



JAMES O. JESSIE DESERT HIGHLAND UNITY CENTER COMMUNITY NEWS

Desert Highland/Gateway Monthly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

With sincere gratitude for his service, we are announcing the retirement of our staff member

Mr. William Pellum.

Mr. Pellum has served the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center in many capacities for over 14 years, from coordinating youth sports and adult basketball tournaments to assisting with the famed Palm Springs Black History Month events. The staff, youth, and community will miss him. We wish him the best on his life's endeavors.



WORDS OF THE MONTH

James Baldwin once said, *"People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply; by the lives they lead."*



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JOJDHUC RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING

This year the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center received funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The money will be used to install a few new items in the gymnasium. The first will be a scoreboard, and the second will be the cushioned safety mats around the pillars of the gymnasium.

JOJDHUC SUMMER CAMP

Summer is here! Don't want your children just playing video games all day long? Well, sign them up for Summer Camp at the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center! Camp hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning Monday, June 10, and ends on Friday, August 2, 2019. Participants will do fun activities from arts and crafts, swimming, games, and field trips.

The **Camp Fee with membership** is \$50 for the (8) week program, or a weekly fee of \$10, and the **Camp Fee without membership** is \$60 for the (8) week program, or a weekly fee of \$15. All youth are required to wear a camp t-shirt during camp and on field trips, shirt cost is \$8.00 each.

Call 760-323-8271, or stop by JOJDHUC, for more information concerning the Summer Camp.

WEIGHT ROOM BACK OPEN

The JOJDHUC Weight Room is back open for full use from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Mondays – Fridays. We appreciate your patience during this time.

MATURE ADULT PROGRAM

This past May the Mature Adult Program (MAP) visited The Living Desert and had a wonderful time seeing the animals. Participants will be planning their next trip soon. The MAP is also excited to be able to utilize the Weight Exercise Room again for their daily exercise each week. Additionally, the month of June marks the first anniversary that MAP has been in session on a weekly basis.

The program meets every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with our staff member Ms. Angie Cannady, in the JOJDHUC meeting room. Look forward to seeing you there!

SUMMER PICKLEBALL SCHEDULE

Beginning June 10, 2019, the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center will follow the summer Pickleball schedule. Players will be able to use the courts from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday. Pickleball play is open to all ages.

HEALTH SURVEY

The Health Assessment & Resource for Communities (HARC) group is conducting their 2019 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey. Valley residents will be randomly called and asked a series of questions about their health, and information gathered from this survey will be used to identify the most pressing health needs and bring the necessary resources to the valley. HARC is a non-profit research organization in Palm Desert, and the survey calls will come from Kent State University on their behalf. Each week one participant will be selected in a random drawing to win \$100. If you have questions, please visit www.HARCdata.org.

COOLING CENTER INFORMATION

The James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center is working with the County of Riverside Community Action Partnership to serve as a drop-in site for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat.

For Cooling Center locations, hours, and tips on how to protect yourself from heat-related illnesses, please call for help at (888) 636-8676 / TTY, (951) 955-4900, or 2-1-1 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.capriverside.org for more information.

SEWING & SOUL LINE DANCING CLASS

Both Sewing & Line Dancing classes will not be in session during the summer months, but we will start back up in September 2019.

COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING

Attention Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Members: The next Community Meeting will be held in the JOJDHUC Community Room at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**.

Please join us and voice your concerns with the neighborhood. Remember, this is your community and you have a right to see your neighborhood thrive.

Congrats to all
2019 Graduates

