

April 18, 2019

Community Update by Tami Scott, Administrative Services Director

The City Finance Department prepares a biennial budget for Council adoption every two years. The budget, simply put, is a policy document. The budget must reflect and support Council policies and is the primary tool for the Council to accomplish their goals. The biennial budget has been developed with a primary focus to accomplish City Council goals established in January 2019. Departments reviewed their past accomplishments and developed objectives focusing on achieving these overarching Council goals:



- Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- Fiscal
- Police and Fire
- Code Enforcement
- Parks
- Human Resources
- Housing

As projected revenues are finite, the policy decisions are established on how best to utilize those finite resources to meet the needs of the community. The budget must be built from attainable revenue projections, while at the same time identifying fair and accurate expenditures. In developing a budget, the primary component is to determine the costs associated with operating the City. Since we are a service organization (and we don't make widgets), the primary expense is our labor (the people serving the residents and businesses of Cathedral City). In addition, there are operating components (such as materials, supplies) necessary to get the job done. The City has seven primary operating departments, in addition to Elected Officials, as follows: City Council, City Management, Administrative Services, Police, Fire, Engineering/Public Works, and Planning & Building Services.

In January 2019, the six-month budget preparation cycle began for the FY 2019/2020 and FY 2020/2021 Biennial Budget. In February, the department narratives, consisting of department goals, objectives (in meeting department and Council goals) and accomplishments were submitted to the departments for their update and feedback. In addition, a draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 5 Year Plan was prepared. In refining the CIP, existing and new projects were identified, along with their scope, funding/expense needs, and associated timelines. In the March

through May timeframe, City Management and City Council will review and coordinate on the proposed balanced budget. Specifically, during the month of April, there are two Study Session Discussions to review the budget workbooks and many questions from the City Council. The April 10th session was dedicated to the General Fund and the April 24th session is devoted to the Capital Improvement Plan and the budgeted Special Revenue and Internal Service Funds. In the month of May, the proposed balanced budget will be presented to City Council for their final review and adoption prior to the start of the FY 2019/2020 on July 1st.

Principals of budgeting and financial statements of the City are governed by the Government Accounting Standards Board and Industry requirements set forth by the Government Finance Officers Association ("GFOA"). The City of Cathedral City participates in GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award program for the City's Biennial Budget. The City has received this prestigious award for six (6) budget cycles covering the past eleven (11) years. The FY 2019/2020 and FY 2020/2021 Biennial Budget will be the City's 7th submission to GFOA for this award.

We would like to thank the City Council and City Manager for their leadership and overall direction of this budget. We would also like to thank the many residents and business owners that provide feedback to City staff throughout the year, which also is a valuable resource that we tap into during the budget process. All are to be commended for taking the time for being involved in this very important process.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the City staff who participated in developing the budget document. Preparing the budget is a demanding and time consuming effort for all staff members. This is especially true considering the continued workloads of staff in other areas of responsibility and the budgetary challenges facing the City. "Teamwork" among individuals and departments resulted in this budget document. This same "teamwork" will continue Moving Cathedral City Forward into the future.

NEWS



Two Free Events Centered on Kids Happening this Weekend in Cathedral City

Get ready for two family-friendly events that are all centered on kids this weekend in Cathedral City! First, the Cathedral City Evening Rotary will offer its monthly "Movies in the Park" on Saturday, April 20th starting at dusk in Panorama Park, 28905

Avenida Maravilla, featuring the animated Dr. Seuss hit, "The Lorax". This free event allows parents and kids to ...[Read more.](#)

Palm Springs Elks Lodge Donates Supplies to Shelter from the Storm

Mayor Mark Carnevale and fellow members of the Palm Springs Elks Lodge #1905 helped raise money to purchase eight home starter kits for domestic violence survivors and clients of Shelter from the Storm. These kits provide essential kitchen items needed to prepare and serve meals as survivors often flee an abusive situation with little or no personal property. [Read more.](#)



Events

Cristopher Cichocki's "Desert Sea" Exhibit (February 15 - May 5)

Internationally recognized, Coachella Valley artist, Cristopher Cichocki, will create his latest art installation entitled, "Desert Sea," on the Festival Lawn, 68-600 East Palm Canyon Drive, in Downtown Cathedral City with a scheduled opening on Friday, February 15, 2019 through Sunday, May 5, 2019. Desert Sea unveils a fusion of materials derived from the Coachella Valley that include Salton Sea barnacles, ...

