

February 15, 2018

## Community Update by Travis Walker, Chief of Police

First, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the great community of Cathedral City as your newest Chief of Police. It is truly an honor to serve such a fine community and work with the outstanding men and women who make up our Police Department. On their behalf, please accept our gratitude for your support. Retired Chief George Crum is to be commended for his efforts in enhancing the service that the department provides our community during his tenure, and the partnerships that he helped build.

The importance of partnerships between a police department and the community it serves cannot be overstated. It is through these types of partnerships that a high quality of life and low-crime rate can be preserved for those who live and work in Cathedral City, as well as those who visit our great community. This is my on-going commitment to you as your Chief.



I am happy to report that the most recent data that we reported to the FBI shows a 27% decrease in Part I crime for 2017. This marks our third consecutive year with a significant reduction in crime. The Part I crime category includes the following crime categories: Homicide, Robbery, Rape, Burglary, Aggravated Assault, Larceny, Arson, and Motor Vehicle Theft. Through effective traffic enforcement strategies, and the utilization of Grant funds obtained from the California Office of Traffic Safety, we also saw a significant reduction in traffic related fatalities last year.

Since our last community update, our officers have stayed active with our community engagement efforts in a variety of ways. During the Spooktacular Event held at the Civic Center, officer showed off many of the tools used to help keep our community safe, while also conducting child safety seat inspections, and giving away bicycles and bicycle helmets to several lucky young people. Officers also participated in the inaugural Snow Fest parade, and City Hall Tree Lighting ceremony. The elves you saw in the parade, and spreading joy downtown that night, were members of our Police Cadet program. The Police Department held their annual "Shop with a Cop" event at Target, and treated 36 local children to a morning shopping experience that included seeing Santa arriving at Target in the Bearcat, breakfast, and then a generous shopping experience with members from our department. This event is made possible through donations received from local businesses and our money our officers donate to help make a difference for some of the children of our community.

While keeping in line with our current Strategic Plan, the department will continue to undertake programs that will allow us to be responsive to the needs of our community while fostering mutual trust. Some of these programs will include on-going traffic safety campaigns, growing our Neighborhood Watch groups, and launching a Community Police Academy in 2018. The

community academy will be designed to help educate members of our community on all that your police department does to protect the you, and help answer your questions about the profession. We will also be conducting a variety of new community engagement events in 2018, to help keep you better informed about department happenings. Look for Coffee with a Cop, and Coffee with the Chief, events throughout the year.

## News



The next City Council Meeting is set for February 28, 2018



### Six New Cathedral City Firefighters Began Their Service Monday

During the City Council goal setting meeting in January 2016, the Council stressed the need to increase the number of firefighter / paramedics currently serving our residents. On September 13, 2017, the Council voted to accept an approximate \$1.4 million grant from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency. The award of the ...[Read more.](#)



### Form a Bed Race Team of 5 People and Be Part of the Fun - Cathedral City LGBT Days' Bed Race

Online entry for the March 31 LGBT Days Bed Race is open. Register today and join the fun. [www.CathedralCityLGBTDays.com](http://www.CathedralCityLGBTDays.com) [Read more.](#)

Actor Caitlin Leahy to Appear at "Pickford



in the ... [Read more.](#)



## Presents Q & A” – Saturday – Cathedral City

In collaboration with the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission, come to the “Pickford Presents Q & A” for the screening of the movie, “Samson” and afterwards stay for an interview with special guest Actor Caitlin Leahy. Ms. Leahy plays the character Delilah

## Former Councilmember Chuck Vasquez Has Passed

The City Council is saddened to learn that former Cathedral City Councilmember Chuck Vasquez passed away February 12, 2018 after a recent illness. Funeral services will be announced soon. It is our hope that his family and friends find comfort as they reflect on his life and the service he gave to the community. Mr. ...

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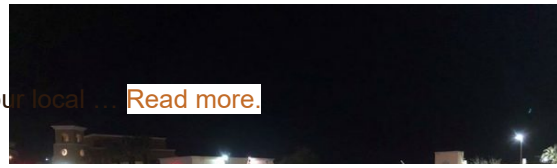
## Thousands Attend the 3rd Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

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success! The event celebrates our sister city, Tequila, Jalisco (Mexico) through food, fashion, spirits, culture and cuisine. It also gives our local ...

