

March 14, 2019

Community Update

by Travis Walker, Police Chief

In Memory of Cathedral City Police Officer Jermaine Gibson Sr.

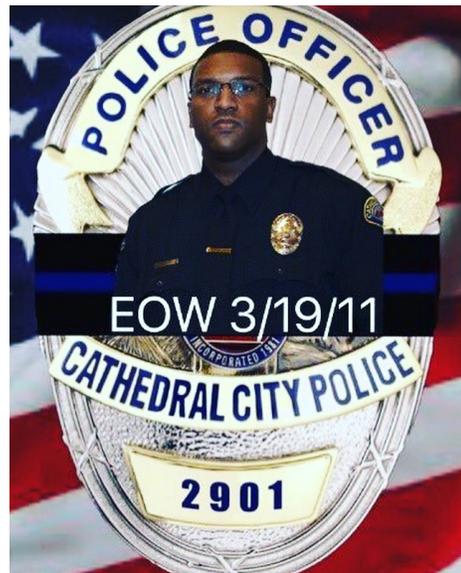
In the early morning hours of March 19th, 2011, the City of Cathedral City lost a protector of our community when Cathedral City Police Officer Jermaine Gibson Sr. tragically lost his life during the pursuit of a wanted felon. Officer Gibson faithfully served our community from August 2009 to March 2011. He was a beloved husband, devoted father, loving son, valued friend, loyal co-worker, and a former United States Marine who earned a Purple Heart for injuries suffered during combat in Iraq.

Peace officers risk everything in the line of duty, so that the lives of those we serve may be a little safer, and their homes a little more secure. Although deeply saddened by his loss eight-years-ago, we are eternally grateful for the service Officer Gibson provided to our great community. On Tuesday, March 19th, 2019, we will lay a wreath at our Fallen Officer Memorial, located adjacent to the Police Department, to stay true to our commitment to never forget the sacrifice he made.

I ask that you also keep his family in your thoughts that day. At the time of Officer Gibson's untimely passing, he left behind a mother, father, brother, wife, and a three-week-old son. His family bears the burden of the heart wrenching sacrifice he made every second, minute, hour, and day of the year. Some days tougher to deal with than others as milestones in life tick by. Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, weddings, and holidays, all take on new meanings and his family is sadly left to conform to a new norm.

Law enforcement has always been a noble profession that comes with great risk. As a country, we saw our first Peace Officer lay his life down for others in 1791, when Albany County Constable Darius Quimby, an unpaid peace officer, was killed while attempting to arrest a man for a trespassing warrant. Since Constable Quimby's death, 23,613 additional law enforcement officers would lay their lives down while serving their communities, and sadly, 64 of those names have come from Riverside County. I pray that we do not have to add another peace officer's name to this staggering number.

Jermaine protected our community with honor and pride and made a sacrifice few humans are willing to make for strangers. He lived his life honorably and considered it a privilege to serve this



community. It will forever be our duty to honor and remember him, and we will not forget his service or the loved ones he left behind.

The memorial, titled "The Protector" allowed us to forever connect Officer Gibson's son to our community, as he is the child depicted in our statue. The picture below shows Officer Gibson's son at the memorial during the dedication ceremony.



Photo Credit: Alan Carvahlo

NEWS

Cone Zone Update:
Cathedral Canyon Drive
at the Wash to Reopen
Next Thursday

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA Cathedral Canyon Drive at Whitewater River Wash has been closed since the Valentine's Day Flood as record rainfall turned the ordinarily dry riverbed into a raging river. Consequently, the flood severely damaged Cathedral Canyon Drive through the wash. Damage was estimated at \$1.2 million. Crews have been working on repairing not only the road but also several . . .



