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Planning for the Future of Parks and Recreation in Indio

Desert Recreation District is Proud to Serve You

For over 70 years Desert Recreation District has maintained neighborhood parks, open spaces, community centers, sports fields, and pools and has provided quality recreational programs in communities around the Coachella Valley.

SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH DRD!

DRD invites you to join us for your summer recreation. You may have seen some of our expanded programming in Indio, featuring classes and programs at the Indio Teen Center such as our kids' Summer Art Program. There will also be some morning Football and Soccer clinics at the teen center.

You can also join us for our Summer Mad Scientist Night at the Indio Teen Center on July 29th from 6-7:30 pm.

Location: Indio Teen Center

Date: July 29

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Ages: 6 - 11 Years of Age

Fee: \$10 per Class



For a full list of DRD facilities and programs please visit myrecreationdistrict.com/activity-guides or scan the QR code to view our summer activity guide.

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AN UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION FROM DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT

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DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT AND PARKS IN INDIO

DRD is proud to partner with the City of Indio to provide parks and recreational facilities and programming. Serving tens of thousands of residents annually, DRD provides after-school and recreational programs that keep local youth and teens off the streets and away from drugs and gangs. DRD is also an essential resource providing meals, food distribution, emergency shelters and cooling and warming centers for local residents.

KEEPING INDIO'S PARKS CLEAN, SAFE AND WELL-MAINTAINED

Indio's parks and recreational facilities are aging and in need of repairs to continue providing high-quality recreational opportunities for local children, families and seniors. DRD and Indio are exploring an expanded partnership to improve maintenance of local parks and recreation facilities and offer additional recreational programs for local residents.

WE ASKED AND YOU RESPONDED!

Last month, we mailed you a survey describing our identified parks and recreation improvement needs and asked you to share your priorities. With hundreds of survey responses tallied, here is what we heard are community priorities for local parks and recreation in Indio.

Ensuring Indio's parks are well-maintained, clean and safe	98.5%
Maintaining safe places for children to play	97.6%
Maintaining gang prevention programs	96.6%
Ensuring safe drinking water at recreation centers	96.1%
Continuing meals for low-income seniors and children	95.6%
Helping address homelessness in local parks	93.2%
Continuing recreational programming for seniors	92.2%
Maintaining after-school programs	90.2%
Replacing and upgrading the aging community pool	87.4%

*Percent of respondents marking items as high or medium priority.



IMPROVING LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Based on identified needs and input from the community, the DRD Board of Directors is considering placing a local funding measure on the November 2022 ballot to support parks and recreation in Indio. If approved by voters, this measure would cost property owners 7¢ per square foot of improved property on single-family residential units to:

- Maintain safe places for children to play, including parks, playgrounds, sports fields and recreation centers
- Maintain after-school and summer programs serving at-risk youth and teens to keep them safe and out of trouble
- Maintain gang prevention programs
- Maintain senior programs, including meals for low-income seniors

MANDATORY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

A local funding measure for parks and recreation in Indio would require strict fiscal accountability protections, including:

- Every penny must stay local here in Indio and be used for parks and recreation only
- No funds could be used for administrator salaries or pensions
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits are required
- No funds from a potential measure could be taken by Sacramento
- Low-income seniors would be eligible for an exemption



For more information on upgrading parks and recreation in Indio, or to take the survey visit myrecreationdistrict.com or scan the QR code to the right.

