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Community Update by Pat Milos Community Development Director



The City of Cathedral City celebrates the diversity of its residents while entrusting residential pride in its neighborhoods. One tool of success in achieving civic pride is the implementation and enforcement of the Cathedral City Municipal Code (CCMC). In particular, the CCMC ensures that our City provides its residents and visitors with a high degree of livability, comfort, and enjoyment.

Title 13 of the CCMC was established with a stated purpose to "provide a just, equitable and practicable method for preventing, discouraging and/or abating certain conditions which endanger the life, limb, health, property, safety or welfare of the general public and to provide city staff with precise enforcement regulations that can be effectively applied and administered in a fair, expedient, and cost efficient manner".

The Cathedral City Code Compliance Division was established by the Municipal Code and operates under the following credo:

- The Code Compliance Division team is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Cathedral City.
- We protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the enforcement of local laws and regulations adopted by the City Council which serve as community standards.

- Ensuring compliance with these standards, we help reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values, and prevent deterioration of neighborhoods.
- We actively work with citizens and neighborhood groups to provide public education on city code requirements.

The process for Code Enforcement...

- Potential violations are discovered through our Neighborhood Focus Program – [CathedralCityPRIDE](#), citizen complaints, and referrals from other agencies or departments.
- Once a violation is identified, the responsible party is given their proper due process by the City issuing a notice of violation and a reasonable time to correct the violation.
- Voluntary compliance is the most ideal solution to a violation; however, if a responsible party fails or refuses to bring their property up to standards of city codes, then a citation may be issued.
- Periodic follow-up inspections may be conducted to determine if compliance has been met.
- If compliance has not been achieved, additional time may be provided depending on the circumstances and severity of the violation.
- The citation may be civil or criminal, depending on the circumstances. A civil citation (administrative citation) may result in fines of no less than \$100 per violation when issued for the first time. If a second civil citation is issued the fines may be \$250 each violation and \$500 for each violation on the third civil citation. A criminal citation is an Infraction which is punishable by fines. You will need to have an arraignment and pay bail to the court.

How you can help in keeping your neighborhoods beautiful...

We encourage citizen involvement in identifying and [reporting code violations](#). The Code Compliance Division team is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Cathedral City. Together we can eliminate conditions that contribute to blight and deterioration while having a cleaner, safer, and more desirable place to live.

GoRequest Mobile App is a free smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices featuring a simple user interface that provides citizens with a convenient way to report concerns in their community.

Residents and businesses can select from a list of common problems, take up to four pictures, and provide their contact information. The application automatically determines the user's location based on their smartphone GPS.

Once submitted, the application forwards the information to appropriate city departments for follow-up, seamlessly incorporating almost every commonly used city service into one simple tool.

The application now covers a wide array of categories, including: city code violations, graffiti, parks maintenance, potholes, sidewalk defects and traffic signs.

iPhone and Android users can easily download this mobile phone application at no cost by simply searching for keyword "GoRequest" from any app store.

- For your convenience, you may also use our [online complaint form](#) available at www.cathedralcity.gov to report a suspected code violation. Please [contact us](#) (760) 770-0309 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cathedral City Pride Neighborhood Focus Program

Ask yourself - are you PROUD of your neighborhood and how it looks? Is it apparent that people who live in your community care about their homes too?

Cathedral City PRIDE is a neighborhood focus program aimed at improving our neighborhoods by working in partnership with property owners and area residents to instill a sense of pride in where we live; to clean up neighborhoods, and to make certain that communities are in compliance with City Code, which in turn protects the community from blight and contributes to a healthy and safe environment.

Prior to code compliance officers auditing a neighborhood, a post card advisory is mailed to each area resident notifying them that compliance inspections in their neighborhood will begin soon. In addition, it provides information on common code violations and asks each property owner to evaluate their property. Once evaluated, the City suggests that any existing violation be corrected. All neighborhoods throughout the entire city are included in the program and each one will be proactively audited on a continuous rotational basis.

Below is a sample of the Cathedral City PRIDE program guide and helpful tips:

Show that YOU have PRIDE in Cathedral City!

Take a moment to evaluate your property and work to correct any violations you may have.

Common Code Violations

Household items on curb; leaving furniture, carpet, televisions or any other unwanted items on the curb is unsightly. Please call Burrtec at (760) 340-2113 or email customerservice@burrtecdesert.com to schedule a bulky item pickup. They will pick up 4 scheduled items a week. The items can only be placed on the curb on the morning of the scheduled pickup. 6.04.090 Non-compactible solid waste.

Improper refuse disposal / Bulky items, improper storage of trash; property must be kept free of accumulation of trash, junk and debris. Garbage must be contained in a designated area on your property that is not in public view or view of your neighbor. All garbage except non-compactible waste must be contained in approved containers with lids as described in CCMC 6.04 Refuse disposal.

