

April 25, 2019

Community Update

by John A. Corella, P.E. – Director of Engineering/Public Works



Summer is approaching, temperatures are climbing, and rain is the last thing on people's minds. Many people think that it will not rain until next fall; and they may be right, but preparedness is always the best practice, because inevitably, it will rain. For those of us that have lived in the desert awhile, we know that the summer monsoons tend to be significant, as a verse in a popular song resounds, "it never rains.... but when it rains, it pours."

In our rain event preparedness efforts, yes even in these sunny days, the Public Works Department Staff continually performs routine maintenance on our City's storm drain system and inlets into the major storm channels. This typically involves making sure drain inlets are clear, removing trash from drain inlet baskets, pumping portions of the system that may accumulate sludge, and removing plants that seem to find a home in these damp environments.

In addition to these normal maintenance efforts, the Public Works Department is always looking to stay ahead of Mother Nature. We check the weather forecast daily. If there is no rain forecasted, we continue with our normal schedules of City infrastructure maintenance. If there is rain in the forecast though, then our Public Works crews' priorities change. Other departments, e.g. Engineering, Facilities, Police and Fire, are notified as well. These departments know where the trouble spots are and take the necessary steps to prepare our facilities to take the forecasted deluge. If the rain event is minor, no worries as the desert can always use more water. If the event is major, the City is able to react to these variable events.

Why the discussion on rain preparedness? Well, do we all remember the rains of February 14, 2019 -Valentine's Day Flood? We lost roadways, had severe traffic jams and, overall, had to deal with a lot of water. We know everyone is busy, and rain is the last thing people are thinking about,

especially with the warm days of summer on the way. We encourage you, our residents, to be proactive, be prepared and make sure the drainage within and from your properties is working as it should. The Valentine's Day Flood was a good indicator of how your property drains rain water. If you had challenges during that event, you will have challenges on the next event. We encourage our residents to be proactive and make the fixes that will pass the water through and off the property as it was originally designed to do.

For residents that live in gated communities with private streets, storm drain systems and retention basins, we encourage you to discuss with your HOA and property managers to make sure all the facilities are operational as if they were newly constructed. The responsible parties need to make sure drains are clean and free of obstructions, inlets cleaned out and the retention basin debris and soil accumulation is removed. We have found that in many private retention basin areas, the addition of landscaping rock, such as "Palm Springs Gold," over the years has actually decreased the depth of the retention basins, thus diminishing the capacity. This may result in overflowing and flooding within the development. Being proactive is being prepared and these facilities should be checked to make sure they are clear and at the originally designed elevations.

As we are encouraging our residents, the City also has taken lessons from the events that occurred during the Valentine's Day Flood. In the upcoming Capital Improvement Project budget, there are projects included to mitigate the challenges we typically encounter during the heavy storm events. The Los Gatos/Date Palm Drive Drainage Improvement Project will eliminate the need to shut down this major intersection when heavy rains occur. Another project, the Avenue Ximino Neighborhood Streets and Drainage Project, will not only pave streets, but also improve rain water drainage in this neighborhood area. And the big Project, that has already been designed, the Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge (formerly the Cathedral Canyon Bridge) Project should be getting a funding approval notice from Cal Trans this fall. Once funding approval is attained, we will be able to start construction on this Project that will keep Cathedral Canyon open during rain events.

NEWS

Census 2020 is Coming and We Need a Complete Count in Cathedral City

What is the Census? The U.S. Constitution requires that every person living in the United States is counted every 10 years. The next census will take place from March through July of 2020. Census data are important to our democracy – these data determine apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of



Representatives and how district lines

Stage Construction Approved for Cathedral City Community Amphitheater

The City Council voted last night to award a \$1.675 million contract to GKK Works/Cannon Design to construct the stage structure for the new Cathedral City Community Amphitheater at the corner of Avenida Lalo Guerrero and Cathedral Canyon Drive. The \$4.5 million amphitheater park is currently under construction and will include a permanent stage, walking trails, children's play area, restrooms, ...[Read more.](#)



Youth & Community Awards Nicolino's Pasta Dinner May 16th (6pm) at the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City

Please join us, and our Mayor Mark Carnavale, as we celebrate many of our treasured youth and community volunteers while raising money for a great cause!

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Thousands Enjoyed

Cathedral City's Easter Kidapalooza

On a beautiful sunny Sunday, thousands came to Downtown Cathedral City for Easter Kidapalooza presented by Quick Quack Car Wash that gave away 30,000 Easter Eggs filled with candy, toys, and four eggs with a special message of winning a new bicycle. Children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunts, photos with the Easter Bunny, three hours of bouncy houses, splash playing. [Read more.](#)



Small Business Development Center



**WANT
TO**



Plan, Start, Finance or Expand Your Business?

