

April 27, 2017

Community Update by Pat Milos Community Development Director



Cathedral City Code Compliance Officers Helping to Make Our City Beautiful

One of the most important services provided by the City is code compliance. Our experienced officers, led by Al Jimenez, Chief Building Official and Code Compliance Supervisor, are committed to enhancing the quality of life and increasing the property values within our beautiful city. Whether they are enforcing the municipal code, building code or providing information to our residents for issues such as hauling of debris or appliances, removal of inoperative vehicles, abatement of unpermitted structures or property maintenance standards; their goal remains the same - to provide the highest level of customer service while improving the standards in our city.

(Pictured are (L to R) Al Jimenez, Annika Sanchez, Linda Human, Shawn Nitao, Sandra Martinez and Donna Ybarra)

Often times, the Code Compliance Officer must become the mediator between feuding neighbors. Neighbor A complains about the appearance of Neighbor B's front yard as an example. The officers work to gather as much information as possible from both sides, evaluate the circumstances of the complaint, and then take appropriate action, if needed, to help rectify the situation.

Cathedral City is also proud to announce that with the addition of Code Compliance Officer 1 Shawn Nitao, who has been an employee with Cathedral City for over nine years, the City will now respond to code complaints on the weekends. Typical code compliance issues that occur over the

weekends include unpermitted garage sales, illegal vendors, and complaints arising from Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVR). Thanks in part to the new revenue generated by the emerging medical cannabis industry, the City was able to fund this new weekend position and offer a service not previously available.

During the past two weekends, Officer Nitao has responded to five STVR complaints and twenty unpermitted garage sales, removed 75 unpermitted garage sale signs, cited two illegal vendors, and issued one parking citation, plus all of the additional complaints that have been previously reported into the Code Compliance system.

We hope you will get to know the Code Compliance officer that patrols your neighborhood:

The following are our staff assignment areas:		
A. Sanchez	Administrative Assistant	760-770-0309
Officer Human	Panorama, Rio Vista, Landau Manor	760-202-2453
Officer Martinez	Dream Homes neighborhood, The Cove	760-202-2452
Officer Nitao	Square Mile, Dream Homes, Major Arteries	760-770-0324
Officer Ybarra	Rancho Ramon, East of Date Palm Drive	760-202-2451

Additionally, here are several important community resources you may need to contact:

Community Resources Contact Information			
Police Department, non-emergency	760-770-0301	Burrtec Waste & Recycling	760-340-2113
Animal Control	760-343-3644	Coachella Valley Water District	760-398-2651
Conservation/Recycling	760-770-0369	Desert Water Agency	760-323-4971
Fire Department, administration	760-770-8200	Southern California Edison (Electric)	760-202-4228
Graffiti Hotline	760-770-8286	Southern California Gas Company	760-674-0290

News

Cathedral City Television (CCTV) Available on Our New Website

Don't have cable to watch City Council meetings? No worries. Check out CCTV on the new www.CathedralCity.gov website. It allows you to watch Council Meetings as well as all the commission meetings on your smart phone, laptop, or tablet. Just click on CCTV tab on the Home Page. You can also ... [Read more.](#)



New Pedestrian Directory Signs Installed in Downtown Cathedral City



With new businesses coming into the downtown area and more changes on the horizon, the City has recently installed new pedestrian directory signs informing residents and visitors alike about our theaters, restaurants, and other great things to do in Cathedral City including our art galleries, family fun centers, and ... [Read more.](#)



Construction Begins on Cathedral City Whitewater Bike Trail

We are pleased to announce that construction has begun this week on the 2.2 mile Cathedral City Whitewater Bike Trail that will go from Vista Chino to Ramon Road along the west banks of the Whitewater River basin. The nearly \$3 million bike trail will be built to the specifications of the ... [Read more.](#)

Caribbean Music Festival Coming to Cathedral City - Memorial Weekend 2017

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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 ... [Read more.](#)

Draw the Future for Cathedral City

Can you divide the city into five areas of roughly 10,240 people each? Or can you draw one district of 10,240 people in and around your own neighborhood?



City Council Seeks Draft Electoral District Maps from Public

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 ... [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Town Hall with
Assemblymember Eduardo
Garcia - Expansion of
Desert Healthcare District

Join Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and the
Desert Healthcare District/Foundation

- Town Hall -

**Desert Healthcare
District Expansion**

Healthcare Services and Programs
Needed in the Eastern Coachella Valley




The community is encouraged to attend for information on AB 2414 (Garcia-2016) legislation recently signed into law that proposes an expansion of the existing Desert Healthcare District to include the Eastern Coachella Valley.

Town Hall with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia - Expansion of Desert Healthcare District

[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) [Read more.](#)

The City of Cathedral City

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WHEN: 2016 **Saturday, October 1, November 5 and December 3**
2017 **Saturday, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6**

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.

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) 770-0300
Email: djpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov

OR VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT
www.cathedralcity.gov
(UNDER DEPARTMENTS SELECT THE RECYCLING, TRASH & ENERGY PICK)

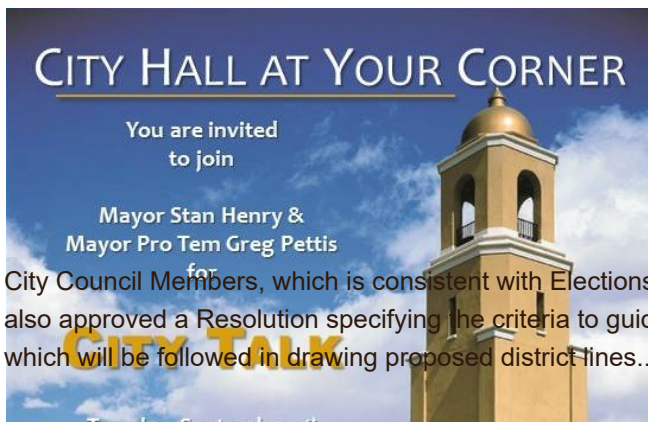



Cathedral City

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.

This will also serve as a great opportunity to come with your questions or comments about the City’s transition from “at-large” to “by-district” elections for members of the



City Council starting with the November 2018 general election.

On March 8, 2017 the City Council approved a Resolution initiating procedures for establishing and implementing by-district elections for

City Council Members, which is consistent with Elections Code section 10010. The City Council also approved a Resolution specifying the criteria to guide the establishment of electoral districts which will be followed in drawing proposed district lines...[Read more.](#)

Free Homebuyer Workshop

Cathedral City and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage are hosting the second of four Homebuyer Workshops in Cathedral City this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 13th at the Cathedral City Library Community Room.

These Workshops provide the opportunity to learn what you can expect, and what will be expected of you, in preparing to purchase a home. In addition to Wells Fargo Bank representatives, Riverside County Housing Authority staff will be ... [Read more.](#)

FREE HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

GRANT MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU BUY NOW!

FOR SALE

Gain a better understanding of these homebuying basics:

- Benefits and costs of owning a home
- Credit basics
- Home financing basics
- Loan application process
- Down payment assistance
- Today's real estate market
- Utility services & rebates

Attend this workshop to find out how to become a homeowner today

When:
 Date: Saturday, May 13th, 2017
 Location: Cathedral City Public Library Community Room
 33-520 Date Palm Drive

8:30am Sign-in and Refreshments
9:00am Workshop begins promptly
11:30am Wrap-up

Register Today!
 Please contact Kathy Stone to RSVP at (760) 862-6400

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE

Cathedral City
www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com

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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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.](#)

