

July 13, 2017

Community Update by Curt Watts
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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNIZES ITS BEST &
BRIGHTEST STARS**

The City of Cathedral City works closely with the local Chamber of Commerce to promote and encourage continued success among members of the Cathedral City business and civic service community. It's especially fitting, therefore, that each year the City's best & brightest "stars", and those who support their continued success, are recognized at the Chamber's annual **Orion Awards**. This year's event was held on Friday, June 23rd at the beautiful DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Hotel at Vista Chino & Landau. The overall Presenting Sponsor of the event was **Jessup Auto Plaza**.

The festive evening event began with a cocktail reception and silent auction bidding by attendees on amazing offerings donated by area businesses and organizations. The signature presentation of the Orion Awards, which recognize outstanding performance and accomplishments in nine different categories, was masterfully led by **Emcee Wesley Eure** whose career credits include being an actor, singer, author, producer, director, charity fundraiser and lecturer.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Orion Award winners and nominees in each category:

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – JULIE FRAZIER

Award Sponsor: New Leaf Catering

Other Nominees: Debbie Craig, Gillian Cross and Loretta Nelson

CITY OFFICIAL/STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR – CHRIS PARMAN

Award Sponsor: Southern California Edison

Other Nominees: Rhonda Guillaume, Leisa Lukes, Charlie McClendon, Pat Milos and Judy Williams

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR – WINE and DINE at SAMMY’S PLACE

Award Sponsor: Winslow Drake Investment Management

Other Nominees: AJ’s on the Green, El Portal, Frankie’s Italian Bakery, Tony’s Burgers and Zobo & Meester’s

NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR – BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CATHEDRAL CITY

Award Sponsor: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Other Nominees: Cathedral City Historical Society, Cathedral City Rotary Clubs, Desert AIDS Project and Guide Dogs of the Desert

INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR – LA MICHOACANA ICE CREAM PARLOR

Award Sponsor: The David Rohr Floral Studio

Other Nominees: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Atomic Budz, CV Repertory Theater, RELEAF Cathedral City and Winslow Drake

WOMAN OF THE YEAR – LESA BODNAR

Award Sponsor: Palm Springs Motors

Other Nominees: Susana Avalos, Julie Frazier, Loretta Nelson and Kara Robinson

MAN OF THE YEAR – TODD HOOKS

Award Sponsor: Jessup Auto Plaza

Other Nominees: David Bermudez, Cary Boisvert, Rocky DiLucchio, Thomas Hengy and Terry Nelson

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – THE DAVID ROHR FLORAL STUDIO

Award Sponsor: The Desert Sun

Other Nominees: Body Concierge, Cathedral City Revivals, NAI Consulting, Team Art, Terry & Kara, Winslow Drake

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL GOLF RESORT

Award Sponsor: Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City

Other Nominees: Davies Auto Care, Frazier Pest Control, La Michoacana Ice Cream Parlor, Quick Quack Car Wash and Rocky’s Pawn Shop

SPECIAL THANKS to the many volunteers involved in making this event a stellar success!

News

Cathedral City Police
Department Handing
Out "Chill" Tickets to



Our Kids During the Hot Summer

Upcoming Events

Free Kids Summer Film Series

Limited seating. Pick-up your free Priority Line Pass one week in advance at the following Cathedral City locations:

1. **Bambino's Pizzeria**, 69040 E Palm Canyon Drive, Suite #A (Near Big Lots)
2. **Cathedral City Public Library**, 33520 Date Palm Drive
3. **La Michoacana Ice Cream Parlor**, 27765 Landau Blvd., Suite #106
4. **Sonic Drive-In**, 30-777 Date Palm Drive

You may still ... [Read more.](#)



9 Cities Blood Drive Challenge

The Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission in partnership with the Mary Pickford Theatre presents a Free Summer Kids Film Series happening on every Friday at 9:30 a.m. starting Friday, June 16, 2017 thru Friday, August 18, 2017. Thanks to Councilmember John Aguilar who donated ... [Read more.](#)

City Hall at Your Corner - Special Meeting

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, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis and Councilmember Shelley Kaplan.

This “City Hall at Your Corner” will also serve as a Special Discussion on Electoral Districts as the City transitions from “at-large” to “by-district” elections for members of the City Council starting with the November 2018 general election...

