



Village Participates in Fortis Institute Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On October 3rd 2013, Fortis Institute in Palm Springs held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate joining the Fortis network as well as the completion of campus-wide renovations including the HVAC and Dental Assistant labs. Honored Guests included Vice Mayor Patti Waller and Village Manager Rich Reade along with representatives from the Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, Levi Williams Esq. from the Law offices of Levi Williams and David Knapp from Faith, Hope, Love Charity, an organization that works with the local Veteran's Affairs office. FORTIS Institute in Palm Springs formerly known as MedVance Institute before joining the network of FORTIS Colleges and Institutes in 2013. Currently Fortis Institute Palm Springs Campus has a population of 300 Student in Diploma/Degree programs such as Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC-R), Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding Specialist, Medical Office Basic X-ray Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, and soon to come Dental Assistant. They also have an Associate Degree Program in Radiologic Technology. Fortis Graduates have full contact with our Career Services Department which starts to work with students as they begin their training and continues until employed.

Village Officials Participate in Read for the Record

The Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition's October 3rd 2013 Read for the Record annual event encouraged adults nationwide to read to children in childcare centers and elementary schools. Pictured here (clockwise), **Vice Mayor Patti Waller, Council Member Doug Gunther, Village Manager Rich Reade, and Council Member Joni Brinkman** participated in Literacy Coalition Read for the Record by reading to students at Palm Springs Elementary, C.O. Taylor/Kirklane Elementary, and St. Luke's School. The book selected this year was *Otis*, a story about a friendly little tractor who is forgotten about until he rescues a calf, his friend, from a muddy pond.





PALM SPRINGS

NEWSLETTER

"A Great Place to Call Home"



Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2013
226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461
Visit our website at www.vpsfl.org

COUNCIL News

The Village Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Agendas and minutes are posted on the website.

Village Council voted to change the meeting time for all future Council Meetings to 6:30 PM from 7:30 PM. Any required Local Planning Agency Meeting would also begin at 6:30 PM, with the Council Meeting commencing immediately afterwards.

Established the Village's operating millage rate (tax levy) of \$3.9000 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and establishing a voted debt service millage rate (tax levy) of \$0.7117 per assessed valuation, for a total millage rate of \$4.6117 for fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

Established the Village's total budget of \$30,386,273, which is comprised of the General Fund budget of \$14,055,931; the Debt Service Fund budget of \$429,125, and a budget of \$15,901,217 for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

Amended the Village Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 "Land Development" Article VI "Land Use" Division 6 "District Regulations" Subdivision II "RS Residential Single Family" Section 34-746 "Property Development Regulations" to reduce the minimum lot dimension regulations from 75 feet to 65 feet.

If you need more information on this code amendment, please contact the Land Development Department at (561) 965-4016.

Amended the Village Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 "Administration" Article IV "Departments" Division 2 "Department of Public Safety" Section 2-204 "Public Safety Reserve" to allow the Police Department to hire reserve officers that live outside the Village and remove sections that will now be covered by the Police Department General Orders.

If you need more information on this code amendment, please contact the Police Department at (561) 304-4812.

Adopted a revised and restated General Employees Pension Fund Ordinance that allows for changes in the Investment Policy for the Fund.

Classified the Business Tax Receipts Section to ensure that businesses that have outdoor and/or indoor sales floor space and inventory would be considered in the Office: retail and wholesale store tax category.

Annexed property owned by Judith DeWitt into the Village, located at 4111 Lake Worth Road, approved a "commercial" land use designation and a "commercial general" zoning designation.

PALM SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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West Palm Beach, FL
Permit Number 315

Annexed property owned by Diversified Property Service Associates, LLC into the Village, located at 4020 Lake Worth Road, approved a "commercial" land use designation and "commercial general" zoning designation.

Approved a site plan submitted by the Hispanic Human Resource Council for construction of a 1,152 square foot expansion for use as a kitchen and staff lounge for the property located at 1351 South Congress Avenue.

Approved a site plan submitted by Darebecafe Investment Corp. for construction of the 10,942 square foot SOMA Medical Office Center to be located at 3580 Lake Worth Road.

Approved a site plan and special exception use for McDonalds Restaurant of Florida, Inc. to support a 938 square foot expansion of the existing 4,202 square foot restaurant that includes a new indoor play area and the addition of a second read drive-thru lane, to be located at 3671 South Congress Avenue.

