



# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS SpaCityScape

## 4th of July Celebration

Mission Springs Park, 66750 Park Lane

Starts at 5 p.m.

Food, games, entertainment, raffle prizes

Fireworks at 9 p.m.

Admission and parking are free

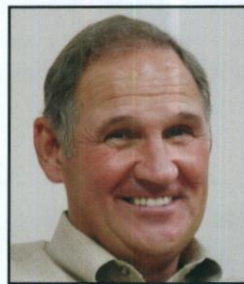
This is a City-sponsored non-alcoholic event  
brought to you by  
the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission

### Declare your Independence

*By Jerry Hanson, Interim City Manager*

As we take time to celebrate 4th of July with family and friends, we can also take a moment to reflect on the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Our forefathers provided for our right to free speech and lawful assembly, along with the recognition of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Remember, they didn't guarantee that every citizen would achieve happiness, only that they could be assured of their right to pursue it.

As you look around Desert Hot Springs today, you can see the pursuit of happiness throughout the city. Sure, it might seem inconvenient that the streets are torn up with construction. But, let's take a closer look. Improvements are being funded through an innovative



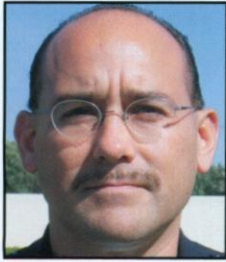
partnership between the City and Mission Springs Water District. The plan allows the water district to efficiently lay new water lines to serve our growing community, while the City paves its streets. More work is underway on West Drive. Pierson Blvd. will not only have a new pavement but a new look with landscaped medians - what a change!

Coffee lovers will soon be able to pursue their perfect mocha latte at Starbuck's on Palm Drive at Two Bunch Palms Trail. Skateboarders can find joy practicing their skills at the new skate park, and a new BMX bike facility will be available within the newly constructed Arroyo Park. Property owners can take pride in their neighborhoods and

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## The Public Safety Beat

By Walter McKinney, Chief of Police



The men and women of the Desert Hot Springs Police Department are dedicated to providing the highest level of service to our residents and guests. We recognize the importance of listening to and understanding the needs of everyone in our community in

order to reach our common goal of a safe and secure quality of life.

For all Emergency services including Police/Fire/Paramedic, dial 9 1 1. For all other calls for service, dial the Police Communications Center at 329-2904.

The Police Department performs a variety of traditional and specialized policing services to the community.

Some of those services are:

- Uniform Patrol
- Traffic / Motorcycle Patrol
- School Resource Officer Program (DHS High School)
- K-9 Program
- Membership in the Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force
- Detective Bureau
- 911-Communications Center
- Police Records / Evidence / Property Units
- Citizen's On Patrol
- Explorer Program

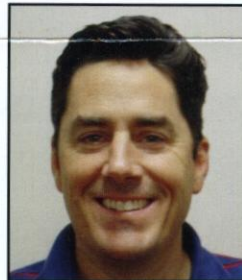
### Summer Safety - Parent Reminder

Our skateboard park is a wonderful place for kids to exercise and socialize. However, accidents do happen so please remember how important it is for your kids to wear protective gear; helmet, knee and elbow pads. Bicycles are not allowed in the skateboard park.

## General Plan Update - Where Do We Grow From Here?

By John Soulliere, Deputy City Manager

To guide future economic and social development of Desert Hot Springs, the General Plan Advisory Committee, working with staff and the consulting team of Robert Freilich and Planning Works, drafted a vision statement which reads as follows:



“The City of Desert Hot Springs is committed to becoming a world-class health and wellness destination based on its famous miracle waters, unique desert ecosystem, spectacular mountain views and natural environment. The City is dedicated to improving the quality of life and economic opportunities for its residents, while preserving community and family values, encouraging social and cultural diversity and increasing recreational opportunities.”

The importance is implicit in the phrase, “The City of Desert Hot Springs is committed to ....” Not only was the statement formulated through interaction with a citizen advisory group but also members of staff and the City Council. The words reflect a consensus achieved through the hard work of a diverse group of people, and spell out what are believed to be the priorities that will drive

land use and planning decisions. The City isn't here to simply create nice-looking maps and approve projects. We are committed to guiding the development of our growing community to ensure balance and quality of life for our current and future residents. It is a privilege to be part of the team.

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increased property values as the enforcement of codes and ordinances makes our streets cleaner and safer. New homes are replacing empty, littered, overgrown lots. Our citizens are volunteering in record numbers for civic commissions, community center and senior center activities, and school projects.

In short, the people who are choosing to pursue happiness in Desert Hot Springs are making a big difference. Maybe this is a good time for all of us to

declare our independence from negativity and mistrust. If you have concerns, by all means, please voice them in a constructive manner. If you have questions, please ask them - understanding that your elected officials and city staff serve to uphold what's responsible, not just what's popular or convenient.

On behalf of the entire City of Desert Hot Springs family of employees, Happy Independence Day!