

**Heritage Palms Homeowners Association  
Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2026**

**Members present:** Jolene Kercher, Carole Gardner, Nicki Shearn, Lainey Robinson, Gail Pringle, Alicia Siegler, and Joyce Soebbing, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm

The December minutes were approved as corrected.

**January 14, 2026: Cyber Crime**

- The presenter will be Officer Brandon Haworth.
- He will speak for about 30 minutes and then open the floor to questions and answers. He is looking for people who have stories about cybercrime.
- He will need a podium and a Mic set up on the stage.

**January 20, 2026 - The Dreamboats**

- There are currently 183 people who signed up for this event.
- We will limit this event to 250 people.
- Cost is \$4500. A deposit of \$900 was made last spring. The remaining \$3600 check has been requested.
- The Dreamboats will be here at about 2:30 PM on the day of the performance. They will do their sound check at that time. They are bringing all their own sound equipment with them.
- We will set up tables on the dance floor.
- Although the flyer says dancing, there will be none.

**February 10, 2026: Palm Springs Tuned In**

- Alicia will contact Vinny Stoppia to see when he wants to come and do the technical check.
- The cost of this event will be \$45 per person.
- Reservations for this event began last Wednesday, January 9.
- Alicia will reserve the library as the Green Room for Jim and Vinny. She will also check to see if they want to have dinner.
- Alicia will contact Antonia to see when Jose is available for the technical check.

**March 25, 2026: Chuck Wagon Adventure**

- One chuck wagon holds about 20 people.
- Currently, we have reserved two chuck wagons.
- Reservations will open on February 3 and close on February 27.
- We have a \$500 non-refundable deposit due one month prior to the event.
- The cost of the event will be \$109 per person. This includes 10% gratuity. The rate will be inclusive and will be charged to the residents' HP account.

- Jolene will see that the flyer advertises the Chuck Wagon ride/tour, a 45-minute optional guided nature walk in the Palm Springs preserve and dinner with live music as entertainment.
- Individuals will drive their own vehicles to the event.
- This is a BYOB event. The Chuck wagon owners will provide ice, cups, and bottle openers.
- We will not be using our contract. We instead will use the Chuck wagon contract.
- We are requesting no extra services. So, there will be no mechanical bull, line dancing lessons, etc.

**April 15, 2026:**

- There was much discussion about whether or not we should pursue the cooking demonstration.
- It was decided that we do not feel comfortable offering this event.
- Joyce will contact Chef Jon and let him know that we have changed our mind about offering this event.
- As a result of this cancellation, the Cultural Committee is scrambling for an alternative event. It was agreed that we need an entertainment event as this is the final event of our season.
- Joe Furlow has suggested that we contact Piff the Magic Dagon. This is a comedy act currently performing at the Flamingo in Las Vegas. Joyce will follow up to see about contacting. Piff.
- Jolene suggested that we invite Marco Mendez back again. He plays the organ and does show tunes. Jolene will contact Marco.
- Carole will contact a group called Modern Men. They are currently performing at the Palm Springs Theatre. Carole is doubtful that we will be able to secure this group on such short notice as they are contracted with the Palm Springs Theatre.

**2026–2027 SEASON:****November 2026: The Suits**

- Dinner event.
- Jolene is in charge of this event.
- This group does popular music from the 60s to the 90s but will incorporate more music from the nineties as tribute to Heritage Palms' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**December 2026: Dark****January 2027: Tod Goldberg**

- He is a local best-selling author.
- This would be a dinner event.
- Jolene is in charge of this event.

**February 2027: String Quartet**

- Lainey will contact the Coachella Valley Symphony to see if they have any contacts for string quartets.

- Nicki will contact Barb Fairbairn, who has a contact with the CV Symphony.

**March 2027: HITTS Horse Park**

- This event was so popular in the past that we will offer it again.
- There was discussion about increasing the number of reservations. In the past, we have only invited 50 people as that is the capacity of the bus. It was suggested that we contract for a smaller bus in addition to the large one. That way we may be able to offer this event more residents.
- The tentative cost of this event would be \$99 per person. This would include food, transportation and gratuity.
- There was discussion about the big increase in price. Last year we offered this event for \$65 inclusive.
- Carole will once again be the contact person for this event. She informs us that our group can no longer be in the VIP area. Instead, we will be moved to the area around the grass field where the horses perform.
- Carole will find out more about the seating for our group and will finalize this event.

**April 2027: Speakeasy**

- This will be a dinner event.
- Details to follow.

The next meeting will be on February 6, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Alicia Seigler, Secretary