

January 12, 2017

Community Update by Police Chief George Crum

The concept of police wearing body worn cameras has been a topic of many debates and discussions across our nation which peaked after the incident in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014. A few negative national incidents involving police and community members since 2014 began to heighten the need to improve the relationship between the

public and police. One method that promises to assist in building the trust and confidence between the police and the public is the implementation of a body worn camera program. The use of cameras by officers is believed to improve the communication between officers and the public and increase public confidence in their police officers by offering transparency and accountability. Studies have shown the use of cameras by police significantly reduces the number of citizen complaints against police officers and reduces use force incidents dramatically.



The Cathedral City Police Department has launched its own body worn camera program. In December of 2016, the Police Department became the second agency in the Coachella Valley to launch a body worn camera program and the first agency in California to deploy the GoPro camera body worn system. In 2015, the City Council approved funding for the Police Department to study, purchase and implement a body worn camera program. The funding source being used is the SLESA Grant (Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account). During 2016, I asked members of the department to test and evaluate a multitude of camera products that have flooded the market in recent years. An exhaustive six month evaluation period occurred in which we evaluated camera cost, camera durability, camera functionality, and video evidence storage cost. Additionally, I worked with the Police Officer's Association, Police Management Association and their law firm to develop a set of policies and procedures that will be used as a guideline in the operation of the cameras. In developing the policy, the needs of the community were balanced with the needs of the Police Department as we developed a policy that considers the privacy of persons in certain situations such as victims of specific crimes and crimes against children. At the conclusion of this evaluation period, the overwhelming decision for our Police Department was to purchase the GoPro camera and use the Intrensic software storage solution.

The GoPro camera has the largest field of view on the market and currently boasts a 170 degree field of view. The next closest competitor's angle of view is only 142 degrees. The GoPro video quality surpassed its competitors while remaining rugged and lightweight and containing the best sound quality compared to other cameras. The entire cost of the program which includes the cameras and software storage is approximately \$28,000 annually.

It is the City Council and the Cathedral City Police Department's goal to improve the interactions and discourse between our public safety officers and the residents who call Cathedral City home. You should have the assurances that our highly trained professionals perform in the manner they were instructed and they should have the protections from false allegations. The use of body worn cameras is simply one tool that helps provide both the public and police officers with verifiable proof that will ultimately garner trust among all members of our community.

News



Cathedral City Fire Department Receives Essential Lifesaving Equipment Courtesy of Firehouse Subs

Cathedral City Fire Department Receives Essential Lifesaving Equipment Courtesy of Firehouse Subs At last night's city council meeting, the Cathedral City Fire

Department under the direction of Chief Paul Wilson thanked Mr. Shinder Singh, the local franchisee of Firehouse Subs located in Palm Springs, for their generous \$20,000 grant to purchase extrication tools utilized to remove victims trapped in vehicles ... [Read more.](#)

Notice of Vacancies: Public Arts Commission and Parks and Community Events Commission

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Cone Zone Alert: Road Improvements for Vista Chino Drive

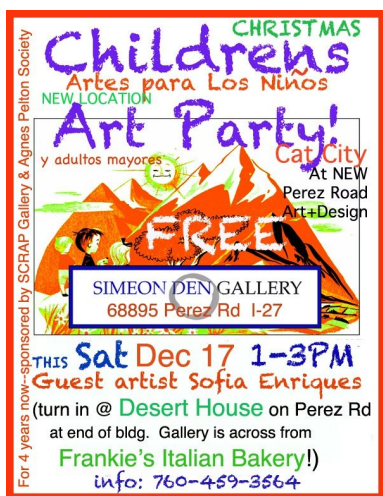
Cone Zone Alert: Road Improvements for Vista Chino Drive Starting this month, the City of Cathedral City will fully reconstruct the pavement on Vista Chino Drive from Date Palm Drive all the way west to the city limits with Palm Springs. Crews have already begun work on the \$3.7 million project that will install new A.D.A. compliant ramps and curbing ... [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

28th Annual Palm Springs International Film Festival

The Palm Springs International Film Festival is a portal for the very best in world cinema, welcoming more than 136,000 enthusiastic filmgoers. For the second year in a row, the film festival will utilize the Mary Pickford Theatre in Downtown Cathedral City to showcase many of the films.

