

November 1, 2018

Community Update

by John A. Corella, P.E. – Public Works Director/City Engineer



There are currently many new construction projects happening in Cathedral City and your Engineering and Public Works Departments are busy overseeing the progress being made. Aside from the Department's support of ongoing private development infrastructure improvement projects, there are several Capital, Grant and Budget Driven Projects that are recently completed, underway and/or in design completion stage. The following Projects are what our residents can expect to see now or in the near future:

Date Palm Drive Bridge Widening Project:

The nearly \$20 million construction Project is near completion. The contractor, Riverside Construction, has completed all the structural components of the bridge as well as the concrete bridge deck overlay and decorative colored concrete median. The concrete bridge barriers and pilasters staining is also currently underway. The new LED bridge sidewalk lighting will be installed within the next two weeks and the channel and slope final grading will also be completed this week. All ancillary paving on Date Palm Drive from Gerald Ford Drive to Perez Road has been completed. The final touch ups required (roadway striping, signage, clean-up and punch list items) will be completed within the next few weeks.

This project is scheduled to be completed by mid-November with one exception, the steel bridge decorative railings. The steel railings were caught up in the steel delivery challenges resulted by the new tariffs, which impacted other projects across the nation. The railings will be delivered and installed in January 2019. Thus, we ask all our motorists for their patience in having to look at painted plywood safety fences for the next two months.

When the bridge is completed, motorist, pedestrians and bicyclist, will enjoy 6 lanes of vehicle travel, designated bike lanes and raised sidewalks on each side of the roadway. The addition of a radar operated signal at Perez Road and Date Palm Drive will greatly improve the congestion relief in the area.

Hawke Pedestrian Signals on Dinah Shore Drive Project:

To our knowledge, Cathedral City will be the first to install the much-lauded Hawk Pedestrian Signals for pedestrian crossing on Dinah Shore at two locations. This Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) grant funded Project will add crosswalks at Dinah Shore Drive and Vaquero Road and replace a crosswalk that was at Via De Anza and Dinah Shore Drive (removed as part of the Dinah Shore Roadway Rehabilitation Project). These crosswalks will bring the motorist to a red-light stop when pedestrians activate the system and are ideal for heavily traveled roadways, such as Dinah Shore. We encourage our constituents to look at examples of how the new crosswalks work on the internet so they are familiar with their operation when they are commissioned for service. Here's a link: <https://youtu.be/x92c5SHc8yM>

The estimated \$240,000 HAWK Crosswalks Project is currently out to bid. Bids for this Project will be received on November 15th. Once the bids are evaluated, City Engineering Staff anticipates the chosen contractor to start work in January 2019 and be completed within 3 months.

Pavement Management Program (REAS) in the Cathedral Canyon Cove:

Crack sealing has commenced in the upper (south) Cathedral Canyon Cove area. City crews are filling the larger cracks at this time and contract crews will be filling the smaller cracks ahead of the Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry (REAS) to be applied to the streets in the upcoming weeks prior to the Thanksgiving weekend.

This Pavement Management Program Project will REAS all the public streets south of Grandview Avenue and will be paid for by Assessment District Funds that the Cove area residents approved back in 2004.

In addition to the upper Cove area, REAS work will also be completed on other City streets including the portions of the streets in the Cove that were affected by the SCE Cove area pole replacement/rewiring project (funded by SCE); a portion of East Palm Canyon east of Date Palm Drive (funded by Measure A and Gas Tax funds); and finally; on the Cathedral City side of Da Vall Drive between Gerald Ford Drive and just south of Pomegranate Lane (General Fund account funds).

This \$468,000 Project, will performed by Petrochem Materials Innovation (PMI). REAS usually, depending on the temperature on the day of application, takes 4 to 6 hours to dry, thus is cost affective and provides our constituents with a low cost and least inconvenient way to prolong the life of eligible streets. As always, we ask for our resident's patience while this work is being performed.

Median on East Palm Canyon e/o Date Palm Drive:

For all travelers on East Palm Canyon Drive, just east of Date Palm Drive, we have completed the City's first 100% self-sustainable median beautification Project. The contractor, Urban Habitat Environmental Landscapes completed the work utilizing decorative boulders, steel agave plant sculptures, solar LED lighting, colored decomposed granite and colored rock variations. The median requires no commercial power or water and provides a beautiful backdrop for the Betty Gold sculpture that was secured by the City's Public Arts Commission.

Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection Reconstruction and Dinah Shore Drive Pavement rehabilitation:

All American Asphalt (Contractor) has completed the Dinah Shore Drive/Date Palm Drive Intersection Reconstruction Project and the Dinah Shore Pavement Rehabilitation Project on time and on budget! The Contractor installed 330,000 sq. ft. of new roadway equaling 8,200 tons of new asphalt and 1,250 cu. yd. of concrete, equating to almost a mile of roadway.

This Project represents a \$2.3 million investment by the City into the City Roadways, of which almost \$1.0 million was provided via SB 1 funds, otherwise known as the “Gas Tax.” These SB1 funds represent a major roadway rehabilitation funding source for Cathedral City with an additional seven City Projects in the queue including many neighborhood streets, alleys and traffic signals. Without this funding source, the Dinah Shore/Date Palm Drive road repair project would have been deferred for several more years, putting more wear and tear on our vehicles.

Lastly, dealing with roadway construction work is never fun for our residents and visitors. Your patience is always appreciated in navigating through these Projects as you go about your daily business. We know that progress is often inconvenient for you at times, but the end product is one that we can all share and take pride in as we continue to move our City forward.

News



The next City Council Meeting is on November 14, 2018

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HEALING FIELD CATHEDRAL CITY
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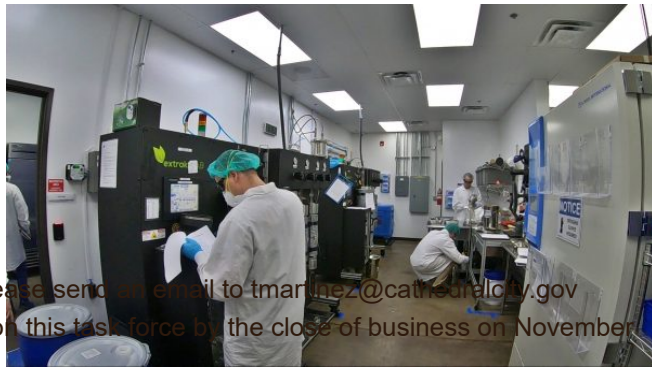
Sponsor a Veteran's Flag Display at Healing Field Cathedral City

Veterans' Day is right around the corner. Each year during the week of Veterans' Day, “Healing Field” rises up at Patriot Park of Cathedral City where over 6,900 flags are placed on display. Each flag represents a soldier killed since 2001. Healing Field is a place to pay respect to those who fought for our freedoms and a place where ...[Read more.](#)

Volunteer to Serve on the Cannabis Task

Force

Cathedral City currently has one vacant seat on the Cannabis Task Force to represent as a community member. Applicants must be a resident of Cathedral City. If you are interested in serving on this task force please send an email to tmartinez@cathedralcity.gov stating why you would like to participate on this task force by the close of business on November 15th. ...[Read more.](#)



Events

The City of Cathedral City
Stop Identity Theft Program **FREE!**

To help STOP identity theft and as a service to its residents, the City of Cathedral City is hosting FREE Document Shredding Events. The Shredding Events are the first Saturday of the month October thru May each year.

WHEN: 2018 **Saturday, October 6, November 3 and December 1**
2019 **Saturday, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4**

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

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

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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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 ...[Read more.](#)



Healing Field

"Healing Field" is a tribute to the men and women of uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country since September 2001. 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 Drive and Dinah ...

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2nd Saturdays Art Walk on Perez Road

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The Roast of Mayor Stan Henry

Mayor Stan Henry will leave office after serving two terms. There is no better way to honor him than by bringing friends and family together for a comedic Roast! Enjoy a night of comedy and help support a local charity, the Cathedral City Evening Rotary. V.I.P. seats are \$35 and

Roast of MAYOR STAN HENRY

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TICKETS
\$35-VIP
\$25-RESERVED

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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.](#)

For Questions or Comments, Contact Chris Parman, Communications and Events Manager
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