipment at Oasis and Desert Sands Parks, and field and site improvements at McAdam Park.
• Completion of the Active Transportation Plan Civic Center Complete Streets traffic safety roundabouts along 10th St. East and 9th St. East, which provide a safer walking environment for residents and those accessing Palmdale Playhouse, Legacy Commons, and City services.
• Next, we look forward to a complete redesign of Palmdale’s oldest park, Courson, in 2024.

We are excited for the summer ahead and working hard as your City Council towards a bright and BEST Palmdale future.
Summer is here! Let’s celebrate our nation’s independence with our spectacular Fireworks Celebration at the Palmdale Amphitheater on July 1. Please keep our City safe by not using illegal fireworks. Remember, our “If you light it, we’ll write it” fireworks enforcement period is underway, and all fireworks are illegal after 12 pm on July 5. Fines start at $2,500 and can climb as high as $10,000. Celebrate safely. For more information, visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/Fireworks.

I invite you to continue celebrating summer all season long with the City’s lineup of events:

First up is the summer concert series kicking off on July 8 at the Amphitheater; see page 33. Gather 10 friends and split the cost for a private cabana with our new Top of the Amp VIP experience. Hurry — cabanas are selling fast!

Family Movie Nights will be held the first and third Fridays in July and August, and are an inexpensive way to enjoy family-friendly animated films at the Palmdale Amphitheater; see page 34.

Free Music in the Park events will be held on Thursday nights at 6 pm starting July 13 at Domenic Massari Park, 37716 55th St. East. Enjoy live bands, activities for the kids and food trucks; see page 24.

I hope to see you at National Night Out on Tuesday, July 25 at Domenic Massari Park from 6 to 9 pm for a community building experience featuring public safety displays from first responders and other agencies serving Palmdale and the Antelope Valley. Food, ice cream and snacks will be available for purchase. Parking and admission are free.

South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) is celebrating 40 years of serving our community. Join me on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 6 to 11 pm for our Empty Bowls Palmdale Gala, a fundraising event to support those impacted by food insecurity. All proceeds will support SAVES. See page 15 for details.

Do you want to learn how to become a Palmdale Ambassador, how the City develops its budget, plans for the future, and how we select our local entertainment options? Consider applying to the Palmdale Partners Academy. Applications open on August 1 for classes beginning in September; see page 14 for details.

In June, our City Council reviewed the budget for our new fiscal year, which reflects the priorities set for the year ahead in infrastructure, business growth, public safety, quality of life, and mental health. For an in-depth look, visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/Budget.

I invite you to stay involved with all Palmdale has to offer. There are so many ways to be engaged, and we look forward to seeing you out and about this summer!

Sincerely,

Ronda Perez
City Manager
$8M Grant Supports Development of 54-Mile High-Speed Rail Project

Imagine the possibilities when you can jump on a high-speed train from Palmdale and easily connect to San Bernardino, and continue your journey to Las Vegas. That is the goal of the High Desert Corridor Intercity High-Speed Rail Project, which will span 54 miles between Palmdale in Los Angeles County and the Victor Valley in San Bernardino County.

The City is thrilled that the momentum continues for the High-Speed Rail Project. During its design and construction phases, the project is estimated to generate over 61,000 one-year full-time equivalent construction jobs, and will bring significant economic opportunities to the region, with many of the wage benefits flowing to local communities located along the project corridor.

Recently, the project was awarded an $8M grant from the California State Transportation Agency’s Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). The grant will support the project’s preliminary engineering and other development activities. Additionally, $8.5 million in LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure M sales tax funds will match the TIRCP award, and the project anticipates unlocking Federal funding and California state and local investments.

When it is completed, Palmdale will become a major connection hub between the CA High-Speed Rail Authority (CAHSR) Project coming from Bakersfield and northern California to the Brightline West project coming from the Victor Valley and Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, please visit www.highdesertcorridor.org.
TWO NEW HOTELS COMING TO PALMDALE

TownePlace Suites and WoodSprings Suites are currently under construction in Palmdale, and will bring a total of 230 hotel rooms.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott offers suites with full kitchens and will be located on Trade Center Drive just north of Technology Way. WoodSprings Suites is an extended stay Choice Hotel and will be located off Avenue O-8 and 10th Street West. Both hotels are anticipated to open in 2024.

Palmdale has a need for additional hotel rooms as operations at Plant 42, which currently employs 16,000, and Edwards Air Force Base are both forecast to grow. In addition, Visit Palmdale, the City’s tourism marketing partnership with Palmdale hotels, continues to make progress in promoting tourism to the area and increasing hotel stays. Palmdale also enjoys a strong sports tourism market that continues to grow.

Visit Palmdale will be working closely with Destination Lancaster over the next year to increase marketing and promotions for valley-wide tourism attractions.

Chick-fil-A Coming to Avenue S and 40th Street East

One of the City’s many exciting new developments is a 4-acre commercial center at Avenue S and 40th Street East, where two highly sought-after national chains will be opening soon. The new 4-acre development will include a Chick-fil-A, an American coffee shop chain, and a Mister Car Wash.

The project will be developed by Sage Investco, a national retail development company specializing in grocery markets, restaurants, and gas stations. Sage Investco will construct three buildings totaling 12,168 square feet for an express car wash, and two drive-through restaurant facilities. A vacant parcel adjacent to the project site will allow for additional retail space to be developed in the near future.

Chick-fil-A will provide indoor and outdoor dining services. The drive-through component proposes two canopied lanes. In addition, a drive-through coffee shop will have indoor and outdoor seating, drive-through lanes and an exterior window for customers to walk up and place orders. This will be Chick-fil-A’s second location in Palmdale.

“Sage Investco, as part of a joint venture that includes Citivest Commercial, is excited to see this highly anticipated site plan receive approval and have the opportunity to bring a quality commercial development to the east side of Palmdale,” said Patrick Charriou, Sage Investco’s founder and managing partner. “We look forward to continuing to work with the City and our partners in the community!”

Once open, Chick-fil-A east Palmdale will bring approximately 100 full and part-time jobs to the community. Each restaurant is locally owned and operated, allowing Chick-fil-A owner/operators to serve as full-time, hands-on leaders in their restaurants and communities. Chick-fil-A east Palmdale will be open in 2024.

ACCELA

Palmdale’s new online permitting software, Accela, is scheduled to launch on July 24. It will provide an easier and more efficient process for applying for building permits, submitting plans, paying fees, and getting project progress updates. Accela will make it easy to respond to questions directly and submit plan revisions.

“We are so excited to be able to provide this great tool to our development community,” said City Manager Ronda Perez. “It’s not only business friendly, but also ecofriendly because it reduces in-person visits for service.”

The City will host a series of workshops for the public on the new Accela system with dates to be announced soon.
Local Leaders Come Together to Create and Improve Critical Infrastructure

Governor Newsom’s Infrastructure Advisor Antonio Villaraigosa visited Palmdale in April for a “Building the AV Infrastructure Tour” to discuss billions of dollars in current and future infrastructure investment opportunities in the Antelope Valley. The tour kicked off with a rally outside Palmdale City Hall with local and state elected officials, labor union representatives and business leaders joining Villaraigosa on the steps of City Hall. The unprecedented collaboration showcased the importance of community partnerships to create and improve critical infrastructure.

Villaraigosa recognized the City of Palmdale and City of Lancaster’s extraordinary cooperation toward investing in local infrastructure, improving transit and furthering innovation — all in partnership with local labor unions — to promote job creation and support working families in the Antelope Valley.

