

Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood

Home Tour 2024

Modern on the Fairways Tahquitz Creek Golf Hidden Treasures

The Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood is known as one of Palm Springs' best-kept secrets. It sports excellent midcentury architecture, graces a championship golf course, and features full-on mountain peak views.

The tour includes some of the last homes built by the Alexanders, at the pinnacle of their illustrious careers.

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood

Palm Springs' best-kept secret, the Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood, is a little-known and rarely seen enclave, even for diehard modernists. Located near the southeast corner of Palm Springs, it is interlaced with the championship Lawrence Hughes-designed Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort from which we take our name. The Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company took over administration of the Golf Resort in the mid-1980's, with a grand opening hosted by Arnold Palmer himself.

The original intent was to create a community of affordable golf course homes on fee-based land, free of resort fees. All utility lines are underground providing unobstructed mountain views. Today, our 900 homes and condominiums represent several architectural styles and, notably, many remarkable examples of midcentury architecture.

The 2024 Tour explores two subdivisions:

FAIRWAY ESTATES (page 3) features homes built by Westwood Development and designed by William Bray, renowned Los Angeles architect who designed homes for many celebrities including Shirley MacLaine, Dean Martin, Roy Rogers, Mary Tyler Moore, and Robert Young.

GREEN FAIRWAY ESTATES (page 10) showcases homes built by the famed Alexander family and architect Donald Wexler, known for designing the Palm Springs International Airport and for a body of work that included schools, banks, hotels, and residences, such as the Dinah Shore residence.

Larger than early Alexanders, these homes were built for year-round occupancy. Nine master plans had varying roof lines, some with Tiki-style outrigger details and trapezoidal elements.



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2424 Pebble Beach

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Built in 1965 by Alexander
Architect: Donald Wexler
Owners: Susan & Jim Caruso

This contemporary-style home was completely remodeled by a previous owner in 2005 and renovated again in 2018. The current owners bought the home in 2019. A sleek fireplace anchors the living room and opens to the dining room/kitchen, which features a huge island with stove and seating area. The floors are travertine.

In the familiar H pattern of Wexler's original design, two guest rooms and one bathroom are set off the main hallway, and a large interior courtyard is right off the front entry. The primary suite features an office, walk-in closet, and large bathroom. Note: The many prints and woodcuts displayed in the home were created in the late 60's by the mother of one of the current owners.



FAIRWAY ESTATES

The Westview Development Company

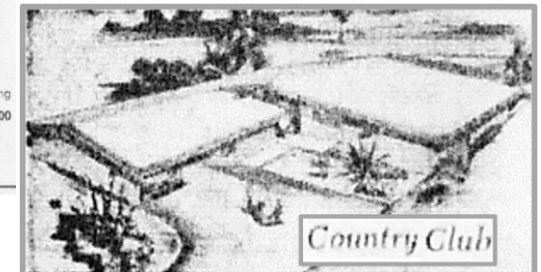
The Westview Development Corporation, led by architect **William Bray**, purchased the original 332-acre parcel in 1958 for \$1 million and created "Fairway Estates." The previous owner, The Palm Springs Turf Club, was denied a license by the California Horse Racing Board, ending their plans to develop a horse racing track. Westview built the homes along **Broadmoor, Brentwood, Bob O Link, Cherry Hill**, and other streets.

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2086 Bob O Link

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**Built in 1965 by Westview
Architect: William Bray
Owners: David McAdams & Brian Ashby**

“Casa Agave” is one of only two homes in Fairway Estates originally developed with a combination of flat roof lines and breeze-block detail. While street-facing walls were designed for privacy, the back of the house, mostly windows and sliders, allows for abundant indoor light and access to the original kidney-shaped pool and outdoor living areas. Its backyard remains completely open to the fairway. Originally 1,690 sq.ft., previous owners remodeled, adding the den, bringing current square footage to 2,033. Care was taken when adding solar panels to ensure none were visible from street level – honoring the simplicity of the modernist roof lines. The front yard and approach to the entry were updated extensively in early 2023 to incorporate raised planting beds.



2478 Pebble Beach

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**Built in 1966 by Alexander
Architect: Donald Wexler
Owners: Terry Anderson & Joseph Gamble**

“New as tomorrow, with the charm of yesterday” proclaims a 1967 newspaper ad for this Donald Wexler, AIA-designed, and The Alexander Construction Company built home. Provocatively described as a home with a “bifunctional” floor plan (“...quiet areas separated from active living sections by an attractive, secluded atrium...”), this “Capilano” elevation was named after the famous Vancouver, BC, golf course.

