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Community Update

by Pat Milos, Community Development Director



On April 1, 2016, the City of Cathedral City began taking applications for Conditional Use Permits to allow the Cultivation of medical grade cannabis in the city. Since that time, the voters of California approved Proposition 64 which effectively made adult recreational use of Cannabis legal in the state.

The combination of those two actions has created a burgeoning Cannabis industry in Cathedral City. Since April 1, 2016, the City has received over 130 applications for various cannabis related licenses, 75 of the licenses involve the cultivation of cannabis.

As the City considered the typical challenges associated with cannabis cultivation facilities, it placed several odor management conditions on cultivation facilities including the following:

The cultivation businesses shall install or provide a sufficient odor absorbing ventilation and exhaust systems so that odor generated inside the Cannabis Business that is distinctive to its operation is not detected outside the Cannabis Business, anywhere on adjacent property or public rights-of-way, on or about any exterior or interior common area walkways, hallways, breeze-ways, foyers, lobby areas, or any other areas available for common use by tenants or the visiting public, or within any other unit located within the same building as the Cannabis Business. As such, Cannabis Businesses must install and maintain the following equipment or any other equipment which the Local Licensing Authority determines has the same or better effectiveness:

1. An exhaust air filtration system with odor control that prevents internal odors from being emitted externally; or

2. An air system that creates negative air pressure between the Medical Cannabis Businesses' interior and exterior so that the odors generated inside the Medical Cannabis Business are not detectable outside the Medical Cannabis Business.

While the Cannabis boom has created some positive effects such as building and lot renovations, employment opportunities, tenant improvements, a boost to the local economy related to construction materials, lighting, HVAC systems, etc.; it has also created some undesirable affects, most notably the pungent odor that is a byproduct of growing and harvesting a healthy Cannabis crop.

Currently, there are 10 Cultivation facilities operating in the City mostly located within the Perez Road corridor. As these businesses have evolved into functioning cultivation facilities some have struggled with their older buildings to control the related odors. This has generated numerous complaints.

To date, the City has received 33 recorded complaints and we have created an odor specific complaint category for our enforcement software which enables us to track compliance efforts.

The City has reacted by taking a zero-tolerance approach to the issue. Through the Code Compliance Department, we have been actively working with the industry to alleviate the odor. In all complaint cases, the industry has been cooperative and have installed additional HVAC air scrubbing equipment, sealed and replaced doors, windows and access panels, installed deodorization units as well as other fixes. These measures have gained significant improvements in the reduction of the odor issue.

However, this is not the end of the story. To continue to ensure that the industry does not negatively affect the quality of life Cathedral City the Code Compliance Department regularly monitors the regulated Cultivation dispensaries and routinely patrol the businesses. When odor is detected and the source verified, Code Compliance immediately contacts the business owner and presents them with a notice of violation and a timeline to mitigate the smell. We are also looking at requiring additional measures to ensure that the industry can continue to grow and prosper, and at the same time, be an asset to the community. The following measures are currently under consideration by the Planning Commission to become Standard Conditions of Cannabis Cultivation Facilities approvals:

1. Condition all Cannabis Cultivation Related Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Odor Control plans and blue prints to be stamped by a Licensed HVAC Mechanical Engineer.
2. Condition that all Cultivation facility window arrays, doors and associated framing systems be renovated to install new glazing compounds and seals.
3. Condition the installation of automatic closures on all interior and exterior Cultivation facility doors.
4. Condition all Cultivation related interior and exterior door seals be replaced and adjusted.
5. Condition the sealing and renovation of all Cultivation facility roll up doors, garage doors and associated systems.
6. Condition that all roof venting, wall penetrations, panel joints etc. be sealed.
7. Condition the installation of Air Curtains on all exterior doors
8. Condition the placement of anti-odor gels and diffusers near all Cultivation exterior doors and windows.

These proposed conditions will be an item of discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 7, 2018.

Again, I want to stress that the industry has been cooperative and responsive. They understand the stigma this places on them as they strive to be good neighbors, employers, and retailers.

If you notice the “Skunky” Cannabis odor, please notify the Code Compliance Department, note the location (as specific as possible), and time of day of the occurrence. Code Compliance can be reached at 760-770-0309 or e-mail ajimenez@cathedralcity.gov

3rd Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival Brings Big Taste

Read more.





As a member of The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
we invite you to a special
Ribbon Cutting/Networking Opportunity



January 18, 11:00 am
Radio Interview
KAJI/FM95.3
Live-Internet: Amjazzin.com
(American Jazz Institute)

w/Edythe Bronston, President & Peter Gurfein, Board Member

CJF is a nonprofit
dedicated to assisting jazz
musicians in crisis. We have

California Jazz Foundation Chamber Ribbon Cutting and Networking

[Read more.](#) Please RSVP: 760-567-2866 or
sue.townsley@gmail.com

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 4:00—6:00 pm

Mary Pickford Theatre

36850 Pickfair St.

Cathedral City

D'Place Entertainment is hosting

a special introduction to the
California Jazz Foundation.

An afternoon of jazz by the
spectacular Yve Evans, passed

hors d'oeuvres, no host bar

FREE

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!

