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Community Update

by John Corella - City Engineer



Cathedral City is constructing new bridges, yes new bridges that will provide twenty-four hour, all weather safe passage across the Whitewater River. These concrete diaphragm girder bridges will enhance the City's roadway network and will improve your driving experience.

Date Palm Bridge Widening

As many of you have seen, the Date Palm Bridge Expansion Project is well underway. This \$20 million bridge widening Project started last June 2017 and is scheduled to be completed on September 21, 2018. The Project will widen the existing Date Palm Drive Bridge at the Whitewater River from 4 to 6 lanes, add bike lanes and sidewalk on each side, have a decorative railing and provide a roadway section in conformance with the City's General Plan. The Project will improve safety and reduce congestion and bring the Bridge into compliance with the latest seismic code requirements.

The Bridge will also include improvements to the Whitewater River Channel, all to protect the new bridge during flooding events. The addition of new support piers required the construction of several flood water scour countermeasures in the river bottom, including articulated concrete block mats that will move with the channel bottom. The new piers were placed into the channel within a series of 24-inch cast-in-drilled-hole piles.

Additional project features include improvements to the approach roadway, slope protection, and accommodations for the CV Link crossing under the southern bridge abutment.

Currently, the bridge Contractor is forming the west side of the bridge deck, pouring concrete on the east bridge deck, placing the articulated concrete block on the river bottom. Other work includes relocating Southern California Edison (SCE) vaults, constructing new curb, gutter and new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps.

New Cathedral Canyon Bridge

Another long-awaited bridge is ready to be built. The Cathedral Canyon Bridge will provide a safe all-weather 24-hour crossing over the Whitewater River.

Design is complete and we are awaiting approval to proceed with the construction of a new 600-foot-long, 89-foot wide bridge that will provide four lanes of travel, two in each direction, divided by a 10-foot wide raised center median. The bridge will also provide 8-foot shoulders on each side, each striped with a 5-foot on-pavement bike lane and bordered by a concrete curb, a 6-foot sidewalk and a concrete barrier with decorative railing.

For all the motorist that use Cathedral Canyon regularly, the City has also included in the \$25 million Project, a temporary 1,056 feet bypass roadway next to and west of the bridge construction work between Paseo Azulejo and Canyon Shores Drive. This two-lane roadway will allow motorist, cyclist and pedestrians to continue to use Cathedral Canyon during construction, as long as the Whitewater River remains dry. In wet times, this bypass will, of course be closed for safety.

All planning, design, right of way, and permits have been completed for this Project. This Project is "shovel ready" and all paperwork has been submitted to Cal Trans/FHWA for their portion of the Project funding. Once approved, the City Engineering Staff will solicit bids for the construction of the Project which is expected to commence in June of 2019 and will be completed within 18 months.

Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection Reconstruction and Dinah Shore Drive Pavement Rehabilitation

Although not a bridge project, the Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection Reconstruction Project and the Dinah Shore Drive Pavement Rehabilitation represent a significant investment the City is making in reconstructing our roadways. These are two separate projects that the City Engineering Staff combined to get the work completed at the same time and also get an "economy of scale" cost savings on the materials.

The Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection Project portion is the first City Project to be funded by the Senate Bill 1 legislative funding otherwise known as "SB-1" or more commonly known as "the Gas Tax". Annually, the City will receive approximate \$900,000 of funds to be used specifically for road work, as a result of "the Gas Tax."

The other Project that constitutes the other half of the Project is the Dinah Shore Drive Pavement Rehabilitation. This Project calls for the total rehabilitation of roadway from the Dinah Shore Bridge to the above cited Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection. This \$1.2 million plus Project will include the cold milling and removing of all the existing AC pavement, pulverizing the existing base and sub-base down to 7-inches, cement treat, cure and shape, pave with 5-inch asphalt concrete, replace curb ramps, cross gutters and curb and gutter. Altogether, the City will be replacing almost 300,000 square feet of roadway with 8,000 tons of asphalt concrete.

Funding this portion of the Project will be from prior gas tax measures, Measure A funds, and contributions from matured funds from City Assessment District 86-1.

Construction for all the Dinah Shore work will commence on July 9, 2018 and will be completed within 45 working days. During this construction period an eastbound and westbound lane of traffic will be open for the driving public as well as pedestrian crossings.

Patience

No matter the time of year and/or time of day, bridge and roadway projects always cause inconveniences to motorists. This City strives to minimize the inconvenience. We continue to ask for your patience while these Projects are under construction. Safety is number one, and if we slow you down, it is for a good reason. We want to keep construction workers safe and you safe while you are on your journey.

As always, the Engineering Department Staff is always available to discuss big and small Projects, so please contact us anytime at (760) 770-0340.

