

## CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2017

## **Community Update**

by City Manager, Charlie McClendon

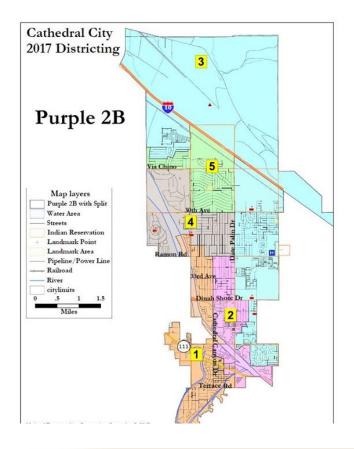
## Making Service, Civility and Integrity the Foundations of our Community Interactions

The City recently contracted with the James Madison Group to provide customer service training to City employees. This is a reflection of the commitment of the City Council and staff to making sure that people who do businesses with the City receive the best service possible. It is my belief that City employees have consistently done their best to provide exceptional service to the people of our community. Nonetheless it never hurts to provide refresher training and reinforce the values that guide our organization.



Over the Veteran's Day weekend, November 9-12 a construction project will be completed in the City Hall lobby that is designed to further improve customer service and security for those who visit City Hall. Currently the lobby features a long, wide open counter where business is conducted. This is not very private for people conducting business over the counter as those waiting for service are, in many instances, standing right behind those being helped. It is often hard to hear as well, for both customers and the employees serving them. The new construction will provide a waiting area for those waiting to receive service and a separate counter area where those being assisted can receive better, more private service. The new design will also make cash transactions more secure for both the customer and the City employee. Finally, service windows will be staffed at all times improving responsiveness to people as they enter the building.

The James Madison Group also conducted training for our Board and Commission members on civility and ethics. The City Council and I very much appreciate the many hours of volunteer service provided by our Boards and Commissions. The advice they provide to Council, the events they help coordinate and the ideas they bring forward help make our community a better place to live and work. The training provided our Board and Commission members with some suggestions and tools they can use to navigate the inevitable disagreements that arise when working in a group. The training was also designed to help the participants understand the laws under which they must operate and some common ethical dilemmas they may face. Finally, the training offered some insights related to social media, email and other technology that may have changed the ways that we interact with others. The objective is to allow our Boards and Commissions to flourish and avoid pitfalls along the way. Thanks to our Board and Commission members for their willing participation in the training.



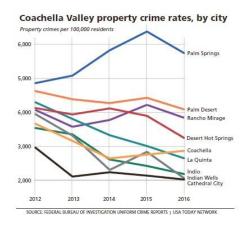
## It's Official: NDC Purple Map 2B Is the Electoral District Map for Future Council Elections

At last night's city council meeting, the Council unanimously approved National Demographics Corporation's (NDC) Created Purple Map 2B as the final electoral district map. Read more.

# Property Crime Stats in Cathedral City Continue to Be the Lowest in the Coachella Valley

For the fifth year in a row, property crimes in Cathedral City continue to be the lowest in the entire Coachella Valley, even though we are second biggest city in the Coachella Valley. Here's a chart in today's Desert Sun. Cathedral City can be proud ... Read more.

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# Councilmember Mark Carnevale Honors a Relay Runner for the 5K with Los Muertos Race

Councilmember Mark Carnevale discusses the 5K with Los Muertos and places a ceremonial medallion on a relay runner in front of City Hall in November 4th. Watch the ... Read more.

# Councilmember Mark Carnevale Discusses the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce

Watch the following video by Councilmember Mark Carnevale as he interviews Rebecca Rizzo and



Kimberly Krause of the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce about their mission and why local businesses might want to join this regional organization focused on the interest of commerce. Video can be seen here: ... Read more.



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and benefiting the Cathedral City
Boys & Girls Club. This festival is all
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Cinema Diverse – The Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival – happens September 21-24 at the Camelot Theatres in Palm Springs. Each film will be scored by judges and attendees for determining the best films of the festival. Then on September 29-30, Cinema Diverse's "Best of the Fest" comes to Cathedral City's Mary Pickford Theatre for two nights of viewing the best films of the festival... Read more.



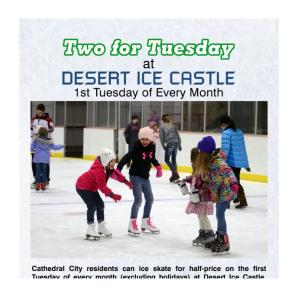
### International Meatball **Festival**

The City of Cathedral City proudly sponsors the International Meatball Festival hosted by Sammy's Place and benefiting the Cathedral City Boys & Girls Club. This festival is all about tasting its namesake plus entertainment and beer and wine tasting. Several meatball competitions occur throughout the event including a meatball tasting battle between our local fire and police departments... Read more.

### Two for Tuesday

Cathedral City residents can ice skate for halfprice 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. The Time for Public Skate Available for "Two ... Read more.





## Housing Rights and Responsibilities

FREE Workshop on Housing Rights and Responsibilities. Learn about... Federal and State fair housing laws, how to recognize and report discrimination, the protections provided for individuals living with disabilities or families with children, new HUD guidelines on tenants with criminal backgrounds, evictions, deposits, habitability problems, notices and much more! Cathedral City: Thursday, October 5, 2017 10am to 12pm | Cathedral City ...

Read more.

### Stop Identity Theft Program

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.

WHEN: 2017 Saturday, October 7, November 4 and December 2
2018 Saturday, January 6, February 3, March 3,



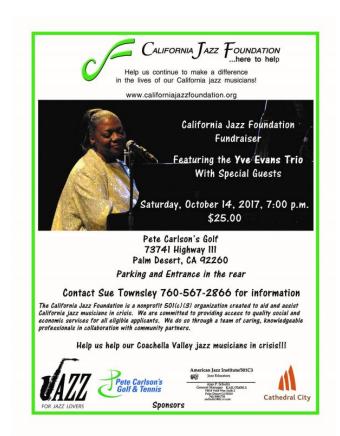
#### **Desert Glow Fest**

Desert Glow Fest is the newly revamped event formely 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.

## 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!





## California Jazz Foundation Fundraiser

Enjoy an evening of Jazz featuring the Yve Evans Trio and help raise money for the California Jazz Foundation. Its mission is to aid and assist California Jazz musicians in crisis.

Tickets are \$25.00 and tax deductible as the California Jazz Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity. The City of Cathedral City proudly sponsors the foundation.

Read more.

## Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the annual "Día de los Muertos" featuring: mariachi bands folkloric dancers an art contest for students a children's craft area supervised by SCRAP Gallery information tables food vendors Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead A Celebration Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones Saturday, October 28, 2017 11:00 am ~ 3:00 ...





#### Halloween Spooktacular

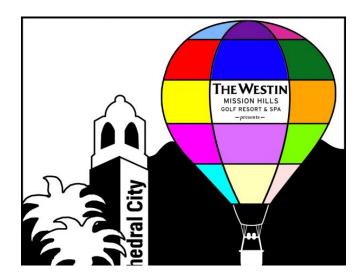
The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, City of Cathedral City's Special Events and many non-profit organizations bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular, Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-3 pm. The event will occur in downtown in front of City Hall, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero.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





#### **Balloon Festival**

Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival 2017

Read more.

#### Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located this season at the Downtown Festival Lawn, 68600 East Palm Canyon Drive (HWY 111) in Cathedral City. The free event, hosted by the Cathedral City Evening Rotary and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, happens once a month on a Saturday evening every month between November and May, 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 concession stand.

Great Family FUN! Read more.