Approved a request submitted by McDonalds Restaurant of Florida, Inc. to extend the hours of operation to 24 hours for the restaurant located at 3671 South Congress Avenue.

Approved an Annexation Agreement with Diversified Property Service Associates LLC, to support the annexation of the property located at 4020 Lake Worth Road.

Awarded a Bid to Moss-Kelley, Inc., in the amount of \$29,986, for the Main Water Treatment Plant Filter Control Structure, located at 360 Gilpin Way, Palm Springs.

Accepted the donation of two properties located on Barbridge Road from Reichard Holdings.

Approved a Legal Services Budget Amendment in the amount of \$115,000 for the settlement of a lawsuit.

Approved a Budget Transfer from Council Contingency to Sanitation in the amount of \$5,000 for the purchase of 95 gallon garbage canisters.

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TRAVEL Club

964-8820



The Travel Club meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall. **All trips are open to members only and costs are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the Palm Springs Leisure Services Department.** Trip minimums must be met in order for trips to take place. Trips often fill up before deadline dates - make your reservations early!

UPCOMING TRIPS:

November 12 Lunch - Afternoon Tea Style
(WAITING LIST ONLY - TRIP IS FULL)

November 19 Island Princess Luncheon Cruise
(WAITING LIST ONLY - TRIP IS FULL)

December 7 Holiday Party

The fun will take place from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club (190 Atlantis Blvd, Atlantis, FL 33461) no transportation is provided for this event. Menu choices for lunch include Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Mahi Mahi (choice must be made at registration). Members will enjoy an amazing lunch, raffles, 50/50 and fabulous door prizes! The cost is \$28 and the deadline for registration is November 15th.

December 11-12 Gaylord Palms Resort

(WAITING LIST ONLY-TRIP IS FULL)

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. for the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee (after making an included lunch stop). Once at the resort experience the historic old-world charm of St. Augustine, the island spirit of Key West and the mysterious waters of the Everglades in one extraordinary place, without ever leaving the resort. Also take in the dozens of lavish holiday displays that include more than 2-million twinkling lights and an amazing 54-foot-tall Christmas tree (as well as Christmas carolers to set the mood).

The trip registration price includes a group dinner at the Villa de Flora (in the resort), a \$10 breakfast coupon, Luminescence Christmas show on the main stage at the resort, bottled water replenished daily in your guest room refrigerator, round trip bus transportation, taxes and tips (excluding the bus driver).

January 11-12 Fort Myers

Members will depart Palm Springs at 8:30 a.m. to make the first stop at the Mardi Gras Casino and receive \$10 in free play and a \$3 food coupon. Then head to the Holiday Inn in Fort Myers for a cocktail party before going to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre to see "South Pacific". The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, go to Irresistible Confections and make your own ½ lb. box of chocolate to take with you! The final part of the trip is lunch at 2 Meatballs in the Kitchen. The cost is \$177 per person for double occupancy or \$214 for single occupancy and the deadline is December 6th.

UPCOMING TRIPS IN THE WORKS

(Date/events are subject to change)

2014

Feb 24 - Mar 1 Caribbean Cruise

Apr 4-May 11 "Over the River and Through the Woods" (Stage Door Theatre)

June 7 & 8 "Mid-life! The Crisis Musical" overnight to Ft. Myers

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www.facebook.com/PSLeisure




YOUR VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Bev Smith,	<i>Mayor</i>
Patti Waller,	<i>Vice Mayor</i>
Sergio Escalada,	<i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>
Joni Brinkman,	<i>Council Member</i>
Doug Gunther,	<i>Council Member</i>
Richard Reade,	<i>Village Manager</i>
Glen J. Torcivia,	<i>Village Attorney</i>
Virginia Walton,	<i>Village Clerk</i>

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Approved a Police Department Budget Amendment to recognize \$8,544 in Grant Funds from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support Staff training and \$5,676 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to install a card access system for police department building security.

Approved an amendment to the Cingular Wireless Cell Tower Agreement that would extend the term and increase revenue to the Village. This tower is located on the Village Complex ballfields.

Renewed the Agreement with Susan Ruby, Esquire, to serve as the Village's Code Enforcement Special Magistrate for an additional two year term to expire on July 14, 2015.

Approved an Annual Plan of Service and a Long Range Plan of Service for the Library.

Renewed the Village's Property, Liability, Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance with the Florida League of Cities Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

Appointed Sally Panozzo to the Leisure Services Board for a term to expire on March 27, 2015.