Inoperative Vehicles; some signs of an inoperative vehicle are flat tires, junk and trash stored on or in the vehicle, missing windows, bumpers or headlights, excessive dirt, plant material, cobwebs and debris under the vehicle. Storage of registered or unregistered abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts on private or public property is unpermitted. Your vehicle is inoperative if you cannot legally operate it on the street as described in CCMC 11.80 Abandoned vehicles.

Visual Blight; Blight caused by unfinished home improvements, excessive outside storage of household items, junk and trash and or as described in CCMC 13.80.115 Visual blight.

Landscaping; Landscape must have approved ground cover such as turf, decorative rock and must have shrubs, trees and other plants that are kept trimmed and in healthy condition. Trees and shrubs must not grow over into the sidewalk or street. Weeds should be removed. CCMC 13.80.030 Landscaping.

Parking; Vehicles are required to park on the existing driveway or paved parking surface composed of concrete. Parking on unimproved surfaces such as grass, desert landscape or dirt is not permitted.

Commercial Vehicle Parking; within residential zoning districts, the parking of commercial vehicles is limited to one (1) commercial vehicle with a manufacture's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds and it must be legally parked on the property.

Property address; your property address should be displayed on the property and the numbers large enough to see from the middle of the street. Your address should be illuminated so emergency personnel can find your home at night in case of an emergency. Addresses on the curbs and mail boxes are not legible if vehicles are parked in front of them.

Home Occupations; operating any business out of a residential dwelling must have a business license and a home occupation permit. Some businesses are not permitted. There are also guidelines that must be followed as described in CCMC 9.70 Home occupations.

Illegal signs; sign ordinance changes often. If you think a sign is illegal, you can check the code or call the City Planning Department 760-770-0340. See CCMC 9.62 Signs.

Sleeping in vehicles; RV's included. CCMC 11.04.030 Sleeping in vehicles—Prohibited in public places.

Vacant Lots; Property owners are required to keep their vacant lots clear of excessive weeds, trash, junk and debris. [13.80.220 Weed abatement](#), [13.80.225 Rubbish, refuse and dirt](#).

Stagnant water; mosquito breeding, failure to maintain your pool in healthy condition is described in CCMC 13.80.120 Swimming pools, ponds and other bodies of water or CCMC 13.80.165 Mosquito breeding places.

Illegal dumping; dumping anything, including dirt or grass clippings on a vacant lot is illegal. If you see someone dumping on a lot call the police 760-770-0300. If there is dumping of bulky items, tires or electronic waste and it is near the curb call Cathedral City's Environmental Conservation Manager at 760-770-0369.

Disruptive activities; Disrupting the neighborhood by repeated nuisance activities is not permitted. Including, but not limited to loud parties, littering, loud noise, illegal parking, curfew violations. See CCMC [13.80.140 Disruptive activities for information](#).

State Housing Law; If you are renting and your landlord has not made repairs you feel they are responsible for, you should contact The State of California Department of Consumer Affairs. They can provide you with a guide for landlords and tenants. This guide will assist you in getting what you need corrected. If your landlord still does not make repairs the Code Compliance Division may be able to assist you. The California State Housing Law and the maintenance of these structures are indicated in the California Health & Safety Code 17920.3.

Garage Sales: residents may have a permitted garage sale every 90 days. Permits may be obtained at Cathedral City Code Compliance located at 68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero in Suite B. You must show bona fide identification showing your photo, name and address where the garage sale will be held. The signs provided with the permit are the only signs you are permitted to use. Posting any signs on city street signs, telephone poles, signal boxes or light poles is prohibited. CCMC 5.35 Garage sales.

Illegal Garage Conversions and other added structures; you should always contact the City Building Department at 760-770-0340 before altering, adding and building onto your home and garage. Some sheds may need permits and there are specific locations you can build your shed. Other structures include fences and pools. [13.80.105 Illegal, nonconforming building or structure](#).

Abandoned homes; property owners and managers including realtors are responsible for the security of the homes they own or manage. If you notice an abandoned house that needs to be boarded up, call Code Compliance.

Working hand-in-hand, neighbor-to-neighbor, we can improve the aesthetics of our community, build civic pride, and in the process, add equity to every property.



Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce to Join Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce

Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce to Join Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce (From the Cathedral City Chamber)... The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce (GCVCC) is set to add another strong partner this summer. The Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce has successfully completed a vote of membership that will merge the organization with the new regional chamber. The Cathedral ... [Read more.](#)

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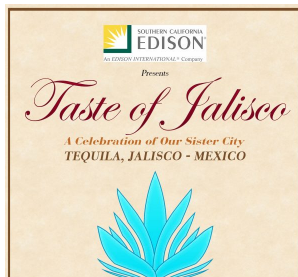


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“Town Square Art Affaire” -
This Weekend
CANCELLED due to
weather

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March 24th - 26th



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Cathedral City Public Arts Commission (CCPAC) is hosting a special art exhibit entitled, “Cathedral City Old Masters” from January 14, 2017 to February 12, 2017, open Saturdays and Sundays only between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, at the Cathedral City Art Gallery located adjacent to City ... [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

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AT THE CATHEDRAL CITY ART GALLERY

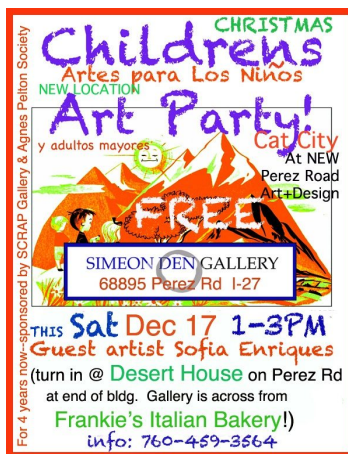
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Movies in the Park

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.](#)



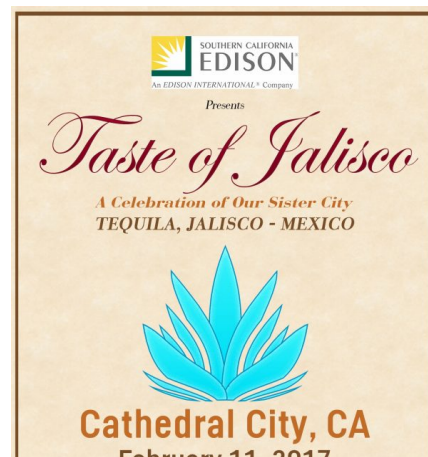
Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

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 ... [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.](#)

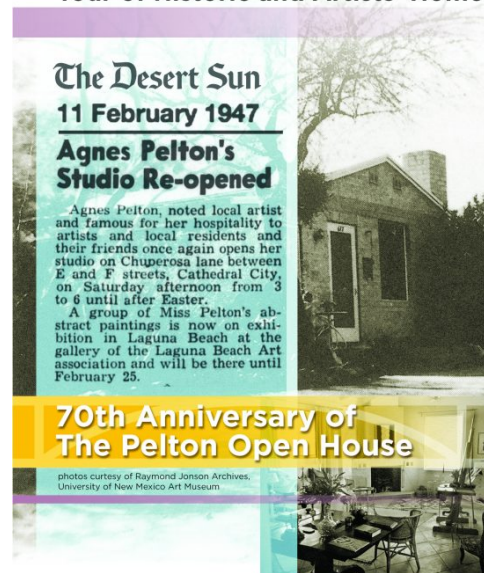


Agnes Pelton Society's 6th Annual Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes

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 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.](#)

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Cathedral City Cove

agnespeltonsociety.com



NCAA SOFTBALL RETURNS TO CATHEDRAL CITY



FEB. 17-19 & FEB. 23-26
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Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic

According to the organizers, the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic is the nation's largest and most prestigious preseason college softball tourney, featuring 50 top Division I teams. For the second year in a row, the Cathedral City, Calif., event will span two weekends — Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 23-26, 2017 ... [Read more.](#)

STARDUST Performing Arts Expo & California Jazz Foundation Concert

The Cathedral City High School is hosting a special music/arts event entitled, "STARDUST Performing Arts Expo" on Saturday, February 25, 2017 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, at the Cathedral City High School, 69274 Dinah Shore Drive, Cathedral City ...[Read more.](#)



Big, Bad, Dishy Hollywood Awards Night

Celebrate Hollywood's biggest, baddest, dishiest awards night hosted by killer comedians at the Mary Pickford Theater, and raise money for The LGBT Center and Desert AIDS Project. Enjoy a live-hosted, interactive evening of hot Hollywood dish and drama and watch your favorite stars win and lose on a gigantic movie screen! Not a stuffy, hushed awards party! A wild and gossipy bash!

[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.

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For more information or directions contact: 760-321-4977 (Cathedral City Historical Society) or 760-321-1548 (Cathedral City Senior Center).

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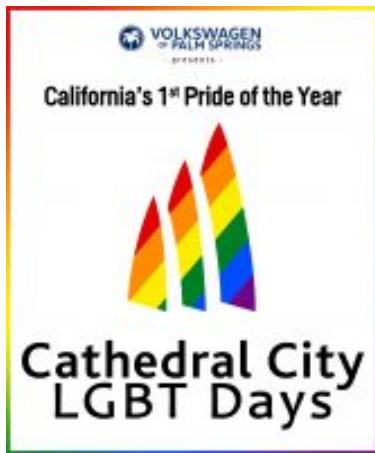
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3rd Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

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!

... [Read more.](#)



Battle of the Badges Boxing Event

Come watch police officers and firefighters box in the main ring on the Festival Lawn in Downtown Cathedral City. Doors open at 5:00 pm 1st boxing match starts at 6:00 pm

[Read more.](#)

