

December 13, 2018



Community Update

by Chris Parman, Communications and Events Manager

Plastic Straw Ban in Cathedral City Takes Effect on January 10th, Enforcement April 10th

Back in August, the city council held a study session on the idea of whether to ban plastic straws completely in Cathedral City. Residents and business owners spoke in favor and against the proposed outright ban. Members of the disability rights community spoke to the council and addressed their concerns. The council decided to form a “Plastic Straw Study Group” comprised of interested parties and led by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis and Councilmember Carnevale. The Group provided a report to the full council in November on the feedback and concerns of the opposing sides.

Based on the input from business owners, residents, and members of the disability rights community, the City Council voted on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 on a modified plastic straw ordinance. Effective January 10, 2018, unless a plastic straw is requested by a customer, all beverage providers cannot distribute single-use plastic straws. This modified City ban is slightly more stringent than the state’s plastic straw ban that goes into effect on January 1, 2018 for only full-service restaurants. Cathedral City’s plastic straw ban applies to all beverage providers including convenience stores, fast food restaurants, and delis. However, it does not apply to paper straws or other types of environmentally-friendly straw choices in the marketplace.

Once the ordinance goes into effect, you may still get a straw at your favorite beverage provider; however, they will likely offer you a renewable sourced straw, not plastic. You must ask

specifically for a plastic straw if you so choose.

The reasoning behind the ban is simple. Each day, residents and visitors in Cathedral City use an average of 1.5 plastic straws per person. This amounts to 81,000 plastic straws daily and 29.5 million plastic straws each year that end up in our landfill and water systems. This petroleum-based pollution degrades the environment and is harmful to fish, birds and all other aquatic species as the plastic straws eventually breakdown into micro-sized pieces and consumed by these living creatures. The results are detrimental, if not fatal, to aquatic life and birds. Scientific research continues to monitor how these plastics are getting into our food supply and what harmful effects they may be causing to humans.

In an effort to allow businesses an opportunity to deplete current plastic straw inventories, the City ordinance passed provides a mandatory 90-day grace period from the effective date, which runs through April 10, 2019. After the grace period, violators of the ban can receive an administrative fine.

The language of Cathedral City's plastic straw ban states, "no beverage provider shall use, provide, offer, distribute, or sell plastic beverage straws unless a plastic beverage straw is specifically requested by a customer. Beverage providers may make reasonable accommodations for any person with a disability that requires or requests the use of a plastic beverage straw in order to safely or comfortably consume the beverage."

News



The next City Council Meeting is on January 9, 2019



Forest Lawn Donates \$5,000 for Police Officers' Memorial

Our wonderful friends at Forest Lawn Cemetery presented a \$5,000 donation to the Cathedral City Police Department Fund at the December 12th city council meeting to help establish the Fallen Police Officers

Memorial in Downtown Cathedral City. The Fallen Police Officers Memorial is a collaborative project with the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission as well as donations from private businesses ...

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Dog Park and 2nd Street Baseball Diamond Light Repairs

The Cathedral City Public Works Department has reported that crews

will be working on two repairs over the next few days. First, an irrigation leak was discovered at the temporary dog park located on 2nd street. Due to the leak, the water has been turned off. Repairs will be made on Monday and the water for the dog park will ...

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ANONYMOUS GUN BUYBACK

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018
FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

Turn in your guns to receive a gift card



Up to \$100 gift card for handguns/ pistols

Up to \$150 gift card for rifles and shotguns

Up to \$250 gift card for semi-auto/ assault weapons as classified in the state of California

Please transport your firearm(s) **UNLOADED** and in the trunk of your vehicle.

Quantities of the gift cards are limited and subject to availability.

We reserve the right to limit the number of gift cards an individual can receive, regardless of the number of firearms surrendered.

NO Ammunition will be Accepted.

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Gun Buyback Program - Cathedral City Police Department

The Cathedral City Police Department has organized a "Gun Buyback Program" for December 22, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm. The Cathedral City Gun Buyback Program will reward the voluntary surrender of firearms, while engaging our community towards a common goal of reducing gun violence. It is an anonymous process in which individuals can surrender their weapons, no questions ...

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History Was Made as New City Council of Cathedral City Sworn into Office

On Monday, December 10, 2018, history was made in Cathedral City as the new City Council was sworn into office in front of a standing room only crowd. The inauguration began with the Cathedral City Junior ROTC Color Guard presenting arms while the Cathedral City High School Choir sang the national anthem, and afterwards, several holiday songs. A historical first ...