“Transportation is vital in the Antelope Valley,” stated Villaraigosa. “This region must work and grow together and I look forward to working with both the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster to strengthen the region’s infrastructure and create middle-class jobs.”

The Palmdale leg of the tour included visits to several key projects, such as the Palmdale Film Stage, Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale Blvd., and the Avenue M Industrial Corridor.

Villaraigosa shared, “If we want all residents of the Antelope Valley to have a better quality of life, we must give men and women a good job. A job that can take care of their family.”

PALMDALE LOCATION NOMINATED FOR POTENTIAL $1.6B+ CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE

On the cusp of infrastructure czar Villaraigosa’s visit, the City of Palmdale was nominated for a potential $1.6 billion+ Center for Transportation Excellence. Located in the eastern section of Los Angeles World Airports’ Palmdale Airport land holdings, the site is approximately 8.6 square miles, spans both unincorporated Los Angeles County and the City of Palmdale, and will support a 7-mile rail car test track loop.

Parcels for LA Metro’s Center for Transportation Excellence were evaluated based on size, access to rail corridors, zoning, existing infrastructure, proximity to labor supply and public transportation sites, and whether it was located in a Metro Equity Focus Community.

The nominated site has the potential to generate $11.5 billion in economic returns, $6.67 billion in retail and wholesale sales over the decade during the design and construction of the proving ground, and over 114,300 direct and indirect jobs according to the American Public Transportation Association.

The Center would be a transformative game changer for our community — a Metro Equity Focus Community bringing thousands of paying jobs, and economic growth and vitality to our entire region. This economic engine will propel our City and its hardworking families at a time when local investment and workforce development align to meet the current and future needs of our state and federal transportation system.

Next steps in advancing the Center for Transportation Excellence include vetting the site from an environmental perspective by conducting various surveys of sensitive biological species. Metro staff will also develop a financial feasibility analysis, a conceptual budget, and a subsequent financing plan that layers multiple public and private sources.
JOIN OUR TEAM!

The City of Palmdale is seeking motivated applicants that will further our commitment to providing inclusive and accessible services to the diverse, resilient community we serve.

If you would like to contribute to the success of Palmdale and invest in your community with a team that supports and appreciates you, the City of Palmdale may be right for you!

We offer competitive benefit packages and ample opportunity for growth.

To view open positions, apply, and sign-up for job alerts, please visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/jobs.

NOW HIRING!

#FightFentanylAV Awareness Campaign Continues

The City launched its #FightFentanylAV Awareness campaign to provide essential information and training to prevent the illicit use of fentanyl and overdose deaths, and provide support to those who lost a loved one to the fentanyl epidemic that is plaguing our community and nation.

The campaign kicked off in April with a Youth Multimedia Fentanyl Awareness Challenge, where Antelope Valley middle and high school students were invited to submit entries in art, poetry, and video public service announcement categories to win a scholarship. A second Challenge will be announced soon.

The City is committed to ensuring our community has the tools to fight fentanyl abuse and save lives:

• Narcan/hands-only CPR training was provided to the public free of charge at a Fentanyl Awareness Event held at Domenic Massari Park. The event included music, games, activities, resource tables, AV Cruise Nights Car Club car show, and food trucks.

• The community was invited to six free presentations and Narcan/hands-only CPR training hosted by the Yucca, Manzanita and Tumbleweed Neighborhood Houses.

• A National Fentanyl Awareness Day event was held on May 9 at Palmdale Learning Plaza that included guest speakers, music, and information about becoming involved in ongoing #FightFentanylAV efforts to #StopTeenOverdose.

• Displays memorializing our community members who have been lost to fentanyl overdose are included at campaign events. Please contact us if you would like to share a picture of someone you lost at upcoming events.

• A youth/parent summer program will be offered at the City’s Neighborhood Houses and the Lancaster Community Center.

The campaign’s success is due to robust partnerships with Change Lanes, Pueblo Y Salud, LA County Department of Public Health, Tarzana Treatment Center, Parents Anonymous, the Child & Family Center, DEA, City of Lancaster, and community stakeholders.

For more information about the campaign, resources, upcoming events, the second Youth Multimedia Challenge, or becoming involved, please visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/Fentanyl or email Deputy City Manager Nardy Lopez at nlopez@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.
A HEALTHY THRIVING PALMDALE

A Holistic Approach to Community Wellbeing

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City offered mental health townhalls to residents, where many expressed a need for resources. As a result, the City committed to supporting a healthy and thriving community by ensuring the wellbeing of all.

Wellbeing is an individual’s ability to feel good, struggle well and function effectively through life’s inevitable ups and downs.

In 2021, the City Council initiated a partnership with a global institute, The Wellbeing Lab, to create regional wellbeing. The resulting Wellbeing Coalition’s goal is to train a broad cross section of members through the Certificate in Applied Positive Psychology (CAPP) program who will establish a common language and set of tools to support our community’s wellbeing. Today, it is a formal alliance of 85 local representatives from health care, business, education, aerospace, and media organizations.

Those who earned the CAPP certificate in the first cohort shared the tools and skills they learned with the community through impact projects held in 2021 and 2022: Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, Healing Garden, Senior Wellbeing Experience, You Women Matter, Reinvigorating Entrepreneurs Workshop, Zen Academy, and Strong Families and Youth.

The City and The Wellbeing Lab are currently training their second CAPP cohort. The 150-hour program focuses on positive psychology, a strengths-based approach to developing new neural pathways to think flexibly and accurately about the challenges and opportunities before us. It is designed for participants to gain the confidence and motivation to generate impact by helping individuals and teams thrive despite life’s challenges. CAPP scholarships were offered by Palmdale’s Leadership Antelope Valley initiative, a project of Palmdale Cares.

Take the Free Wellbeing Survey

Would you like a personal, customized report with hundreds of evidence-based, practical suggestions you can use to manage or increase your own wellbeing? Please take the free 5-minute Antelope Valley Wellbeing survey by July 17, 2023 at permahsurvey.com/antelopevalley/.

A CALL TO ACTION:
CAPP CERTIFICATION

You can improve your wellbeing, the wellbeing of those around you, and the wellbeing of the whole community with a CAPP certification. If you are committed to learning and growing and want to make an impact on the wellbeing of your community, the CAPP Program is for you. Whether you’re a business leader in the AV, a school official or educator, a mental, physical, or emotional health practitioner, or a passionate community member wanting to help your region, the Certificate In Applied Positive Psychology (CAPP) has been designed for you to gain confidence, motivation, and influence in the world by learning the science of human wellbeing and flourishing.

Key skills you will learn:

- Building healthier workplaces, flourishing schools, thriving community groups, and improving quality of life — even in the midst of struggle — by learning practical, evidence-based wellbeing tools.
- Fueling psychological safety so we can better support each other in creating positive changes around the region.
- Reliably measuring wellbeing at the individual, team, family, and community level to prioritize resources and ensure our ongoing efforts in the AV have a bigger positive impact.
- And along the way, meaningfully connecting and collaborating with like-minded people across the AV, while learning how to truly take care of your own wellbeing.

The recruitment for the third CAPP cohort will begin in spring 2024.

To learn more about the CAPP certificate and read the positive reviews by past program participants, please visit www.thewellbeinglab.com/capp-av.

If want to join our interest list for the next cohort, please email Deputy City Manager Nardy Lopez at nlopez@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.
What is SB 1383?

In 2016, Governor Edmund Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce short-lived climate pollutants. As a result, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) established target to:

1. Reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025.
2. Rescue at least 20% of disposed edible food by 2025 for consumption by people in need.

