

## DID YOU KNOW SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

### Hughes Center To The Rescue Local Pets and Elementary Students Benefit From Donors Generosity

Crescent Property Management at Hughes Center teamed up with Best Friends Animal Society (501c) for their "Four-Legged Food Drive 2009" in an effort to feed the pets of people who have found themselves victims of the current economic conditions, foreclosures or joblessness. The goal was to help individuals keep their pets in their homes and not have to abandon or relinquish them to shelters, by assisting with pet food. Collected pet food along with \$175 in checks and cash was distributed to local food pantries. One individual (thanks BB) donated ten, \$100 gift cards for use at a local pet store! Thanks to everyone who donated and to those who organized their office drives, we were able to collect 506 pounds of dry dog food, 115 pounds of canned dog food, 142 pounds of dry cat food and 83 pounds of canned cat food for a grand total of 846 pounds from generous Hughes Center Tenants. If you donated, a mere thank you does not seem enough, but please know, that you have personally helped local families keep their pets and on behalf of the pets whose lives you have saved, a thousand and one thank yous!

Crescent at Hughes Center once again collected donated school supplies for the elementary school children, grades K-5 at Lewis E. Rowe Elementary School. Donations of backpacks, pencils, pens, markers, folders, scissors, glue, crayons, paper, calculators, dictionaries and protractors were greatly appreciated. Lewis E. Rowe is located at 4334 S. Bruce Street behind Desert Springs Hospital. Their motto is "Rowe Runners Represent Responsibility and Respect." Thanks goes out to the 3 individuals and the 6 companies who organized collections in their offices, to help in a child's education by donating to these students so that they can achieve their best academically. Thank you!

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### Free Library Events for Adults Clark County Library Weekend Events

Clark County Library Events:

9/25 7pm Mariachi Concert in Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. All ages welcome.

9/28 6:30pm Clark County Desert Conservation Public Scoping Meeting. Open to the public. For information call 455-0374.

9/28 7pm The History of Flamenco Dance. An overview and demonstration of the many different styles.

9/30 6:30pm Self Publishing and the First Time Author. Join the President of the Henderson Writers Group in the first of a 3-part writers workshop. For information call 507-3458.

10/4 3pm Nevada Chamber Symphony's Season Premiere. Join the 25th season and honor Maestro Rodolfo Fernandez.

10/5 7pm Haunted Nevada. Join paranormal researcher and author Janice Oberding as she discusses and explores the unknown in this multimedia presentation.

10/8 7pm A Supernatural Evening with Ghost Writers & Things That Go Bump In The Night. Join authors Sarah Langan, Alex Sokoloff and Rhodi Hawk in their discussions of dark fiction and the horror genre.

10/13 to 1/5 "The Legend Behind the Comic Books". An exhibition of the Golden & Silver age of comics with comments from the creators of Spiderman, X-Men, Hulk, Captain America and the artists of Buck Rodgers, The Spectre and Hourman.

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### Free Movies Around Town Season Winds Down for Outdoor Movies

Did you know there are free movies in the main theatre of the Clark County Library at 1401 E. Flamingo Road and also your local neighborhood library? Free tickets are required for admission and are available 1 hour prior at the box office. September events are as follows:

Clark County Library:

#### Charity:

The 3rd Annual Fur and Fun Run to benefit the Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSPCA) will be September 19. Beginning at Moto Cafe, 5597 S. Rainbow, each stop along the way will have prizes. Riders can play games at each stop for raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle at the end of the ride. The \$25 registration fee includes breakfast on the morning of the ride. For more information and to register go to [www.familyfurandfun.com](http://www.familyfurandfun.com)

The 5th Annual Motorcycle Ride For Kids benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will take place Sunday, October 4. Registration begins at 8am at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway where you can enjoy free beverages and breakfast pastries before the ride begins at 10am. Ride through the city and beautiful Red Rock Canyon, enjoy lunch and celebrate life! For information on the ride go to [www.rideforkids.org](http://www.rideforkids.org) or call 521-7030. The mission is to find a cure for brain tumors, the leading cause of cancer death in children with 76% of diagnosed children under the age of 15. Four out of ten children with a brain tumor will die within 5 years of diagnosis. To learn more, go to [pbtfus.org](http://pbtfus.org) for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

#### Environment :

Seventh Generation has presented some interesting facts and figures that speak volumes about the state of our planet today and where we need to take it tomorrow. Read on...

\* Gallons of petroleum saved by recycling 1 ton of paper: 380

\* Percent increase in the incidence of cancer from 1972 to 1999: 24

\* Percent of American women who will face cancer at some point in their lifetime: 39

\* Percent of American men who will face cancer at some point in their lifetime: 44

9/19 2pm "Samurai 7" and "Samurai Deeper Kyo." Adult.

9/22 7pm "Ikura." Adult.

9/27 2pm "Kronk's New Grove." Youth.

9/29 7pm "Seven Samuri" Adult.

10/2 7pm "Banff Mountain Film Festival's Radical Reel Tour" Adult.

10/6 7pm "Judgement at Nuremberg" Adult.

10/8 7pm "Momma's Man" Adult.

10/9 7pm "The Reel Rock Film Tour" Adult.

10/10 2pm "State of Play" Adult.