[Read more.](#)



## WORK ON THE DATE PALM BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT WILL CAUSE TRAFFIC DELAYS THROUGH FRIDAY

Riverside Construction Company has just informed the City that beginning on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 and thru Friday, February 16, 2018, motorists can expect intermittent

traffic delays during daytime hours at the Date Palm Drive Bridge due to bridge girder placement. For the safety of the ... [Read more.](#)

## Actor Gary Oldman “The Darkest Hour” Appears at Mary Pickford Theatre

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission sponsored “Pickford Presents Q & A” featuring Actor Gary Oldman who is nominated for an Academy Award. A packed audience was treated to the film, “The Darkest Hour” and a special question and answer. Mr. Oldman confirmed that he will soon be a ... [Read more.](#)



## Upcoming Events

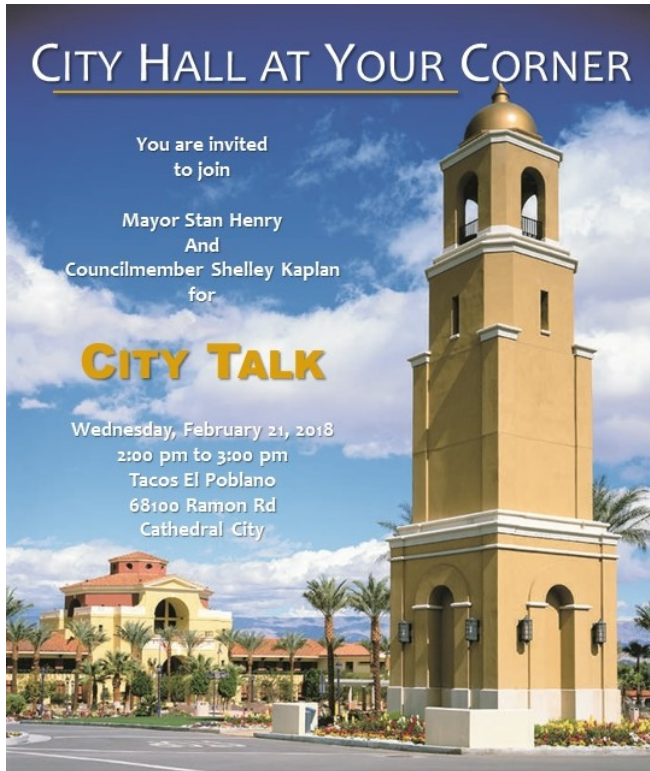
Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic

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



## 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 members of the City Council, Major Stan Henry and Councilmember Shelley Kaplan.

The forum will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Tacos El Poblano Restaurant, 68100 Ramon Road, in Cathedral City.

"City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled eleven a month at various locations throughout the City and at different times of the ... [Read more.](#)

## CV LINK Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

### Be Part of the Celebration!

After many years in the planning, the City of Cathedral City and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) invite you to join the celebration of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the FIRST segment of the CV Link. The ribbon cutting will take place on

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Vista Chino entrance of the 2.2 mile section that runs from Vista Chino from the north to Ramon Road to the south along the Whitewater River Basin. [Read more.](#)



**FREE CATHEDRAL CITY MOVIES IN THE PARK**

Presented By: Cathedral City Evening Rotary

<b>Nov. 25th</b>  <b>SING</b>	<b>Dec. 30th</b>  <b>THE GRINCH</b>	<b>Jan. 27th</b>  <b>MOANA</b>
<b>Feb. 24th</b>  <b>THE INCREDIBLES</b>	<b>Mar. 24th</b>  <b>ZOOTOPIA</b>	<b>Apr. 21st</b>  <b>THE BEE MOVIE</b>
<b>May 19th</b>  <b>MARY POPPINS</b>	<b>Bring Your:</b> Chairs Blankets Family & Friends	

Bring the Whole Family!  
For more information, like us on  **facebook.**  
CathedralCityMoviesInThePark  
\*Movies subject to change due to availability

Meet Us At:  
**Festival Lawn Cathedral City**

Spread The Word!

## Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and / or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located this season at the Downtown Lawn Festival, 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, occurs eleven a month on a Saturday evening every month between November and May, at 7:00 p.m., 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 buy them from the movie organizers at the concession stand. Great Family FUN! [Read more](#)

## Stop Identity Theft Program

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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



## 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 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 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.](#)

## 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! Art Walk on Perez Road

[Read more.](#)

**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**



## 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 Haessly or Andrea Del Valle at (951) 778-5003 .. [Read more.](#)

## State of the City 2018

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce presents the annual "State of the City."

The lunch portion begins at 11:30 am. Tickets for the luncheon are available at [www.gcvcc.org](http://www.gcvcc.org)

The State of the City address begins at 12:30 p.m. and is free to the public. [Read more](#)



**March 20, 2018 11:30am to 1pm**  
**Double Tree Hotel Cathedral City**

## 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 of the LGBT community has contributed to 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.](#)

## Cathedral City Senior Center's Chili Cook-Off

Come join in the fun, cook some chili, eat lunch, sponsor or donate items for the Silent Auction. The proceeds go to benefit the programs at the CC Senior Center which relies upon donations, gifts and grants for its funding. Help our seniors "THRIVE" and take part in the new and fun event.

Contact [Bob@CathedralCenter.org](mailto:Bob@CathedralCenter.org) or 760-321-1548 for details.

[Read more.](#)



## Battle of the Badges Boxing Event

Come watch police officers and firefighters box in the main ring on the Lawn Festival in Downtown Cathedral City.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

1st boxing match starts at 6:00 p.m.

[Read more](#)

