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Happy Memorial Day, Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo from your Oasis in the Desert!

It's that time of the year when the resort begins to empty out amid



**Don at work**

mixed emotions from both staff and members. While the weather is

(Editor's Note: Please welcome Don Mathis, the new manager of Hidden Springs Resort. Don and his wife Charlene look forward to meeting you soon).

Don has been busy evaluating and cleaning up the resort since he



**Amber, Don and Amy**

took the management reins in early April. He began by trimming trees (no more scratched RVs on the entry road), while adding much-

We are trying something new with the roads this year; instead of gravel we're using asphalt millings on the roads.

The millings are supposed to stay on the roads better as well as cut



**Road improvements**

down on the dust. With the traffic we have had so far it's packing down great and we haven't noticed a dust problem so

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needed gravel around the bathhouse and on the newly graded roads.

The exteriors of the bathhouse, pavilion and cabins have been cleaned up with a pressure washer and a



**Don Mathis, Hidden Springs Resort Manager, his wife Charlene, AARVP President Leo Novelli, and Bruce Howell, Cathedral Palms Resort Manager at the new office with some of the equipment purchased to help improve the resort**

specialist has been called in to help determine what is required to get the pools back in operation.

One new maintenance person is on the job and Don is seeking to hire more temporary workers to make the work go faster.

AARVP President Leo Novelli visited last month to help Don hit the ground running. A temporary office is in place, including satellite Internet access, new computer and other office equipment. Several new pieces of maintenance equipment were purchased locally

**Improving the roads**

to speed up the process, including a chain saw, pole saw, pressure washer, golf cart and much more.

“We are eager to give Don the tools he needs to upgrade and improve the resort and we want the members to know we are committed to providing him the support he needs to do the job,” Novelli said.

Some very good news is that Amber and Amy drove out to meet and chat with Leo and Don and they will be planning and conducting activities again this season.

This month we’re celebrating Mother’s Day and Memorial Day, so check the office and our Facebook page for details, then get out here and have some fun!

**Don and Charlene Mathis, Managers**

The **All American RV Club** is our growing network of RV Parks and campgrounds that offer significant discounts (most are 50% off their regular rates for the first night of your visit) to members of All American RV Parks. There is no book to buy, nothing new to join or any additional cost to be part of this program - it's open to all members in good standing. Just show them your **All American RV Club** membership card!





### Our new Gaga Ball Pit

we're excited to say it's working!

We also are putting up new 5 mph signs to replace the old faded signs. They are new and reflective for better visibility so hopefully this will help slow the speeders in the park.

We did a well treatment to enhance the quality of our water and campers have already noticed a difference. We plan to continue doing the treatments to the well as needed.

The Gaga Ball Pit has been completed. In case you do not know that Gaga Ball is, it is a mixture of Hand Ball and Dodge Ball. You can not throw the ball - you

have to hit it with your hand. The object is to try and knock your opponents out by hitting them with the ball below the knees.

This Month we are looking forward to Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. Some new activities added for Armed Forces Day are Decorate your Site, Flag Ceremony, and a Cook-out with our Veterans. For Memorial Day, we have



**Thanks to Katie Brown, Jason, and Kaleb for loaning us their tractor and a gator**

live Music, Night Golf Cart Parade, and a Cornhole Tournament, just to name a few.

**Darren Rambo, Manager**



incredible at this time, a lot of folks are itching to return home to families, friends and Summer adventures before the desert heat arrives in full, 120° force.

For our staff and the Volunteers who remain year 'round, now is when we begin the critical maintenance work that can only be accomplished



### Cathedral City Amphitheater under construction

when sites are empty. Don has completed trimming most of the trees and for the rest of this month will be trimming all of those Oleanders which provide shade and privacy on the majority of our sites.

We'll also be continuing work on the electrical upgrade that has already brought reliable 50 amp service to all but a few of our sites as well as other projects that create too much noise and mess to be accomplished during the season. One example is the game area around the campfire in our Social Center. All of the old concrete walkways will be removed to clear space for more activities.

Speaking of construction, the City of Cathedral City is moving forward with a \$4.5 million amphitheater park, which will include a permanent stage, walking trails, children's play area, restrooms, concession stand, and infrastructure to host the City's festivals, food truck events, concerts, stage performances, and art shows. The 2.5 acre park will have a seating capacity of 2,909 people for concerts and it's a five minute stroll from Cathedral Palms.

Just because it's Summer does not mean there's not plenty to do around the area. Every Thursday night in downtown Palm Springs, the street fair features arts, crafts, food, and entertainment from nearly 200 vendors. You can also mix in some culture by touring the Palm Springs Art Museum, also downtown, for free during Villagefest,

Field of Dreams athletic fields host numerous athletic tournaments and events during the summer, there are great deals on golf and if you're a baseball fan, this is the place.

Palm Springs Power Baseball begins at the end of the month, continuing through July, and features



### Not everyone went home early!

some of the best college players in the nation. Former Power players include Colby Schultz (Kansas City Royals), Bryan Menendez (Arizona Diamondbacks), CJ Broussard (Minnesota Twins), Gabe Gentner (St. Louis Cardinals) and West Tunnell (Arizona Diamondbacks).

While Summer is our slow season, we are packed during the Winter so make sure to make your reservations soon. There are only so many sites to go around and you don't want to miss out!

**Bruce Howell, Manager**

