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One of the areas of responsibility for Administrative Services is Facilities Management, which character has significantly evolved in the last 20 years. Facility management has traditionally been associated with janitorial services, mailrooms and security. Since the middle of the twentieth century, facility management has evolved into a demanding discipline. Factors driving the complexity of the facility manager's job are numerous. For example, facilities have become much larger and more complicated, often relying on computerized and electronic support systems that require expertise to operate and repair. Personal computer networks, sophisticated telecommunications systems and other technological tools have significantly increased the requirement of facility management in the past 20 years.

The City of Cathedral City's Facilities' Department currently manages over 1.8 million square feet of city facilities and associated grounds valued at over \$65 million dollars. Our Facilities professionals are always being tasked to find ways to achieve more with less by containing costs, while achieving maximum beneficial use. Facilities Managers have to be highly trained in many cross-functional disciplines such as electrical, HVAC, solar, carpentry, plumbing, computer base monitoring systems, quality control, ADA issues, and often reverse engineering structural components to contain costs. Facilities must also coordinate these activities in such a way as to not disrupt the everyday responsibilities of other workers.

Over the past year, the Facilities' Department has been working on several major projects for the benefit of Cathedral City residents:

### **Saving Our Natural Resources**

- **New Desert Scape:** In the downtown corridor, green turf has been replaced with desert scape in an effort to conserve water. Crews have been busy planting drought tolerant plants and installing rock gardens.

- **L.E.D. Lights in the Parking Structure:** To reduce our energy consumption and to brighten the downtown parking structure, new L.E.D. lights have been installed, which replaces older, energy inefficient lights.
- **Additional Solar Panels:** The City Council voted recently to install additional solar panels behind City Hall that will generate enough power to offset the energy needs of our public buildings. Additionally, the solar structure will provide covered parking for more than 100 spaces.
- **L.E.D. Lights at City Parks:** The City has been working to install L.E.D. lights in front of City Hall on the palm trees as well as Town Square Park. These efforts will continue into 2017 at all city parks that utilize older, inefficient lighting.

## Infrastructure Improvements

- **Fountain of Life:** At the beginning of summer and to the delight of thousands of children, work was completed on the Fountain of Life that required the replacement of one of the bowls at the top and the soft rubberized footing. It also mandated major repairs on the fountain's underground pipes.
- **City Hall:** Over the summer, City Hall received its first major paint job since it was built in 1998. This will help the building resist the deteriorating effects of our extreme climate here in the desert. Additionally, new colored lighting is being installed in preparation for the City's 35th Anniversary Celebration and Hot Air Balloon Festival in November.
- **Fire Stations & City Library:** Now that City Hall has been repainted, work will continue through 2017 to repaint all the fire stations and the city library.
- **New Festival Park & Amphitheater:** Facilities has applied for and been recommended to receive a \$1.4 million dollar federal grant to build a new festival park and outdoor amphitheater for citywide cultural events. The new park will be located in downtown on the west side of the parking structure. Plans also include walking trails, children's play area, shade trellis restroom/concession, landscape, lighting and fencing.

## Upgraded Communications Systems

- **City Council Meetings:** Cathedral City was one of the first cities in the Coachella Valley to video record and broadcast LIVE its city council meetings. However, the equipment that was state-of-the-art back then is antiquated now. The Facilities and IT Department together have been working and continues to work on upgrading the technology to bring our communications system to today's standards.
- **Wi-Fi at City Parks:** In collaboration with Time Warner Cable, now Spectrum, Facilities and IT have helped install Wi-Fi broadband technology at all city parks. The new service offers everyone the first 30 minutes of free access, and for its subscribers, unlimited access. Now, you can watch your children play while you continue to receive/send emails without cellular data usage.

As we continue to work behind the scenes, we are proud to play a major role in moving Cathedral City forward.

## News



NOW thru November 11th!

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## Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Continues Its Mosquito Abatement Operation in Cathedral City

Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Continues Its Mosquito Abatement Operation in Cathedral City The City of Cathedral City has received the following notice from the CVMVCD: Due to the continued presence of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Cathedral City, the District is planning weekly truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) applications between 3 and 6 a.m., weather permitting, in the areas ...

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## Upcoming Events



## Cathedral City Homecoming Parade & Rally

Come celebrate Cathedral City High School's Homecoming by cheering on the students at the annual Homecoming Parade and Rally in Downtown Cathedral City. The parade kicks-off at 4:30 pm on East Palm Canyon Drive near the Carl's Jr. and heads west to the Bell Tower at Buddy Rogers Avenue. [Read more.](#)

## International Meatball Festival



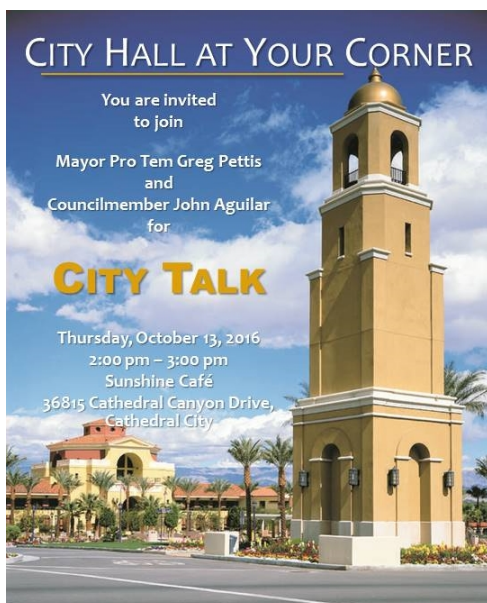
The City of Cathedral City proudly sponsors the International Meatball Festival hosted by Sammy's Place and benefiting the Cathedral City Boys & Girls Club. This festival is all about tasting its namesake plus entertainment and beer and wine tasting. Several meatball competitions occur throughout the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

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## Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

Children's Art Party for children and elders. NEW TIME THIS MONTH: Cathedral City Art Gallery (City Hall) The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral City Art Gallery, 68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero (adjacent to City Hall), on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create ...

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## 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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## Silence Is Golden: A Silent Film Series

The Cathedral City Historical Society together with the Mary Pickford Theatre will launch its “first-time ever” Silent Film Series October 18, 2016 at 5pm.

Come join us for a special screening of the 1927 celebrated war-time film, *Wings*, starring Buddy Rogers and Clara Bow. Actor Gary Cooper makes his debut on the big screen.

Marvel at the early “modern” film techniques used to create illusion, drama, and action! The film will start at 5 pm. Free entry passes will be available at the theatre ticket booth beginning Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Limit of 2 passes per person on a “first come, first served basis only.

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## Desert Oasis Market

A weekly open air market returns to Cathedral City starting October 25th at the Welk Resort located at 34567 Cathedral Canyon Drive. Every Tuesday evening from 4 pm to 8 pm, the producers of the Palm Springs Vintage Market will bring together a variety of vendors including fresh produce, food, jewelry, art, accessories & apparel while you listen to local, LIVE music. Free admission and free parking. [Read more.](#)

## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for “Movies in the Park” located this season at Ocotillo Park, 33300 Moreno Road in Cathedral City. The free event every month 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 park’s concession stand. Great Family FUN!

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## 35th Anniversary Celebration and Balloon Festival

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## Santa & Seasonal Lights

Join friends and neighbors for a Special Holiday Celebration featuring

## Santa & Seasonal Lights

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2016 AT 6 PM



SANTA ARRIVAL  
HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES  
PHOTOS WITH SANTA  
LIVE MUSIC  
LIGHTING OF HOLIDAY TREE & CITY HALL

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"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

## 3rd Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

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