



Above: In 1959, this was part of California's first Holiday Inn. Nearly 60 years and millions of dollars in upgrades later, Parker Palm Springs is a showplace for the city and frequently the site of prestigious events, such as those for the Palm Springs International Film Festival. In 2007, it was the subject of Bravo TV's reality show, *Welcome to the Parker*. Here, we're hovering above one of its swimming pools, set off by lush desert landscaping and hills in the distance. Right: Our local mountains make the perfect backdrop for the golf course and clubhouse at Seven Lakes.



Before there was a neighborhood, there was a hotel...

"Melody Ranch" was the name given by singing cowboy Gene Autry to the hotel he purchased in 1961 to house his baseball team (known at the time as the California Angels) during spring training. When Autry sold the

hotel in 1994, its name changed, and "Melody Ranch" was almost lost to history.

Fast forward to 2015. Residents of our newly formed neighborhood organization discover and revive the historic name, apply it to a larger area, and pay tribute to Mr. Autry on our blade sign.



Today, the Melody Ranch Neighborhood Organization consists of that original hotel (now Parker Palm Springs), the Seven Lakes Country Club, the Oasis Resort, and the Canyon Sands community. Each contributes uniquely to our organization.

The resort we know today as Parker Palm Springs was built in 1959 as a Holiday Inn. Three owners, three names, and 33 years later, hotelier Jack Parker purchased it, financed a \$27 million remodel, and dubbed it Le Parker Meridien. Until his death in 1998, Gene Autry and wife Jackie lived on the property and frequently chatted with patrons in its lounges.

Built in 1963, Seven Lakes Country Club is a midcentury gated community with a Ted Robinson-designed golf course featuring seven lakes. President Eisenhower hit his only hole-in-one on its greens. William Cody designed the clubhouse, and Richard Harrison designed its residences. Harrison adapted William Krisel's "cluster home" concept to duplex and condominium designs featuring low-profile flat roofs artfully angled to maximize dramatic views.

The Oasis Resort is a complex of Spanish-style villas on 27 desert-landscaped acres. It features eight swimming pools, nine Jacuzzis, four fountains, and five tennis courts.

Canyon Sands is a 33-acre community of charming single-family residences. Homes are grouped into horseshoe clusters of six units each.

Collectively, our four communities respect their individual histories while taking pride in the name they now share.