“Restoration by subtraction” became the current owners’ mantra, during the remodeling journey. The sensitive remodel resulted in the return of the original floor plan, the iconic “Alexander” cone fireplace, and the secluded atriums. The allure that was team Wexler and Alexander has returned!





2395 Pebble Beach

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Built in 1965 by Alexander
Architect: Donald Wexler
Owners: Adam & Juli Cavnar

This striking 1965 home retains its original appearance. The entry is framed by unique trapezoidal stack-stone feature walls. There is a clear delineation between public and private space in the house with the bedrooms and bathrooms placed apart from kitchen and dining areas. The iconic champagne-glass fireplace is a true eye-catcher. The spacious atrium helps connect entry, private, and public space and thus brings the outside in, and the inside out -- a prominent feature in midcentury design. There is an excellent view of San Jacinto Mountains that rivals any in Palm Springs. A recent addition faithfully matches all the details of the original design intentions, materials, and workmanship.



5097 Cherry Hills

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Built in 1961 by Westview
Architect: William Bray

This newly remodeled home, playfully named “Villa Del Sol,” is situated on the 5th fairway with beautiful mountain views. Its owners enjoy a huge, exclusive-resort style yard and saltwater pool with waterfall spa and pergola, all surrounded by mature Ficus trees. As you enter the home, notice Bray’s use of the open floor plan and glass that extends seamlessly to the shaded lanai and expansive yard for the ultimate indoor/outdoor living experience. With the addition of the fourth bedroom and third bath off the kitchen, the home appears to be endless, providing privacy to the main bedrooms on both sides.





1933 Broadmoor

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Built in 1961 by Westview
Architect: William Bray

“The Modern Bray House” was remodeled with the goal of maximizing square footage. Owners turned a large guest bedroom into a second primary, adding an ensuite and office. The original hall bath was transformed into a full bath on one side and a laundry room on the other side with an entrance through the kitchen. A wall of glass was inserted in the living room adding light and views. The kitchen was laid out to accommodate the most discerning chef, with a bar area added for entertaining at the pool. The master bath exudes relaxation with a spa-like shower and tub. The pool and spa were completely renovated, beckoning guests to dive in and enjoy the Palm Springs lifestyle.



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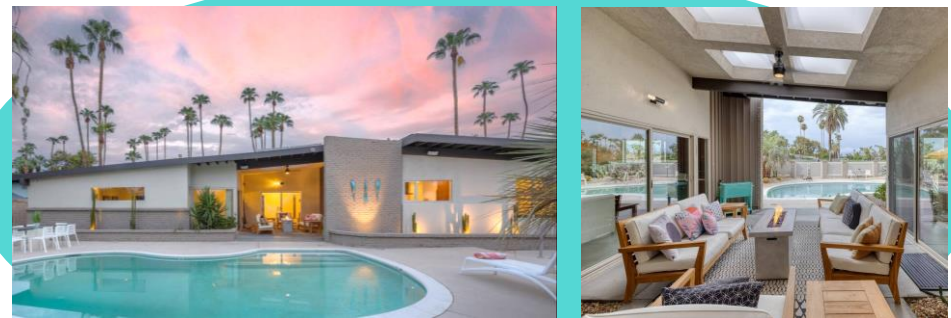


5330 Lakeside

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Built in 1966 by Alexander
Architect: Donald Wexler
Owner: William

The home was completely remodeled in 2019 but retains many original architectural details including the angular roofline and shape, central courtyard, rock-wall facade, and brick accents. The interior was upgraded by polishing and scoring the original concrete foundation of the home, removing walls, and changing the layout of the kitchen and secondary primary suite. The kitchen and bathrooms were updated with modern midcentury finishes including walnut cabinetry, quartz countertops, decorative tile, new appliances, fixtures, and hardware. A significant structural change was adding two walk-in closets to the two bedroom suites, which required rearranging interior walls. The home’s front and back yards were recently desert-scaped and include many mature cactus and fruit trees.

