



THE ROADRUNNER

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2024 ANNUAL MEETING – Draft Agenda Saturday, March 16, 10:30am – 12:30pm

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2024 Baristo NOrg

10:30am – 10:40	Welcome & Introductions
10:40 – 10:50	Attendance & Quorum
10:50 – 11:10	Board Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Board Election • Approval of Minutes – December 16 Board Meeting • Treasurer’s Report • 2023 Expenses 2024 Budget
11:10 - 11:20	Workgroup Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic & Pedestrian Safety • Beautification & Improvements • Homelessness
11:00 – 11:30	Palm Springs C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Alert Doorknob Hangers with Preparation Checklists
11:30 – 11:35	ONE-PS Meeting Highlights (Patrick Vincent) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 12 Meeting Key Learnings • Parks & Rec Plans – Baristo Park
11:35 – 12:05pm	“The Baristo Neighborhood and the Palm Springs Housing Element” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David A. Newell, AICP, MPA, Assistant Director of Planning, City of Palm Springs Department of Planning Services
12:05 – 12:20	Baristo Neighborhood El Segundo Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Luciano Colantuono
12:20 –	Member Questions
	Adjourn



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- Meetings Fees, Marketing & Other Costs
- Event Fees and Related Costs

Upcoming...

- Blade Signs (\$150 each!)
- Light Equipment for Cleanups
- Annual Meeting Food & Beverage

GUEST SPEAKERS ADD VALUE TO MEETING

DAVID NEWELL AND LUCIANO COLANTUONO ARE ON THE AGENDA!

David A. Newell, AICP, MPA, is the City's Assistant Director of Planning, and works in the Department of Planning Services replacement.

Mr. Newell is going walk us through the basics of the "Housing Element" which is a key part of the City's General Plan. He'll give special attention to low- and moderate-income housing, much of which is "targeted" for the Baristo Neighborhood.

He will explain Palm Spring's strategies to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and he'll show us potential locations for future development within Baristo.



David Newell

Officer Luciano Colantuono will update us in regard to our El Segundo traffic and pedestrian safety issues, and a process for making the street safer. Officer Colantuono previously participated in a SafeGrowth® project to enhance the safety of the downtown Baristo Garage which is in our Neighborhood. The project culminated in a report of recommendations which he and others developed, and which was ultimately forwarded to Councilmember Ron deHarte for review and consideration. Baristo board chair Ned Barker was also part of the team.

DON'T MISS ONE-PS' ANNUAL EVENT



And...A Free Lunch!



BARREL CACTUS ALERT!

THEFT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Someone stole some of the Barrel Cactus plants from one of our condominium developments. The barrel cactus plants were part of the landscaping plan that is outside of the gated areas (along Ramon). This happened early on February 8. These cacti have become quite desirable to thieves so be on the lookout!

POLICE "TOWN HALLS" ENGAGE NEIGHBORHOODS & BUSINESSES!

Miss the Recent Meetings? Here Are Some Highlights

Palm Springs Police Chief Andy Mills, along with several representatives of the Palm Springs Police Force and the Fire Department, met with citizens at four locations in the final week of February. The Chief updated the audiences on several issues such as homelessness (the homeless count is down significantly, and the Navigation Center opens soon). The purpose of the meetings was to solicit the opinions of residents and businesses as to their primary crime-related concerns.

This was a "listening" initiative with a lot of two-way discussion and – no PowerPoint! However, several information boards were shown, and all participants had plenty of time to review them. Here are a few of the key points.