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FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL CITY LIBRARY PRESENT:

TALES FROM THE

Open Book

RADIO SHOW

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019
10-11:30AM

JOIN JOURNALIST MAGGIE DOWNS & BEST SELLING AUTHOR TOD GOLDBERG FOR MEMORABLE BOOKS & INTERVIEW MOMENTS WITH AUTHORS



FREE ADMISSION
33520 DATE PALM DR, CATHEDRAL CITY, (760) 328-4262
FOLLOW THE LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK!

Journalist Maggie Downs and NYT Best-Selling Crime Author Tod Goldberg Featured at Cathedral City Library's Speakers Series This Saturday

The Friends of the Cathedral City Library invite you to join them for its Speakers Series featuring Maggie Downs and Tod Goldberg entitled, "Tales from the Open Book Radio Show & Podcast".

Journalist Maggie Downs and NYT best-selling crime author Tod Goldberg will discuss their memorable books and interview moments from their Open Book radio show on Saturday, March ...[Read more.](#)

LGBTQ Art Exhibit Opening Reception Happens This Friday

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission will hold an Opening Reception for the LGBTQ Art Exhibit on Friday, March 15th at 5:00 pm at the City's Cultural Arts Museum. The reception will honor LGBTQ artists living in Cathedral City whose work is featured in the exhibit. The public arts commission decided to host the art exhibit in coordination with the ...[Read more.](#)



LGBTQ ART EXHIBIT

March 16—April 20

Opening Reception:

Friday, March 15, 5:00 pm

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission Proudly Presents



Cathedral City LGBT Days' Pride Weekend, March 29-31

Join us for California's first Pride of the year at the 5th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days starting Friday, March 29 through Sunday, March 31, 2019 in Downtown Cathedral City. Presented by CCBC Resort Hotel and the Runway Restaurant (Dining, Drinks & Drag), the weekend activities include the following: Friday, March 29th – Kick-Off Block Party – 6 pm ...[Read more.](#)

Food Truck Mash Up Comes to Cathedral City on Saturday – Get Your Discount

Nothing sounds more yummy than 20 food trucks coming to Downtown Cathedral City this Saturday, March 16th from noon to 9 pm. Enjoy delicious comfort cuisine from top food trucks, such as Cousin's Maine Lobster, Baby's Badass Burgers, Mess Hall Canteen, Middle Feast, and White Rabbit Truck. Tickets are on sale now at

<https://tickets.desertsun.com/e/food-truck-mash-up-3/tickets> With the weather forecasted to be ...
[Read more.](#)





Cone Zone Alert: East Palm Canyon Drive to Receive New Slurry Seal Road Improvements Starting Thursday

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA The southeast bound lanes of East Palm Canyon Drive near the intersection of Date Palm Drive will receive a new slurry seal treatment and lane striping on Thursday, March 14, 2019 and Monday, March 18, 2019. East Palm Canyon Drive will remain open during the entire process; however, the southeast bound lanes will be reduced between the ... [Read more.](#)

Events

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: Maggie Downs and Tod Goldberg, "Tales from the Open Book Radio Show & Podcast" Calling all book lovers! Join journalist ...[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 12:00 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.](#)

City Hall at Your Corner

Are you wanting to speak to your city councilmembers or learn more about what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for "City Hall at Your Corner" hosted by two member of the City Council. "City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled once a month through June 7th at various locations throughout the City and at different times ...

[Read more.](#)

A promotional poster for "City Hall at Your Corner". The background features a tall, tan-colored tower with a gold dome, set against a blue sky with clouds. The text on the poster reads: "CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER", "You are invited to join", "Mayor Stan Henry & Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis for", "CITY TALK", "Tuesday, June 7th", "10:00 am to 11:00 am", "Sunshine Café", "36-815 Cathedral Canyon Drive", "Cathedral City".