10/11 2pm "Monsters vs. Aliens" Youth.

10/13 7pm "Death In Venice" Adult.

Did you know that the final movie for the season will be presented Saturday night, September 17 at Town Square? The last feature presented at dusk is "Hook".

Did you know free outdoor movies are at The District in Green Valley complete with complimentary popcorn? Screenings are every Friday & Saturday at dusk. September movies are:

9/18 "Return to Neverland" rated G

9/19 "Disney's Race to Witch Mountain" rated PG

9/25 "The Wizard OF Oz" rated G

9/26 "Hannah Montana The Movie" rated G

10/2 "Happily N'Ever After" rated PG

10/3 "Marley & Me" rated PG

10/9 "Coraline" rated PG

10/10 "Hotel for Dogs" rated PG

Did you know you have one last opportunity to enjoy Dive-In Movies at Mandalay Bay? If you are 21 or older, you can lounge on the beach or float in the pool to the seasons closing film, "Superbad" on September 18. There is an entrance fee/ticket for the movie.

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## Things to do with Children

### Keep cool indoors with library events

Did you know the local libraries have programs for teens & children that provide great learning opportunities? Check out the list below for events, theatre, dance and music ideas. All events listed are free unless noted otherwise.

#### CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY:

9/19 11am Pirates and Princess Tea on the High Sea. Enjoy tea on the high sea as you listen to pirate and princess stories and create fun crafts. Registration is required for ages 4-11 at 507-3458.

9/26 11am Puppet Show. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with a puppet show based on traditional tales for ages 1-11.

10/3 11am Snoopy's Birthday Party. Celebrate Snoopy's birthday with games, stories and more! Ages 1-11.

10/10 11am Let's Act. Make up funny scenes based on your favorite books using improv. No acting experience necessary but registration is required at 507-3865 for ages 6-11.

10/10 3pm Endangered Animals. Learn interesting facts and ways you can help endangered animals. Also watch the movie "Hoot".

#### SUMMERLIN LIBRARY:

9/19 11am Pirate Treasure Hunt. For ages 6-11. Listen to pirate tales then go on a pirate treasure hunt where everyone goes home with some treasure. Registration required at 507-3865.

9/26 11am The 39 Clues. For ages 6-11. See if you can solve the mystery of "The 39 Clues" by discussing the books, playing games and listening to a secret sound recording from the first book and hear the first chapter of the latest book, "The Black Circle."

point in their lifetime: 44

\* Estimated number of synthetic chemicals currently in production: 80,000

\* Approximate number of approved applications for new chemicals received by the EPA each year: 2,000

\* Percent of all chemicals for which human and environmental safety tests have NOT yet been performed: 90

\* Approximate percent of additional energy needed to wash clothes in 140o water vs. 104o water: 100

\* Percent increase in U.S. water use per person since 1950: 127

#### Vegas Fun Facts : DID YOU KNOW...

...the average price for 1 acre of land on the Las Vegas Strip is \$27 million?

...there were 16,067 slot machines in Nevada in 1960 and in 1999 there were approximately 205,726?

...the Bellagio has 7 high roller suites with private pools on its roof?

...until his death in 2008, Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal had a website where he answered questions about Las Vegas, his "connections" and his portrait by Robert DeNiro in "Casino"?

...Wynn Las Vegas has no tower floors starting with the number 4? Elevators count from floors 38, 39 to 50, 51 etc. since Chinese culture considers the #4 bad luck!

...The famous Las Vegas Strip is for the most part, not within the city limits of Las Vegas? The majority of the Strip is located within Clark County. Las Vegas city limits start at Sahara Avenue and go northward. Therefore, many visitors don't actually "visit" Las Vegas.

...Fremont Street was closed to traffic on September 7, 1994 to make way for The Fremont Street Experience which opened in 1995. Until then, Fremont Street was a popular crusin' strip.

...Vegas Vic, the neon cowboy that towers over Fremont Street, is the world's largest mechanical neon sign. Did you know he used to speak? Vegas Vic would utter the words "Howdy Partner" until he was silenced. Rumor

10/10 11am Super Science Saturday: Archaeology. Dig up some fun while learning about the science behind dinosaur digging. For ages 6-11 years.

10/18 3pm Strega Nona Storytime. Did you know that October is National Pasta Month? Listen to the story of Strega Nona and then create colorful pasta pictures. Pre-registration is required for 3-11 year olds.

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## Theatre and Dance Events

### Fall Session of Tony Award-Winning Utah Shakespearean Festival Begins

Did you know the theatre season continues at Spring Mountain Ranch with the production of "Working", a musical that focuses on the hopes, dreams, joys and concerns of the average working American. Based on the Studs Terkel best selling book of interviews with American workers, the musical plants a vivid portrait of the men and women the world often takes for granted such as the school teacher, the parking lot attendant, the waitress, the millworker, the trucker and the housewife to name a few. It's a highly original look at the American landscape that's simply impossible to forget. Tickets are \$10 advance and \$15 at the gate (if not sold out). Children 5 and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased at UNLV Ham Hall box office or on-line at UNLVtickets.com. Gates open at 6pm for an 7pm performance. Picnics, beverages and patio chairs are allowed or you can rent chairs for \$1 and purchase items at the concession stands. The \$5 entrance to Spring Mountain State Park is waived if arriving after 5pm. Performances are September 17, 18 & 19 and 24, 25 & 26.

