

CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Community Update

by City Manager, Charlie McClendon



What Senate Bill 1 (Gas Tax) Will Mean for Cathedral City

No one likes to pay more in taxes unless the benefit is worthwhile. As of November 1st, the new statewide gas tax went into effect that raised fuel prices by an additional 12 cents a gallon to pay for additional road and street repairs throughout California including streets here in Cathedral City. This new tax revenue will help make your commute smoother and thereby lower your auto maintenance repairs related to pot holes and substandard streets. For less than the price of a gum ball out of a toy machine, we can generate needed revenue for important improvement projects that make getting around town better for all of us.

SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was passed last April and over the next decade will raise more than \$50 billion for transportation projects in California. The money will be split equally between state and local projects.

Locally, SB 1 is estimated to bring more than \$1 million a year to Cathedral City once full implementation is reached. Prior to the passage of SB 1, Cathedral City had a backlog of unmet maintenance and needed road repairs. Now, as approved by Council on September 13, 2017, and using the SB 1 funding, we plan to begin work on the following projects:

Date Palm Drive and Dinah Shore Drive Intersection Reconstruction: The estimated cost of this
project is \$800,000 and construction will begin in 2018, once adequate SB1 funds have accrued.

- Avenida Ximino Neighborhood Street Reconstruction: The estimated cost of this badly needed project is \$650,000 and construction is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2019 using SB1 revenues.
- Landau Blvd. and McCallum Way Intersection Traffic Signal Construction: The estimated cost of this new traffic signal is \$400,000. It is scheduled for installation in the summer of 2020.
- Whispering Palms Neighborhood Street Pavement Rehabilitation: The estimated cost of this neighborhood street repaying project is \$1,400,000. It is also scheduled for the summer of 2020.

Projects planned for future years using SB1 funding include the following:

- Century Park Neighborhood Street Pavement Rehabilitation: Estimated Cost = \$1,400,000
- La Pasada Neighborhood Street Pavement Rehabilitation: Estimated Cost = \$650,000
- Landau Public Alleyway Reconstruction: Estimated Cost = \$400,000

Other projects in the City, such as the Cove slurry seal projects, the Date Palm and Cathedral Canyon bridge projects and others will also be completed using Assessment District funds, Measure A funds, grants and other dedicated revenue sources. Absent the SB1 funding, however, none of the projects identified above, is scheduled to be completed as current funding sources are inadequate to meet our needs for street and road maintenance.

Equally important, SB 1 includes strict accountability provisions to ensure these funds only are spent on transportation projects. SB 1 also mandates the Office of Inspector General to oversee spending and make sure funding is spent efficiently and appropriately. In fact, voters will be asked to vote on a statewide ballot proposition in 2018 to protect the SB1 revenues in the state constitution so Sacramento politicians can't divert the SB 1 funding for other purposes.

In summary, the revenue provided by SB1 will make a big difference in the maintenance of our streets and roads right here in Cathedral City, which makes it a little easier to smile when paying the additional gas tax.

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Cathedral City's End of the Year Budget Review Video

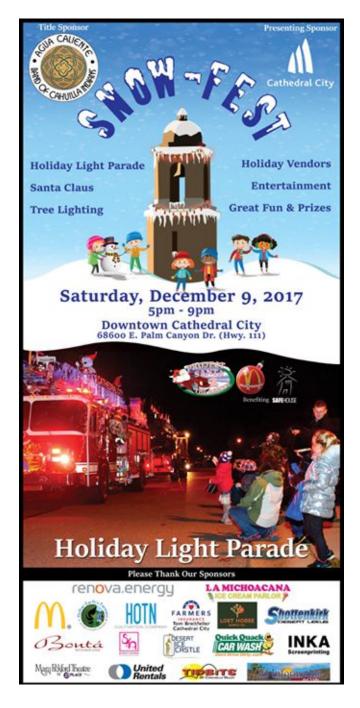
City Manager Charlie McClendon provides a brief review of the City's 2016-17 Budget that just recently completed its audit. You will be pleased to know that Cathedral City's revenues were above projections,

expenditures were below, and the rainy-day fund (reserves) grew to more than 50% of the General Revenue Fund - ...