Why the Organics Approach? California is experiencing the effects of a climate crisis: record-breaking temperatures, longer fire seasons, extreme droughts, and rising sea levels. These extreme weather events are partly caused by too much greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, which trap the sun’s heat and warms the planet.

Organic waste creates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that is responsible for about 20% of the global warming driving climate change.

The goal of SB 1383 is to direct less food waste to the landfill — an estimated 6 million tons of food waste is sent to California landfills each year.

What This Means for You. Residents are required to separate their food and yard waste, and place them into their organics (previously known as green waste) container.

It Starts in Your Home. The average American family of four loses about $1,500 of uneaten food each year — an average of about one pound of food per person per day. If we buy and use less food, we’ll throw out less.

Here are some ways to prevent food waste at home:

1. Make a list of weekly meals. Buy what you expect to use so that it is more likely to stay fresh and you will be more likely to use it all.
2. Properly store your food in airtight containers and use your freezer for maximum freshness.
3. Avoid throwing out leftovers by repurposing and creating new dishes. Aim to cook and serve the right portions for the number of people you are feeding.

Sorting Starts in the Kitchen. Here are some ideas to help your sort food waste:

- Choose the right container for you. Options include using a paper bag, kitchen counter pail, an old coffee container, or a cardboard box. Remember that plastic and compostable bags are not allowed for organics recycling.
- Decide where to store your container — it can be on your counter, under the sink, next to your garbage can or in your fridge/freezer.

The City will hold SB 1383 workshops, and Palmdale residents who attend will receive a free kitchen counter food pail. If you would like to be notified of the upcoming workshops, please email envirotech@cityofpalmdaleca.gov or call 661/267-5300. For more information about SB 1382, visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/SB1383.
PWD RECEIVES GRANT TO CONVERT PALMDALE DITCH

Palmdale Water District (PWD) received a $5 million grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to convert the century-old Palmdale Ditch to a closed pipeline.

Conversion of the open and unlined portions of the ditch will prevent water loss due to seepage, evapotranspiration and overspill. It would also increase water flow from the Littlerock Reservoir to Lake Palmdale, where water is stored before being treated and delivered to customers.

The funding is from the Bureau of Reclamation’s WaterSMART Program: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants. Under the grant agreement, PWD must secure another $17 million for the entire ditch conversion project and complete it over the next three years.

Currently, about 6.7 miles of the 8.5-mile ditch are open and exposed. The remaining lengths are enclosed in pipes, tunnels and culverts. Much of the ditch, which was originally constructed in the 1880s, has a dirt bottom. The District has installed geosynthetic clay liners on parts of the ditch to prevent water seepage, but it is not a long-term solution. Although water loss varies annually depending on the weather, the average loss is 25%. Since 2010, the average water loss has been about 800 acre-feet annually, or enough water for 1,372 Palmdale households with four people.

PWD ENDS EMERGENCY DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS

All emergency drought regulations adopted the past two years by the Palmdale Water District (PWD) are no longer in effect.

After hearing from staff that there is more water than needed for customers this year, the PWD Board of Directors rescinded the Emergency Drought Regulations and the voluntary stage of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Last month, the Department of Water Resources announced that water allocation for State Water Contractors, including PWD, would be 100% due to the epic rain and snowfall this past winter and spring. The last time the state issued a 100% allocation was in 2006. Last year, the state was in a severe drought, and allocation was only 5%, leading PWD to adopt its mandatory 20% conservation guidelines. It reverted to voluntary conservation in March.

For PWD, the full allocation is 21,300 acre-feet (AF), or 6.7 billion gallons, of water. This amount exceeds the annual requirement of about 20,000 AF for 126,000 customers.

The District also has surface water from Littlerock Reservoir, which has been full since January due to rainfall and snow melt from the San Gabriel Mountains. Last year, about 3,600 AF of water was used from this source. More water will be used from the reservoir this year.

“With more than enough water to meet our customers’ needs, this year’s ample water supply will allow us to also bank water in the Antelope Valley, meet our water transfer agreements and create new ones for the future, and still store at least 5,000 AF for next year,” said Resource and Analytics Supervisor Claudia Bolanos.

Even though the drought restrictions have ended, customers must still follow PWD’s always-in-effect Water Waste Policy, which includes prohibiting outdoor watering within 48 hours of measurable rainfall and washing cars without an auto shutoff hose nozzle. For a full list of the policy’s 11 restrictions, visit PWD’s website.

Since 1918, Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. PWD prides itself on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.
City to Host “Are You Ready” Disaster Preparedness Presentation

September is National Preparedness Month, and the City’s Public Safety office has invited experts in natural disaster preparedness to be your guest speakers to help you understand what to expect and guide you in your preparedness efforts.

Guest speakers from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, former Captain Scott Polgar, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and the City’s emergency services coordinator will answer your questions and cover all topics relating to disaster preparedness.

Making sure family and property are protected is critical, and the best time to start is now. The presentation will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 pm at Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, 930 E. Ave. Q9.

Remember — it’s never too early to prepare but it can be too late!

For more information and to register, contact the Public Safety office at publicsafety@cityofpalmdaleca.gov or 661/267-5170.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

Through Measure AV funding and in partnership with Karma Rescue, the City is offering a low-cost spay/neuter program for Palmdale pets. Proof of pet ownership and residency in the incorporated City is required.

This program does not cover items which may be required or recommended by the veterinarian, such as pain injections, antibiotic injections, blood tests for older pets, take-home pain medications, and/or an e-collar.

For more information visit www.karmarescue.org/palmdale.
Come meet your local first responders and community partners.

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For more information, call Public Safety at 661/267-5170 or email publicsafety@cityofpalmdale.ca.gov

National Night Out is a nationwide crime prevention awareness campaign designed to generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts. It strengthens neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnerships and sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime.

In celebration of National Night Out, Palmdale residents can participate by turning on their outside lights and spending evenings outside with neighbors throughout the month of August. Many neighborhoods will be hosting special events such as block parties, cookouts and forming Neighborhood Watch groups with the City’s Public Safety staff and Sheriff’s deputies.

**PUBLIC SAFETY SPOTLIGHT**

Public Safety hosts a live Spotlight every first and third Tuesday on Facebook at 5 pm. Public Safety Spotlights cover topics related to safety in our community. Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/palmdalepublicsafety or scan the QR code.

**LANDLORD TRAINING FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING**

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 5:30 pm

The City’s Landlord Training Program is designed for owners and managers of multifamily rental properties in Palmdale. It is an in-depth, 6-hour course completed over two nights conducted by City staff and the LA County Sheriff’s Department. The cost is $30 per person and includes all instructional materials. The class fee is due at the first session. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory for completion. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

**SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING RENTAL PROPERTY TRAINING**

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6-9 pm
Registration 5:30 pm

The City’s new Neighbor 2 Neighbor program is designed for owners of single-family rental properties in Palmdale. This is an in-depth, 3-hour course conducted by City staff and the LA County Sheriff’s Department. The cost is $20 per person and includes all instructional material. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

For more information or to register, please contact the Public Safety office at 661/267-5170 or email publicsafety@cityofpalmdale.ca.gov.
HOUSING RIGHTS CLINICS

The Housing Rights Center can answer your questions about fair housing, rent increases, COVID-19 eviction protections, and more.

Visit our free walk-in clinics on the first Thursday of each month at SAVES, 1002 E. Avenue Q-12 from 2 to 4 pm to learn about tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. The workshop dates are July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.

Can’t make these dates?

Contact the Housing Rights Center by phone at 800/477-5977 or email info@housingrightscenter.org.