[Read more.](#)



Movies in the Park

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located at Panorama Park, 28905 Avenida Maravilla, 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 dusk.

You are welcome to bring snacks or non-alcoholic drinks. Great Family FUN!

[Read more.](#)

Easter Kidapalooza

Bring the kids to Cathedral City's Town Square Park in downtown for an event that is all about Kids! From 12 (noon) to 3:00 pm, kids will enjoy the fun of multiple bouncy houses surrounding Cathedral City's Fountain of Life area.

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



EASTER Kidapalooza Presented by **Quick Quack CAR WASH** Don't Drive Dirty.com

Sunday, April 21, 2019
12 noon - 3 pm

- Kid Zone
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Bicycle Giveaways
- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Free movie - "HOP" at the Mary Pickford Theatre @ 3:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt For the Kids
30,000 Easter Eggs
Bounce Houses @ Town Square Park

Special appearance by the Easter Bunny

Sponsors

PRESENTED BY **Quick Quack CAR WASH** Don't Drive Dirty.com **Frazier** Fast Car Wash **ACE Hardware** Cathedral City **Mary Pickford Theatre** by Grace **Cathedral City**



Dedication of the California LGBTQ Veterans Memorial

The dedication ceremony for the new California LGBTQ Veterans Memorial will be held on Saturday April 27, 2019 in Cathedral City, California. In 2018 the California state legislature and Governor Jerry Brown approved Assembly Bill (AB) 2439 introduced by State Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia to designate America's first

LGBT Veterans Memorial at Desert Memorial Park a state memorial. California is ...

[Read more.](#)

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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
- 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CALL (760) 770-0369
 EMAIL dpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov

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 DiscoverCathedralCity.com

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.



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City Hall at Your Corner - April 2nd

Have an issue you would like to speak to your city councilmembers about or learn what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for "City Hall at Your Corner" hosted by Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar and Councilmember Raymond Gregory (District 5). The forum will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm ...

[Read more.](#)

CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER

You are invited to join

Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar
and
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
for

CITY TALK

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Holiday Inn Express
Dining Room
36101 Date Palm Dr.
Cathedral City

A photograph of a tall, yellow, ornate tower with a gold dome, which is part of the Cathedral City skyline. The tower has multiple levels with arched windows and is surrounded by palm trees and other buildings in the background.



Coachella Valley Boxing Battle in the Desert

Come watch the sport of amateur boxing on the Festival Lawn in Downtown Cathedral City. Doors open at 5:30 pm 1st boxing match starts at 6:30 pm

[Read more.](#)

Speakers Series - Friends of the Cathedral City Library

The Friends of the Cathedral City Library invite you to join them for an informative Speakers Series featuring bestselling authors, writers, local celebrities and producers. This free event will host the following: May 22, 6-7:30pm - Paul Clark on "Capturing the Desert Wind: Wind Energy Transforms the Coachella Valley" June 19, 6-7:30pm - Cathedral City Chief of Police Travis Walker ...

[Read more.](#)

For Questions or Comments, Contact Chris Parman, Communications and Events Manager
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6-7:30pm

Cathedral City Chief of Police Travis Walker on
"Policing Challenges & the New Definition of Policing"

July

17

6-7:30pm

Award-Winning Filmmaker Casey Kiernan on
"Timelapse Photography in Joshua Tree National Park"

Cathedral City Branch Library
33520 Date Palm Drive
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Free Admission / Donations Welcome