City LGBT Days

March 29 - 31, 2019

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The 5th ANNUAL
**CATHEDRAL CITY
LGBT DAYS**
CALIFORNIA'S FIRST PRIDE OF THE YEAR

Presented By:
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RUNWAY**

Emily Perry
Direct Hit from SoCal
Accumulated Pop Singer

Jessica Sutta
of the Pussycat Dolls

Ada Vox
American Idol Star
and Fashionista

AZRA
Dance-Pop Singer

FLAVA
Club Legend and
International Sensation

BEDRACE
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
11AM - NOON

GAND BAND
VINTAGE ROCK WITH SOUL

PLUS! PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS
MODERN MEN
EMCEES
I HEARTRADIO/HERE TV'S ALEXANDER RODRIGUEZ
AND BELLA DA BALL

ALL PERFORMANCES
MARCH 30 10:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**OPENING NIGHT
BLOCK PARTY** FRIDAY, MARCH 29th
4PM - MIDNIGHT

Meet & Greet Party with
Recco Steele at Runway
Friday, March 29
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Pool Party at CCBC
Saturday, March 30th
Noon-4:00 p.m.
Featuring
DJ Dominic Pacifico.

Sunday, March 31st
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
With surprise
guest DJ!

MARCH 29-31, 2019 **CATHEDRALCITYLGBTDAYS.COM** DOWNTOWN CATHEDRAL CITY
FREE ADMISSION • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD BOOTHS • BEVERAGE GARDEN • EXHIBITORS

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.](#)

Rethinking how museums work and feel

Dr. Stephen Karr will share his insights, and those of other modern cultural museum leaders, regarding the changed landscape in collecting, exhibiting, and interpreting the history and life of native/indigenous people. With his extensive background working in major museum organizations, Dr. Karr has participated directly in the movement to rethink how museums work and feel. Free admission, Cathedral City Library, 33520 Date Palm ...

[Read more.](#)

Stop Identity Theft Program

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.

[Read more.](#)

The City of Cathedral City

Stop Identity Theft Program

FREE!

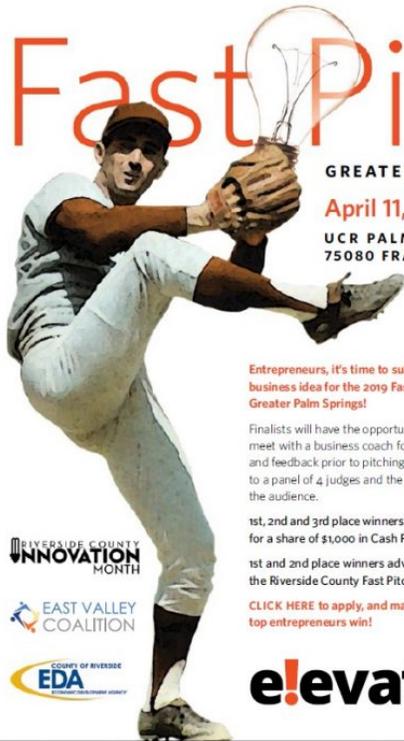
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WHEN: 2018 **Saturday, October 6, November 3 and December 1**
2019 **Saturday, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4**

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

Fast Pitch



GREATER PALM SPRINGS

April 11, 2019 | 5 - 7 pm

UCR PALM DESERT CAMPUS
75080 FRANK SINATRA DRIVE

Entrepreneurs, it's time to submit your business idea for the 2019 Fast Pitch Greater Palm Springs!

Finalists will have the opportunity to meet with a business coach for training and feedback prior to pitching their idea to a panel of 4 judges and the 5th judge - the audience.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners compete for a share of \$1,000 in Cash Prizes

1st and 2nd place winners advance to the Riverside County Fast Pitch Finale

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply, and may the top entrepreneurs win!

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Greater Palm Springs Fast Pitch for Entrepreneurs

The excitement is real as entrepreneurs from across the Coachella Valley compete in this Shark-Tank-style fast pitch competition. The audience will help select three winners who will take home cash prizes, and the top two contestants will advance to the countywide Fast Pitch Finale in Corona, CA. Part of Riverside County Innovation Month... [Read more.](#)

Easter Kidapalooza

For more information, [Click Here](#).

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