Did you know the Fall Season begins September 18 for the Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City? Three plays are presented in September and October in the Randall J. Jones Theatre. "Woman in Black" by Stephen Mallatratt, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" directed by David Ivers and "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Jeffrey Hatcher and Mitch Albom. For specific dates, times, tickets and a review of each play, go to [www.bard.org](http://www.bard.org)

Did you know the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Cheyenne Campus Department of Fine Arts will be presenting "Reefer Madness: The Musical"? Presented in the Backstage Theatre on September 18,19,25 & 26 at 7:30pm and September 20 & 27 at 2pm. October dates are the 2 & 3 at 7:30pm and October 4 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$12 Seniors and students. Call 651-5483 for more information.

Did you know "Deathtrap" is currently performing at the Las Vegas Little Theatre Main Stage until September 27? Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. General admission is \$22.

Did you know presently at the Fischer Black Box Theatre until September 20 is the play "Recent Tragic Events? " Set on the day after the 9/11 attacks, a woman and her blind date realize they are connected by a series of bizarre coincidences. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$11 Seniors and students.

Did you know the Henderson Events Plaza at 200 Water Street presents Shakespear in the Park with "Taming of the Shrew" on October 2 & 3 at 7pm? Admission to the play is free.

Did you know the Black Box Theatre at UNLV will present "Reasons to be Pretty" at 8pm beginning September 18? Other performances are on September 19,23-26 at 8pm, and September 20 & 28 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15.

Did you know since 1955 the renowned Virksy Ukrainian National Dance Company has toured the charm of their folk dances to international countries? Your chance to see them is September 26 at Artemus Ham Concert Hall on the UNLV campus at 8pm. Tickets are \$85, \$55 and \$40.

Did you know the October performances of "Company" will be presented at the Judy Bayley Theatre on the UNLV campus? The love story with music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim begins at 8pm on October 2 with performances following on October 3,8-10 and a 2pm performances on October 4. Tickets ranges are \$30, \$25 and \$20.

Did you know your chance to see the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company is on October 9? The UNLV campus will host the dance company at Artemus Ham Concert Hall at 8pm. Tickets are \$85, \$55 and \$40.

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## Events Throughout The Valley

### DID YOU KNOW...

...the Planetarium at the College of Southern Nevada Campus has a new program for September that will run until November? With "Astronaut" you will experience a rocket launch from inside the body of an astronaut and explore the worlds of inner and outer space. Manoeuvre through microscopic regions of the human body and float around the International Space Station to discover space. This 25 minute program, suitable for ages 3 and up, is a production of the National Space Centre of the United Kingdom and is presented in Digistar. Programs are presented every Friday at 6pm and 7:30pm and every Saturday at 3:30 and 7:30pm. Admission is \$6 adults and \$4 for Seniors, students or children under 12. After the 7:30 pm performances, the telescopes at the Observatory will be open for night sky viewing. The Saturday matinee presented at 3:30pm features "The Little Star That Could." Travel around the universe as little star searches for a name and a family of planets to call his own. Along the way he meets stars, learns what makes them all different, where they live and how they are born and die. He ultimately discovers his nine planets, learns about them, including planet Earth. Suitable for grades K-3, the program runs 35 minutes.

has it, downtown hotel guests would complain they couldn't get a good nights sleep!

### Hughes Center Concierge Desk:

If you haven't been over to the Wells Fargo Tower in a while, come by and take a look at the new updated lobby remodel by Crescent. Included in that remodel is a brand new concierge area, the envy of every concierge desk in the city! Hues of pewter and tan dominate the area with comfortable leather chairs for you to relax in while I make your reservations. The conversation piece, is the sculptured art behind the desk, created by an Arizona artist. Come by, check out the new digs and say hi! I spent a few days moving back in and thus apologizing for the tardiness in getting this September issue written. However, if you see the new concierge area, you'll see that it was well worth the wait!

### Hughes Center Approved Vendors:

Mobile Car Wash: Executive (Darren) 656-0716 or  
Prestige (Shawn) 499-5953

Shoeshine: Don 672-3991

Dry Cleaning: Galloping Valet (Jim) with pick-up & delivery  
Tuesday & Thursday 362-1046

Chair Massage: Lee Reckling  
595-1478

### And, Now You Know!:

Thanks for reading the September issue of the Hughes Center newsletter so that, now you know!

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...the "Dolls of Japan" exhibit is open until October 10 at the Henderson Convention Center? Celebrate the diversity of the Japanese arts, traditions and culture with this exhibit which features 70 unique figurines including Kabuki and Imperial Palace dolls along with sumo wrestlers and armoured warriors. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm and Saturday 1pm to 5pm. Free admission.

...the San Gennaro Feast is currently at the Grand Canyon Shopping Center until September 20? The annual festival features food, entertainment, carnival games and rides. Admission is \$8. For more information go to [www.sangennarofeast.com](http://www.sangennarofeast.com)

...the Greek Food Festival runs until September 20 on the grounds of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church located at 5300 S. El Camino Road. The festival features Greek bands, ethnic food and pastries, speciality gifts and art.

