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Next Board Meeting

May 21 at 2:00 pm. Council Chambers, Indian Wells City Hall. Eldorado at Hwy 111.

Dear Readers, Tell us what you think

How can we do better? What do you suggest we add? Subtract? Improve?

Please give feedback to us via e-mail, snail-mail, telephone, or face-to-face.

We really want to hear from you.

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Away this summer? Before you leave...

You will, of course, lock doors and set alarms. For peace of mind while you're away, consider also the following suggestions:

1. The U.S. Postal Service will hold your mail for 3 to 30 days, and then deliver it to you. Obtain authorization forms at the Post Office. If you will be away for more than 30 days, you may file a temporary change of address form at the Post Office.
2. To encourage extra attention by law enforcement officials to your residence while you are away, complete a "Vacant Property Report" at the Indian Wells City Hall.
3. To obtain a much reduced rate for Spectrum services (TV, Internet, Phone) while you are away, call Spectrum Customer Service (833-694-9259) and request a "Seasonal Hold" (2 to 9 months).
4. Put a "Hold" on your newspaper deliveries
5. Shift your water heater to "Vacation Mode" (or other similar setting)

Community column

Property Values

You can now see property selling prices in Los Lagos over the last year on the website. Just click the link at the bottom of this page.

Notice how quickly properties are selling these days.

Welcome New Neighbors

Please welcome our new neighbors to Los Lagos.

Peter Foster
44145 Tahoe Circle

Terrence Enns
74985 Havasu Court

Chun C. Lai
44120 Mojave Court

Next Issue in October

The hard working editorial staff is taking a break for the summer. The next issue will be published October 1st.

Snippets

"When I go to the beauty parlor, I always use the emergency entrance." Phyllis Diller

"Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up." Maxine

"Inside every old person is a young person wondering what the hell happened." Anonymous

6. If your smoke detectors are battery powered, replace batteries.
 7. Using one or more "timers", have one or two interior lights turned on in the early evening and off at a reasonable time.
 8. Notify at least one nearby neighbor of your planned departure and return dates, and of any service calls (cleaning, painting, repairs) scheduled to occur at your residence during your absence.
 9. Do NOT advertise your absence on Facebook, or in voice-mail, phone answering messages, or other semi-public devices.
 10. To avoid unpleasant odors on your return, rinse kitchen sink garbage disposal with a solution of half cup water and half cup vinegar. Clear out perishables from cabinets and refrigerator.
 11. Set your thermostats. The cooler the setting, the higher your summer electric bills will be. If you turn your systems off, recognize that the interior of your house may approach 120 degrees.
 12. Just in case . . . leave a house key with a nearby neighbor.
- For additional suggestions, see www.asecurelife.com.

By Herb Costner



Music Appreciation in the Valley

On occasion, we hope to include a recommendation for music events in our valley. On Friday, April 6th and Saturday, April 7th evenings, my husband and I attended the Indian Wells Music Festival. We listened to jazz, blues and an up-and-coming country vocalist to complete a multi-genre musical offering. We found the location and performance scheduling wonderfully refreshing.

On entering the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens (free parking), we found an area that was reserved for Indian Wells residents. A complimentary wine bar was set up there. Performances were under a large, tented area set amid park benches around which several food vendors offered reasonably priced items. Fisherman's Market and Grill was the main sponsor; their fish and chips were delicious. We especially appreciated the 30-minute break between musical acts that afforded time to eat, drink and enjoy warm, balmy weather. The relaxing venue further allowed us to wander around during the musical selections, sitting on outlying benches or returning to our seats.

For a good summary of this event visit [CV Weekly](#).

If you have enjoyed a venue that was particularly enjoyable, let me know by [email](#). Music is a magic elixir.

By Darlene Pienta

Los Lagos was once what?!?

It was once a date farm – and we have some of the date palm trees from those earlier times still living on the site. They are now at least eighty years old, and a few of those old-timers have had to be removed because they were hazardous. We still have a few left. Look for them.

Most palm trees in Los Lagos now are not date palms, but fan palms, with blades radiating from the end of a stem to create a frond with a fan shape. In contrast, the fronds of a date palm consist of blades attached all along two sides of a stem. The recently planted palms at the intersection of Cook Street and Highway 111 provide a clear example of date palms. Our elderly date palms are, of course, not so neat and fresh looking as the newly planted trees.

There are about 2500 species of palms in the world. Just one species (*Washingtonia filifera*) is native to the southwestern United States. All of our other palm trees are imports, or the offspring of imports. You will be able to recognize Washingtonians by their relatively “fat” trunks relative to the “skinnier” trunks of our other fan palms, which are hybrids.

If you want to learn more about date palms you might want to visit Shields Date Gardens in Indio (80225 Highway 111). They have an interesting 15-minute film on “The Romance and Sex Life of the Date”. They also have a garden café that is a charming place to have lunch.