

CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2017

Community Update by Tami Scott Administrative Services Director

The City Finance Department prepares a biennial budget for Council adoption every two years. The budget, simply put, is a policy document. The document reflects and supports City Council policies and is the primary tool to accomplish their goals. The biennial budget is developed with a primary focus to achieve City Council's goals established in the January 2017 Goal Setting



Workshop. Departments share their accomplishments and develop objectives focused on achieving these overarching Council goals in six primary areas:

- Economic and Community Development
- Public Safety
- Community Engagement and Community Relations
- Infrastructure
- Governance
- Financial Strength

As projected revenues are finite, the policy decisions are how to best utilize those resources to meet the needs of the community. The budget must be built from attainable revenue projections, while at the same time identifying fair and accurate expenditures. In developing a budget, the primary component is to determine the costs associated with operating our City. Since we are a service organization (and we don't make widgets), the primary expense is the City's labor force serving the residents and businesses of Cathedral City. In addition, there are operating components (such as materials, supplies) necessary to better serve the Cathedral City community. In addition to the City Council, the City has five primary operating departments: City Management, Administrative Services, Community Development, Police and Fire.

In January 2017, the six-month budget preparation cycle began for the FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019 Biennial Budget by developing estimates for various revenue and expense elements. In February, the department narratives, consisting of department goals, objectives in meeting Council goals, and department accomplishments were reviewed and updated. In addition, a draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan was prepared. In refining the CIP, existing and new projects were identified, along with their scope, funding/expense needs, and associated timelines. In March, City Management and City Council reviewed the budgeted revenues and expenditures. During the month of April, there will be two Study Session Discussions to review the budget workbooks along with any questions from the City Council. The April 12th session will be dedicated to the General Fund (primary financial backbone in operating the City) and the April 26th session will be devoted to the ancillary financial elements of the budget known as the Special

Revenue Funds, Internal Service Funds, and 5-Year CIP Plan. The proposed budget will be presented to City Council on May 10th for review and the final budget will be presented to the City Council on May 24th for adoption, ensuring we meet the requirement to have an approved budget prior to the start of the City's fiscal year on July 1st.

Principals of budgeting and financial statements of the City are governed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and Industry requirements set forth by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The City of Cathedral City participates in GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award program for the City's Biennial Budget. The City has received this prestigious award for five (5) consecutive budget cycles covering the past nine (9) years. The FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019 Biennial Budget will be the City's 6th submission to GFOA for this award.

We would like to invite the many residents and business owners to participate in the Study Sessions in April. We would also like to thank the City Council and City Manager for their leadership and overall direction in the budget process. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the City staff participating in developing our biennial budget.

Preparing the budget is a demanding and time consuming effort for all involved in the process. This is especially true considering the competing priorities and continued workloads of staff and the budgetary challenges facing the City. "Teamwork" among City Council, staff and our citizens and business community is the backbone to creating this policy document. This same "teamwork" continues to be an essential ingredient in *Moving Cathedral City Forward*.

News

Monthly Shred Event Happens this Saturday, April 1, 2017

Monthly Shred Event happens this Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Downtown Cathedral City near the Festival Lawn. For more information, go to www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com. Read more.



Cathedral City LGBT Days Photos Now Available

Check out all the photos that capture the essence of Cathedral City LGBT Days 2017. We attempted to make the photos large enough so you can



download them to print. Please thank our professional photographer Bruce . Read more.

Cathedral City Police Officer Dwayne Hodge to be Honored as "Citizen of the Year"

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the Year" http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/local/cathedral-city/2017/03/29/cathedral-city-cophonored-citizen-year/99800732/ Read more.



Cathedral City Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Cathedral City Receives Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting Cathedral City is proud to announce that its Finance Department, led by Administrative Services Director Ms. Tami Scott, has received a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Cathedral City received the prestigious award as the result … Read more.

M.D.A. During Its Annual "Fill the Boot" Charity Drive – April 21st and 22nd

Members of the Cathedral City Firefighters

Association Local 3654 along with the

Muscular Dystrophy Association, will kick
off the firefighters' annual "Fill the Boot"
fundraising campaign to help save and
improve the lives of people fighting muscle disease in ...Read more.





Cathedral City LGBT Days - Circle of Winners

It's unanimous! The Cathedral City LGBT Days' Bed Race was a huge hit with the participants and the crowd. Thanks to all the bed race teams who made our 3rd Bed Race a success and filled with a little "drama and suspense." Official LGBT Days Bed Race Pace Car: Rainbow RV's Priscilla ... Read more.

"Cathedral City: Boom!"

It's been a busy few weeks. In case you missed it, check out the recent article, "Cathedral City: Boom!" in the Desert Star Weekly. It's a recap of the State of the City last Tuesday detailing all the progress made over the last few years. Desert Star Weekly also did a wonderful interview with our Divas for ... Read more.



Upcoming Events



Shred Event - Stop Identity Theft

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 each month, October thru May of each year.

2017 Dates: April 1, and May 6

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am, please arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.

Location: 68510 East Palm Canyon Drive (adjacent to the Festival Lawn)

Read more.



Red & Black Royal Caviar Festival

* ROYAL CAVIAR FAMILY FESTIVAL from 2 PM - 5 PM!

Family Festival: Caviar Tasting included, Gourmet Food, Bar, HUGE PRIZES & FUN COMPETITIONS for Families & Kids, Magicians and Acrobats, Show-Acts, DJ, Fun Music, Dance, little Mister and little Miss Popular, Great Food & Great People.

Dresscode: Red & Black preferred eg. Venitian Costumes and Masks.

Evening Party Adults only: Caviar Tasting included, Bar, Gourmet Food Catering, HUGE PRIZES & FUN COMPETITIONS (Mister and Miss Red & Black Royal Elegance, Mystery Prince Search, Mister and Miss Popular), Entertainment Acts and a FUN NIGHT TO MEET GREAT PEOPLE ... Read more.



Fight the Bite 5K and Community Resource Fair

The "Fight the Bite 5K and Community Resource Fair" is organized by the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and aims to raise awareness about:

- the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases in the Coachella Valley
- future threats from invasive mosquito species recently detected here
- tips on what can be done to prevent mosquito breeding and mosquito bites ... 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.





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!

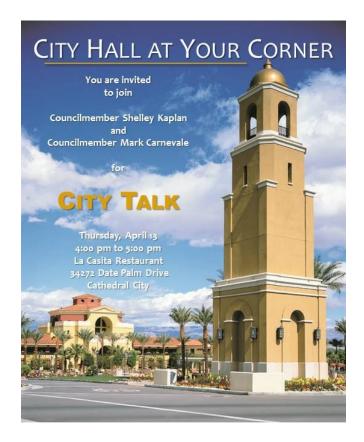
Read more.

City Hall at Your Corner

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, Greg Pettis and John Aguilar.

"City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled once a month at various locations throughout the City and at different times of the day to make it accessible to most schedules and close proximity to all residents. It is your opportunity to share your ideas, let the council know your concerns, and also hear the latest news. Best of all, the discussion is free!

Read more.



Easter Kidapalooza

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



At 12:30 pm - there will be an Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs! ... 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.





Battle of the Badges Boxing Event

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

Read more.







