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Next Board Meeting

There are no board meetings scheduled in December. The next meeting will be the annual meeting usually held on the last Saturday in January at Avail's office.

Seasons Greetings

The editorial staff wishes you a joyous Holiday Season and a happy New Year.

Reader Survey

Please complete a one-question [reader survey](#). It will take about 30 seconds.

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Los Lagos neighbors at the Indian Wells residents dinner.

Trash Talk

I remember thinking that all garbage was just garbage, and it all ended up in a place we called the dump. Not anymore! We now distinguish several different types of household waste, with different recommended modes of disposal. Here are some types of “trash”, along with suggestions for how to get rid of them.

(a) **Recyclable waste:** Household waste is called “recyclable” if it is technically and economically feasible for it to be “decomposed” into raw material used for the manufacture of new products. That judgment may differ from one recycle contractor to another, so there is no universal definition of what should be put in a recycle bin. For a listing of what is and is not considered recyclable by our local contractor, go to burrtec.com/recycling.

(b) **Plastic bags:** Don't put them in the recycle bin. Take them to a grocery store deposit box specifically for plastic bags.

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Community column

Things to do

The Palm Springs Air Museum

If you are wondering what to do with out-of-town guests this season, you may find the Palm Springs Air Museum a great place to visit. According to Trip Advisor, visitors from across the country, and from all over the world, rate the museum as #2 of 65 attractions in Palm Springs. CNN Travel calls the museum the “Best Air Museum in California”.

There is something for everyone. Kids love “flying” the flight simulators and climbing into a few of the airplanes on display. Self-described aviation buffs will find 59 airplanes on display. And those who want to learn about the history of WWII and the post-war era will not be disappointed. The museum is “pet friendly to friendly pets” as long as they are on a leash.

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House wanted to rent

Glen Shackleton is looking for a house to rent for January and February on behalf of a friend who has rented in Los Lagos in the past. Contact Glen at 760-610-1649 or g.shackleton@sasktel.net.

Veterans Day 2018 at Indian Wells City Hall

Veterans were honored at a November 12 ceremony on the front lawn of City Hall. A couple hundred people shared memories and refreshments before and after the program. Eight new veterans whose names will be inscribed on the Eisenhower Walk of Honor were recognized among other participating service men and women.



Keynote Speaker, Col. Arthur J. Willis, United States Air Force (Retired)

Bob Mitchell, an Indian Wells resident for 25 years and a U.S. Coast Guard Korean War veteran, attended this Veterans Day ceremony. In 2000, he was honored as one of the original inductees whose service was memorialized on the first of several “Walk of Honor” granite walls located on the front City Hall property. A few moments spent reading the Memorial plaques erected there is both rewarding and sobering.

By Darlene Pienta

Did you know?

Are you trying to remember something you read in a previous issue of Los Lagos News? Every issue from December 2017 onward is available on the website. Just go to loslagosiw.com/news.html. Community Updates and Newsletters published by Avail from February 2016 to present are there as well.

By Darlene Pienta

Trash Talk (continued from page 1)

- (c) **“Green” waste:** This is organic waste that will decay to form “compost”, used to enrich soil. Burrtec does not provide a container for green waste, but you may add your green waste to that of our landscape contractor when they spread a tarp for collecting green waste. Do not include glass, ceramics, metals, stone or any hazardous waste. If you hire a gardening service, your gardener should remove your green waste for you.
- (d) **Electronic waste:** This includes TVs, computers, microwaves, cell phones, etc. Such waste may be dropped off without charge at the Burrtec Recycle Center, 41800 Corporate Way, Palm Desert, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. M-F. Be prepared to show proof of residence, e.g., Indian Wells resident card. Arrange for the pickup of bulky items by calling 760-340-2113.
- (e) **Household “medical” waste:** This includes “leftover” prescription drugs and “sharps” (e.g., hypodermic needles). Please do not flush drugs down the toilet, and do not put sharps in the recycle bin. Take “leftover” drugs to the Riverside County Sheriff’s station at 73705 Gerald Ford, Palm Desert. You may obtain a “sharps” disposal container at the Burrtec Recycle Center (address above). They offer free pickup of full containers 4 times per year. Call 760-340-2113.
- (f) **Hazardous Household Waste:** This includes pesticides, herbicides, drain cleaners, household cleaning chemicals, kerosene, gasoline, oil-based paint, fluorescent light bulbs, and any other household refuse likely to be harmful to flora and fauna in the environment. Burrtec offers pick-up service up to 4 times per year. Call 760-340-2113. No explosive or radioactive waste is accepted.
- (g) **Waste headed to a landfill:** Household waste that does not fall into any of the categories listed above – and anything you put into your two Burrtec garbage cans – is headed for a landfill. The more waste headed to a landfill, the more taxpayer dollars needed to build and operate them. RECYCLE MORE!

By Herb Costner

Palm Springs Air Museum (continued from page 2)

There are exhibits on Women in Aviation, Bob Hope, John F. Kennedy, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, the Tuskegee Airmen and many others.

The museum is staffed with over 350 volunteers whose purpose is to personalize your visit with stories of the airplanes and the people who flew them, as well as the history they made. Don’t miss the library with its 9,200 volumes, including every copy of Life Magazine printed during WWII.

The Palm Springs Air Museum is located at 745 N Gene Autry Trail, and is open from 10am to 5pm every day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and February 15, 2019. Plan to spend at least two hours. Some visitors say a full day isn’t enough. There is a gift shop and a café, plus plenty of free parking.

For more, visit the website at palmspringsairmuseum.org. Full disclosure: the author is a volunteer docent at the museum.

By Patrick Shannon