



# THE ROADRUNNER

A Publication of the Baristo NOrg

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## ONE-PS "REFRESHES" WITH AGGRESSIVE AGENDA

### NEW CHAIR & VICE CHAIR BUILD ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

How do you take a Really Good Thing and make it better? This is the challenge confronting ONE-PS' new leadership, **Chair Chris Reutz**, and **Vice-Chair Kate Castle**, both previously having served as At-Large board members. And they're responding to that challenge head-on.

At the year's first meeting, Chair Reutz highlighted four goals of for the coming year. **1)** "Fill in the map" – nearly 7,000 residents live in an area of the city with no Neighborhood designation or representation. **2)** Every NOrg should have a web presence, namely an internet site. One-PS will help the NOrgs with this. **3)** Increase the number of blade signs in each neighborhood. The signs cost about \$150 each, and the city will install for free on an existing street sign. (The sign manufacturer will provide quantity discounts). **4)** Standing Committees will be renamed "Community Forums" which will focus on issues most important to the City's residents.



*8 of the 11 2024 Board Members, Left-to-Right: Tim Schoeffler, Ardine Thompson, Lisa Hoff, Cynthia Session, Megan Rodriguez, Ned Barker, Chair Ruetz and Vice-Chair Castle. Absent: Catherine Salazar Gallivan, Patrick Stonebraker, Dan Gonnella.*

### ADDITIONAL ONE-PS MEETING INFORMATION

Naomi Soto, Chair of the Measure J Commission, provided presented an update on Measure J's 1% sales tax which as collected about \$172m its inception, with 2024 tax collections to be estimated to be \$22.7m. **CONTINUED on TOP of PAGE 4**

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Board Members

**Ned Barker** (Village Traditions)  
Board Chair

**Patrick Vincent** (Village Traditions)  
Vice Chair

**Michael Conway** (48@Baristo)  
Treasurer

**Andria Antoine** (The Modern Cactus) Communications Officer

Tee Shirts



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### TEE SHIRTS

There are now 52 Neighborhoods in Palm Springs, each with its own symbol, and WE have the roadrunner! David Carden, Baristo Founder, had the blade sign roadrunner symbol developed, and years later the current logo was created (thank you iStock!) for additional uses. The Board then agreed to develop a Baristo NOrg tee-shirt, partly to raise funds but mostly to support and grow the neighborhood's culture. They are now available online, at the Neighborhood's home page, <https://www.baristops.com/>, or its Donations page. Get the Tee!



## BLADE SIGNS & MORE...



### **PLEASE DONATE!**

For those Baristo residents who can afford it, we're requesting a donation of \$25.00 per year. Strictly voluntary.

Thank you! [Click HERE](#) to donate.

### **WHERE DO YOUR DONATION DOLLARS GO?**

- Website & Email Fees
- Board Liability Insurance
- Signage & Communications Costs
- Meetings Fees & Other Costs
- Event Fees and Related Costs

Upcoming...

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

## ANDRIA ANTOINE JOINS BARISTO BOARD

When long-time supporter Angie Thill stepped down from the board following September's Annual Meeting, we were faced with a clear challenge. Of course we wanted to recruit a female replacement, but we also acknowledged that the remaining board members were from condominium developments.

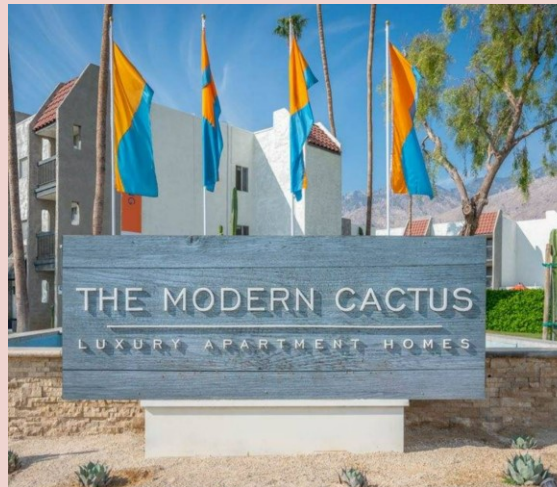
Last year we canvassed six of the seven apartment developments within Baristo. Each of the Apartment Managers met with us, and were added to our membership list. Andria Antoine, an Area Manager for Socal Pacific Management Corp. also joined the Baristo NOrg.

It turns out that Andria's area of responsibility includes The Modern Cactus "Luxury Apartment Homes" at the corner of Baristo and Sunrise Way.



*Andria Antoine*

Following discussions and meetings with board members, Andria has agreed to join the board and to assume the important role of Communications Officer for the Board.



At a recent Modern Cactus resident luncheon Andria included Baristo on the agenda, distributed Neighborhood flyers, and posted a flyer with QR Code at the laundry facility.

Soon, Andria will be reaching out to the Neighborhood's other Apartment Managers.

Also, Andria is also working on a plan to enhance our communications for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Andria can be reached at [Admin@BaristoPS.com](mailto:Admin@BaristoPS.com), or via the website's contact form.

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## WHAT'S WHAT WITH WORKGROUPS

### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS - YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A WORKGROUP MEMBER!

