

October 1, 2021

Community Update

by Police Chief, George Crum

Today is my final day as Chief of Police as I am retiring after a thirty year career in Law Enforcement. In December 2014, I began my duties as your Police Chief in Cathedral City. I must say the time has gone by extremely quick and I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with all of the hard working, dedicated and devoted men and women within all City Departments and your Police Department. I would like to take this opportunity to share with the community the various accomplishments and programs that have been implemented in the Police Department since my arrival.



A Gang Unit was formed which consists of a Sergeant and three Detectives to address gang related crimes and activity occurring in Cathedral City. A Professional Standards Bureau was created with a Sergeant assigned to the duties of handling significant internal affairs investigations, citizen complaints, civil claims filed against the Police Department, policy and procedures updates and internal audits within the organization.

A Traffic Bureau was formed in order to reduce traffic collisions and fatalities which consisted of putting Officers on motorcycles and creating a specialized unit to handle the investigations of major collisions. A Police Chief's Advisory Council was formed by me which consisted of 9 members representing the business and residential communities of Cathedral City. The 9 members served as liaisons between the community and the Chief of Police. Over the years, we met on a bi-monthly basis.

A Police Cadet program was approved by City Council and created for the first time in the Police Department's history. The Cadet program employs men and women between the ages of 18 and 23 and prepares them for a career in the Criminal Justice field. The goal of the program is to develop these men and women for careers in Cathedral City. The Police Department currently has two Cadets employed.

Cathedral City Police Department created a Homeless Liaison Officer. The position was developed to address the multi-faceted and complex issues facing our community and the growing homelessness situation. Officer Dwayne Hodge was selected to this position and has been collaborating with all stakeholders to improve the quality of life for our residents, businesses and homeless population in Cathedral City.

A body worn camera program was developed and implemented which provides for additional transparency between the community and the Department.

Cathedral City Police Department joined the Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force, the Real Estate Fraud Task Force and the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail. Cathedral City had a 3.9% decrease in Part 1 crimes in 2015, a 2.8% decrease in Part 1 crimes in 2016 and we expect to see an additional decrease in Part 1 crimes as 2017 comes to a close.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chief of Police in this great city since 2014. Your next Chief of Police will be Travis Walker who has served as your Deputy Police Chief since 2016. He is an honorable and hard-working professional who is more than capable of continuing to lead this Police Department well into the future.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police and I hope to see you during a future visit.

News

4th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

4th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival Balloon Rides • Balloon Glows • Balloon Dinners • Firework Finale • Carnival Rides The City of Cathedral City and Fantasy Balloon Flights celebrate the 4th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival, presented by Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa, on Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19, 2017. The ...

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Cathedral City Public Arts Commission

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The Inside Scoop on the New Firework Finale at the Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

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November 18, 2017 at 9 pm in Downtown Cathedral City, Festival Lawn, 68-600 East Palm Canyon Drive. You won't ...

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Upcoming Events

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The City of Cathedral City

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WHEN: **2017** Saturday, October 7, November 4 and December 2
2018 Saturday, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5

TIME: **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**
Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.

LOCATION: **68-510 East Palm Canyon Drive**

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS:

- Legal documents
- Medical records
- Financial statements
- Accounting files/records
- Personnel files
- Payroll records
- Bank statements
- Tax records
- Contracts
- Receipts/invoices
- Cancelled checks
- Photographs
- Credit card documents

You're not limited to the items listed – bring all your sensitive documents.

TIPS:

- You do not need to remove paper clips, staples, file folders, report covers, envelopes or binder clips from your documents.
- You can bring your documents in boxes or plastic bags.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Limited to Cathedral City RESIDENTS only.
- Be prepared to show proof of residency or bring this postcard to the event.
- Limit 5 banker sized boxes per resident or household.
- **No businesses allowed.**
- Remove all trash items from your boxes or bags!
- Items like pens, pencils or regular household trash cannot be shredded.

MORE:

- Your documents will be shredded on site – you will be able to witness the entire process.
- Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.
- This is a free event – there is no charge to shred your documents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (760) 770-0369
EMAIL d.pressgrove@cathedralcity.gov



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Two for Tuesday

Cathedral City residents can ice skate for half-price on the first Tuesday of every month (excluding holidays) at

Desert Ice Castle. Just bring proof of being a Cathedral City resident, such as an Driver's license, copy of a utility bill, or any other form of residential proof. Ages 3 years and up. The Time for Public Skate Available for "Two ...

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DESERT ICE CASTLE
68-600 Perez Road



2ND SATURDAY Art WALK ON PEREZ ROAD

Every Second Saturday
5pm - 8pm

Participating Galleries

THE ART ROOM • AT-HOM VINTAGE & MODERN
BILL ANSON GALLERY • COLIN FISHER GALLERY
COLLIDING WORLDS FINE ART GALLERY • ELAN VITAL GALLERIES
GARY KOTT'S CREATIVE WAREHOUSE • KARIZMA DECOR
NICOLE BAROSI GALLERY • RYAN CAMPBELL STUDIO
S.C.R.A.P. GALLERY • SHERRILL & ASSOCIATES
SIMEON DEN GALLERY • SPACES • STUDIO 111 • TRENZ GALLERY

Cathedral City
WHERE Art LIVES

2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road

Every 2nd Saturday, come to Cathedral City's Art & Design District for "2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road" where you will discover special art exhibits, museum quality art as well as cultural art to brighten your soul, meet other like-minded people, and maybe get a little exercise going from art gallery to design gallery to art gallery. It will be ARTtastic!

