

January 17, 2019

## Community Update

by Chris Parman, Communications & Events Manager

On January 15, 2019, Cathedral City lost its longest serving member of the City Council and first openly gay public servant in the City's history, Mayor Gregory S. Pettis, age 63.

Mayor Pettis had served on the City Council since 1994 and will be remembered for his progressive legislative ideas, supporting civil rights and social justice for all people, and at the same time, working hard to bring economic development to the city he loved to call home since 1979.

A fierce advocate for his constituents, Mayor Pettis has a long record of legislative accomplishments including creating a first-time homebuyer program, building Safe Routes to Schools, collaborating with the police department and social services for helping those addicted to drugs, and fostering some of the best jewels found throughout the city including the public library, City Hall, Fountain of Life, Senior Center, CV Link, Dennis Keat Soccer Fields, and Big League Dreams Sports Park.



Mayor Pettis celebrated and honored our diverse city by founding the Healing Field Program at Patriot Park that honors our fallen soldiers, advocated for the LGBT Veterans Memorial at Desert Memorial Park, raised the first Rainbow Flag at City Hall during Cathedral City LGBT Days, and promoted and voted for Cathedral City's "sanctuary city" status. Mayor Pettis also founded Cathedral City's Sister City Program with the Mexican city of Tequila, Jalisco and helped launched the annual Taste of Jalisco Festival. He also worked to establish the Cathedral City Gay Business Association to foster and support gay-owned and gay-friendly companies.

When it came to economic development, Mayor Pettis played a major role in turning the City's downtown corridor into an Arts and Entertainment District, helping to secure more than \$100 million in public improvement projects for roads and bridges, advocating for passenger rail transportation in the Coachella Valley, and generating revenue through the development of the emerging cannabis industry, which has allowed Cathedral City to increase its public safety by hiring more police officers and firefighter/paramedics.

Professionally, Mayor Pettis was a dedicated commercial realtor. Within the community he has served as the executive director of the Palm Springs Youth Center, President of Cathedral City's Evening Rotary Club and Desert Business Association, as well as served as a board member for United Cerebral Palsy of the Desert and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy.

Greg received a Bachelor's degree from Azusa Pacific University, a Master's degree in Business Administration from University of Phoenix, and certification in the Senior Executive Program in State and Local Government from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

## NEWS



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longest serving councilmember in the City's history. The ceremony will take place on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 10:00 am, located at Big League Dreams Sports Park, ... [Read more.](#)

## Events

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

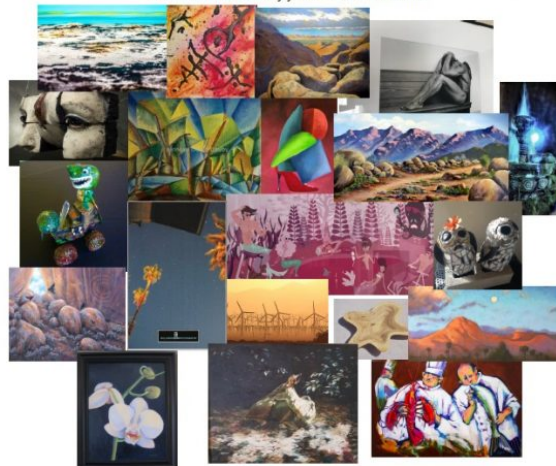


*Inaugural Cathedral City Artists' Exhibit*  
*December 1, 2018—*  
*February 2, 2019*  
*Museum open Saturdays & Sundays 1:00-4:00 pm*  
*Opening Reception*  
*Monday, November 26 @ 5:00 pm*

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.



## Speakers Series - Friends of the

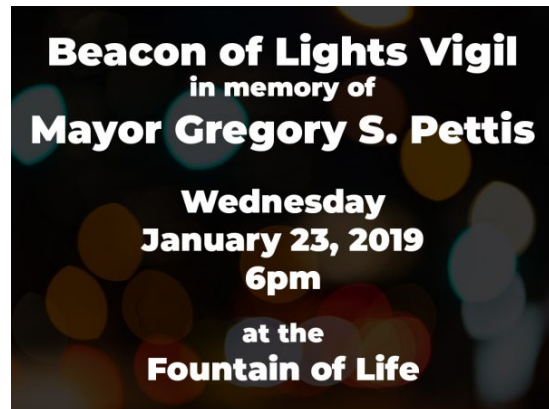


## Cathedral City Library

New Speakers Series Comes to the Cathedral City Library The Friends of the Cathedral City Library invite you to join them for a new Speakers Series featuring bestselling authors, writers, and producers. This free event will host the following: Catherine Svehla, "Grandfather Coyote: How Trickster Makes the World" Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Cathedral City ...[Read more.](#)

## Beacon of Lights Vigil Scheduled in Memory of Mayor Gregory S. Pettis

Although a Public Celebration of Life for Mayor Gregory S. Pettis is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019, the City Council will hold a small Beacon of Lights Vigil in memory of the late Mayor Gregory S. Pettis between the Study Session and Regular Session of the Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The vigil will ... [Read more.](#)



## 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.

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

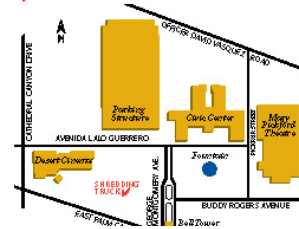
**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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



## Two for Tuesday at DESERT ICE CASTLE 1st Tuesday of Every Month



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.



**DESERT ICE CASTLE**  
68-600 Perez Road  
Cathedral City  
(760) 324-0400  
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[www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com](http://www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com)

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## 4th Annual Taste of Jalisco Festival

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, TEQUILA/BEER,  
FIREWORKS SHOW, KID 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

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## Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic

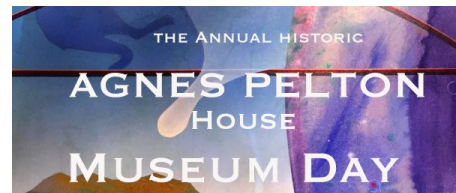
According to the organizers, the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic is the nation's largest and most prestigious preseason college softball tourney, featuring more than 25 top Division I teams. Celebrating its 16th year, the Cathedral City, California event will occur on February 21-24, 2019.

The lineup of teams includes UCLA, Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, North Carolina, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Oregon, plus many more...[Read more.](#)

## Agnes Pelton House Museum Day

Within a five block radius walking area , the centerpiece of the event is Chuperosa Lane and the Pelton House, that the posthumously celebrated Transcendental American painter, Agnes Pelton designed and had built in 1939. The Pelton House is located in the heart of the fabled neighborhood, the Historic Cathedral City Cove artists' colony of the 30's through the 60's. This is where she painted for over twenty years— her notable desert landscape “plein air” works and her abstract master works, her

Transcendental paintings that established her reputation at the mid-century in the art world. Throughout the 30's-50's, the ...[Read more.](#)



## State of the City 2019

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 pm and is free to the public.

[Read more.](#)

## 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 ...

[Read more.](#)







## 5th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

March 29 - 31, 2019

[Read more.](#)

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