

July 20, 2017

Community Update by Police Chief George Crum



Important Information to Know about Drug-Impaired Driving:

Just like drunk driving, driving under the influence of drugs is a crime – even if your impairment is due to prescribed medications, illicit drugs, over-the-counter medications or cannabis – medical or recreational. The legal and monetary consequences are the same – up to \$10,000 in fines, fees and insurance costs, restricted licensing, days off work to go to court, a criminal record and more.

In 2014, 38 percent of all drivers who were killed in motor vehicle crashes in California tested positive for legal and/or illegal drugs. That percentage has been increasing every year. The Office of Traffic Safety, together with our partners in law enforcement, state and federal agencies, pharmaceutical and cannabis industry associations, and concerned organizations and advocates across the state, wants to bring awareness to the California public about the dangers of drugged/impaired driving so that injuries and fatalities can be reduced on roadways.

MEDICATIONS:

- Over the past 10-15 years, more Americans have begun taking more prescription and over-the-counter medications that can impair driving. The list is long, and includes sleep aids, pain killers, anti-depressants, stimulants, muscle relaxants, allergy medications, sedatives, anti-anxiety drugs and many more. These medications can be impairing for many hours after taking, sometimes up to 24 hours.

- Always check the label of any medication and talk to your physician or pharmacist. Any mention of not driving, operating machinery or side effect that causes brain or physical impairment needs to be taken seriously.

- Taking prescription medication according to doctor's orders is not a valid legal excuse for driving while impaired.

MARIJUANA (Medicinal or Recreational):

- California's Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, went into effect November 9 making it legal for individuals 21 and older to use and grow marijuana for personal use. While smoking is permitted in a private home or at a business licensed for on-site marijuana consumption, smoking remains illegal while driving a vehicle, anywhere that prohibits smoking tobacco and in all public places.

Marijuana affects driving:

- Slows your reaction time and ability to make decisions. Marijuana affects the part of the brain that controls body movement, balance and coordination and can impair judgment and memory. Studies show that driving while under the influence of marijuana negatively impacts attentiveness, perception of time and speed. Impaired memory can affect the ability to draw from past driving experiences, especially in emergency situations.

- The effect of marijuana is strongest during the first hour. People who drive immediately after using marijuana may double their risk of getting into a crash. The impairing affect will gradually wear off, but may take four hours or longer. These effects can be delayed if the marijuana is ingested rather than smoked.

MIXING ALCOHOL WITH MEDICATIONS OR MARIJUANA:

Combining alcohol with marijuana and/or impairing medications is even more dangerous than used alone. Alcohol is a depressant and works by slowing down the central nervous system, which means that normal brain functions are delayed. It also impairs hand-eye coordination and how you process information. When marijuana or the long list of impairing prescription medications and illicit drugs are mixed with alcohol, the combination can heighten the effects of both on the body and brain.

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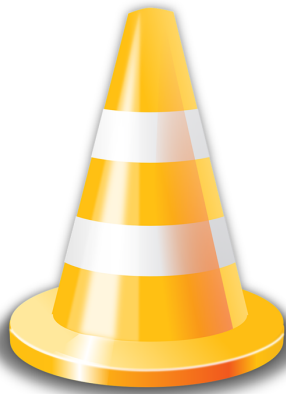
The First Section of the CV Link under Construction in Cathedral City

Construction crews are busy laying the cement for the very first section of the CV Link located in Cathedral City. We are the trendsetters and pioneers for this 2.2-mile section that will run from Ramon Road to Vista Chino along the west banks of the Whitewater River Basin. ... [Read](#)

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TripAdvisor Lists Cathedral City in Its Top 15 “Affordable Summer City Trips Out West”

Where else besides Cathedral City can you find plenty of California sun, majestic mountains, championship golf courses, and refreshing swimming pools? According to TripAdvisor’s Vacation Rental division, Cathedral City fits that description and was ranked at Number 5 out of the Top 15 locations in the ... [Read more.](#)