- The department currently has 105 sworn personnel (110 budgeted). Additionally there 7 Community Service Officers (10 budgeted), 15 Dispatchers (18 budgeted, going up to 20 in July), 19 Support Staff (26 budgeted) and 22 volunteers ("search & rescue", etc.).
- In 2023 PSPD responded to 63,480 calls! The average response time for most of the top priority calls was 3:02 minutes. Average response times for other top priority calls was less than 7 minutes.
- As for police "Areas of Focus"
 - There were 700+ arrests related to homelessness last year (these were for crimes, not for being homeless or sleeping on a sidewalk, etc.). The Point in Time Count this year was down by about half, to 150. 40 Homeless individuals were taken to emergency shelter, 20 were housed, 33 were reunited with family or friends, 22 were discovered deceased.
 - As for Gun Violence, there were 0 murders, vs. 5 the previous year. There were 19 gun arrests and 23 firearms taken off the streets.
 - Regarding traffic, there were 7 fatalities vs. 16 in 2022. There were 284 injury collisions vs. 317 in 2022. Primary Collision Factors were #1 DUI, #2 Unsafe Speed and #3 Right of Way Violations.

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NEWS FROM ONE-PS - A few highlights from Patrick, from the February 13 meeting.

- Joy Meredith spoke of the need for volunteers for the 03-23 (15th Annual) ONE-PS picnic. [ONE-PS Volunteer Sign Up - ONE-PS](#) .
- Jeannine Kings, the Palm Springs Library Director gave a presentation about library services including free access to the NY Times online through library membership. There is also online access to 17,000+ books/magazines and other periodicals online through their "Libby" contract.
- DWA rep Clark Elliott discussed the deadlines for removing non-functional turf per State law. HOA common areas must comply by January 1, 2029. To keep turf the HOA must show it's used for

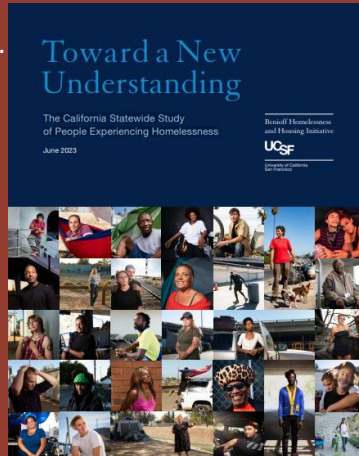
- purposes other than aesthetics. It's uncertain if dog walking qualifies.
- DWA continues to offer a \$3 per sq ft to remove turf and the City offers an additional \$1. Plans must be approved prior to removal and payments of funds.
- Mayor Bernstein announced that City Council accepted the Airport proposal that keeps the existing Wexler building. This is a 20-year project with the first phase to be completed within 5 years.
- City Manager Stiles announced that the backlog of 700 pending construction/renovation permits has been resolved by a new online permitting system to expedite applications, inspections & approvals.

WHAT'S THE LATEST and BEST INFORMATION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS?

Your Homelessness Workgroup recommends the comprehensive "California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness", or CASPEH. The 96-page study, released last June, is widely considered to be a "landmark" in studies of California homelessness.

Such studies are often based on surveys. Sometimes they are based on interviews. But the CASPEH research used both methods: nearly 3,200 administered questionnaires and 365 in-depth interviews were collected between October 2021 and November 2022, including from urban, rural, and suburban areas.

CASPEH is available on our website, look for "Homelessness" under the Workgroups tab. An executive summary is also available.



Download at the Documents Page of our Website

What's Next?

Annual Meeting March 16

What? Didn't we just have an Annual Meeting? Yes, but the new Bylaws require Annual Meetings to be held in Q1.

March 16, 10:30am, PS Public Library. Zoom & in person. Details, including Zoom info, [Meetings & Events | Baristops](#).

It's Picnic Time!!!

Visit the BARISTO NEIGHBORHOOD Booth while enjoying a great (free!) lunch at the ONE-PS Annual Picnic at Ruth Hardy Park Saturday, March 23!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – DOORKNOB HANGERS!



These remarkable doorknob hangers are for use in an emergency. On the flipside, the three taken together form a **comprehensive emergency checklist**. We expect to have set for every in-person attendee on the 16th. Of course, we'll share the information we're given on how apartment and condominium developments can get these (the source is our Fire Department).