SAVE THE DATE

ILEAD PALMDALE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 4, 9 am-3 pm
Legacy Commons for Active Seniors
930 E. Ave. Q-9

Mark your calendars now for a youth conference geared toward middle and high school age youth.

Top 5 Things You Need to Know
1. iLEAD Palmdale Youth Conference is free.
2. Open to middle and high school-aged youth living in Palmdale.
3. Registration begins mid-September through October 30.
4. Choose your own adventure with our workshops at time of registration.
5. Raffle prizes, donuts, music, and lots of fun.

Workshops offered:
- Leadership Development
- Personal Growth
- Life Readiness (college and career, workforce readiness, and adulting)

Palmdale Partners Academy

The Palmdale Partners Academy is designed to give citizens a firsthand look at City operations and services. Participants will interact with City staff, learn the challenges facing municipal government, and gain insight into the City’s future goals and objectives. Whether you are an aspiring politician, a business owner, or an interested resident, you will find the Academy packed with valuable information:

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – The Greatest Story Ever Told. An introduction to Palmdale, its past, present and future.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – It Keeps You Running. A behind-the-scenes look at the administration of the City.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 – If You Build It They Will Come. An introduction to Economic and Community Development, and the many divisions responsible for the structural and economic growth of the City.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Clean Sweep, the Care and Maintenance of a City. An overview of Public Works programs and the divisions that keep our streets, buildings, and parks clean and operational.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Law and Order: Palmdale. An overview of Palmdale’s efforts to prevent crime and how the City works locally with the criminal justice system.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 – Who Are the People in My Neighborhood? An overview of Neighborhood Services and Community Compliance including housing, public safety, neighborhood compliance, code enforcement, and emergency management.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – For the People. An overview of Parks & Recreation including classes, leagues, community events, special use facilities, and parks.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 – To Infinity and Beyond. An insight into engagement activities and future plans for Palmdale.

Registration will open on Tuesday, August 1. Interested persons should submit their application as soon as possible, as participation is limited. Those who cannot commit to all class dates are asked to apply for future sessions.

Classes will be held 7 to 9:30 pm. For more information, email Community Programs Coordinator Patricia Morales at engaged@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.
SAVES Celebrates 40 Years of Service & Compassion

*Dates for Back-To-School Event and Gala Fundraiser Announced*

For 40 years, SAVES (South Antelope Valley Emergency Services) has been an instrumental resource helping to alleviate hunger among low-income individuals, working families, elderly, disabled and homeless in the region. SAVES’ goal is to sustain the lives of the thousands of people with nutritious food, education, and referrals.

**SAVES Back to School Sign Up**

Each summer, SAVES hosts an annual back-to-school event, which provides critical support for students to return to school with confidence. This year, SAVES has reimagined its program with opportunities for students to shop for back-to-school clothing, and receive haircuts and other important items and services at the event in August. Sign up dates and times are:

- Monday, July 10, 8:30-11:30 am
- Monday, July 17, 8 am-12 pm
- Friday, July 14, 9 am-2 pm

Events will be held at SAVES, 1002 E. Ave. Q-12.

For more information about the events and to determine if your student qualifies, please call 661/267-5191 or visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/SAVES.

**Empty Bowls Palmdale Gala**

In celebration of its 40-year commitment to the community, SAVES will hold its first-ever fundraising event, “Empty Bowls Palmdale Gala.” The community is invited to join SAVES staff and community leaders to gather for an evening of food, fun and celebration while giving support to those impacted by food insecurity. All proceeds will benefit SAVES. For more information about tickets or donations, please contact Community Programs Coordinator Patricia Morales at 661/267-5473 or email emptybowls@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.

**SAVES Back to School Sign Up**

- **Yucca**, 503 E. Ave. Q-3
- **Tumbleweed**, 1129 E. Ave. R-4
- **Manzanita**, 38627 32nd St. East

For more information, call AVPH at 661/942-4719.

**NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES:**

- **Yucca**, 503 E. Ave. Q-3
- **Tumbleweed**, 1129 E. Ave. R-4
- **Manzanita**, 38627 32nd St. East

For more information, call 800/399-4529.

**Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County**

Free legal assistance on a variety of civil law topics. Visit NLSLA.org for information about available services during COVID-19 as well as COVID-19 legal changes.

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**Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)**

Free legal advice on a variety of civil law topics. Eligibility is based on income. Se habla Español.

For information, call 800/399-4529.
New Recreation Scholarships for Youth Available

The City is pleased to offer recreation scholarship opportunities for residents 17 years and younger as part of our commitment to expanding accessibility to its programs and facilities. The City wants to ensure that no child is denied an opportunity to participate in recreation programs because of economic hardship.

A limited number of scholarships are available for children to participate in select parks and recreation programs. All scholarships, regardless of need, are limited by donated funds and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit us at www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/RecScholarship to view program guidelines and requirements.

Interested in recreational activity?

Check out all we have to offer at www.PlayPalmdale.com. Here is a sample of the courses offered:

- Caravan Dance Tap & Ballet
- Caravan Dance Jazz
- Challenger Sports Soccer Camp
- Challenger Sports Tiny Tykes Soccer
- Excel Tennis
- Young Champions Karate/Self-Defense
- Young Champions Soccer
- PADI Open Water Diver Course
- Zumba Fitness
- Miss Melanie's Dance
- Miss Melanie's Armenian Folkloric Dance
- Eshrat American Karate
- New! Erin Hvegholm Kids Hip Hop Jazz
- New! Erin Hvegholm Kids Tap Dance
- Italian for Beginners
- Challenge Sports Soccer Class

Become a Contract Class Instructor

Contract instructors contribute to our community by providing enriching classes, workshops, and seminars. Parks and Recreation is seeking proposals for aquatics, arts and entertainment, education and technology, hobbies and interests, mind and body, and therapeutic and special needs.

We are open to new, creative program ideas for adults, families, 55+, people with disabilities, preschoolers, school age children, and teens. Submit a proposal online at www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/ContractClass.
Happening This Season

**New!** Individual registration for Adult Slow Pitch Leagues. Register through August 3.

### Adult Coed Slow Pitch Softball
*Register through August 3*
Teams play one classification game before start of league and a 10-game schedule.

### Adult Coed Volleyball
*Register July 10 - August 31*
Teams play one classification game prior to the start of the league and a 10-game schedule.

### Adult Slow Pitch Softball
*Register through August 3*
Teams play one classification game before start of league and a 10-game schedule.

### Adult Coed Kickball
*Register through August 3*
Teams play one classification game before start of league and a 10-game schedule.

### Youth Volleyball
*Register August 7-24*
Participants develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. The fee includes a jersey, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an eight-game schedule. The coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age is required at registration.

### Youth Volleyball Fundamentals
*Register August 7-24*
Serving, passing, and setting fundamentals will be taught with an emphasis on fun. Kids will get a chance to put their skills into action during scrimmage time. This class will help your child prepare for future volleyball leagues.

### Sports Officials Needed
Are you a sports enthusiast who wants to get involved in your community?
The City is looking for people who have common sports knowledge or officiating experience to become officials and referees for youth and adult sports programs.
- Training available
- Extra income
- Basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball officials needed
- Games are played on weeknights and Saturdays

For more information or to apply, please email Sports at parksrec@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.

### Volunteer Coaches Needed
Do you like having fun? Are you good at giving out high fives? Would you like to create lasting memories? If you answered ‘yes,’ you fit the criteria we look for in our best volunteer coaches. With our core principles of fun, inclusivity, safety, and good sportsmanship, being a coach in our leagues is not only a breeze, it’s a blast and a very rewarding experience!

