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Letter: No party for Desert Hot Springs' 50th birthday

I'm disappointed, though not surprised, Sept. 23 passed without mention that Desert Hot Springs turned 50. That's a big deal, or it should be, but, no parade, picnic, headline or article. I didn't even send a card. In 2003 we celebrated our 40th birthday with speeches, cake, hot dogs, and even dedicated our new skateboard park, wet paint and all. We were even mired in bankruptcy, but the city pulled together and celebrated because that's what you do on big birthdays.

Today, personalities and politics rule the day and somebody might lose a seat if we all got together to talk and celebrate. We were in the middle of campaign season then also, and the five of us sat together and got along. We glad-handed our fellow citizens, had hot dogs and a giant cake, and handed out pins saying 'Celebrating 40 Years' not 're-elect the whole team.'

I suppose the Chamber of Commerce will do something when it's politically safe. I'd prefer having five people representing us that can get along at a party. So Happy Birthday Desert Hot Springs. May your future be long and prosperous.

Will Pieper, Desert Hot Springs Council Member 2001-2005