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North Pole Village at Snow Fest – A Hit with Families

Hundreds of families came out to the “North Pole Village at Snow Fest,” presented by ACE Hardware (Cathedral City), in Downtown Cathedral City on Saturday, December 8, 2018 to celebrate the “most wonderful time of the year!” Emceed by Weathercaster Bryan Gallo of KMIR, the annual event included a lit Hollywood-style movie set themed as Main Street at Santa’s North ...[Read more.](#)

Events

Police Officer Memorial Dedication

Join the City Council of Cathedral City, Cathedral City Police Department, and the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission for the “Police Officer Memorial Dedication” on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10:00 am located adjacent to the Cathedral City Police Department, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero.

[Read more.](#)

You are cordially invited to attend the

Police Officer Memorial Dedication



Inaugural Cathedral City Artists' Exhibit

December 1, 2018—

February 2, 2019

Museum open Saturdays & Sundays 1:00-4:00 pm

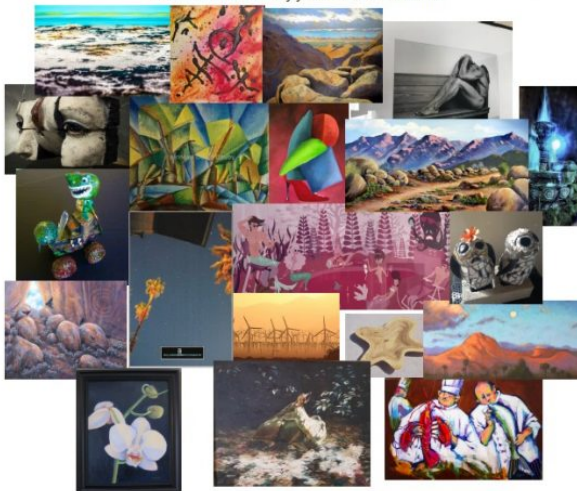
Opening Reception

Monday, November 26 @ 5:00 pm

Cultural Arts Museum (at City Hall)

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) has been fortunate to feature several exhibits since it was tasked with managing the museum. PAC is pleased to present its first exhibit featuring Cathedral City artists.

The Cathedral City Historical Society showcases an ongoing exhibit featuring images and memorabilia of our early years inside the Museum.



Cathedral City Artists' Exhibit

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission is proud to announce the inaugural Cathedral City Artists' Exhibit that will commence on Saturday, December 1st through February 2, 2019. The exhibit featuring only Cathedral City artists will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Cathedral City Arts Museum at City Hall (nearest to the Mary ...

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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 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. [Read more.](#)

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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Palm Springs International Film Festival

The Palm Springs International Film Festival is a portal for the very best in world cinema, welcoming more than 136,000 enthusiastic filmgoers. For the fourth year in a row, the film festival will utilize the Mary Pickford Theatre in Downtown Cathedral City to showcase many of the films on multiple screens.

For tickets and all information about the festival, go to www.PSFilmFest.org

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4th Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, TEQUILA/BEER,
FIREWORKS SHOW, KID ZONE AND
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For Sponsorship or Booth Rental
Opportunities, contact:

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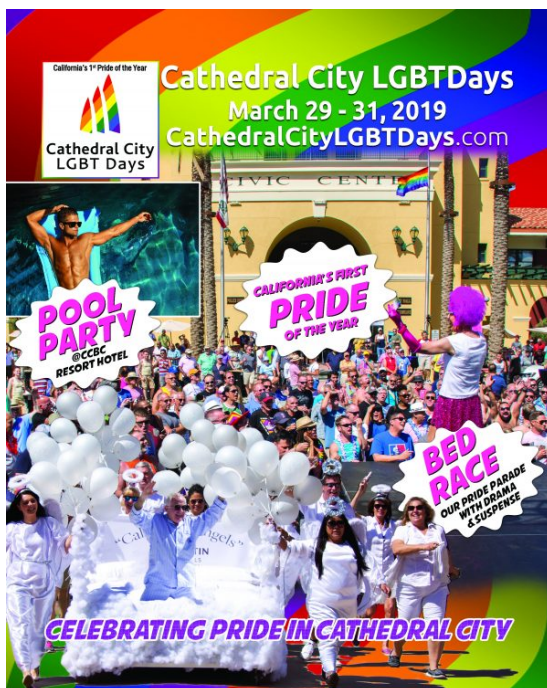
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Food Truck Mash-Up

If you came to the 5th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival and enjoyed the Food Truck Mash-Up, then you are going to LOVE the Food Truck Mash-Up on Saturday, March 16, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm. More than 25 of the best food trucks from SoCal will be here for your enjoyment as well as musical ...

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5th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

March 29 - 31, 2019

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