...Flamingo Hotel will host the "Epicurean Affair" on September 23 from 6pm-10pm. Tickets for the event are \$100-\$150.

...Black Mountain Recreation Center features a Doggie Paddle and Play Day on September 19? Bring your dog to the pool for a swim. Proof of vaccination is required and swim day is for dogs only (no humans in the water, please). From 9am-10am for dogs 50lbs. or less and 10:30 to 12 noon for dogs 50 lbs. or more. Admission is \$2 per dog. Call 267-4070 for more information.

...Bite of Las Vegas is coming October 18? Desert Breeze Park will be the location for the 12th annual event presented by Mix 94.1 radio. From 11am to 10pm enjoy food from 45 booths ranging from BBQ to desserts all offered in \$1 to \$5 portions. Admission is \$8, or get \$1 off by bringing a canned item to donate to City Mission of Las Vegas. Additionally, \$1 from each ticket sold will benefit the charity. Children 5 and under are free. Entertainment this year will be "Lifhouse", "Puddle of Mudd", "Metro Station", "Secondhand Serenade", "Justin Nozuka" and "Lenka."

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## Sports

### Fast Cars, Show Cars , Dragons and Sand

Did you know the AVP Beach Volleyball Pro Tour comes to Mandalay Bay on September 17-19? Watch top athletes compete for the 2009 AVP Best of the Beach title. Event schedule and tickets (\$10-\$100) at [www.avp.com](http://www.avp.com).

Did you know the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race is September 26 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway? It's the 14th season for the truck series in Las Vegas with top races from across the country competing for the win. The Las Vegas 350 information is at [www.lvms.com](http://www.lvms.com). Tickets for general admission are \$24 adults and \$10 children or a 4 pack for \$49. Earnhart or Petty Terrace reserved seating are \$39 adults and \$25 children or a 4 pack for \$89.

Did you know the 10th Annual Super Run Classic Car Show is September 24-27 in Downtown Henderson? Over 1,000 hot rods and vintage cars will be on display with burn-outs, show & shine, engine roars and other events planned throughout the day. For a complete schedule of events including Super Run Entertainment with the Jan & Dean Show featuring the original Dean Torrence at 8pm, call 267-2171. Hear his beach party greats such as "Little Old Lady From Pasadena", "I Get Around", "Good Vibrations" and more! Admission is free.

Did you know October 10 is the Rose Regatta Dragon Boat Festival at Lake Las Vegas? The event from 10am to 4pm presents the 44 foot solid teak Chinese war canoes as they compete in three 500-meter races. Each canoe contains a 22 person crew, 20 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 steersperson. Spend the day at Monte Lago Village and enjoy this free event.

Did you know Las Vegas Bike Fest is scheduled for downtown Fremont Street on September 30 to October 4? Kick off is the Hogs & Heifers saloon anniversary party at 9pm on September 30. Then the fun begins with Vendor Village, poker runs, contests, artistry in iron and lots of entertainment. Bikefest concerts include Molly Hatchet at the Sahara Hotel, Randy Travis at Texas Station, AC/DC at the MGM Grand, the Guess Who at the Cannery, Journey at the M Resort and Iron Maidens at the Sahara. For complete details and a schedule of events go to [www.lasvegasbikefest.com](http://www.lasvegasbikefest.com).

Did you know Town Square will host the Classic VW Show? On October 3, over 250 classic Volkswagons from around the country will be on display beginning at 8am until 4pm.

Did you know the First Fitness & Fashion Wellness Fair will be October 10 & 11 at Town Square? The 2 day event will feature fitness fashions, healthy meal options and live fitness demonstrations and classes. On Sunday, the 2009 Bikram Yoga Championships will take place at Town Square Park.

Did you know the 2nd Annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event is coming to Mandalay Bay on October 7-10? Live television coverage will be aired on SPEED as bidders vie for priceless treasures. October 7 at 1:30pm kick off the festivities with a road rally down the Las Vegas Strip. For complete details of the car show and auction visit [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com). Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children, Seniors, students & military. Think I can find a Duesenberg or maybe a 1960's Avanti....that I can afford?

Did you know the tradition continues? With the addition of the word "Memorial", the Danny Gans Run for Life will take place on Saturday, October 10 on Main Street at The District in Green Valley. The Danny Gans Memorial Championship Run For Life will be hosted this year by Donny Osmond beginning at 6am to benefit the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation. Participate in a 5K run/walk or a 1 mile fun run/walk. To register, call 735-8434.

Did you know you can still get tickets to the 2009 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital Golf Open? The event is October 12-18 at TPC Summerlin and offers several ticket packages from \$10 up. Check out the website at

## Music, Music and More Music

### DID YOU KNOW...

...On Saturday, September 19 the Second Annual Twilight Barbershop on the library amphitheatre green will be held in Boulder City? Beginning at 7:30pm three great quartets, "Broadcast", "The Four Suite" and "Older N Dirt" will perform

...The District at Green Valley presents the following musical line-up on Friday & Saturday nights at 6 pm?