All our youth programs are coached by volunteers: basketball, softball, T-ball, coaches pitch, baseball, and volleyball. Coaching in our leagues is a 2 to 3-hour commitment each week, and you get to pick the practice location and times. Games are played during the week and on Saturdays. We also have plenty of resources available to our coaches, including a thorough coaching guide, weekly practice plans, game tips, and staff to assist. To inquire, email Sports at parksrec@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.

### Join Our Free Agent List
If you are an adult 16+ who would like to join one of our adult basketball or volleyball leagues but need a team to play with, let us know! Please call 661-267-5611 and ask to speak with our sports division—we will gladly add you to our free agent list.
Aquatics

Swim Lesson Registration

Register online at www.PlayPalmdale.com. Online registration begins at 7 pm on the dates listed below. Space is limited; online and walk-in registration is first come, first served. Visit www.PlayPalmdale.com for swim lesson dates, times, and locations, and to open your account.

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Schedule of classes may be modified. Classes may be canceled or combined when minimum registration levels are not met.
• Credits or refunds for class sessions canceled or shortened due to inclement weather will not be offered.

Adaptive Swim Lessons

Designed for children with neurological, developmental, and cognitive challenges and teaches them independent swimming and water safety. By introducing students to the water gradually during private lessons, they are better able to focus their attention. This class follows the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim guidelines. Participants, with one-on-one instruction, will be individually assessed on their swimming skills, and instructors will create daily lessons to work with each child. They will also learn social skills during partner activities with classmates and group games.

Parent/Child (Ages 6 mos.–3 yrs.)

Parent or other adult will receive guided demonstration to help their child become more comfortable in the water though song and play. Parents learn how to work with their child to introduce bubble-blowing, assist with arm and leg motion, and holds for front and back float along with safety information. Babies must wear swim diapers under swimsuits and must be accompanied in the water by an adult.

Preschool (Ages 3–5 yrs.)

Your child will learn to be more comfortable in the water, learn breath control by blowing bubbles and breath holding, floating, kicking, underwater exploration, and a combination of arm and kick movements. This introduction to the water without a parent emphasizes water adjustment, safety, and fun.

Level 1 Intro to Water Skills

An introduction to water skills, this class is for children with little or no experience with swim lessons. Participants become familiar with the aquatic environment and learn elementary skills such as blowing bubbles, submersion, assisted floating, gliding, and arm/leg action to build on as they progress through the swim program.

Level 2 Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Must be able to: Enter pool unassisted, retrieve an object from below the surface with eyes open, flutter kick, maintain assisted front and rear float, recover to a standing position, and exit the pool unassisted. This class builds on fundamental aquatic locomotion, safety and rescue skills presented in Level 1. Emphasis is placed on swimming skills.

Level 3 Stroke Development

Must be able to: Jump from side of pool unassisted, submerge and retrieve an object from the bottom of the pool with eyes open, float unassisted on stomach and back, tread water, display forward locomotion with alternating arms and a rhythmic kick. This class builds on aquatic locomotion, safety, and rescue skills taught in Levels 1 and 2. Class also prepares students for advanced levels of swimming.
Level 4 Stroke Improvement

**Must be able to:** Dive into pool from a compact or stride position, swim underwater, perform a feet-first surface dive, survival float, perform front and back open turns, and show competency in front crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke. Class develops confidence and competency in aquatic locomotion, safety, and rescue skills, and prepares student swimmers for stroke analysis.

Level 5 Swimming & Skill Proficiency

**Must be able to:** Demonstrate sidestroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Class coordinates and refines strokes presented in previous levels and enables students to use them with greater ease, efficiency, power, and smoothness over greater distances. This class introduces the butterfly, open turns, feet-first surface dive, pike dive, tuck surface dive, additional turns, and endurance swimming.

Adult Swim Lessons – Beginner (Ages 15+)

It’s never too late to learn to swim. Adults of all ages are welcome in this group learn-to-swim program. Skills taught are front and back float, supine and prone glide, and stroke development.

Adult Swim Lessons – Intermediate/Advanced (Ages 15+)

It’s never too late to improve your swimming ability. Adults of all ages are welcome in this group learn-to-swim program. Skills taught are stroke development, endurance, and intermediate/advanced technique swimming.

Water Resistance Exercise (Ages 15+)

Join us at DryTown and train with the resistance of the current. This course is for exercise enthusiasts at all fitness levels and will provide training while reducing the impact on your body.
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Senior Swim and Therapy
Senior Swim and Therapy is a 1-hour time block for adults who are 55+. Each lane can be used for individual preferences and self-directed exercises such as water aerobics, lap swimming, treading water, or other self-directed therapy exercises.

Noon Lap and Therapy
Sessions are dedicated to those 14 years of age and older; this program is separate from Senior Swim and Therapy. Each lane can be used for individual preferences, such as aerobics, lap swimming, treading water, and other therapy exercises.

Family Recreation Swim
Open to all ages. Recreation swim is a fun and positive way new swimmers can learn to be comfortable in the water and practice self-directed skills. It is also a place for families and young swimmers to be active and spend quality time with friends and family. In-water supervision is required for children under 48 inches tall (one adult per child in the water). Look for our expanded afternoon and evening hours. Purchase a family recreation swim pass at discounted rates by visiting www.playpalmdale.com and looking for the membership tab.

To view Family Recreation Swim days, times and locations, please visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/RecSwim.
Want to be a lifeguard?

Enroll in Our Lifeguard Academy!

Lifeguard I positions begin at $18.48/hour. Secure your position for next summer now. Academy dates: October 11-25 on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Register for our Lifeguard Academy today at www.PlayPalmdale.com

Registration closes Monday, October 9 at 12 pm. For more information, call 661/267-5611.

Chimbole Cultural Center

The Chimbole Cultural Center is closed while it is being reimagined for the future. For more information, please visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/ChimboleCenter.

For rental information about other city facilities, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com.
Have you visited your nearest center?

Palmdale’s recreation centers are bursting with activity! You will find sports programs and contract classes led by engaging community members. Visit www.PlayPalmdale.com to discover all the classes offered at each center.

MARIE KERR PARK REC CENTER
2723 Rancho Vista Blvd.

Video Game Nights
Friday, July 7, 6-8 pm
Friday, July 21, 6-8 pm
Show off your video game skills and come socialize at the Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center game room. PS4 consoles will be available for play, and games will include Minecraft, Sonic the Hedgehog, Lego Marvel, Lego Star Wars, Cars, and The Incredibles. Parents must stay on park premises. Games are geared for ages 10+.

Floral Design Class
Saturday, July 8, 10 am-12 pm
Learn the basics of flower design! The class is for children 5 to 12 years old and their parent/guardian. Please register both child and parent/guardian for this class. All supplies are included.

Bookworm
Friday, July 14, 10-11:30 am
Join us for an hour of reading, crafting and fun! Recreation staff will read fun-themed books, and kids will create a craft based on the book. We’ll be reading Pete the Cat Goes Camping, from the Pete the Cat series. All registered participants will take a copy of the book home.

Registration is required for all events, and parents must be present.

Looking for a place to hold your next event?
The Marie Kerr Park and Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Centers are available to rent. For information, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com.

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**PALMDALE OASIS PARK REC CENTER**  
3850 E. Avenue S, Suite A

**Floral Design Class**  
Saturday, August 12, 10 am-12 pm  
Learn the basics of flower design! The class is for children 5 to 12 years old and their parent/guardian. Please register both child and parent/guardian for this class. All supplies included.