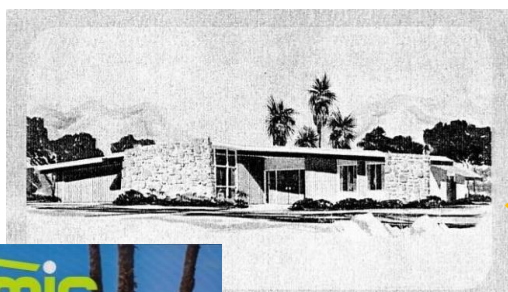


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GREEN FAIRWAY ESTATES

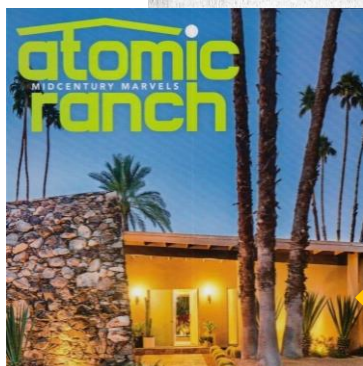
The Alexander Construction Company

The Alexander Construction Company, led by George and Robert Alexander and architect **Donald Wexler**, famously built 2200 now-celebrated homes in Palm Springs. In 1964, the company created a 55 lot subdivision called "Green Fairway Estates," but only completed 35 homes -- all on **Pebble Beach Drive and Lakeside Drive** -- the last homes the company built. Everything the Alexanders learned from building their first home in 1955 up to construction of these homes in 1965 led to the refinement and upgrades of these treasures.



**1964
Concept**

"Wentworth" Plan



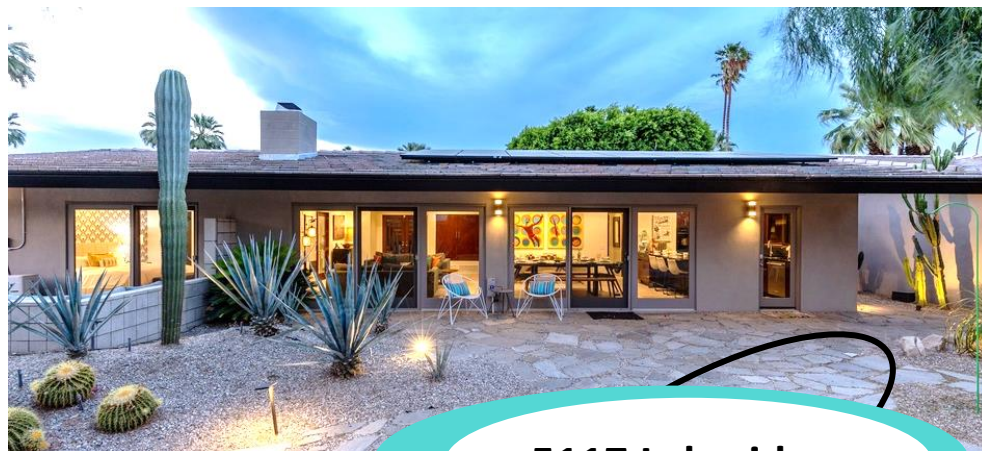
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5202 Lakeside



2395 Pebble Beach (#6 on this tour)



5117 Lakeside

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**Built in 1962 by Westview
Architect: William Bray
Owners: Karl Frazier & Garrett Rice**

On one-third of an acre located at Hole #3, this remodeled property captures the magic of relaxed and vibrant Palm Springs style. One end of the yard features a saltwater pool and waterfall spa. The other end features a spacious game room/garage called the 19th Hole Lodge, a must see.

This charming property is chic and fun, casual and comfortable – all at the same time. Wood tongue-and-groove vaulted ceilings provide a homey comfortable look, while the impressive open floor plan and walls of glass add an airy feel, blurring the lines between indoor and outdoor living. The updated kitchen features an island with a breakfast bar and is open to the dining area.



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The Neighborhood was originally promoted as hosting one of the hottest celebrity hangouts in Palms Springs – Romanoff's on the Rocks. Frank Sinatra (pictured with Mike Romanoff) was a regular. Sophia Loren gave Jayne Mansfield a world-famous "side-eye" at the Romanoff's in Beverly Hills. A. Quincy Jones designed the Palm Springs restaurant, which stood on Palm Canyon at Lawrence Crossley from 1959 to the 1970's. Jones was also known for the Walter Annenberg estate "Sunnylands" and many other famous projects. (Photos on right)

Original ads for Green Fairway Estates. (Photos below)

The Hugh Kaptur-designed Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse (formerly the Palm Springs Golf Course Clubhouse when it opened in 1959) was recently awarded Class 1 Historic landmark status by the Palm Springs City Council, following a recommendation by the Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board. (Photo at bottom)