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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
- Payroll records
- Bank statements
- Tax records
- Contracts
- Receipts/invoices
- Cancelled checks
- Photographs
- Credit card documents

TIPS:

- You do not need to remove paper clips, staples, file folders, report covers, envelopes or binder clips from your documents.
- You can bring your documents in boxes or plastic bags.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Limited to Cathedral City **RESIDENTS** only.
- Be prepared to show proof of residency or bring this postcard to the event.
- Limit 5 banker sized boxes per resident or household.
- **No businesses allowed.**
- Remove all trash items from your boxes or bags!
- Items like pens, pencils or regular household trash cannot be shredded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL (760) 770-0369
EMAIL dpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov

You're not limited to the items listed – bring all your sensitive documents.

MORE:

- Your documents will be shredded on site – you will be able to witness the entire process.
- Arrive early – once the shredding truck is filled to capacity the event will end.
- This is a free event – there is no charge to shred your documents.

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SALVATION MOUNTAIN

JUST EAST OF THE SALTON SEA ON A LONELY DIRT ROAD EMERGES A MOUNTAIN MADE OF PAINT. IN THIS BARREN WASTELAND OF TRAILER HOMES, FORGOTTEN RESORTS AND TRASH - ONE MAN'S LIVES WORK RISES UP TO SPREAD A MESSAGE OF LOVE.

Salton Sea and Salvation Mountain Day Tour

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3rd Annual
Taste of Jalisco
 A Celebration of Our Sister City TEQUILA, JALISCO - MEXICO
 February 10, 2018 11am - 9pm Downtown Festival Lawn
 68600 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City

3rd Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

LIVE Music, Food, Tequila/Beer, Fireworks Show, Kids Zone and Outdoor Market

For Sponsorship or Booth Rental Opportunities, contact:

Eric Davis, City of Cathedral City
 (760) 770-0340 Ext. 134
SponsorshipSpecialist@cathedralcity.gov

Read more.

Free Admission LIVE Entertainment Free Parking

2ND SATURDAY Art WALK ON PEREZ ROAD

Every Second Saturday
 5pm - 8pm

Participating Galleries

AT-HOM VINTAGE & MODERN • COLIN FISHER GALLERY
 COLLIDING WORLDS FINE ART GALLERY • ELAN VITAL GALLERIES
 GARY KOTT'S CREATIVE WAREHOUSE • KARIZMA DECOR
 S.C.R.A.P. GALLERY • SHERRILL & ASSOCIATES
 SIMEON DEN GALLERY • SPACES • STUDIO 111
 THE ART ROOM • THE DESERT HOUSE
 THE ART ROOM • THE MIX • TRENZ GALLERY

Cathedral City
WHERE Art LIVES

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!

[Read more.](#)

Agnes Pelton Society's Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes

Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event at the CC Senior Center, 37171 W Buddy Rogers Ave (two blocks south across Hwy 111 from CC City Hall) or online at www.agnespeltonsociety.com (Will Call at Senior Center ticket booth).

Within a five block radius walking area , the centerpiece of the event is Chuperosa Laneteach, and settle. The Home Tour is to bring attention to the rich, lost history of the CC Cove...

[Read more.](#)



Agnes Pelton Society's Annual

SCRAP Gallery & Agnes Pelton Society

Childrens Artes para Los Niños Art Party!



FREE

**Special Date, Time & Location
this Month**

**Sunday, February 11th, 1-3 pm
68680 F. Street, Cathedral City
(Part of the Tour of Historic & Artists' Homes)**

CHILDREN'S ART PARTY FOR CHILDREN AND ELDERS

The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Agnes Pelton Society's Tour of Historic and Artists' Homes this month. It will be located in a section of the tour at 68680 F Street on Sunday, February 11th from 1-3 PM. Admission is free.

Participants create art pieces made of recyclable materials and also meet and work with a local guest artist, who will share his/her work as well as conduct an art making activity in their style discipline. Light refreshments, games, and entertainment.. [Read more.](#)

Mary Nutter Collegiate
Classic

According to the organizers, the **Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic** is the nation's largest and most prestigious preseason college softball tourney, featuring 50 top Division I teams. For the third year in a row, the Cathedral City, Calif., event will span two weekends — Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 22-25, 2018....[Read more.](#)

NCAA SOFTBALL RETURNS



FEBRUARY 17-19 & 22-25



Day of the Young Child

Join the Consortium for Early Learning Services Eastern Region & Partners for the “Day of the Young Child” on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9 am to 12 pm. The event provides information from local resources and offers free snacks, children’s performances, entertainment, kids activities, special guests and more!

If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in the event, please contact Jennifer Haessley or Andrea Del Valle at (951) 778-5003..[Read more.](#)

4th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

The 4th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days, presented by Volkswagen of Palm Springs, celebrates the lives, history, and wonderful accomplishments the LGBT community has contributed in making Cathedral City one of the “most livable” cities in America and a testament to its perfect equality score by the Human Rights Campaign

Foundation. The festival provides an opportunity to recognize the strength in our diversity, appreciate our similarities, and stand united for the equal...[Read more.](#)



Easter Kidapalooza

Bring the kids to Cathedral City's Town Square Park in downtown for an event that is all about Kids! From 12 (noon) to 3:00 pm, kids will enjoy the fun of multiple bouncy houses surrounding Cathedral City's Fountain of Life area...[Read more.](#)