Issued a Mayor's Proclamation announcing September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month in Palm Springs.

Issued a Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming September 21, 2013 as MIA/POW Recognition Day in Palm Springs.

Issued a Mayor's Proclamation supporting the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's "Campaign for Grade Level Reading".

The **Land Development Board** makes recommendations on land issues such as building site plans, annexations, special exceptions, land use and zoning, and also functions as a quasi-judicial board hearing applications for variances from the Land Development Code; the **Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals** hears cases when there is an appeal to a decision of the Building Official; the **Leisure Services Board**, advises on matters of recreation, use of playgrounds, athletic fields and recreational centers, and the **Library Board** recommends improvements to expand library services and also recommends programs and activities that will best serve the residents. To participate on a Village Board or Committee, please pick up an application from the Village Clerk or download an application on the website. For further information call the Village Clerk at 965-4010, or visit our website at www.vpsfl.org.

News Alert: Change to Council Meeting Time

The Village Council has voted to change the time of all future Council Meetings and Local Planning Agency Meetings, starting with the November 14, 2013 Meeting. All Council Meetings will now be at **6:30 PM**. Should a Local Planning Agency Meeting be needed, it will begin at 6:30 PM, with the Council Meeting starting immediately afterwards. By moving the meetings to an earlier time, it will enable both Staff and the Council to thoroughly conduct all necessary business, while allowing everyone, including residents and stakeholders, to adjourn at a reasonable and safe hour of night.






Village of Palm Springs Holiday Decorating Contest 2013

15 winners will be selected to receive a \$100 cash prize.

Contest judging will take place on Tuesday, December 10, 2013
from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm

Please fill out registration form below and
return by Friday, December 6, 2013 to:

Village of Palm Springs
Attn: Sylvia Ward
226 Cypress Lane
Palm Springs, FL 33461

Or by Email:
sward@vpsfl.org

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

*You must be a resident of the Village of Palm Springs to enter contest.
Due to safety concerns, all entrants must live on a thru street and/or
be easily accessible and visible.*

www.vpsfl.org

LEISURE Services
964-8820

 **TAKE A CLASS!** 

Register with instructor on first day of class.

School Day Out

**November 27th — Field Trip, Lunch Included — \$25.00

For ages 5 to 12. Drop off between 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and pick up between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sign up at the Leisure Services Office. Space is limited. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Winter Camp

The Village of Palm Springs will be offering a Winter Camp for children ages 5 (must be enrolled in kindergarten) to 12 during the winter school break. The camp runs Monday, December 23rd, 2013, through Monday, January 6th, 2014. (We will be closed 12/24, 12/25 & 1/1/14 for the holiday). Camp hours will be 7:00a.m until 6:00p.m. with field trips scheduled between 9:00a.m and 4:00 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$192.00 for the entire session. Included in the fee are T-shirt, all field trips, arts & crafts supplies. Registration will begin on Monday November 4th, 2013. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Recreational Wednesday's

Our Leisure Activities Building (By the Basketball Courts) will be open from 4p.m. until 6p.m. Children ages 8 & Up can come after school to borrow basketballs, tennis rackets & balls, play board games, build with Lego's etc. This is a drop in program where children can come & go as they please. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Creative Cooking for Children

The Village of Palm Springs will be offering a creative cooking class for children 8 & up on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. This classe will teach children a different creative no bake recipe every week. Classes will begin November 5th, 2013. The cost of the class is \$10.00 each week. Please register at the Leisure Services Department. For more information contact Karen at 964-8820.

Field Conditions Hotline – (561) 304-4619

Ask a Master Gardener

Growing Tomatoes in South Florida

The tomato, a relative of the pepper, potato, and eggplant is the most popular garden vegetable. Tomatoes may be started in the garden or container by planting seeds or by setting transplant seedlings. Now is the best time of the year to plant tomatoes. There are two different varieties, indeterminate and determinate. Determinate tomatoes are a bush variety. They ripen earlier and mostly all at once. Indeterminate tomatoes are vines that ripen and produce over a long period of time. To also increase the length of your production, you can stagger your plantings from September to early spring.

Container gardening is a great choice for people who live in condos and apartments with limited gardening space. Many people prefer planting tomatoes in containers even if they have garden space. Container gardening with a sterile soil also helps with keeping nematodes, which are insects that attack the roots of tomatoes, out of your soil. Choose at least a 5 gallon size container with plenty of drainage holes, although 10 gallons or larger would give you a better yield. Tomatoes have large root systems, which must be accommodated by the large pot. A bottom for the container will keep the nematodes from coming up out of the ground. Fertilize every two weeks with a water soluble plant food. It will take approximately 90 days from seed start to harvest.