News



The next City Council Meeting is set for June 13, 2018



ACE Hardware Featured as One of Cathedral City's Newest Businesses

CCTV Host Conrad Angel Corral interviews ACE Hardware Owner Mike Reinhardt about the store's recent opening and what products and services are offered. You will discover that ACE Hardware is all about friendly service and community support. ACE Hardware was the first business to sign a Local Hire Agreement with the City to attempt to hire Cathedral City residents first before extending their employee search elsewhere. And they did just that with the hiring of 18 employees with 16 of the 18 team members being Cathedral City residents. This alone helps keep income dollars in Cathedral City in order to help support other businesses like restaurants, retailers, and other service-oriented companies...[Read more.](#)



Aerial and Exploding Fireworks Bring Hefty Fines This Year in Cathedral City

Cathedral City allows “Safe and Sane Fireworks” that are sold at locations throughout the city by non-profit organizations. From June 28 through July 4, you will see temporary fireworks sale centers pop-up in parking lots by these non-profit organizations. These fireworks have been approved as they do not go up in the air and/or explode. All “safe and sane” fireworks also display a “State of California, State Fire Marshall Registered Fireworks” seal. If they do not, they are considered illegal fireworks...[Read more.](#)

Job Fair - Local Hire Program for Cathedral City Residents – Earn Up to \$50,000

Cathedral City Economic Development Department has created a local hire program for Cathedral City residents at a licensed/permitted cannabis cultivator and manufacturer that is currently hiring for all positions. Come to a job fair this Friday, June 8th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm... [Read more.](#)



Beyond Balisage Restaurant Now Open in Cathedral City

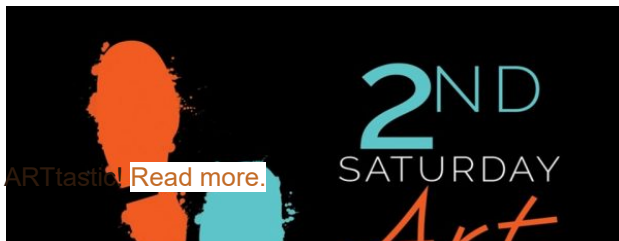
Downtown Cathedral City is attracting new gourmet restaurants designed for the sophisticated palate. Near the corner of Cathedral Canyon Drive and East Palm Canyon Drive (HWY 111), a new restaurant opened this past weekend called, “Beyond Balisage,” in the Canyon Plaza Shopping Center and opposite of Revivals at 68-327 E. Palm Canyon Drive...[Read more.](#)



Events

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

Free Summer Kid Movie Series

The Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission in partnership with the Mary Pickford Theatre presents a Free Summer Kid Movie Series happening on every Friday at 9:30 a.m. starting Friday, June 15, 2018 thru Friday, August 3, 2018. Thanks to Councilmember John Aguilar who donated a generous portion of his City discretionary funds, the film series will allow free admission in order to see a different movie geared towards kids each Friday morning at the Mary ...[Read more.](#)

Films start at 9:30 am every FRIDAY

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JUNE 15TH TO AUG 3RD

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Rockin' Sock Hop

Come dressed to listen and dance to the music from the 50's and 60's and enjoy hot dogs provided by Sonic Drive-in and ice cream soda shakes by Lala's Waffles Crepes & Shakes. Each item is only 25 cents.

Join all the hip cats and dolls who will be participating in the rocking 50/50 raffle.

Presented by the Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission and benefiting the Cathedral City Senior Center.



Stonewall Humanitarian Awards Gala, 2018 AT 7 PM

MARY PICKFORD IS D'PLACE, CATHEDRAL CITY, CA

Join neighbors and friends for this musical fundraising event that recognizes the history of the Stonewall Riots and the pivotal point that sparked the modern day LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement.

Special Musical Performance by SVET:

SVET, an Electro Hip Hop Violinist as seen on America's Got Talent, is one of the most profound and unique acts of today. He is globally recognized for his incredible talent to recreate music and songs of today with the violin. While finishing a 60 city international tour, SVET has shared stages with iconic stars including Kanye West, Jamie Foxx, Phillip Phillips, Ceelo Green and The Black Keys! [Read more.](#)

A Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle

Start your July 4th celebration off a little early and escape the dog days of summer! The City of Cathedral City wants you to cool down for a Free Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. ESkate allows up to 175 people to ice skate for free including skate rental on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ages 3 years and up. No RSVPs.



Although it may be 100 degrees outside, its freezing inside Desert Ice Castle. So, be sure to wear or bring warm clothes...[Read more.](#)

Tejano Music Festival 2018

The 2nd annual Tejano Music Fest



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Halloween Spooktacular 2018

20,000 Pieces of Candy! Food Vendors, Costume Contest, and much more!

The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, and City of Cathedral City's Special Events bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular, Sunday, October 28, 2017 from 12-3 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. ...[Read more.](#)



5th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

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North Pole Village at Snow Fest

Bring the entire family for this special event that shall become a tradition! North Pole Village at Snow Fest captures all the holiday spirit and places it at one event. You will enjoy an outdoor market featuring holiday arts & crafts, food, treats, and beverages including hot chocolate. Best of all, you will be captivated by a stroll down Main Street at the North Pole Village lit up with holiday lights. Listen to holiday music, smell the fresh cookies baking, and ...[Read more.](#)



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