

April 7, 2016

## Community Update by Charlie McClendon City Manager

The Cathedral City Council is committed to making sure that our community is an inclusive community, where everyone has equal access to city services, everyone has a voice in the community and no community members are left behind due to city actions, either intentional or inadvertent. Toward that end, Council suggested a community workshop to begin discussing how we might become more inclusive and equitable as a City.

The City of Cathedral City hosted an All-In Cities workshop on March 31, 2016 with presenters from PolicyLink. About 35 people participated in the workshop including Councilmembers, City staff, business owners and community members. The City of Cathedral City was the first municipality in the country to host a day-long workshop with PolicyLink.



PolicyLink is a group works with local and national partners to develop, advance, and disseminate the next generation of equitable growth policies and practices. The following links provide additional information about PolicyLink <http://www.policylink.org/> and the All-In Cities data specific to Cathedral City, from the March 31, 2016 workshop:

<https://policylink.box.com/s/f8lfe9fa0j5yvf04lyfhmybgebhm04hs>

The focus of the workshop was the All-In Cities policy goals, of which there are the following eight:

1. Grow good, accessible jobs that provide pathways to the middle class.
2. Increase the economic security and mobility of vulnerable families and workers.
3. Cultivate homegrown talent through a strong cradle-to-career pipeline.
4. Create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods for all.
5. Build resilient, connected infrastructure.
6. Increase access to high-quality, affordable homes and prevent displacement.
7. Expand democracy and the right to the City.
8. Ensure just Policing

During the course of the day there were presentations on each of the policy goals, group discussion activities and everyone in attendance had an opportunity for their voice to be heard. Toward the end of the workshop discussion groups identified ideas to make Cathedral City a more equitable community and then completed a priority-setting exercise.

The results included several possible next steps that were identified and three specific goals to work on:

- Establish a Parks and Recreation function in the City to provide recreation opportunities and access to public parks for families and children across the community.
- Provide fully staffed and trained departments, especially public safety departments.
- Establish community councils in the various neighborhoods in the city to promote two-way communication with residents and opportunities for people to be engaged with the City.

Steps are already underway to work on these priorities. This coming Wednesday (4-13), during study session, Council will receive an update from the Desert Recreation District on their services and what it would take for the City to consider joining the district. This is a possible first step toward providing improved access to recreation programs.

Council goals already adopted earlier this year called for an analysis of staffing needs in Police and Fire and both departments have developed strategic plans, with community involvement, which will guide future growth of the departments.

Plans will be developed soon for a couple of pilot community councils. Watch for details in the upcoming weeks.

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Savings Event at the Cent\$ational Mile of Resale Shops

Spring Savings Event - Up to 80% Off. Recognized by the New York Times as the best resale shopping in the entire Coachella Valley, the Cent\$ational Mile of Resale Shops is having a Spring Savings Event starting Friday, April 8th through Sunday, April 10th. You can save up to 80% off on already low prices (see stores for details). ...

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### Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

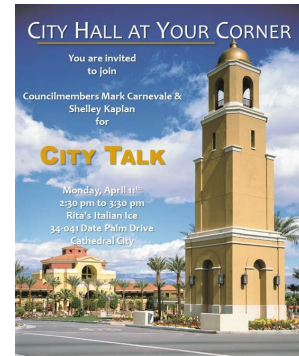
Children's Art Party for children and elders. The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral Center, 37-171 W. Buddy Rogers Ave., on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces made of 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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## Cuisine & Art Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in April, 4PM-9PM



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Back by popular demand! Cuisine & Art Tuesdays for the Month of April... Begin Cuisine & Art Tuesdays by going to one of the ten 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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## Walking For Water ~ 6K Walk Global Youth Service Day - Saturday, April 16th

Walking for Water is a fundraising and awareness event where kids and adults walk 6 kilometers, carrying 6 liters of water in a backpack. That's just under 4 miles, and is the average distance that women and girls in developing countries must walk every day, typically carrying 20 liters (5.2 gallons) of water. By participating in the Walking for Water ...

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## Movies in the Park



Movies in the Park at Panorama Park, Cathedral City, CA

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## Cathedral City Boys & Girls Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration

For 35 Years the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City has been providing services to the youth and families of the greater Western Coachella Valley. We know we couldn't have done it without YOU! Please join us in this celebration as we showcase our Club and honor a few of the people that have made significant contributions to ...

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## 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, ...

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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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