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Community Update by Pat Milos
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Cathedral City Soccer Park, Maintenance and Operations Agreement

The Cathedral City Soccer Park Complex was completed and became operational in 2006.

Prior to the Construction and as part of the process of entitlement, the City held several neighborhood meetings to discuss the value that the park brings to the community, the



challenges of having a public park adjacent to a residential area, and how the park should be designed to best enhance the area and address residential concerns. At that time the American Youth Soccer Organization, under the leadership of local residents Dennis and Dianne Keat, now deceased, was instrumental in the promotion of the project, the conceptual design of the complex and the associated plans for long term field management and ongoing maintenance and operations. Upon the completion of the Soccer Park the City and AYSO entered into a 10-Year Maintenance and Operations Agreement.

As part of that agreement the City became responsible for periodically fertilizing the fields and landscaping, maintaining signs, lighting and structures, replacing sod and seeding, replacing trees, shrubs and park furniture as needed.

AYSO responsibilities included maintaining all landscaping and turf, mowing the entire Park at least weekly, rolling sod when needed, repairing and/or replacing sprinkler heads, risers, piping, valves and controls, adjusting watering rates, trimming trees and shrubs, trash removal, maintenance of restrooms and drinking fountains, graffiti removal, parking lot striping and installing and maintaining signs indicating to the general public the schedule of use of all fields and facilities.

Over the last 10 year period, the current agreement has worked reasonably well for both parties and the initial agreement expires in August 2016.

The City Council and AYSO are drafting the new M & O agreement and desire broader public input into the process. The City Council instructed the City staff to work with an Ad-Hoc committee made up of a City Council Sub-Committee (Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis and Councilman Mark Carnevale) a City Parks and Events Commission Sub-Committee (Chairperson Diane Hines,

Johnny Huynh-Simmonds and Jerrid Seeba) AYSO Representatives (Jim Engle and Orlando Lomeli) and key City staff members.

The Ad Hoc committee met on Tuesday July 19th and discussed the following items:

- The term of the agreement and whether it is more advantageous to do shorter terms
- The weekly schedule and allowed days and times for AYSO use as well as extending use to Fridays and Sundays for occasional tournament play.
- The months that the park will not be used - June thru August as well as during the Thanksgiving break, Easter week break and Christmas break.
- A shared use agreement with PSUSD for PE related field use and student drop off. This would include related maintenance costs, incurred liability and indemnification as well as using James Workman Middle School Parking as an overflow option for the Soccer complex
- Allowed hours for field, parking lot and perimeter lighting operations
- Special Events uses and related specific applicant priorities
- Encouraging practice and play to use the northerly most fields to regulate and reduce light intrusion along 30th Avenue.
- Alternative sites for annual registration and skills assessment testing

The Cathedral City Soccer Complex in conjunction with AYSO Region 1200 provides a fun recreational youth soccer program to nearly 1,000 children of Cathedral City, and the surrounding communities annually. In AYSO, **Everyone Plays!** They emphasize balanced teams, fair play, good sportsmanship, positive coaching and player development.

The Soccer Park is also equipped with a walking track and outdoor exercise equipment for the health and enjoyment of our community. These facilities have become a popular part of many workout routines and are used by hundreds of citizens daily.

Most importantly the Ad-Hoc committee decided that a neighborhood meeting would be helpful to more accurately gauge the residential support for the facility and to hear the concerns related to the park. The City will organize a community meeting to take place at James Workman middle school. The meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

On behalf of the City I would encourage you to plan to attend the meeting to show your support for the Soccer Park, voice your concerns and be involved in the future operations of your park.

The City Council wants to hear your input!

Upcoming Events

Mid-Summer Savings Event on the Cent\$ational Mile of Resale Shops

Mid-Summer Savings Event - Up to 50% 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 Mid-Summer Savings Event starting Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31st. You can save up

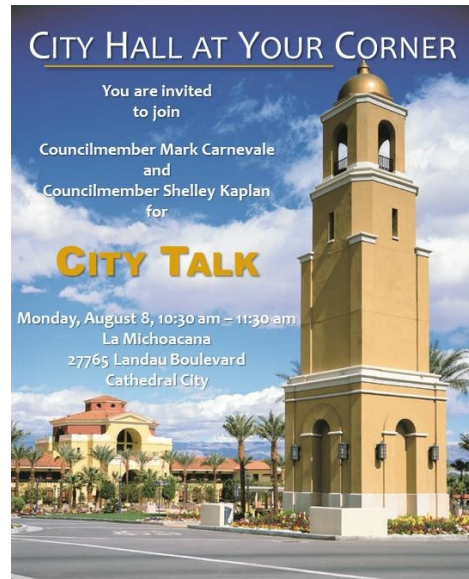


to 50% off on already low prices (see stores for details). Participating ...

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 member of the City Council. "City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled once a month through November 2, 2016 at various locations throughout the City and at ...

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FallFest

KevaWorks, the promoter of the Tamale Festival in Indio, visited the Cathedral City Balloon Festival in February and decided that they wanted to start a new annual event for the Coachella Valley called FallFest. It will be a family-friendly, community event that will take place October 27-30, 2016 in Downtown Cathedral City. FallFest will include a full carnival, complete with ...

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Halloween Spooktacular at FallFest

Trick or Treat, Meet Your Fire and Police, and Win a Bicycle with a Cool Seat at Cathedral City's Spooktacular on Halloween 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 at FallFest, Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1-4 pm. The event will occur downtown ...

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Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the 4th Annual "Dia de los Muertos" featuring: mariachi bands folkloric dancers an art contest for middle and high school students a children's craft area supervised by SCRAP Gallery information tables food vendors This year, an an altar will be constructed that focuses on the 4 families who founded Cathedral City in the late ...

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Healing Field

"Healing Field" is a tribute to the men and women of uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. 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 ...

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Cathedral City 35th Anniversary Celebration and Balloon Festival

For more information, click here.

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Santa & Seasonal Lights

Civic Center Plaza
December 1, 2016 - 6 pm

- MAYOR'S WELCOME
- LIGHTING OF THE HOLIDAY TREE
- HOLIDAY MUSIC
- SANTA'S ARRIVAL & PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
- HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES
- KIDS ART PROJECT

presented by
VOLKSWAGEN
OF PALM SPRINGS

Santa & Seasonal Lights

Join friends and neighbors for a Special Holiday Celebration featuring "Santa & Seasonal Lights" on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Free event. 6:00 pm: Tree Lighting Ceremony at Cathedral City Civic Center Plaza
Lighting of City Hall Light
Refreshments Santa Claus Arrival
Kids Art Project For Sponsorship

Opportunities, contact: Eric Davis, City ...

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