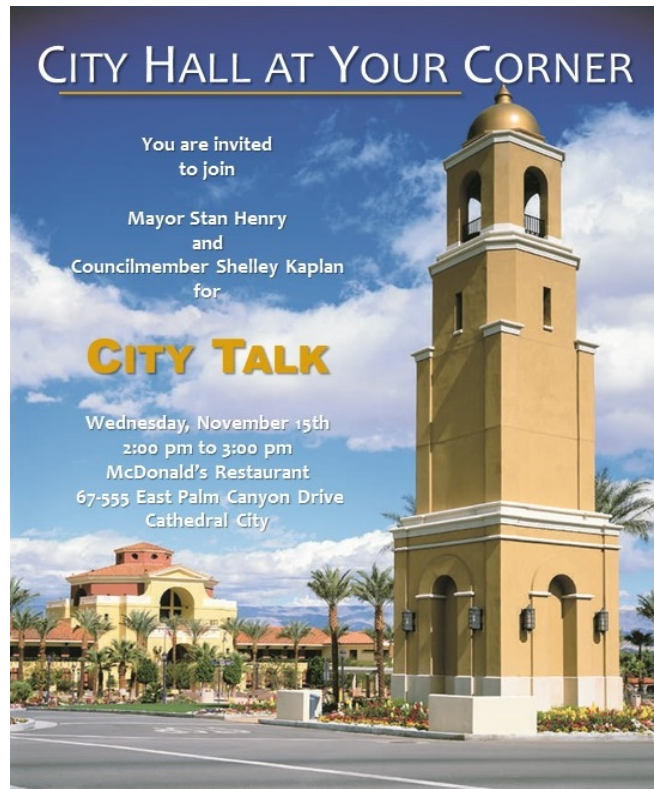
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City Hall at Your Corner

Mayor Stan Henry and
Councilmember Shelley Kaplan Host
“City Hall at Your Corner” –
Wednesday, November 15th

Have an issue you would like to
speak to your city councilmembers
about or learn what is happening in
Cathedral City? Then join us for “City
Hall at Your Corner” hosted by two
members of the City Council, Mayor
Stan Henry and Councilmember
Shelley Kaplan.

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Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

The 4th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival 2017

November 17 - 19, 2017

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Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located this season at the Downtown Festival Lawn, 68600 East Palm Canyon Drive (HWY 111) in Cathedral City.

The free event, hosted by the Cathedral City Evening Rotary and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, happens once a month on a Saturday evening every month between November and May, at 7:00 pm, except for the month of May, which begins at 8:30 pm due to daylight savings time.

You are welcome to bring snacks or non-alcoholic drinks, but you can also purchase them from the movie organizers at the concession stand. Great Family FUN! [Read more.](#)



FREE CATHEDRAL CITY MOVIES IN THE PARK

Presented By: Cathedral City Evening Rotary

Movie	Date
SING	Nov. 25th
GRIND	Dec. 30th
MOANA	Jan. 27th
BEE MOVIE	Apr. 21st
MARY POPPINS	May 19th
THE MONUMENTS MEN	Feb. 24th
ZOOTOPIA	Mar. 24th

Bring the Whole Family! For more information, [Like us on facebook.](#)

Come For The: Special Events, Raffles, And So Much More

Bring Your: Chairs, Blankets, Family & Friends

Spread The Word!

Meet Us At: Festival Lawn Cathedral City

*Movies subject to change due to availability

Main Sponsors

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LA MICHOCANA
ICE CREAM PARLOR

SNOW-FEST

Holiday Light Parade
Santa Claus
Tree Lighting
Holiday Vendors
Entertainment
Great Fun & Prizes

Saturday
December 9, 2017
5pm - 9pm
Civic Center Plaza
Cathedral City

McDonald's

Quick Quack
CAR WASH

FARMERS
INSURANCE
Tom Breitfelder
Cathedral City

HOTN
CULTIVATION COMPANY

TIPBITS
BY CATHEDRAL VALLEY

INKA
Screenprinting

Mary Rickford Theatre
6 PLACE

Snow Fest

Bring the entire family for this brand new event that shall become a tradition for Cathedral City! Snow Fest captures all the holiday spirit and places it at one event. You will enjoy an outdoor market featuring holiday arts & crafts, food, treats, and beverages including hot chocolate. At 5:30 pm, the night-time holiday light parade begins at the corner of Palm Drive and Perez Road and winds its way back to City Hall where the festival portion is held.

[Read more.](#)

Holiday Light Parade
5:30pm on Perez Road

Parade Route
Information
760-459-3479