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Summer Reading Performance Schedule 2017

<p>June 7, 2017 Summer Reading Kickoff Sign ups all Day!</p> <p>Soda Making Class at 6pm</p> <p>Got Soda? Join librarian and beverage chef, Joshua K., in this unique soda making class. Sign up today to our summer reading program and get a free in-file ticket towards the grand prize drawing July 14th (applicable to the first 100 program registrants).</p>	<p>June 14, 2017 at 6:00pm Ken and Friends Musical Performance</p> <p>Are you ready to rock? Sing along, clap along and move along to truckster tales with Ken Fawley and his fuzzy puppet friends.</p> <p>Dream Shapers</p>
<p>June 21, 2017 at 6:00pm Bust Bubble Party</p> <p>Life is better inside a bubble! Ever wonder what it's like to be inside a bubble? Experience the magic, art and science of bubbles. Free bubbles for all attendees, while supplies last!</p>	<p>June 28, 2017 at 6:00pm S.C.R.A.P. Gallery Crafts w/Karen</p> <p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repeat! Create a craft like no other and save the environment at the same time! S.C.R.A.P. Gallery director, Miss Karen will show us how to create unique crafts from recycled materials.</p>
<p>July 12, 2017 at 6:00pm Buster Balloon, Magic and Comedy Show</p> <p>Twist and... Laugh? Get wild and wacky as Buster Balloon provides a mix of side splitting comedy, mind boggling magic, and twisted balloon creations.</p> <p>*Last Week for Sign ups</p>	<p>July 19, 2017 at 6:00pm Cinderella Builds Her Dream: Puppet-Music Show & Grand Prize Drawing</p> <p>Calling all Architects and Builders! Help Cinderella and her friends design and build their way to make their dreams come true!</p> <p>*Grand Prize Finale Must be present to win</p>

All Summer Reading Programs sponsored by Friends of the Cathedral City Library and free to the public

Summer Reading Program & Activities - Cathedral City Library

Summer Reading Performance - Cathedral City Library

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A Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle

Tired of the dog days of summer?
The City of Cathedral City wants you to cool down for a Free Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm. ESkate allows up to 175 people to ice skate for free including skate rental. ... [Read more.](#)



Two for Tuesday

Cathedral City residents can ice skate for half-price on the first Tuesday of every month (excluding holidays) at Desert Ice Castle. Just bring proof of being a Cathedral City resident, such as an Driver's license, copy of a utility bill, or any other form of residential proof. Ages 3 years and up.



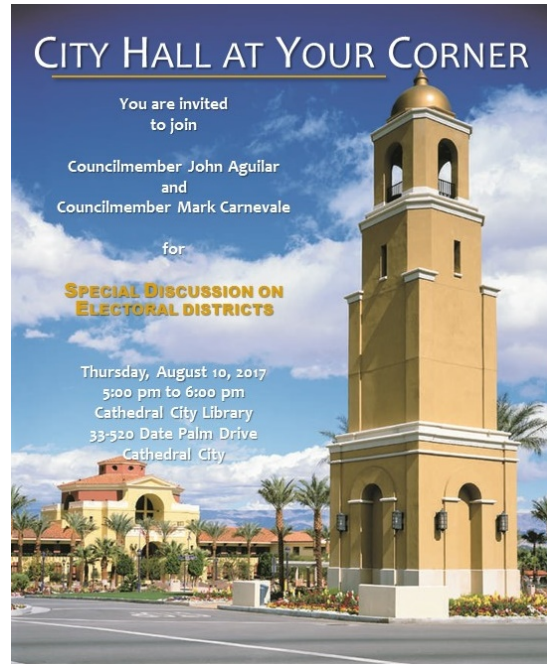
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2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road

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!.....

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Tejano Music Fest

Come enjoy the Tejano Music Fest on Saturday, September 16th from 3 pm to 11 pm in Downtown Cathedral City. The event includes musical acts, Tejano food, beverages for all, and Tejano art.

[Read more.](#)

Desert Glo Fest

Desert Glo Fest is the newly revamped event formerly known as **Health Glo**, at Health Glo 2015 & 2016 runners/walkers danced, jumped and sang along at our DJ spun Pre-Party while the paint flew. After enjoying the non-stop party our participants ran or walked through our 5k black light lit glow course where they were doused with even more paint and glowed the night away.....[Read more.](#)





Halloween Spooktacular

The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, City of Cathedral City's Special Events and many non-profit organizations bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular, Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-3 pm. The event will occur in downtown in front of City Hall, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero.

Halloween Spooktacular will include free admission as well as exhibits sponsored by non-profit organizations, the Cathedral City Police Department and Cathedral City Fire Department.

Families are encouraged... [Read more.](#)

Healing Field

"Healing Field" is a tribute to the men and women of uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country since September 2001. The event is organized by the Cathedral City Rotary and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City. Located in Patriot Park next to Big League Dreams Sports Park at the corner of Date Palm Drive and Dinah ...

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Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival 2017

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Snow Fest

Bring the entire family for this brand new event that shall become a tradition for Cathedral City! Snow Fest captures all the holiday spirit and places it at one event. You will enjoy an outdoor market featuring holiday arts & crafts, food, treats, and beverages including hot chocolate. At 5:30 pm, the night-time holiday lights parade begins at the corner of Date Palm Drive and Perez Road and winds its way back to City Hall where the festival portion is held. [Read more.](#)

