## FW: KESQ End of Year Story Request for details and a short interview

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Jeff,

How does the below work for you?

Thanks,

Chris

Indian Wells is excited about some of the completed, ongoing and future projects and initiatives we have undertaken. From reinvesting and improving our City infrastructure to new project developments to sustainability initiatives, we have much to celebrate and continue to work on moving forward.

In 2022, the City completed important energy efficiency projects that will yield cost savings of an estimated \$12 million in the first 20 years of the project's lifecycle. The solar panels installed at the Indian Wells Golf Resort made it possible to bring in Top Tracer technology. This new driving range offering will be available to guests at all hours, including during the best outdoor golf experience in the Coachella Valley, Shots in the Night. Until January 1, golfers can not only enjoy laser putting, but they can ring in the holiday season at the first Indian Wells Winterfest. This fun, new holiday event brings an ice-skating rink and other family-friendly activities to the desert for residents and visitors to enjoy.

We are also looking forward to seeing the City grow in 2023. The community will welcome a Sprouts Farmers Market into the Village Shopping Center in the spring, the Tommy Bahama Miramonte Resort & Spa in late 2023, and a new resort-style development in partnership with Genton Cockrum Partners at the vacant site along Highway 111 and Miles Avenue. These developments will be a source of character and beauty for the community. Additionally, the city council approved, the City of Indian Wells becoming the official city partner for Acrisure Arena. Not only will we be able to host more large-scale events with this arena, but residents will also gain benefits through the Resident Benefit Card program to get tickets and special offers.



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