

April 20, 2017

## Community Update by City Manager Charlie McClendon

### New Short-term Vacation Rental and City Noise Ordinances Go into Effect on May 12th

After extensive input from the public as well as the Short-Term Vacation Rental Task Force, the City Council approved on April 12th two new ordinances relating to short-term vacation rentals and the citywide noise ordinance. Both ordinances go into effect on May 12, 2017. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these new ordinances.



#### Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) Changes:

The new ordinance affects rental properties in Cathedral City that are rented for less than 30 days. These rules do not affect "apartment buildings," as defined, since apartments are prohibited from being rented as STVR.

#### The new STVR rules consist of:

- Day-time and night-time occupancy limits based on the number of bedrooms in each unit

Number of Bedrooms	Maximum Number of Overnight* Occupants	Maximum Number of Daytime** Occupants
0 - Studio	2	8
1	2	8
2	4	8
3	6	12
4	8	16
5	10	18
6	12	18
7	14	18

\* 10:01 pm - 6:59 am

\*\* 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

- The above limits can only be exceeded if the renter obtains a Special Use Permit from the City.
- Occupancy limits must be stated in all advertising of the STVR unit.
- All trash must be placed in proper containers.
- Unless on trash pick-up day, all trash containers must out of view from the street.
- Renters shall park only in the garage, driveway, and/or carport.
- Daytime guests of the renters may park in the street directly in front of the rental property.
- STVR Rules must be posted in a conspicuous place within the rental unit.
- STVR Rules must be part of the guest vacation rental agreement signed by the renter.
- Renter and Rental Property Owner must abide by the City's Noise Ordinance.

- No renter may use a sound device (radios, sound systems, etc...) outside of the dwelling unit between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
- Removal of fences between units to create a “compound” effect is prohibited.

### **STVR Complaints, Fines:**

- Neighbors may complain about a STVR violation by calling the Vacation Rental Hotline at (760) 833-1800, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. (False complaints are subject to graduated fines of \$100/\$250/\$500 per incident).
- Rental owners, the owner’s authorized agent or representative and/or the owner’s designated local contact person shall be available at all times during the vacation rental period and must respond to a complaint within 45 minutes or be subjected to all administrative, legal, and equitable remedies available to the city. Failure to respond to a complaint may include a \$500 fine for each occurrence. A STVR permit may be suspended for repeat violations.

### **STVR Permits, Fees:**

- Before renting a STVR, the owner of the property must obtain a STVR permit from the City and pay an annual fee of \$415. The permit must be renewed annually.
- Failure to obtain a STVR permit from the City after July 12, 2017, the owner of the dwelling unit may be subjected to a fine up to \$5,000 for each non-permitted rental occurrence.
- If the STVR unit is located within the boundaries of a homeowners association or community association and/or subjected to CC&Rs, then the owner must obtain a letter authorizing the STVR from the association, or if no association, prove that the CC&Rs allow STVR.
- A STVR permit may be denied by the City if unresolved City code compliance cases, outstanding City fines or fees, or City liens have been placed on the property.
- All STVR units shall be inspected initially and annually by the City.
- Neighbors within 100 feet of a STVR unit must be notified annually by the City as the owner’s expense.

### **Download the Good Neighbor Brochure for Vacation Guests**

### **Noise Ordinance Changes:**

In order to better identify the occurrence of a noise violation, the City Council approved new rules for the City’s noise ordinance. These rules go into effect on May 12, 2017:

- Daytime and night hours are standardized throughout such that night hours are always 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- In most cases references to different sources of noise are eliminated in favor of decibel readings that apply regardless of the source of the noise.
- Decibel levels are established as the indicator that a violation has occurred according to the following table:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Maximum dB(A) Level</b>
Residential - Exterior Noise	7am - 10pm	65
	10pm - 7am	50
Residential - Interior Noise	7am - 10pm	50
	10pm - 7am	40
Commercial/Industrial - Exterior Noise	7am - 10pm	85
	10pm - 7am	55

- Exterior noise shall be measured at the lot line of the lot where the noise or sounds are emanating. If the measurement location is on the boundary between two different noise zones, the lower noise level standard applicable to the noise zone shall apply. Interior noise shall be measured at least four feet from the wall, floor, or ceiling nearest to the noise source and with all windows, doors and other openings to the exterior closed.
- Noises caused by motor vehicles or trains are exempt from these standards.
- This section shall not apply to any noise emanating from a city operated or sponsored special event, or other events held on public property where the operator of the event has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for the event.

#### **Penalties for Noise Violation:**

- Issuance of an infraction citation;
- Issuance of a notice of public nuisance;
- Imposition of criminal and civil penalties; and
- Confiscation and impoundment as evidence, the components that are amplifying or transmitting the prohibited noise.

Although these new ordinances may appear lengthy, they were developed so that everyone has an understanding of what is expected to be a good neighbor. Most of these items reflect commonsense approaches to prevent complaints and feuding neighbors, preserve the integrity of our neighborhoods, and allow each of us to enjoy our properties during the day and night time hours. In conclusion, the City has also developed a Good Neighbor Brochure for Vacation Guests to provide tourists renting property in residential neighborhoods on what Cathedral City expects in order to be a “Good Neighbor.”