Whether you start your own seeds or buy seedlings from a garden shop, transplant into the ground when they reach at least six inches high and soon after a rain, when cloudy, or in late afternoon. Keep roots moist and undamaged. Dig planting holes as deep as the root ball plus the bottom 2/3 of the plant's stem. Strip lower leaves from the bottom 2/3 of the tomato stems, and place the tomato plant into the hole. If you are planting in a garden, place plants 2 to 3 feet apart so that there is adequate air flow between them. Tomatoes are self-pollinating, rather than by insect, but they need movement or wind to circulate the pollen. If you get flowers but no fruit, try tapping the flowers to pollinate them. If you are planting on a screen porch that is protected from the wind, be sure to do this. Water your tomatoes three to five times a week. Tomatoes need six to eight hours of sunlight a day.

For best quality, harvest tomatoes when they are fully red-ripe. Birds love red ripe tomatoes so if need be, they can be harvested when pink and allowed to ripen in the home. Tomatoes are high in vitamins and minerals, particularly in vitamins A and C. Plus, you cannot beat the taste of homegrown tomatoes.

Happy gardening.

Please direct any gardening questions to Lynda Hare at harezoo@comcast.net.

Lynda Hare is a certified Florida Master Gardener.

Village Department Phone Numbers	
Administration	Human Resources965-4011
Village Clerk965-4010
Land Development965-4016
Leisure Services964-8820
Library965-2204
Finance965-4013
Public Safety968-8243
Code Enforcement968-8243
Public Works965-4022
Utility Department965-5770

Adult Exercise



Beginning Adult Strength, Stretch & Stability Balls (no classes November 28)
Includes mat work, bands & weights

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	8:45 – 9:45a	Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Chair Exercise (Men & Women) (no classes November 11 or 28)

Class will include strengthening, stretching, movement, and chair exercises with small balls, weights & bands

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(BEGINNER)

or

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Thurs	10-11a	Adult	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

(INTERMEDIATE)

*Special rate to take both classes \$72

Fast Aerobic Workout at Barre and Center (no classes November 11)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$21	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

or

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	8:30-9a	Adult	Studio	\$28	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Fit For Life (Mondays 8:45 a.m., Wednesdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.)

(no classes November 11 or 29)

Aerobics with continuous training to develop the overall body (prices are per month)

DAYS A WEEK	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
2	Adult	Studio	\$96	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
3	Adult	Studio	\$127	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Teen & Adult Beginner Exercise Workout

New class forming!

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Tues	4:30-5:30p	Teen-Adult	Studio	\$52	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

New Class!

Zumba Fitness (no classes November 27 or 28)

Zumba is a blend of Latin music with fitness and dance steps to create an energetic and fun aerobic workout. No dance experience required. This is a multi-level class for beginners or advanced and is great for all fitness levels, ages and sizes.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	7 – 8 p	8 & Up	Multi-Purpose	\$30	Caroline Mann	(561)516-9861
Thurs	7 – 8 p	8 & Up	Multi-Purpose	\$30	Betty Rodriguez	(561)313-8477

****Guest fee: \$10 per class for either Wednesday or Thursday

****Special cost for BOTH Wednesday and Thursday classes is \$50

Youth Classes



Ballet for Beginners (Ages 3-8) (no classes November 11 or 28)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	3:15 – 4:15p	5-6	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Mon	4:15 – 5:15p	5-6	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686
Thurs	11:15-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686



Preschool Classes



Children's Acrobatic Mat Exercises & Stretch (no classes November 11)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	11:00-11:45a	3-4	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Pre School Motor Skills – "Tumbleweeds" (no classes November 11)

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Mon	10:15 – 11:00 a	3-5	Studio	\$39	Pat Mieszczenski	969-0686

Martial Arts



Judo (No classes November 11, 27 or 30)

Judo, an Olympic sport, is the martial art most practiced in the world and improves fitness as well as self-esteem. Our club and instructors are certified nationally as well as in Florida.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	6:30-8:00p	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755
Mon	6:30-8:00p	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755
Sat	10:30-12:30	7-Adult	L.A.B.	****	Jorge Miranda	452-5755

****1 Day per week \$35 per month/2 Days per week \$50 per month****

Karate (No classes November 11, 27 or 28)

Shotokan Karate Do training is divided into three parts: *kihon* (basics), *kata* (forms or patterns of moves), and *kumite* (sparring) and teaches discipline, self trust, self defense, respect and organization.

