



# CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 11, 2016

## Community Update by Police Chief George Crum

On February 9, 2016, your Police Department held its first annual employee recognition event at the new Double Tree Hotel in Cathedral City. City Manager McClendon, Mayor Henry, Councilman Kaplan, Councilman Carnevale and Fire Chief Wilson were all in attendance and joined me for this inaugural event.



This event was well attended by over 110 people as I recognized 28 individuals in total. All new employees hired in 2015 and all of those employees promoted were brought up on stage and a family member was able to pin their badge on their uniform as they each celebrated reaching a milestone. The following newly hired employees were recognized: Police Cadets Abraham Martinez and Anthony Becerra, Reserve Police Officer Corinna Jamail, Officers Jeff Aguirre, Rudy Castro, Steven Lara, Naddalynt Paz, Jeremy Powers and Charles Siqueiros and Public Safety Dispatchers Jordan Peterson and Stephanie Jones.

Sergeant Larry SanFillipo, Sergeant Nick Chapman and Sergeant Rick Sanchez were recognized for their promotion to the rank of Sergeant in 2015. Lieutenant Paul Herrera was recognized for his promotion to Lieutenant in 2015. In addition to recognizing all newly hired employees and promoted employees, I also acknowledged the volunteer service of the Chief's Advisory Council which I formed in early 2015. All of these individuals have volunteered their valuable time to assist and guide me with current trends and issues facing Cathedral City. The eight members of the Chief's Advisory Council recognized for their service were Denise Rodriguez-Bowman, Kathleen Jurasky, Karen Panico-Willis, Larry Davis, Dale Jagodzinski, Craig Loe, Victor Lupercio and Scott Robinson.

Three Police Department employees received Chief's Commendations for their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty during critical events that occurred in Cathedral City and Indio in 2015. Officer Luis Lomboy was awarded a Chief's Commendation for interrupting an armed robbery at a fast food restaurant and successfully controlling and disarming the suspect while other units responded to assist. Detective Alfredo Luna was awarded a Chief's Commendation for successfully investigating an aggravated assault case involving Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members, the gang members were apprehended and are awaiting trial. Sergeant Nick Chapman was awarded a Chief's Commendation for peacefully ending a barricaded suspect situation in Indio. Sergeant Chapman was able to successfully negotiate the man's peaceful surrender in his role as a negotiator on the Desert Regional SWAT Team.

Eugenia Torres and Ann Marie Quintanilla who both work at City Hall in the Human Resources Department were both recognized with a Chief's Commendation for their support and dedication to the Police Department. Both of them have worked diligently throughout 2015 to assist the Police Department with hiring and recruiting of Police Officers, Dispatchers and Cadets. Their support has been vital for the Police Department's ability to develop quality testing and ensure I hire the best qualified candidates.

Officer Claudiu Murzea was named Officer of the Year for 2015 and Dispatch Supervisor Gale Roberts was named Professional Staff Employee of the Year. These two individuals were chosen by me based on their overall dedication and efforts to the citizens of Cathedral City as well as the Police Department in 2015. In closing the inaugural ceremony, I dedicated two new Police vehicles in honor of Officer David Vasquez and Officer Jermaine Gibson. Each vehicle has been given a memorial decal on the side rear windows honoring both Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to Cathedral City. With the dedication of these two vehicles in their honor, it assures their sacrifice will never be forgotten and they will always be in service in Cathedral City. In closing, I am very proud of the men and women of your Police Department and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication each and every day.

## Upcoming Events



### Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

The Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa presents the 2nd Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival, Valentine's Day Weekend, February 12-14, 2016. Saturday Balloon Glow Dinner Sunday Balloon Glow Dinner Hot Breakfast & Balloon Race Friday Events Saturday Events Sunday Events Balloon Rides Weddings Volunteer Be a Vendor Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa ...

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## Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park at Panorama Park, Cathedral City, CA

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### Throwback Thursdays with Jersey Shore

Back by popular demand, "Throwback Thursdays with Jersey Shore" returns for a 10-week run of shows starting January 21, 2016. If you haven't attended the show before it's all about audience participation that makes TBT with Jersey Shore – the best camp in the Coachella Valley. The show starts at 7:00 pm at the Desert Cinemas UltraMAX Theatre in ...

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## C.O.D. Street Fair in Downtown Cathedral City

West Valley Wednesdays! The College of the Desert Alumni Association brings its popular Street Fair to Downtown Cathedral City on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4 pm to 8 pm. The C.O.D. Street Fair has operated on the weekends for decades at the main campus of College of the Desert in Palm Desert. Now, Street Fair is offering ...

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## Identity Theft Shred Event

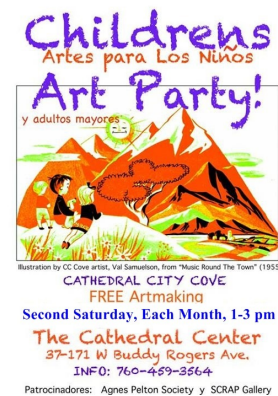
To help STOP identity theft and as a service to its residents, the City of Cathedral City is hosting FREE Document Shredding Events. The Shredding Events are the first Saturday of the month October thru May each year (except January 2016). Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end. For more information, ...

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## Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

Children's Art Party for children and elders. The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral Center, 37-171 W. Buddy Rogers Ave., on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces made of recyclable materials and also meet and work with ...

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## Friends of the Library - Pancake Fundraiser by Applebee's

Bring the family and join Friends of the Library for a Pancake Fundraiser by Applebee's Restaurant that will help support

#### Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause!

Saturday, February 20th \* 8 AM—10 AM  
At Apple Bee's Restaurant of Cathedral City  
You are Invited to a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to  
Raise Funds for the Cathedral City Library!

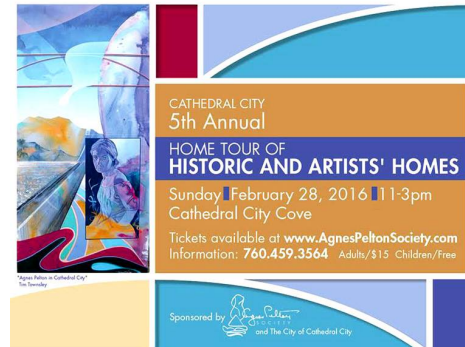


programs and services at the Cathedral City Library. Monies raised will help fund programs such as the children's summer reading program, holiday events for children, and ESL classes as well as purchasing books to keep our shelves well stocked.

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## 5th Annual Cathedral City Cove Home Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes

The City of Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the Agnes Pelton Society's "5th Annual Cathedral City Cove Home Tour of Historic and Artists Homes" on Sunday, February 28 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." ...



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#### Celebrating Diversity



## Cathedral City LGBT Days

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Here's the latest promo: Pictures from Last Year: <https://www.discovercathedralcity.com/diversity/> Easter Weekend, March 25-27, 2016 Join us for the the First Pride Event of the year at the "Cathedral City LGBT Days" on Easter Weekend, March 25-27, 2016. Not your typical Pride event, this event promises to be interactive, festive, and OUTrageous! More details will be forthcoming, but here's a ...

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## Passport to Health: Health Fair and Glo Run / Walk

Get Ready for the Health Fair and Health Glo Fun Run / Walk - Cathedral City, May 7, 2015 HEALTH GLO FUN RUN-WALK event, taking place on May 7, 2015, in conjunction with the Cathedral City Rotary Health Fair. Produced by the Foundation for



the Palm Springs Unified School District, the run/walk event is a way for the community to ...

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