**Bookworm**  
Friday, July 28, 10-11:30 am  
Join us for an hour of reading, crafting and fun! Recreation staff will read fun-themed books, and kids will create a craft based on the book. We’ll be reading *Pete the Cat* and *The Cool Caterpillar.* All registered participants will take a copy of the book home.

New! **Summer Fun at Marie Kerr Park and Palmdale Oasis Recreation Centers**

Looking for a “cool” place to recreate this summer? Stop by either recreation center Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm for free recreation activities. This is a free drop-in program that requires prior registration, and is not a childcare service. Parent supervision is encouraged for participants 13 years and younger. Register online at [www.PlayPalmdale.com](http://www.PlayPalmdale.com).
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July 13 • Rayford Band
July 20 • Runaway Band
July 27 • The Dance Band
August 3 • On Tap
Lot of Free Fun—Join Us!

**JULY**

**New! Adult Beginners Pickleball**
Tuesday, July 11, 18 & 25 and August 1, 6 pm
Desert Sands Park
Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States. This 4-week outdoor class will teach you everything you need to know about pickleball, which is a mix of tennis and ping pong. Learn the rules, and how to play, all in a fun environment. Drills, fun challenges, and games. Fee: $25. Register online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

**New! Pickleball Open Play**
Tuesday, July 11, 18 & 25 and August 1, 7-8 pm
Desert Sands Park
Join us for free pickleball play.

**New! Popsicle Park Pop-Ups**
Saturday, July 15, 5-7 pm
Rancho Vista Park
Saturday, July 22, 5-7 pm
Desert Sands Park
Saturday, July 29, 5-7 pm
Joe Davies Heritage Airpark
During July we celebrate Parks Make Life Better Month and the benefits of parks and recreation throughout California. Enjoy free recreational games, a giant kick croquet game, giant rolling wheel, rocking seesaw, and popsicles! The Popsicle Park Pop-up at Joe Davies Heritage airpark is a special event with treats and giveaways. Activities are geared toward youth ages 5 to 12; all are welcome. #ParksMakeLifeBetter

**Fourth of July Activities for Kids**
Tuesday, July 4, 10 am-3 pm
Domenic Massari Park & Marie Kerr Park community building
Start your Independence Day celebration at the park! Bring your kids and join our free fun making a patriotic ribbon wand, sidewalk chalk, 4th of July pudding slime, and patriotic sensory play! Free 4th of July-themed giveaways while supplies last.

**AUGUST**

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Throw Some Color  
**Saturday, August 5, 5-7pm**  
Domenic Massari Park

Obstacle courses may include a hula hoop agility run, pool noodle army crawl, balloon toss, cone maze, and end with a celebratory color run-through! This is a fun and messy obstacle course. Come dressed in a white shirt and get ready to get colorful with us this summer! Please note colored powder will be thrown in this obstacle course. For ages 5-12.

S’more Fun  
**Thursday, August 10, 5-7 pm**  
Domenic Massari Park & Marie Kerr Park community building  
Let’s have s’more fun before the summer comes to an end! Come celebrate national S’mores Day at the parks and pick up a free s’more giveaway bag!

SEPTEMBER

Award Winning Palmdale Palettes in the Parks  
**Domenic Massari Park & Marie Kerr Park**  
**Saturday, September 2, 9 & 16, 10 am-12 pm**

Park staff will offer creative paint ideas for youth to practice their art skills. Acrylic paint, brushes, and canvases are provided for free. Finished art pieces may be featured at Kaleidoscope Art & Music Festival in October. Please see park staff at the community building of either park for information. Ages 7+. Space is limited, first come, first served.

Paws in the Park  
**Saturday, July 1, 5-7 pm**  
Yellen Dog Park

Rock on over and join other dog owners and mmm-bop with us as we celebrate our annual Paws in the Park with a totally ‘90s theme. Entertainment will include a “bomb” diggity doggety photo area, dog agility equipment, and bangin’ paw art! Remember to wear your best ‘90s costumes!

Keeping Canines Cool with Pools  
**Tuesday, July 11 & August 8, 5-7 pm**  
Yellen Dog Park

Come keep cool in our pools! Pop-up dog pools will be provided in both the small and large dog areas. Come enjoy music and socialize with other fun furry friends.

Arty Paw-ty Reception  
**Wednesday, August 9, 6-8 pm**  
Legacy Commons

Come view fantastic dog art which will be exhibited at Legacy Commons! Photo area, treats, and music will be provided! Dogs welcomed!
Visit Your Local Airpark

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11am-4 pm • 2001E. Ave. P

Joe Davies Heritage Airpark is a family-friendly, uniquely Palmdale destination centered around displays of aircraft that portray our rich aerospace heritage and present the historical significance of USAF Plant 42 in a way that generates pride among our residents and prestige among our peers.

Visitors to the Airpark see a collection of aircraft flown, tested, designed, produced, or modified at USAF Plant 42. The Airpark includes 21 retired military aircraft on static display, plus a 1/8 scale model of the B-2 Spirit, an AGM-28 Hound Dog Missile, a B-52, a C-46, and various aircraft components. Admission to the park and use of its amenities — covered picnic tables and BBQs — is free.

Adopt-A-Plane
Second Saturday of every month

Adopt-A-Plane is a volunteer-based program in which a group commits to cleaning one of the aircraft on display either monthly or bi-monthly. The City will provide materials and tools, and the volunteer groups will receive the following recognition:

• Group name will be displayed on a sign next to the aircraft
• Group name will be placed on the Airpark web page
• Group will be invited to attend special events at the Airpark

For more information and inquiries, please email parksrec@cityofpalmdaleca.gov.
DryTown Water Park
July-September 2023

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Open 11 am-6 pm

Kiwanis Duck Race
Friday, September 8

“Great place for entire family and kids love this place” —Greg E.

www.DryTownWaterPark.com

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Family Glow Nights
Select Friday & Saturday nights, 7-10 pm

Sundown at DryTown
Select Friday nights, 3-7 pm

It was great fun for the kids.” —Loretta Reyes

Celebrating 17 years of world-class, affordable family fun!

Unlimited Monday-Friday visits; excludes Family Glow Nights and holidays. Restrictions apply.

DryTown
**A Musical Comedy Tribute to the 1950s**

**Book by Tim Kelley**
**Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur**

**Saturday, July 22, 6 pm**

Gracie Stanley has gotten herself in hot water by promising to deliver her distant cousin, rock star Ziggy Springer, for the high school Hippity Hop at Louise's Luncheonette. The problem is that Ziggy's manager doesn't want him performing anywhere without pay, so Gracie and her friends must produce a double — and fast! They plan to use a singing soda jerk and have him perform in the dark. It won't be easy for Gracie to get away with this one with her rival, snooty Muffin Mansfield, waiting for her to flop.

Meanwhile, Louise has her own problems. The building's owner forbids the dance and plans to turn the eatery into a dry cleaner. With all this happening, Gracie's brother is living in terror because he's smashed up a Harley belonging to Sinbad Gallucci, a bad dude.

**Tickets:** $12 adults, $9 military, senior, students, 12 & under, $30 family 4-pack
**Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc., Denver, Colorado.**

**Jr. Summer Theatre Camp presents**

**SUPERHEROES, UNITE!**

**By Leslie Cardwell and Jessica Stephens**

**Saturday, July 22, 6 pm**

Calling all superheroes! The citizens of Nova City need a superhero to save them from the evil clutches of the nefarious Colonel Mustard and his sidekick Hemlock, so what do they do? They hold an audition, of course! Legions of fantastic, incredible, and uncanny characters descend upon City Hall, hoping the mayor and police commissioner might marvel at their strange powers, which range from super strength to super speed, mind reading to animal whispering, and quoting Shakespeare to pointing out irony. Okay, so some superpowers are more helpful than others, but when Colonel Mustard unleashes a surprise attack on City Hall, both the mighty and the average must join forces to bring justice and security to Nova City.