9/18 The Lucky Cheats

9/19 Michael Soli and Rick Duarte

9/19 Enzo Salvaggi

9/24 The Hipsters

9/25 Sharon Paquette and Andrea Bensmiller

9/26 Left Standing

...The Montelago Village presents a complimentary Friday night lakeside music series and a Saturday evening jazz series at 7pm at Lake Las Vegas? The upcoming schedule is:

9/11 VEGAS U2

9/12 Genevieve

9/18 Ring Of Fire

9/19 Keith Jacobson

9/25 Have A Nice Day

9/26 Vince Priestner Experience

10/2 The Nite Kings

10/3 DOTSERO

10/9 Tommy Rocker Band

10/10 Shapiro Project

10/16 Playground

10/17 Rocky Gordon & the Killer Groove Band

10/23 Acoustic Soul

10/24 Brothers Ali

...The Henderson Pavillion at 200 S. Green Valley Parkway will be presenting "Pink Martini" on Sunday, September 20 at 8pm? Pink Martini has sold over 2 million albums worldwide. Tickets are \$30, \$40 & \$60 and can be purchases by phone at 267-2171 or on-line at HendersonLive.com.

...On Tuesday, September 22 at 8pm the Henderson Pavillion presents 1980's rocker, Billy Squier who dominated the charts with classic rock hits such as "My Kinda Lover", "The Stroke" and "In The Dark?" Tickets are \$26, \$36 & \$46 and are available at 267-4849 or on line at HendersonLive.com.

...The Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel will feature the following concerts

9/20 8pm The Australian Pink Floyd Show

9/25 Van Morrison

9/26 9pm Pet Shop Boys

9/27 8pm Creed

10/9 & 10 8:30pm Dane Cook

10/18 8pm Bob Dylan

10/24 8pm Steve Miller Band

...Winchester Cultural Center presents Duchicela at 2pm on September 27? Founded in 1980 in Ecuador to

preserve the music of the Andes Mountain region of South America, the groups three members perform on strings, percussion and flutes. The flutes in particular, give Andean music its unique sound and of special interest are the jacha toyos flutes which are nearly 4 feet in length. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 Seniors and children.

...the Henderson Events Plaza located downtown on Water Street features Aaron Tippin on Saturday, September 26 in a free 8pm concert? Known for his foot stomping anthems and sentimental ballads, this award winning producer, singer/songwriter performs his greatest singels including "You've Got to Stand for Something", "Kiss This" and "That's as Close as I'll Get to Loving You." Country band "Third Act" opens the show at 7pm.

...Nevada Pops will present a concert on Saturday, September 26 at the Henderson Pavillion? To kick off it's instrument donation program with the CCSD, this concert will feature everything from classic Sousa marches to Broadway favorites. Tickets are \$10 for the 7:30 performance.

...ArtBeat along Water Street in Downtown Henderson will present a free concert with Alpin Hong on September 18 at 7:30pm.

And finally, did you know I'm telling you about this one early because it's going to sell out QUICKLY? On Sunday, October 25 the Winchester Cultural Center presents R.Carlos Nakai! Expect standing-room only for this concert! A Master of the Native American flute, R. Carlos Nakai has performed with symphony orchestras, Paul Horn and many many famous performers for many more famous people. Las Vegas is lucky to get this concert! Tickets are only \$10 general admission and \$7 Seniors and students.

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## Springs Preserve September Weekend Events

The Springs Preserve is located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. For more information on any of the events call 822-7700. General admission to the preserve is \$14.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children, or an annual individual pass is \$40 and a family pass is \$75. Events listed below are either free with admission/annual pass or will have a small fee with admission/annual pass. Hours of the Springs Preserve are 10am-6pm daily. The listings below are Saturday & Sunday events only. For weekday events, check the website at [www.springspreserve.org](http://www.springspreserve.org)

9/19 8:30am In The Gardens Garden Tour: Fall for Color. Horticulturalists lead a tour of the gardens focusing on bringing color interest to your landscape in fall. Discover popular and lesser-known plants that will offer texture and foliage color. Free.

9/19 10am In The Gardens: Upgrade to Water Smart Landscaping. This class provides participants with step-by-step instruction to convert grass to water smart landscaping. Free.

9/19 10:30am Nature Collecting: Spider Webs. Learn how to identify spiders simply by the types of webs they spin. Non-member adults \$8 and children \$6, members \$7 and \$5. Reservations required at 822-7786.

9/26 10:30am Archaeology & History Exhibits Tour. An indoor walking tour that highlights the innovative and interactive exhibits in the Origen Galleries. Special emphasis is on interpreting the archaeology of the Preserve and the cultural-history traditions of the Las Vegas Valley. Free.

9/26 10am In The Gardens: Healthy & Water-Efficient Lawns. Design and install a functional, water-efficient lawn and explore lawn irrigation systems to save water. Learn about materials, maintenance and new technologies for a desert environment. Free.

10/3 8am Birds at the Springs Preserve. The Red Rock Audubon Society will be tour guides through the Springs Preserve teaching you how to spot birds and attract them to your own landscape. Free.

10/3 8:30am The Edible Garden: Winter Greens. Grow a garden just about anywhere including balconies and patios. Build a portable, tasty garden with minimal tools and time. Non-members \$9 and members \$7. Registration required at 822-7786.