You may be aware that three Workgroups were created following the Neighborhood-wide digital survey conducted earlier this year. Those Workgroups are now beginning to have meetings, which will be primarily discussion and planning meetings. The meetings will be in-person, and all Baristo Neighborhood members are welcome to join any of the meetings. WE WILL PUBLISH THE DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS OF THESE MEETINGS AT OUR EVENTS & MEETINGS PAGE OF THE WEBSITE. Patrick Vincent is the board liaison for the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Workgroup, Michael Conway for Beautification & Improvements, and Ned Barker for the Workgroup on Homelessness.

#### Our Workgroups

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety • Beautification • Homelessness

### THE DUAL-SHOWER MOBILE UNIT

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Baristo at Arenas



#### Volunteer opportunities include...

- Guest registering & hospitality
- Supply loading & equipment set-up
- Experienced truck-trailer driving

See the calendar at [Schedule | Overflow912](#) ([overflowshowers.org](http://overflowshowers.org))

### OVERFLOW 9:12 – SHOWERS FOR THE HOMELESS

Overflow 9:12 is a faith-based nonprofit that provides free hot showers – and more – to unhoused persons in various locations within Coachella Valley. Their most recent newsletter, shown at the right, tells how they've provided 562 showers, 619 hygiene kits, and 2,226 clothing items over 8 months.

They offer their services at their only Palm Springs location, within Baristo, at Our Lady of Guadalupe every other Friday. If you'd like to volunteer, follow this link: [Volunteer | Overflow912](#) ([overflowshowers.org](http://overflowshowers.org)).



### TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON EL SEGUNDO

- Last month THE ROADRUNNER devoted considerable space to this important initiative.
- Lieutenant Hutchinson is working to fill the City positions that will work with Board Vice Chair Patrick Vincent and his Workgroup (and additional volunteers!).
- While we expect more news soon, the holidays really slowed this process down.

### EARLY AGENDA THOUGHTS – ANNUAL MEETING

The board is working to confirm an agenda for the March 16 meeting. Here are some things we're pursuing...

- Assistant Director of Planning Services, David Newell Presentation / Q&A, (Housing Element, Section 14 Specific Plan)
- Councilmember deHarte (City updates)
- Lt. Hutchinson (El Segunda traffic and pedestrian safety Project)
- Workgroup updates...

**BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENTS.** This group will meet to discuss date and planning for a Neighborhood cleanup event.



**WORKGROUP ON HOMELESSNESS.** This group will meet to tour the services offered at Guadalupe, to ascertain volunteer needs. FEBRUARY 02, 10:AM.

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### NEWS FROM ONE-PS - A few highlights from Patrick, from the January 9 meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- Measure J funds have been used by the city for street repairs, the downtown park, park bathrooms, park playground equipment and shade structures and much more. A detailed list of projects through 2020 has been uploaded to our website's DOCUMENTS page. They anticipate accepting new community applications sometime between June and October 2024.
- Notably, former ONE-PS Chair Peter Sipkins is a member of the Measure J Commission.
- Joy Meredith spoke about the popular One-PS Picnic to be held on March 23 at Ruth Hardy Park. Baristo has already signed up

(and paid) for a booth. Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

- Mayor Bernstein spoke about the ongoing film festival in that it was one of the 3 largest in the world. He also said that a plan is expected from the College of the Desert this month with an expected groundbreaking the summer of 2024 and doors opening in 2027.
- City Manager Stiles stated that the first low-income housing development in 10 years, the Monarch Apartments, is open and now taking in residents. He also said that the City is working on a comprehensive master plan for parks.

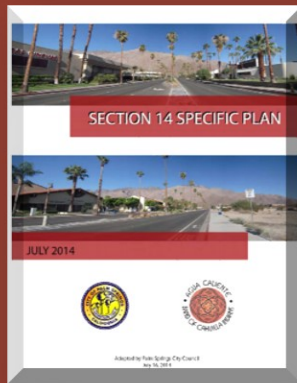
### BARISTO BITS: THE SECTION 14 SPECIFIC PLAN

Do you know that the City of Palm Springs and the the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians worked together nearly ten years ago to develop a plan for Section 14 that would benefits both parties?

The plan was adopted by the City in July 2014, yet it remains the second-newest of all of the City's Specific Plans. Like the Housing Element of the General Plan, the Section 14 Plan is part of the City's General Plan, and is called out in its Land Use Element.

The Land Use Plan references the Section 14 Plan in two of its Goals: "Provide a logical transition between land uses and the built environment in Downtown and those proposed in the Section 14 Specific Plan", and "...to ensure that new development in Section 14 contributes to and enhances the City's goal of a destination resort."

We hope to learn more at our upcoming Annual Meeting (March 16).



Download at the Documents Page of our Website

### What's Next?

#### "37th Annual City of Palm Springs Black History Month Parade and Town Fair."

The Parade starts at 11:00AM Saturday February 24, 2024, on Palm Canyon Drive in Downtown Palm Springs. Immediately following the Parade, the Town Fair will be held at the New Downtown Park.

#### 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. SAVE THE DATE: March 16, 10:30am, PS Public Library. Zoom & in person.

#### 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!

### FEATURED COMMUNITY: VUE PALM SPRINGS



Home to 46 single-family detached homes, **VUE Palm Springs** adds a touch of luxury to the City, and to the Neighborhood. In fact VUE is the winner of the prestigious NAHB The Nationals Gold Winner, "Best Single Family Detached Model Home Under 2,000 SF"! VUE Palm Springs is located at the corner of E. Tahquitz Canyon Way and S. Hermosa Dr. Website: [VUE Palm Springs | modlife.](https://www.vuepalm.com)