**Tickets:** $12 adults, $9 military, senior, students, 12 & under, $30 family 4-pack
**Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc., Denver, Colorado.**
**JR. SUMMER THEATRE CAMP**

**Ages 9-11 • July 10-22**

Attention all drama queens and kings! Come discover the fun and exciting world of live theatre. Students will learn and practice core theatre skills in this two-week program, such as stage presence, vocal projection, and more. Perfect for all levels of experience. Camp will end with a live performance of *Superheroes Unite!* on Saturday, July 22 at 6 pm.

**SUMMER THEATRE EXPERIENCE**

**Ages 12-18 • June 12-July 1**

Be part of our cast for Summer Theatre Experience, where students will learn the basics of acting, singing and theatre production. During this fun-packed three-week camp, students will study everything from acting and character work, to making props and working on the set. Students will work together to bring a musical stage production to life, concluding with two performances of *The Nifty Fifties: A Musical Comedy Tribute to the 1950s* on Saturday, July 1 at 2 pm and 6 pm.

High school students in grades 9 and up have an opportunity to earn 5 credits upon completion of this program.

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**JOURNEY USA**

Saturday, August 26, 8 pm

Start with a singer who was hired to do vocal work for Steve Perry during his solo career. Add a guitarist who played and penned multiple hits for Grammy nominee Great White in the '80s MTV era, a drummer who toured with Great White, and a veteran multi-instrumentalist with three appearances on AXS TV’s *World’s Greatest Tribute Bands*, and the thundering precision of bassist Jeffrey Bretz — and you have Journey USA!

With an emphasis on crowd participation and high energy performances, this talent-packed Journey tribute band captures the signature sound of the super group with hits like “Don’t Stop Believing,” “Open Arms,” “Separate Ways,” and “Any Way You Want It” — every song is executed with stunning precision!

Journey USA is the closest thing to ‘70s and ’80s Journey music you’ll ever hear! Tickets: $25

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**SPLIT THE BOX**

Interested in performing before a live audience at the Palmdale Playhouse? The split-the-box program is for seasoned artists seeking a professional theatrical performance venue. Visit www.palmdaleplayhouse.com to apply.
Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella: A Truly Magical Experience

The Palmdale Playhouse collaborated with Palmdale Repertory Theatre (PRT) to bring Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella to the stage on April 14 with six performances over two weekends, enchanting audiences of all ages.

This annual collaboration marked the sixth production between PRT and the Palmdale Playhouse. The multitalented Marco Aguilar of PRT directed, choreographed, supervised the painting of sets, and stepped in as an ensemble cast member.

This delightful production drew the audience into the story of Cinderella and transported them into a magical world filled with fairy godmothers, dragons and a narcissistic stepmother. The cast was extraordinary, the costumes were stunningly gorgeous, and the set was beautiful. This production of Cinderella featured a strong and determined Cinderella, wonderfully played by Darci Difalco, who reminded us all that kindness is what really matters.

“Overall, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella was truly a magical experience,” said Recreation Supervisor Michelle Lee. The Playhouse is now planning the 2024 Palmdale Repertory Theatre/Palmdale Playhouse collaborative. For updates, check the Fall Palmdale Magazine and be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates about auditions and shows: Palmdale Repertory Theatre @palmdalereptheatre and Palmdale Playhouse @palmdaleplayhouse.

What the Audience Said:

“Magnificent Performance. We loved our evening out right here in our own community. Thank you, Palmdale Playhouse & Palmdale Parks & Recreation.” — Bertha Alvarez

“Having the cast pose for pictures in their costumes after the performance was so special. The children were so excited. Thank you.” — Joy Lee Berr

“Loved it! It was like seeing a professional show on Broadway.” — Sean Hill

“It was as great as a Broadway Show. Fantastic. Bravo to all involved.” — Linda Stevens

“Very well-done show. Brought back many memories of watching it as a child with Leslie Ann Warren.” — Sharron Ament

“Beautifully performed, funny, and enchanting show. Terrific talent, especially Cinderella; she was mesmerizing (funny, too!” — Susan Quinland-Stringer

“I’m SO glad that everyone remembered that theater is supposed to be FUN! I had an absolute blast! If there are any tickets left, grab them!” — Dave Owens

“I just left the 8pm show and I am simply amazed at the talent displayed on that stage tonight! This is Pantages Theatre worthy.” — Monique Joseph
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Gates open at 6 pm, movies begin at dusk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome at Family Movie Nights. Snack vendors will be on-site for your convenience. All bags and coolers will be inspected at the gate. Alcohol and pets are not allowed.

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The City proudly hosts public events that enhance our quality of life and contribute to our economic vitality. Each year, Palmdale hosts hundreds of events such as athletics; walks/5Ks; ceremonies; citywide, commercial, community or cultural events; parades; festivals; and concerts.

If you are interested in putting on a public event, please visit www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/PlanningACommunityEvent.

Community events is a year-round service that allows customers to provide to the community by orchestrating their own public events. It leaves the design and planning to the customer but is guided through a City process. Accommodations are made based on availability; events are subject to approval and not guaranteed.

All event applications must be submitted 120 days before the event date. Basic requirements include a business license/503a and insurance coverage. Events may be subject to additional fees such as health and fire permits.
Digital Programming and Services Offer So Much More at Your Fingertips!

Did you know that the Library offers a large amount of digital programs and services.

With your Library card, you can access free e-books and e-audiobooks through the Cloud Library, watch movies and shows through The Shelf and Hoopla, listen to music through Freegal, and read newspapers and magazines on Pressreader.

For job skills, we provide free access to Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, and Learning Express.

We offer access to 24/7 online math, reading and writing tutors through HelpNow Online Tutoring. And without a Library card, you can enjoy our Bridge Builders program on YouTube where Jesse Davidson interviews local artists and musicians as a way to create connections to the arts and community.

We are always creating new and exciting programs throughout the year. Please find us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest information on current events at the Library!

Welcome to Your Palmdale City Library!

There are Always Fun Things Happening at Your Library

Summer Reading Program
Through July 28th
Sign up for the Reading Challenge on palmdale.beanstack.org/reader365 to receive giveaway prizes. Kids ages 6 to 11 will automatically be entered in a weekly drawing for DryTown tickets!

Movie Fridays
Love Simon (PG-13) • Friday, July 7, 2 pm
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G) • Friday, July 14, 2 pm
Hugo (PG) • Friday, July 21, 2 pm

Super Mario Brothers Video Game Tournament
Saturday, July 8, 2-3:30 pm
For the tournament, teens only. Open game play is for all.

After-hours Open Mic Night
Saturday, July 22, 6-7:30 pm
Visit the Library after-hours for open-mic night. Do you have a talent? Please showcase it! This event is open to the public but is part of our adult programming—not everything will be suitable for young audience members. Regular Library services will not be available.

Preschool Ready to Write Lab
Wednesday, July 26, 11am-12 pm
Exercise those fine motor skills with cutting, playdough, and beading. For ages 3 to 7.

Harry Potter Birthday Bash/Summer Reading Finale
Friday, July 28, 2-4 pm
Explore the entire Library as we celebrate Harry Potter’s birthday. Harry Potter games, crafts, and prizes will be offered.