10/3 9am Southern Nevada Solar Home Tour Kickoff. Join Solar NV and the Springs Preserve to learn the latest benefits of renewable energy, water efficiency, healthier indoor environments, alternative transportation and green buildings. Meet people who live with renewable energy systems, hybrid vehicles and more. See homes that produce more electricity then they consume. Tour begins at the Springs Preserve where you'll receive a map of 15 other sites. Hybrid cars \$10 and all other vehicles \$15. Advance reservations available at [solarnv.org](http://solarnv.org).

10/3 10:30am Nature Explorers: Bats! For ages 6 and up come explore what makes bats such amazing flying mammals. Non-members \$8 & \$6 and members \$7 and \$5. Reservations required at 822-7786.

10/10 8:30am Edible Landscapes. Learn from those who have created their own food supply in their yards and cut back on your food costs! Non-members \$7 and members \$5. Reservations required at 822-7786.

10/10 10:30am Eco-Art Orange October. Craft time inspired by Fall's harvest colors. Non-members \$8 adults and \$6 children, members \$7 adults and \$5 children. Reservations required at 822-7786.

10/10 10:30am Native Plants Tour. Take a walk on the northern Preserves trails and learn about the Mojave native plants and their historical and present uses. Registration required.

10/10 1:30pm History Tour with a Twist. Learn what life was like for families living long ago in our deserts and play games from Native American and early settlers eras. Pre-registration advised.

10/10 2pm Drip Irrigation. Learn complete drip-irrigation system installation including how to assemble components. Free.

10/10 and 10/17 4pm Art to Wear. Learn how to make fused glass and then bend wire around found objects to make wearable sculpture. Non-members \$25 and members \$22 for both sessions.

10/11 10am Healthy People, Healthy Planet Fair. Enjoy free yoga, Tai Chi and Chi Kung classes, participate in demonstrations on sustainable gardening, food, beauty and holiday parties and meet reps from local green companies.

10/13 6pm Far From The Ocean But Still Connected: R. David Guggenheim travels the country educating students and communities about the oceans teaching the importance of ocean health and how it affects those of us who live inland. Free but registration is advised.

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## Libations

### Did you know...

...MonteLago Craft Beer Festival is September 19? From 2pm-6pm you can sample craft beers from all over the world for \$20. All proceeds benefit MDA of Southern Nevada. Call 564-4785 for more information.

...Platinum Hotel at 211 E. Flamingo has a happy hour in their Stir Lounge? Nightly from 5pm-7pm you can enjoy 2 for 1 well drinks, beer or wine by the glass and 50% off all appetizers. Call Platinum for more information at 365-5000.

...Lift Your Spirits a Celebration of Libations is September 19 on Main Street at The District? From 7pm to 10pm enjoy a variety of Italian wines, tasty food and live entertainment under the stars. A portion of the proceeds will benefit various area non-profit organizations. You must be at least 21 years old to attend and tickets are available at the District Guest Services.

...Town Square will host the New Vista Community Wine Walk on October 3? Enjoy 20 different featured wines and sample food from Town Square restaurants for \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit new Vista Community, a charity committed to providing equal opportunities to intellectually challenged people.

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## Locals Discounts Around Town

### Specials all over town and here are just a few...

At The District in Green Valley, you can receive \$3 off any display cake at Ben & Jerry's during the month of September.

On Friday or Saturday movie nights at The District, it's buy 1 get 1 free after 8pm at Gelato Cafe.

If you make your dining reservation at the concierge desk for Kennedy Tavern located at The District, you'll get 50% off your lunch bill of \$50 or more or 50% off your dinner bill of \$100 or more every Sunday and Monday during the month of September. Lunch is 11am to 3pm and dinner is 5pm-11pm. Call Jaci at the concierge desk at 697-6805 for your reservation to obtain the discount.

Purchase one \$31.95 ticket for the Improv at Harrah's and receive the second ticket free.

Get \$50 off any Golden Circle or Orchestra seating at Phantom.

Buy 1 ticket and get the second for \$25 on select dates only for Mystere, KA, O or LOVE.

Obtain 2 for 1 tickets for Jubilee if purchasing the \$110 or \$90 tickets.

Le Reve at Wynn offers 2 for 1 tickets for the \$125 seats.

Nathan Burton at the Flamingo presents his comedy & magic in the afternoon offering locals a free breakfast, lunch or dinner buffet with the purchase of a \$19.95 show ticket.

Blue Man Group has 2 local's offers, either purchase a full price adult ticket and get a child's ticket for free or get 30% off the blue or red zone orchestra seats.

Boa Steakhouse is offering a 3-course dinner on select night for \$45.

Bradley Ogden offers a 3-course menu nightly for \$55 at Caesars Palace.

Guy Savoy's pre-theatre 3-course offer is nightly for \$98 and is truly a dining experience!

Get a 3-course lunch until September 22 at Payard inside Caesars Palace for \$19.

Eiffel Tower at Paris offers a pre-theatre 3-course meal nightly from 5-6pm for \$59.

Locals can save 20% off their dining check on Friday & Saturday night at Medici inside the Ritz-Carlton.

Roy's offers locals a 3-course menu daily for \$35

Six Tables has one of the best deals around, a 4-course meal for \$45 and a 7-course for \$75. Reservations are a MUST since this restaurant really does only have 6 tables. (One of my local favorites!).