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
M/Th	5-8p	7-Adult	Studio	\$70	Renaldo Roach	(617)312-6788

AND

DAY	TIME	AGES	ROOM	COST	INSTRUCTOR	PHONE
Wed	6:30-8p				Rodrigo Suarez	(561)315-1037



LIBRARY NEWS
965-2204

Individual computer training Basic internet, email, or word processing instruction offered is free for patrons with a current library card. Stop by the library to schedule an appointment or call us at 965-2204.

Movie Nights on Wednesday! Check the circulation desk for information on movies that will be showing on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. or call Michele at 965-2204.

Teen Gamerz - Attention Teen Gamerz! Challenge your friends or yourself in TeenSpace Gamerz, Saturday, November 9th, at 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 20th, at 5:30 p.m. Rock Band, Crash, Knock Out and other exciting games are provided. For more information, contact Michele at 965-2204.

Thanksgiving Craft - Make your own Thanksgiving centerpiece craft on Monday, November 25th, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Materials provided. Limited space is available. Please pre-register at the circulation desk or for more information, call Karen at 965-2204.

Science Club is investigating the Scientific Method. We meet on two Mondays each month; November 4th and 18th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The first meeting will talk about how to frame a question so you can use the Scientific Method to answer it. The second meeting will cover how to keep track of and display the data you will accumulate when you use the Scientific Method.

Cuentos en español meets the second Tuesday evening of the month, Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m., *el martes el 12 de noviembre a las 7:00 pm*. The theme is funny stories. *El tema es cuentos chistosos*. This program is bilingual in Spanish and English. Families are welcome.

Paws-to-Read! Practice your reading with Trouble, a Delta Society certified Therapy Dog, November 12th & 26th at 3:00 p.m.

Preschool Storytime meets each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for children from 30 months until they start school. They listen to stories, sing songs, and participate in activities that will help them build pre-reading skills. It is also a good time for parents to enjoy a few quiet minutes in a busy day. No registration is required for this program. Parents or caregivers must stay in the building.

Evening Storytime is held each week on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This program is for children age 3 to 8. Parents are welcome but not required to stay in the room.

Library Hours
Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday

The Library will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and November 28th, 29th and 30th in observance of Thanksgiving.



NOVEMBER 2013

Calendar of Events

- Nov 11 Veteran's Day, Village Offices Closed
- Nov 12 10:00 a.m. Code Enforcement Hearing
- Nov 12 6:30 p.m. Land Development
- Nov 14 6:30 p.m. Regular Council
- Nov 19 7:00 p.m. Library Board
- Nov 21 7:00 p.m. Leisure Services Board
- Nov 28, 29 Thanksgiving, Village Offices Closed

MARK (X) THESE DATES

Palm Springs Police Department
968-8243

PREVENTING HOME BURGLARIES

Most residential burglaries occur on a weekday and during business hours to houses that look unoccupied.

Here are some tips to make a would-be burglar pass on your house:

- Make your home look occupied.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Even if it is for a short time - Lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for any length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them in regularly.
- Contact the Palm Springs Police Department and request to be put on the "House Watch" list if you go away for an extended period of time.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended period.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.

Don't Tempt a Thief:

- Lawn mowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight
- Always lock your sheds and gates.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Remember to: Light up your residence, lock your doors at all times, and call the Police when you see something suspicious.

The most important thing you can do is call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember, you can always remain anonymous.

For more information or to request to be put on the "House Watch" list, please contact Officer Frank Castro at (561) 304-4850.




Palm Springs Police Department
and
MicroShred LLC
ON-SITE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION & RECYCLING

**proudly announce a Shred Event/
Canned Food Drive**
on Saturday, November 16, 2013
10am - 12pm

Palm Springs Police Department
230 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461

A donation of 4 non-perishable items per box/bag of documents is requested to help benefit local families in need

**Deter Thieves by Safeguarding Your Personal Information!
Shred Sensitive Material**

Residential Shredding Only - Limited to 5 Boxes
No Commercial Shredding Permitted!
No CD's DVD's, Binders, X-Rays, Plastics, etc.
There is a \$10 Fee for Computer Hard Drive Shredding
(Fee Paid Directly to MicroShred by Resident)