



TO: City Council  
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SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATE**

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### **CITY HALL**

Due to budgetary constraints a temporary furlough has been imposed and all City offices (With the exception of the Police Department and Animal Care Center) will be closed every Friday starting July 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

### **DESERTARC**

The City of Indio has partnered with DesertArc for maintenance services at our city parks and sports facilities. Under supervision, DesertArc's developmentally disabled clients rotate through our parks system emptying trash receptacles; picking up litter, broken glass and trash; blowing curbs and parking areas; and raking play sand and safety chips off the playgrounds. DesertArc clients work Monday through Friday, but they have also been available to respond to unanticipated cleanups after a busy weekend. DesertArc supervisors have also been helpful in alerting City park maintenance crews to vandalism, hazardous concerns or suspicious activities observed in the parks during maintenance visits. This organization is a valued partner in our safe, clean and green park maintenance efforts.

### **CLINTON STREET WIDENING PROJECT**

The intersection of Fred Waring Drive and Clinton Street has now been closed to through traffic. This closure will remain in effect until July 3. The City has been working closely with the County to address any resident concerns regarding the road closure.

### **PALM TREE MAINTENANCE**

Palm tree pruning is underway along arterial streets, medians, parks, public grounds and Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts. The City schedules annual pruning of date palm and fan palm trees between mid-June through July in accordance with best practices for palm tree maintenance.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

The Special Events Department is moving to the Indio Senior Center at 45-700 Aladdin Street effective Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

### **VARNER ROAD**

Construction of the Varner Road Realignment Project west of Jefferson Street is on schedule for an opening in late August.

### **CVWD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Engineering staff met with CVWD representatives to discuss needed street improvements along the west side of Madison Street and the south side of Avenue 38 as part of CVWD's proposed expansion of their wastewater treatment plant.

### **GOLF CENTER PARKWAY**

The Golf Center Parkway Improvement Project has been completed and normal traffic access has been restored. Pavement was removed and replaced from Highway 111 to Indio Springs Parkway (entrance to Fantasy Springs Casino). A new traffic signal was built at the intersection of Golf Center Parkway and Avenue 45, replacing a 4-way stop. Golf Center Parkway was also widened at several locations. The project was partially funded through a \$433,000 competitive grant received through the State and Local Partnership Program.

### **THE STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

The Street Maintenance staff repaired a street light pole on Dr. Carreon and Hwy 111 that was knocked down by an automobile accident. The repairs included the installation of a new foundation and restoring the electrical system. The street light is functioning normally. Additionally, staff laid down eight (8) tons of hot mix ranging from water cuts to routine zone areas, and removed and replaced 30 feet of sidewalk.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**

The City of Indio will receive \$10,117.00 from the Department of Conservation to fund a multifamily cans and bottles recycling program. Through this program, the City will be able to increase awareness on recycling and provide multifamily housing units with reusable recycling containers. The implementation of the program will be through the Environmental Division of the Indio Water Authority.

### **INDIO WATER AUTHORITY**

During paving construction of Golf Center Parkway over the I-10 freeway, a 3 inch water line off the 12 inch main was found to be damaged, requiring shut down of the 12 inch main for a period of several hours. To minimize the impact on customers as repairs are made, the IWA will install 2,000 feet of temporary above-ground pipe to connect the affected customers to a line located on Ave. 44. To alleviate problems like this in the future, isolation valves will be installed at the time of the repair.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

The Fire Department responded to a total of 184 calls for service the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Our code enforcement team relies on residents like you to report code violations throughout the City. You can report a code violation by calling (760) 391-4123 or by filling out a code violation form at [www.indio.org](http://www.indio.org)

### **Q & A**

Question: Why does the City of Indio shut off the lights in the city parks at such an early time? Jim Sancinito, Indio

Answer: City maintenance crews will be checking on the lights in City parks to ensure that they stay lit until the closing time of 10pm (9pm at Yucca Park which directly borders a residential neighborhood). Our goal is to continue to make our parks safe, inviting, and fun especially during the evening hours when it is cooler outside.