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## Hughes Center Tenant Feature Andre Agassi Foundation

The Andre Agassi Grand Slam for Children benefit will take place this year on September 26 at the Wynn. The annual fundraiser headed by producer David Foster raises money for Agassi's charter school, The Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy. Presented by Genworth Financial, this year's line up of star entertainment includes Dane Cook and Daughtry, along with other special guests and return appearances by Tim McGraw and Brian McKnight. In its 14th year, the exciting evening will include a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, live auction and concert. Table sponsorships are available by contacting kari@agassi.net. The mission of the Andre Agassi Foundation is to "transform education in two ways. It supports the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, which strives to provide underserved youth in Las Vegas a first class K-12 education to prepare for excellence in college and beyond. The Foundation also advocates for increased investment and accountability in public schools." In June of this year, the school graduated its first class of Seniors with all 34 graduates continuing on to higher education. Twenty-six graduates will be attending a four year college or university and 8 are going on to two-year programs.

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## The Great Outdoors NPS, Red Rock, Mt. Charleston, Wetlands & Spring Mountain Ranch

Did you know there are hikes and programs given by the Bureau of Land Management, Red Rock Canyon volunteers and the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association? All hikes are family oriented and start at the visitors center. Reservations are required for hikes and programs and can be made by calling 515-5367 or visiting [www.redrockcanyonlv.org](http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org).

Did you know the US Forest Service provides programs and guided hikes at Mt. Charleston? Call the visitors center in Kyle Canyon for more information or to reserve a space at 702-872-5486.

Did you know the Wetlands Park located at 7050 Wetlands Park lane is open dawn to dusk? The information center is open 7 days a week from 9am to 3pm where visitors can view Wetlands videos, see photographs and displays that show the ecological and esthetic riches of the wetlands and also the serious environmental problems the park will help solve. Located adjacent to the visitor center is the Wetlands Park Nature Preserve which features two miles of concrete walking trails, graveled secondary trails, a bird viewing blind, ponds, trail markers and aesthetic views of the nearby alluvial fan and mountains of Rainbow Gardens. Primary trails are ADA accessible. For directions or more information call 455-7522.

Did you know Spring Mountain Ranch State Park schedules hikes and interpretive programs? On September 19 from 12 noon until 4pm at the Ranch House and Historic Area will be "Owner's Day". The program presents former "owners" played by locals talking about the days when they ran the Ranch. For more details call 875-4141.

Did you know the Ranch will feature old time skills and crafts, Dutch Oven cooking, spinning & weaving, black powder shooting and more during the Pioneer Living Days on September 26 from 10 am to 6pm? Call 875-4141 for details.

Did you know the Ranch will do a Full Moon Sandstone Canyon Hike on October 3? The hike is 2 hours long and is classified as easy to moderate.

Did you know the Ranch has a Leave No Trace program? The program promotes skills and ethics to support the sustainable use of wildlands and natural areas. After completing the course you will become a certified trainer of Leave No Trace. For more information call 875-4141 or visit [www.INT.org](http://www.INT.org). Course is limited to 12 adults and you must make reservations for the 2 day course on October 10 & 11 beginning at 8am.

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## Making Contacts Hughes Center Specials From Our Neighbors

DID YOU KNOW...

...Margaritaville on the Strip at the Flamingo Hotel has a new Hughes Center Locals VIP Card? Sign up and obtain a card at the concierge desk and you will receive 20% off purchases in the Retail Store, 20% off restaurant charges and priority seating for up to 4 people, discounts on private and corporate party bookings and VIP offers and specials. Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville is open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night from 8am to 2am, serving a full menu until 1am.

...The Westin Casuarina Hotel at 160 E. Flamingo is offering 20% off all Hibiscus Spa services to locals? Enjoy a massage after a hard days work and pamper yourself in the sauna.

...Morton's is offering "Steak & Seafood" for \$49.99 per person (or \$99.99 for two) until September 30, 2009? This offer is not on the menu and must be mentioned at time of ordering. You'll receive a choice of any two salads, two single cut filets, a choice of two from sea scallops, shrimp or crab cake, also a signature potato & vegetable to share and for dessert, a choice of two, hot chocolate cake or Key Lime pie. Morton's is located across the street from Hughes Center at 400 E. Flamingo. Call the concierge desk at 697-6805 for reservations.

...Morton's is also hosting a Meritage Wine Blending Seminar featuring Franciscan Oakville Estates "Magnificat"? Complete with wine kits and an expert wine representative to guide your every move, the seminar will explain why and how the best wines are blended to perfection. Enjoy a selection of Morton's signature hors d'oeuvres as you hone your blending skills all for \$45 per person on September 23 from 6:30-8pm. Contact Michelle O'Hala at 893-0703 for more information.

...Morton's will host a cocktail reception to benefit "Feeding America" in conjunction with a meet the authors reception? On September 30 from 6-7:30pm you can enjoy wine, cocktails and delectable new recipes from "Morton's The Cookbook" and meet Morton's co-founder and co-author Klaus Fritsch. Cookbooks will be available for a special rate of only \$20 (retail \$32.50) and a silent auction will also take place. The event is \$39 per person with \$5 donated to Feeding America. For more information contact Michelle at 893-0703.

