

March 31, 2016

Community Update by Charlie McClendon City Manager

What a pleasure it is to enjoy a quiet springtime evening in the back yard. These peaceful times, however, can be ruined by noise, especially if it makes it difficult to even carry on a conversation. Noise complaints are one of the most common complaints we deal with here at the City. With the objective of protecting the peacefulness of our residential neighborhoods, City Councils through the years have adopted noise regulations. It is up to each of us as part of a civilized community to consider our neighbors and keep the noise down, not only because it is the neighborly thing to do, but also because, in Cathedral City, it is the law.



The Noise ordinance can be found in Title 11.96 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code:

<http://qcode.us/codes/cathedralcity/>

The code includes a section outlining Prohibited Acts, noise producing activities that are never allowed such as racing the engine of a car, playing amplified music that is audible across property lines (unless in conjunction with a permitted event), operating a vehicle without a muffler, or intentionally sounding an alarm or siren. These prohibited acts are described in more detail in 11.96.030 of the Code.

Another section of the code covers noise producing activities that are only allowed after 8:00 in the morning and before 8:00 in the evening in residential zones and only between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm in all other zones. These include the use of power tools and machinery; gasoline or electric powered leaf blowers; pile drivers, pneumatic hammers or similar devices; and conducting motor vehicle repair work if it produces noise plainly audible across property lines. The items covered under controlled hours of operation can be found in more detail in 11.96.050 of the Code.

Section 11.96.060 deals with exemptions to the provisions of the noise ordinance. These have to do with community events permitted by the City, airport operations, public works and utilities projects, school activities conducted during normal hours of operation and activities conducted at public spaces, such as parks, during normal hours of operation.

Finally, the code includes a section regulating disturbances from construction activities. Basically, construction activities are limited to the following hours:

October 1st through April 30th

Mon. – Friday:

7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

No permissible hours

State holidays:

No permissible hours

May 1st through September 30th

Mon. - Friday:

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

No permissible hours

State holidays:

No permissible hours

Residents who wish to make a noise complaint during normal business hours of 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday should call Code Compliance at 760-770-0309. During other hours the best approach is to document the occurrence and call Code Compliance the next business day.

If a resident feels that it is a serious situation during non-business hours that cannot wait until the next business day they should call the Police Department at 760-770-0303. Please remember that the Police Department will prioritize calls during times of heavy call volume and, therefore, serious crime reports, such as a violent crime in progress will take priority over a noise complaint.

Finally, if the complaint involves a vacation rental home please call the Vacation Rental Hotline at 760-553-1031.

Thanks and let's all remember we share a responsibility for keeping our neighborhoods a great place to live. Let's all be considerate of our neighbors and keep the noise down.

Upcoming Events

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, ...

The City of Cathedral City **FREE!**
Stop Identity Theft Program
 To help STOP identity theft and as a service to its residents, the City of Cathedral City is hosting FREE On-camera Shredding Events. The Shredding Events are the first Saturday of the month (October thru May) each year.
WHEN: 2015 Saturday, October 3, November 7 and December 5
2016 Saturday, January 2 (Event cancelled due to Holiday Weekend), February 6, March 6, April 7 and May 7

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Cuisine & Art Tuesdays

Back by popular demand! Cuisine & Art Tuesdays for the Month of April... Begin Cuisine & Art Tuesdays by going to one of the nine participating galleries between 4 pm and 6 pm on every Tuesday in April for samplings of tasty treats as you peruse the wonderful art. Each gallery has been paired to a restaurant to offer delightful ...

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Cuisine & Art Tuesdays
 Every Tuesday in April, 4PM-6PM



Galleries	Restaurants
Aria Arts Gallery	AJ's on the Green & Splash Bar
Art Room	Bonita Restaurant & Bar
Colin Fisher Studios	Calio's
Daniel House	El Portal Mexican Restaurant
Hedge	Nicola's Italian Restaurant
James Sisco	Sammy's
Leslie Jean Porter	Sunshine Cafe
Rebecca Fine Art Gallery	Trilussa
Spaces	- 4pm-6pm -
	- 5pm-9pm -

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

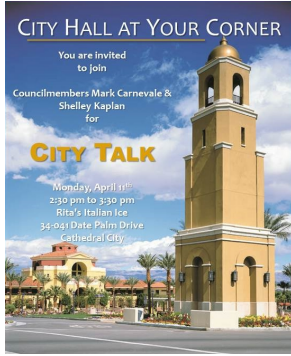
West Valley Wednesdays! The College of the Desert Alumni Association brings its popular Street Fair to Downtown Cathedral City on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4 pm to 8 pm. The C.O.D. Street Fair has operated on the weekends for decades at the main campus of College of the Desert in Palm Desert.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

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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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City Hall at Your Corner

Are you wanting to speak to your city councilmembers or learn more about what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for "City Hall at Your Corner" hosted by two member of the City Council. "City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled once a month through June 7th at various locations throughout the City and at different times ...

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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 ...



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