Cone Zone Alert: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR McCALLUM WAY AND 30TH AVENUE ARE UNDERWAY

The McCallum Way and 30th Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project has begun in which both streets between Landau Boulevard and Date Palm Drive and on 30th between Date Palm Drive and Da Vall Drive will be completely reconstructed. Match Corporation, which recently completed the Vista Chino Rehabilitation Project ... [Read more.](#)

Three Cathedral City Firefighters Head to the Massive “Detwiler Fire” Near Yosemite National Park

Last night, Fire Chief Paul Wilson deployed the Office of Emergency Services’ Engine 351 along with three Cathedral City Firefighters to assist in the rapidly spreading 45,000 acres “Detwiler Fire” located in Mariposa County near Yosemite National Park. The Detwiler Fire is currently only 7% contained ... [Read more.](#)





“The Sioux Wars: An Historic Exhibit” Opens This Saturday

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission (CCPAC) hosts a special photographic exhibit entitled, “The Sioux Wars: An Historic Exhibit,” starting Saturday, July 22, 2017 through early September. The exhibit is open on Saturdays and Sundays only between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Cathedral City Cultural Arts Museum located adjacent ... [Read more.](#)

Tejano Music Festival Adds More Reserved Tables – On Sale Now

Due to overwhelming demand, the initial 32 reserved tables for the September 16th Tejano Music Festival presented by Volkswagen of Cathedral City have been sold out! The planning committee met last night to expand the number of reserved tables by adding 18 more tables for a total of 50 ...

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1 New Police Officer and 2 New Police Cadets Join Cathedral City Today

Please welcome our newest employee to Cathedral City, Police Officer Juan Carlos Ramirez. Officer Ramirez was sworn-in this morning to serve our community. He comes to Cathedral City after serving as a police officer in Calexico, California since 2011. Officer Ramirez grew up in Calexico and achieved ...

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The crowds continue to grow each week as 177 moms, dads, and children came this past Friday to the Cathedral City Kids Summer Film Series at the Mary Pickford Theatre to watch the film, “Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip,” for ...

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Upcoming Events



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.](#)

Free Kids Summer Film Series

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 a generous portion of his City discretionary funds, the film series will allow

free admission in order to see a different kids movie each Friday morning at the Mary Pickford Theatre in Downtown Cathedral City.


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Two for Tuesday
at
DESERT ICE CASTLE
1st Tuesday of Every Month



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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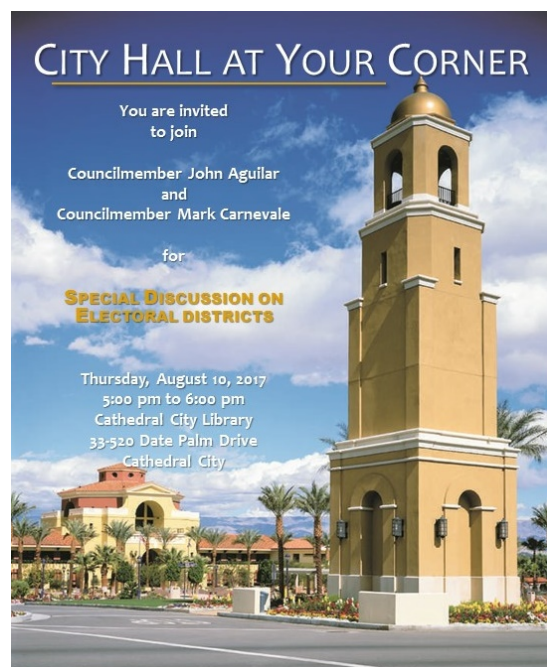
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City Hall at Your Corner - Special Meeting

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, Councilmembers John Aguilar and Mark Carnevale.

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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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.

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Desert Glow Fest

Desert Glow 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.](#)