For tickets and all information about the festival, go to www.PSFilmFest.org [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

Children's Art Party for children and elders. NEW Location this Month: The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral City Art Gallery, 68895 Perez Road, Suite I-27 (across from Frankie's Italian Bakery) on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces ...

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Town Square Art Affaire- Art Show

"Town Square Art Affaire" presented by West Coasts Artists comes to Cathedral City on January 21 and 22, 2017 from 10 am to 5 pm. This event showcases high quality art from more than 70 artists. It will also be located on the new Festival Lawn along East Palm Canyon Drive. [Read more.](#)





Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located this season at Ocotillo Park, 33300 Moreno Road in Cathedral City. The free event every month 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 park's concession stand. Great Family FUN! [Read more.](#)

2nd Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

Taste of Jalisco celebrates the relationship between Cathedral City and its sister city, Tequila, Jalisco (Mexico) through music, fashion, spirits, culture and cuisine. It is a time to recognize the strength in our diversity, appreciate our similarities, and stand united as one community for the betterment of our great city.

For Sponsorship or Booth Rental Opportunities, contact: Eric Davis, City of Cathedral City (760) 770-0340, Ext. 134 SponsorshipSpecialist@cathedralcity.gov [Read more.](#)



Agnes Pelton Society's 6th Annual Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes

The City of Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the [Agnes Pelton Society's](#) 6th Annual Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes on Sunday, February 12 from 11 am to 3 pm. The tour allows you to visit the historic homes located in the Cathedral Cove neighborhood which was settled in 1920s and formerly named "Cathedral Village." This neighborhood was, and continues

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today to be, the area of world renown artists, writers, and musicians.

Other activities include music, dance, and information about the lost history of Cathedral City's storied past. [Read more.](#)

Antiques Appraisal Day at the Cathedral City Senior Center

Have you always wanted to go to an Antiques Roadshow event? Are you ready to discover the value of your family heirloom? Join us on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 where certified dealers and appraisers will be on hand to offer their expertise, *Roadshow style*, at the Cathedral City Senior Center, 37-171 West Buddy Rogers Avenue. Appraisals on your items from 9am to 2pm ...[Read more.](#)



Treasures from the Attic: Antiques Appraisal Day
Hosted by the Cathedral City Historical Society and Cathedral City Senior Center

Saturday, March 18, 2017



Have you always wanted to go to an antiques road show event? Are you ready to discover the value of your family heirloom?
Join us **Saturday, March 18th 9 am - 2 pm.**
Certified appraisers will be on hand to offer their expertise, road show style.

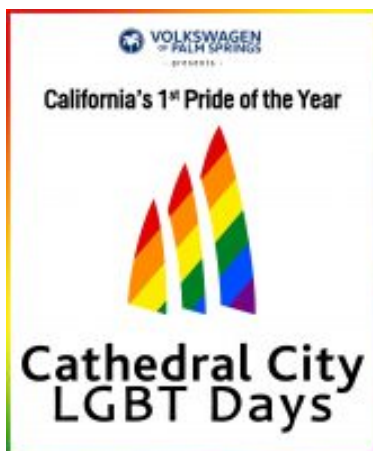
Cathedral City Senior Center
37-171 West Buddy Rogers Avenue
Cathedral City, CA 92234

General audience fee is \$10. Appraisals cost \$15 for one item (includes admission) with a limit of three items per person. Must be able to carry in your items. Items may include jewelry, silver objects, antiques & collectibles, small furniture, paintings and other artwork, art glass and art pottery. No coins or firearms. All appraisals are on a "first-come, first-serve" basis.

Free refreshments and restaurant "samplings" will be offered throughout the event.
Classic cars will be on display in front of the Senior Center.



For more information or directions contact: 760-321-6577 (Cathedral City Historical Society) or 760-321-1548 (Cathedral City Senior Center).



3rd Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

For all information, [CLICK HERE](#)

[Read more.](#)

Easter Kidapalooza

Bring the kids to Cathedral City's Town Square Park in downtown for an event that is all about Kids! From 12 (noon) to 3:00 pm, kids will enjoy the fun of multiple bouncy houses

surrounding Cathedral City's Fountain of Life area.

At 12:30 p.m. – there will be an Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs!

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