

April 13, 2017

Community Update by City Manager Charlie McClendon

Cathedral City Begins the Process for Creating Council Districts

For some time now the City Council has been considering when, and under what circumstances, Cathedral City should make the switch from electing Councilmembers at-large to electing them from districts. Briefly, the “at-large” Council election method, the system Cathedral City has used up to this point, provides that Councilmembers can live anywhere in the City and all five Councilmembers are elected by all the voters in the City. The “by-district”

Council election method, the system to which Cathedral City will be transitioning, provides that the City is divided into five Council districts with each district electing one Councilmember.

Candidates for a district seat must live in that district and only voters who live in the district may participate in the district Council election.



The City Council has opted to follow a detailed process to develop and adopt Council district maps as the City converts from “at-large” to “by-district” elections. The process is designed to provide ample opportunity for the public to participate in the process. The schedule adopted by Council resolution requires that two public hearings are held before work begins on drawing the district maps. The first of those public hearings was held this week during the Council meeting on April 12 and the second will be held during the Council meeting on April 26.

The Council awarded a contract back in January to National Demographics Corporation (NDC), a firm that has the specific expertise necessary to guide the City through the map drawing process and to make sure the districts ultimately considered comply with the federal and state Voting Rights laws. Further, Council took the additional step of providing an on-line map drawing tool, available through NDC that will allow any interested person to prepare their own draft maps for consideration. A link to the on-line map drawing feature is available through the City website, www.CathedralCity.gov or by going to the following site, <http://lexington.caliper.com/CathedralCity/>. The deadline for community members to submit their draft maps is May 15 and NDC will post their draft maps, along with any prepared by the public, to the City website by May 18.

Another public hearing will be held during the Council meeting on June 14 to allow the public to comment on any of the draft maps provided. A second public hearing for the same purpose will then be held on July 12. Adoption of the final district maps, after all input from the Community, will occur at the two regular Council meetings in August, with first reading scheduled for August 9 and second reading on August 23. The first “by-district” Council election would then occur for three

Council seats during the November 2018 general election. The other two seats will be elected “by-district” during the November 2020 general election.

I have worked in cities that elected their Councils through both “at-large” and “by-district” systems. Either system can work just fine if the community is active and engaged in their local government, and many in Cathedral City are involved. So take this opportunity to draw your preferred district map, if you are so inclined. Who knows, you may design the map that is ultimately adopted.

News



Cathedral City's Ocotillo Park Recognized as “Parks and Recreation Project of the Year” for the Entire State of California

We have much to be proud of in Cathedral City. One of the jewels of our city is Ocotillo Park. The City of Cathedral City and designer David Evans and Associates were honored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) ... [Read more.](#)

Councilmember John Aguilar Welcomed the City Clerks of California to Cathedral City

The City Clerks Association of California is holding its 44th Annual Conference this week at the DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort in Cathedral City. More than 200 clerks from across the state are here to learn about new legislative updates, network, continue their professional education, and take in ...

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Agua Caliente Tribe invests in Cathedral City

Agua Caliente Tribe invests in Cathedral City Tribal development to



boost downtown revitalization; Tribe to cover costs to relocate, rebuild fire station CATHEDRAL CITY, CA – The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announced today it is acquiring 12.5 acres for a development project in the heart of downtown Cathedral City, and it will

Upcoming Events



Easter Kidapalooza

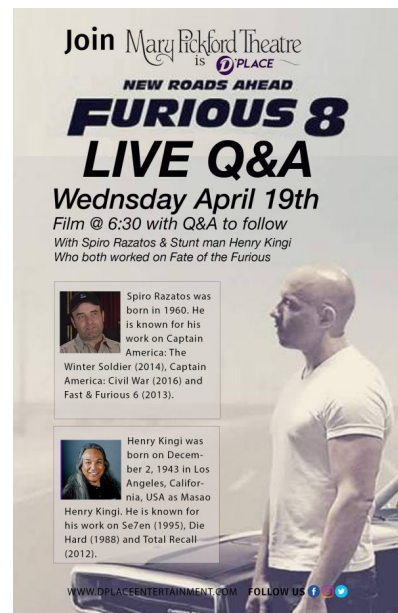
Bring the kids to Cathedral City's Town Square Park in downtown for an event that's all about Kids! From 12 (noon) to 3:00 pm, kids will enjoy the fun of multiple bouncy houses around Cathedral City's Fountain of Life area.