Cathedral City – Saturday, December 9th

Saturday, December 9th Bring the entire family for a new and exciting festival that is surely going to become a tradition in Cathedral City – Snow-Fest. The FREE festival, title sponsored by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and presented by the City of Cathedral City, occurs on Saturday, December 9th from 5 ...

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Free Shred Event this Saturday – Help Stop Identity Theft

Cathedral City residents can help STOP identity theft by disposing outdated, but personally sensitive, documents at a FREE document shredding event hosted by the City of Cathedral City. The Shredding Events occur on the FIRST Saturday of the month from October thru May each year. WHEN: 2017 Saturday,

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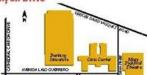
WHEN: 2017 Saturday, October 7, November 4 and December 2 2018 Saturday, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Arrive early - once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.

LOCATION: 68-510 East Palm Canyon Drive

EXAMPLES OF DOCUMENTS:

Legal documents Medical records Financial statements Accounting files/records Personnel files



Free Children's Art Party - This Saturday

The S.C.R.A.P. Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders Monthly Art Party at the Simeon Den Gallery, 68895 Perez Road, Suite I-27 (across from Frankie's Italian Bakery) on the First Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces made of recyclable materials and ...

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Upcoming Events

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Payroll records
Bank statements
Tax records
Contracts
Receipts/invoices



CHILDREN'S ART PARTY FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS

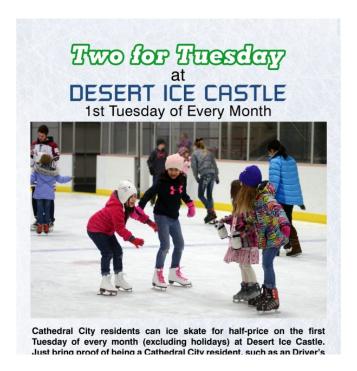
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Two for Tuesday

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



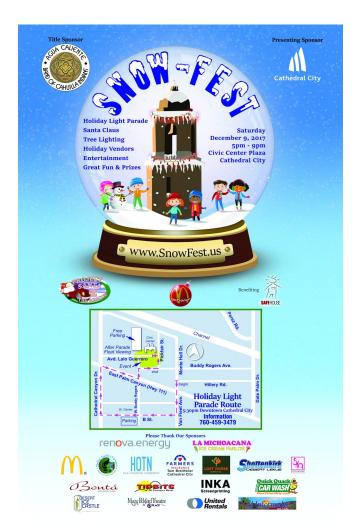
proof. Ages 3 years and up. The Time for Public Skate Available for "Two ...

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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!





Snow Fest

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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

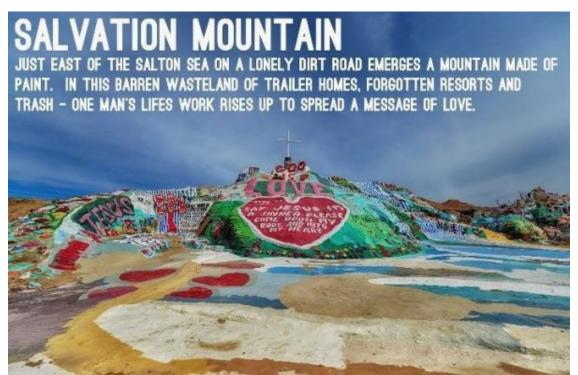


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Palm Springs International Film Festival

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Salton Sea and Salvation Mountain Day Tour

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3rd Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, TEQUILA/BEER, FIREWORKS SHOW, KID ZONE AND OUTDOOR MARKET!

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