Summer Lunch and Literacy Pop-up Programs
Stay tuned for more information about this year’s Knowmobile stops during Summer Lunch. Visit the Library for more information.

Books and Barks
Does your family love dogs? Visit the Library on the last Tuesday of every month from 3:30 to 5 pm, and read to friendly dogs from High Desert Obedience Club! Therapy dogs can help kids build their confidence, and can help improve their reading skills.

Adult Coffee and Coloring
Second Tuesday of every Month, 10 am
Join us for a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity. Now serving coffee! You may stay, color, and drink your coffee, or take it to go!

Game Night at the Library
Friday, August 11, 6-8 pm
Enjoy after-hours fun at the Library with karaoke and games. Regular Library services will not be available.

International Talk Like a Pirate Day
September 19, 4-6 pm
Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day with crafts and treats. Prepare for this fun event by downloading Mango Languages and learn how to talk like a pirate. Don’t forget to put on your best pirate wear.

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to learn about all the fun events going on at the Library.
Legacy Commons for Active Seniors

Operated by the City of Palmdale, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors is a community recreational facility for those 55 years and older. Located adjacent to Legacy Park, this facility features walking paths, picnic tables, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, and a croquet lawn. Community members experience camaraderie, enhance their overall health, and foster self-reliance through our fitness classes, visual and performing arts programs, informational seminars, and special interest groups. Legacy Commons is dedicated to meeting the needs of all seniors and their families by helping to live an enriched, active, and independent life.

Visitors are invited to pick up our newsletter that features upcoming events and a class schedule. Legacy Commons is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Become a Volunteer
Our senior volunteers contribute to our facility by providing enriching classes and workshops. We are currently seeking a computer tutor for individuals 55+, and we are always open to new and creative ideas. Submit a proposal online at www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov/ VolunteerOpportunities, or call 661/267-5904 and ask for Laura.

Legacy Commons Pass
Be one of the cool kids! Get your Legacy Commons Pass (55+) today for access to free programming at Legacy Commons.
Register for your pass online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.
Stop by the front desk for information about upcoming events and programs.

**Upcoming Events**

**4th of July Bingo**
Wednesday, July 5, 1-3 pm
Wear your red, white and blue — bingo cards are free!

**Mad, Mad, Mad Hatter**
Friday, July 28, 1-3 pm
Wear your fanciest hat to this head-turning parade of entertainment and merry head wear.

**Soundbath with My Lucky Karma**
Friday, August 11, 12-1 pm
Join us for a transformational sound healing experience. Relax and unwind while healing frequencies tune the body in an energetic release and cleanse for the mind and body. Free with prior registration. Space is limited, register online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

**National Senior Citizen Day**
Monday, August 21, 10 am-12 pm
On August 19, 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed August 21 National Senior Citizens Day to recognize and show appreciation for the value and contribution of elderly people to the family and society as a whole. Join us at Legacy Commons for snacks, activities, music and fun!

**Fun Fridays**
Now Open 8 am-4 pm
- Billiards Room, 8 am-4 pm
- Ping Pong, 8:15 am-1:30 pm
- Painting Rescue, 9-11 am
- Indoor Power Walking, 9:15-10:15 am
- Golden Singers, 10-11 am
- Knitting for Beginners, 12-2 pm
- Game Time (board games), 12-4 pm
- Art & Tea, second and fourth Friday of each month, 2-3 pm

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**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**GENERATIONS JURIED ART EXHIBIT**

Encouraging and inspiring artists across generations, this exhibit combines budding artists with established artists in our community.

Generations is an annual competition offering local artists the opportunity to enter to display their art publicly. The winning artworks will be featured in the 2024 Generations calendar, available free at City facilities while supplies last. Open to all ages.

Applications are available online through Tuesday, August 1 at www.cityofpalmdaleca.gov.

Find us on Facebook @PalmdalePR for the latest info about Generations.

**OPENING RECEPTION**
Friday, August 25, 6-8:30 pm
On display Friday, August 25 through Friday, October 6
Simultaneous exhibits will be held at Legacy Commons and Palmdale Playhouse. This free reception will display the artworks 80+ local artists in four age categories. The reception will feature live music and light refreshments. Winners will be announced at the Palmdale Playhouse at 7:30 pm.
ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

See the best of local artists at our intimate gallery. Admission and parking are free.

Art by Julie Schuder

On display Thursday, July 6 through Thursday, August 3
Opening Reception: Thursday, June 6, 2023, 6-7 pm

Julie Schuder is a fine artist whose work spans various media including pottery, ceramic sculpture, and her current focus, watercolor.

Schuder started working in watercolor in 2013, using swirls to create depth and dimension, and a natural flow and rhythm within each piece. With the swirls, she hopes to evoke a sensation of movement and direction that is open-ended and unanswered, rather than left to the viewer’s predilection. Her signature swirling technique is seen across the entirety of her work.

Schuder is based in Antelope Acres, CA.

Arty-Paw-ty Art Exhibit

Art created by dogs at Yellen Dog Park
On display Wednesday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 23
Reception: Wednesday, August 9, 6-7 pm

Generations Juried Art Exhibit

On display Friday, August 25 through Friday, October 6
Opening Reception: Friday, August 25, 6-8:30 pm
Walk on Words Poetry Contest

For this year's Walk on Words poetry contest, writers were invited to create a poem around the Sister Cities theme to celebrate the relationship of the Association of Sister Cities in Palmdale with the Comite de Cuidades Hermanas in Poncitlán, Mexico. The City's annual poetry contest began in April to coincide with National Poetry Month and was extended through May, with poets encouraged to submit their poem in Spanish or English. The winning poem will be stamped in concrete at Poncitlán Square and publicly unveiled during a visit from the Comite de Cuidades Hermanas de Poncitlán in September.

Reaching Purity is City’s Latest Mural

The City partnered with PaintCare to coordinate a paint recycling event on April 29, which included the installation of a waste minimization themed mural across from the Palmdale Transportation Center. Applications and materials from eight qualified artists were received and reviewed by the Public Art program manager and submissions were forwarded to the artist selection panel for scoring.

The top three scoring artists were Ethel and Carlo Zafranco, also known as AQMNI, Vojislav Radovanovic, and Mer Young. The panel recommended AQMNI to the Public Art Commission for final approval.

AQMNI’s past work encourages creative engagement, is high level quality, and furthers the mission and goals of the Public Art program. Their design, Reaching Purity, has a storytelling component that is a great fit for the waste minimization narrative of this project. The mural was installed during the weekend of the paint recycling event, providing a colorful backdrop for the community while spreading a social message about waste reduction and illegal dumping.

Peace Together Gets Refresh

On Saturday, May 13, community volunteers refreshed the Peace Together crosswalks installation at the DryTown Water Park roundabout. The installation was first painted in April 2021, when volunteers came out to Oasis Park to paint the crosswalks with an interlocking rainbow pattern as part of the City’s PalmdaleCARES initiative.

Coming out of the pandemic, when we had little contact with each other, this initiative aimed to engage community members in a group project, while bringing color and beauty to otherwise ordinary crosswalks.

The Public Art Commission recently recommended refreshing the installation which, after two years of active summer programming, had lost some of its luster. The goal was to complete the work prior to the water park’s opening on Memorial Day weekend. As before, this project was a unique partnership between Dunn Edwards Paints, the City, and our residents.
TLC for Our TINIEST PATIENTS

The Birth Place at Palmdale Regional Medical Center now includes a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). It is designed for babies who need specialized, around-the-clock care.

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