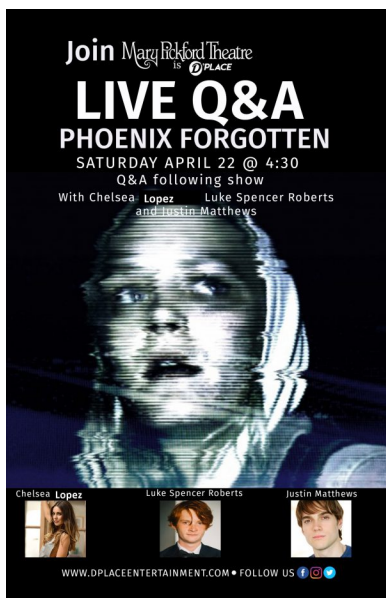
At 12:30 pm - there will be an Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs! ... [Read more.](#)

“The Fate of the Furious” - Pickford Presents: LIVE Question & Answers

In collaboration with the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission, come to a screening of the new movie, “The Fate of the Furious” and meet Stunt Man Henry Kingi and Second Unit Director Spiro Razatos as part of the Pickford Presents Film Series. After the movie screening, the audience will have an opportunity to ask the men questions and learn more about the movie industry and working on this film.

[Read more.](#)





“Phoenix Forgotten” - Pickford Presents: LIVE Question & Answers

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[Read more.](#)

Walking For Water 6K

Earth Day – Saturday, April 22, 2017 – 5 p.m.
Ocotillo Park, 33300 Moreno Road,
Cathedral City

Close access to clean water helps reduce poverty, it's as simple as that. Healthy adults and children are better able to work and can spend more time in school, instead of getting water from far away. You can help!

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5:00 p.m. - REGISTRATION
5:30 p.m. - WALK STARTS
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
THE FIRST 250 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:
A FREE BACKPACK AND WATER BOTTLE*
KIDS ARE FREE - ADULTS \$5

Following the Walk, join us for FREE activities as part of Global Youth Service Day and Earth Day Watch WALL-E at our Movies in the Park when the sun goes down.

For more information contact 760/961-5479 or Karen@scorpions.org

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.](#)

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.

May 6, 2017

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)

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 2017 **Saturday, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6**

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LOCATION: 68-510 East Palm Canyon Drive

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS:
 Legal documents
 Medical records
 Financial statements
 Accounting files/records
 Personnel files
 Payroll records
 Bank statements
 Tax records
 Contracts
 Receipts/invoices
 Cancelled checks
 Photographs
 Credit card documents

You're not limited to the items listed – bring all your sensitive documents.

TIPS:
 > You do not need to remove paper clips, staples, file folders, report covers, envelopes or binder clips from your documents.
 > You can bring your documents in boxes or plastic bags.

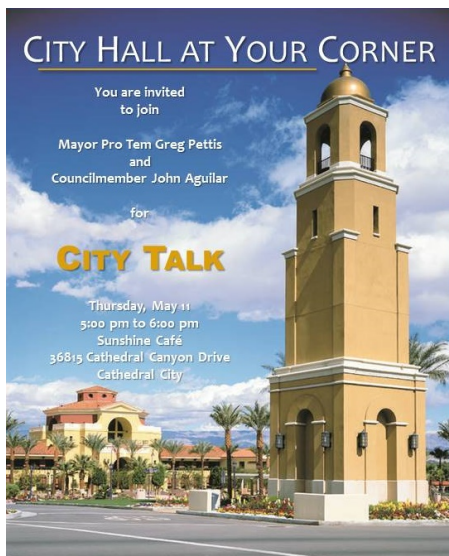
RESTRICTIONS:
 > Limited to Cathedral City RESIDENTS only.
 > Be prepared to show proof of residency or bring this postcard to the event.
 > Limit 5 banker sized boxes per resident or household.
 > **No businesses allowed.**
 > Remove all trash items from your boxes or bags!
 > Items like pens, pencils or regular household trash cannot be shredded.

MORE:
 > Your documents will be shredded on site – you will be able to witness the entire process.
 > Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.
 > This is a free event – there is no charge to shred your documents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Call (760) 770-0360
 Email: dpressgrove@cityofcathedralcity.gov

OR VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT
www.cityofcathedralcity.gov
 (COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS SELECT THE "BUDGETING, TRASH & ENERGY" PAGE)

Cathedral City



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.](#)

Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

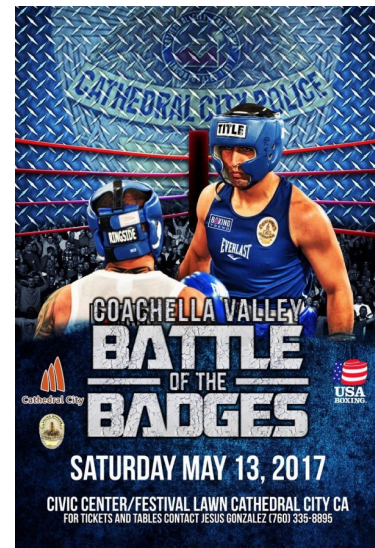
Children's Art Party for children and elders. NEW Location this Month: The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral City Art Gallery, 68895 Perez Road, Suite I-27 (across from Frankie's Italian Bakery) on the Second Saturday of each month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

[Read more.](#)

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.](#)



2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez 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.](#)



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GARY KOTT'S CREATIVE WAREHOUSE • KARIZMA DECOR
NICOLE BAROSI GALLERY • REBECCA FINE ART GALLERY
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SIMEON DEN GALLERY • SPACES • STUDIO 111 • TRENZ GALLERY

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