...The Platinum Hotel is offering a small meeting package to Hughes Center that includes a meeting room rental for 10 people or less, Wi-Fi, beverage service of coffee, tea, soft drinks and bottled water, and internet service for \$300 half day and \$500 full day? Call 365-5000 for details and bookings. Perfect for interviews, depositions and small groups.

...The Platinum also is offering 5 exclusive specials in their Well Spa. Consider a sports massage, perfect for the guys, for \$75, a 50-minute Swedish massage or facial for \$65, pedicure for \$35 or a manicure for \$25? Well Spa is open Thursday through Sunday from 9am to 5pm. Located on the 4th floor, call the Well Spa for your appointment at 365-5000 ext. 3200.

...McCormick & Schmick's offers a "10 Under \$10" on their lunch menu? Try selections such as salmon burger, cod sliders, BLT, wraps, chicken linguini, Cobb salad or shrimp cocktail. Selections do vary daily and all sandwiches are served with a choice of fries, chips, cole slaw or fruit salad.

...Hard Rock Cafe has created a card for Hughes Center tenants that will give you first available seating and \$5 off your "rock experience" if you spend \$25 on food, beverage or merchandise (excludes alcohol or sale merchandise)? To get your card, stop by the concierge desk.

...Lawry's is presenting a \$35 Anniversary dinner and it doesn't have to be your anniversary? That's because it's Lawry's anniversary! Celebrating Chicago's 35th year, Lawry's Las Vegas is offering, until October 31, their famous spinning bowl salad, an 8oz. cut of Lawry's Prime Rib of beef with mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, or, fresh salmon with vegetables, and a dessert of C.C. Brown's small sundae or petit English trifle with coffee or tea. VIP certificates are not valid for this offer and mention of this special must be made to your server. For reservations, call Jaci at the concierge desk at 697-6805.

...Gordon Biersch has a new Sunday brunch menu? Brunch is served from 11am to 3pm and music is from 12pm to 3pm. The band for September 20 is Skip Martin and September 27 is Tommy Thompson. GB also brought back the \$5 Bloody Mary Bar and the \$3 Mimosa. Brunch menu items are omelets, eggs benedict, scramblers, french toast and breakfast sandwiches.

...On September 21, Gordon Biersch begins a new happy hour? Everyday from 3pm to 7pm and 9pm to close you can order \$3 GB lagers, get \$2 off wines by the glass and \$5 martinis, mojitos, cosmos, margaritas and specialty drinks. For \$5 you can munch on garlic fries, house chips, crispy artichoke hearts, glazed chicken wings, southwest egg rolls, half chicken Caesar or a house salad, individual pizza, bbq chicken, and various pizzas. For \$6 you'll munch on fish & chips, pork sliders, chicken cashew and spinach and big spenders of \$8 can order shrimp & chicken potstickers, Kobe sliders, fried calamari and ahi salad.

...The Shoppes at The Palazzo are giving you a chance to win a \$1,500 shopping spree and designer handbags? Join them on September 17 from 6pm-8pm as they kick off "Fall into Style" with shopping live entertainment, lite bites and cocktails. If you decide to go shopping after the event, spending \$250 on a new Fall wardrobe will get you \$50 in restaurant credits and passes into TAO or LAVO. Spend \$500 and receive two tickets to Jersey Boys, Phantom, Wayne Brady or Blue Man Group. Spend \$1000 and receive a 1-night stay at the Venetian or Palazzo.

...Bahama Breeze is hosting an exclusive island insiders special event on September 19 from 5:30-7:30pm? Guests can order anything off the menu with the exception of 3 items, and have their check delivered in 30 minutes, or it's free.

...The Westin is hosting their second mixer and invite you to be their guest for an evening of tranquil sophistication as they usher in the season of autumn and bid farewell to the lazy days of summer. Enjoy a poolside reception on Thursday, October 1 from 5pm-7pm with nibbles and libations. Contact Jill Bernacki at 836-5931 or [jbernacki@westinlv.com](mailto:jbernacki@westinlv.com) with questions or to get more information.

...Cozymel's Mexican Grill has a new lunch menu? You can now create your own combo from enchiladas, flautas and more starting at \$7. Also added are Seared Burritos and the Cozymel's Taqueria. Check out the new menu on line at [www.cozymels.com](http://www.cozymels.com).

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## Fall Donation Drive for Shade Tree Used Clothing & Other Items Collected Until September 30th

Crescent in conjunction with Leo A. Daly is holding a clothing and wish list drive until the end of September for

the women and children at Shade Tree Shelter. Donated women's career wear, clothing, suits, handbags and shoes are greatly needed to aid the women at the shelter in getting on a positive path for their future and their family. Donated gently used clothing and wish list items can be dropped off at the concierge desk located in the lobby of the Wells Fargo Tower, or taken to the Leo A. Daly office at 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 290. Fall season is a great time to check your closets and donate those unwanted items.

Wish list items can be found on the website at [www.theshadetree.org/wishlist](http://www.theshadetree.org/wishlist), but some of those items are: size 6 diapers, copy paper, toothpaste, deodorant, bathroom tissue, paper towels, hi-chairs, healthy snacks and non-perishable food items. If you have further questions, call the concierge desk at 697-6805. Thank you in advance for your donations!