## News

### Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club Hosted a Firefighters Appreciation Breakfast

Earlier this morning, the Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club held a firefighters appreciation breakfast thanking them for their service to the community. Boardmembers and community volunteers cooked a smorgasbord of morning dishes to the delight of all. Executive Director Scott Robinson handed out plaques of appreciation created by ... [Read more.](#)



Fire Chief Paul Wilson  
Praises Firehouse Subs  
for Its \$20,243 Grant  
Given to the Cathedral  
City Fire Department



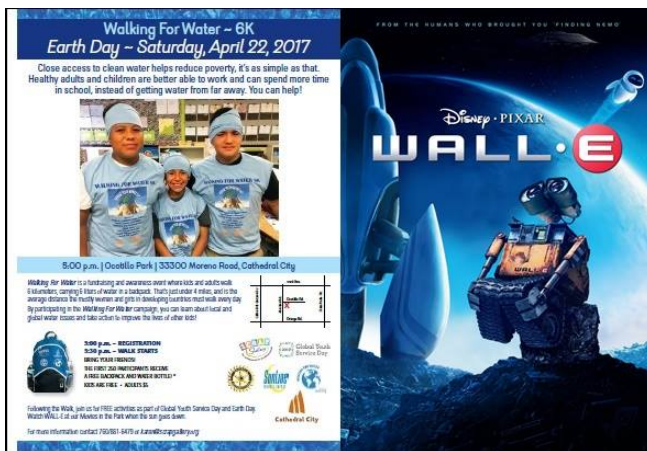
Read more.

The Cathedral City Fire Department is responsible for emergency response to all traffic collisions that occur within the twenty-three square miles of the city limits. The firefighters / paramedics were using old extrication tools to remove victims trapped in motor vehicle accidents. The former tools were cumbersome and took a long time to set up, at emergency incidents. The Firehouse

## New CCPD Smart Phone App - Available Now

The Cathedral City Police Department has launched a new smart phone app that gives you the tools to file a report, learn crime prevention tips, contact the homeless liaison officer, report problematic vacation rentals, report graffiti, or apply online to join the police force - all done by the touch of your ...

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## Celebrate Earth Day in Cathedral City with Two Events at Ocotillo Park

Event #1: "Walking for Water - 6K"

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! "Walking for ...



## Big Crowd Came to Easter Kidapalooza

The crowd started to arrive as early as 11:15 this morning for Easter Kidapalooza in Downtown Cathedral City featuring bounce houses, the Fountain of Life, and an Easter Egg Hunt of 10,000 eggs! It was all about kids as they were the stars today. Four kids went home with new bikes too! With an ...



[Read more.](#)



## City Council Honors the LGBT Days Bed Race Winners

Click on the following video to watch the City Council honor the winners of the 2017 LGBT Days Bed Race Winners:

<https://youtu.be/oflokKTPBQo>

Facebook

[Read more.](#)

## Upcoming Events



## "Phoenix Forgotten" - Pickford Presents: LIVE Question & Answers

In collaboration with the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission, come to a screening of the new movie, "Phoenix Forgotten" and meet cast members Chelsea Lopez, Luke Spencer Roberts, and Justin Matthews as part of the Pickford Presents Film Series. After the movie screening, the audience will have an opportunity to ask the cast questions and learn more about the movie industry and working on this film.

[Read more.](#)

## Walking For Water 6K

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

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5:00 p.m. - REGISTRATION  
5:30 p.m. - WALK STARTS  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!  
THE FIRST 200 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 760/661-6470 or [karen@ecogallery.org](mailto:karen@ecogallery.org)

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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.](#)

## 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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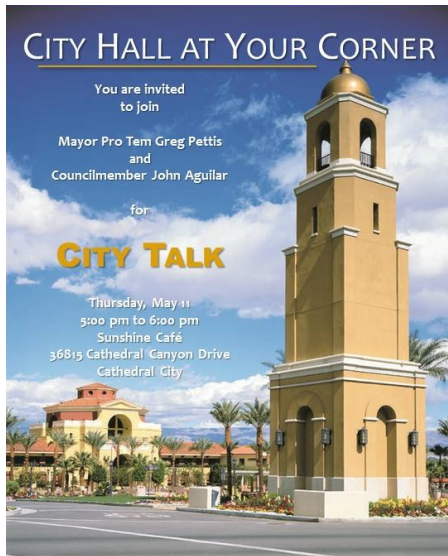
**LOCATION:** 68-510 East Palm Canyon Drive

**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

**TIPS:**  
➤ You do not need to remove paper clips, staples, file folders, report covers, envelopes or binders from your sensitive documents.

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

The flyer includes a map showing the location of the shredding event at 68-510 East Palm Canyon Drive, near the intersection of Highway 111 and Highway 163. It also features a photo of a shredding truck and a person holding a document.



## 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 ...

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## 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.](#)