Resolve A Specific Business Issue?

Free, Technical Assistance

No Appointment Necessary 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Last Thursday of Each Month



City of Cathedral City
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, Ca
Information (760) 499-9929



Get Help with Your Small Business for Free

Are you planning to start, finance or expand your business? Need some technical assistance on how to achieve that goal? Want that assistance for free? The California Small Business Development Center for Coachella Valley will provide a free business consultant on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm to assist you. No appointment necessary, just come to ...

[Read more.](#)

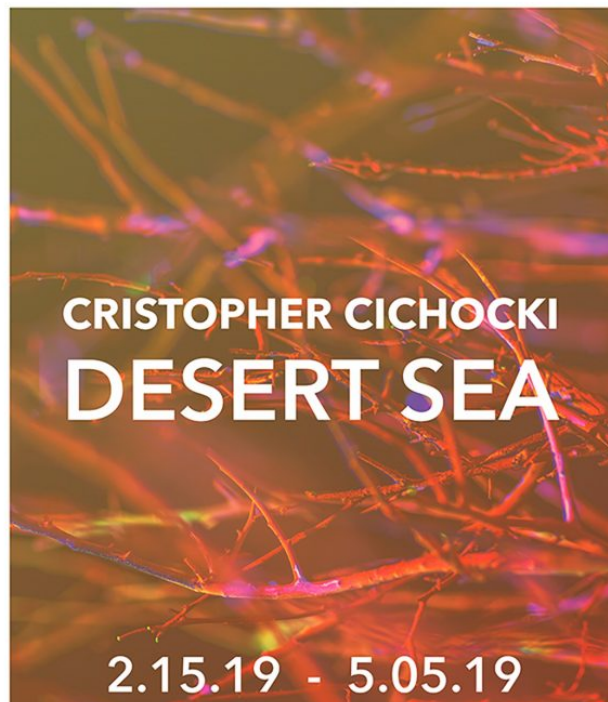
Events

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.](#)



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 ...

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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.

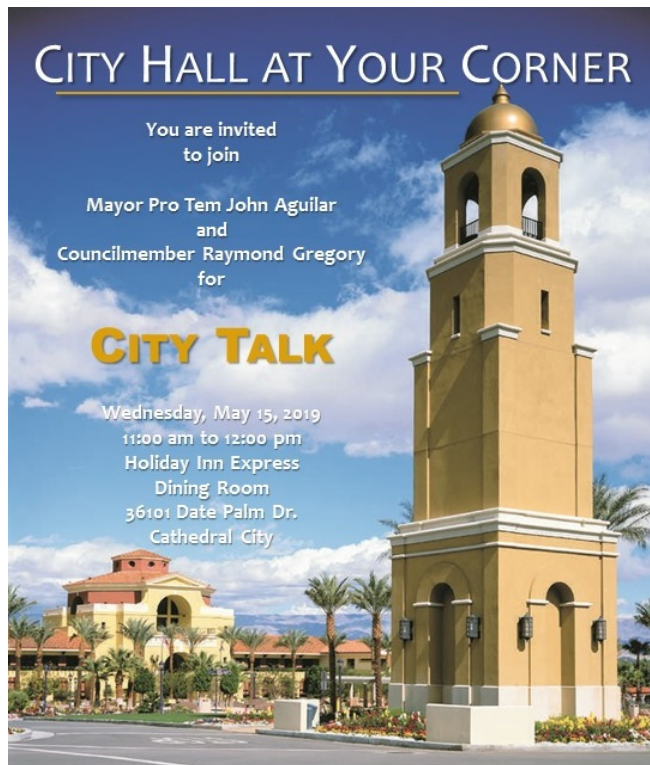


Map Labels: Cathedral Canyon Drive, East Palm Canyon Drive, Dunking Donuts, Civic Center, City of Cathedral City, Shredding Truck, Buddy Rogers Avenue, 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street, 12th Street, 13th Street, 14th Street, 15th Street, 16th Street, 17th Street, 18th Street, 19th Street, 20th Street, 21st Street, 22nd Street, 23rd Street, 24th Street, 25th Street, 26th Street, 27th Street, 28th Street, 29th Street, 30th Street, 31st Street, 32nd Street, 33rd Street, 34th Street, 35th Street, 36th Street, 37th Street, 38th Street, 39th Street, 40th Street, 41st Street, 42nd Street, 43rd Street, 44th Street, 45th Street, 46th Street, 47th Street, 48th Street, 49th Street, 50th Street, 51st Street, 52nd Street, 53rd Street, 54th Street, 55th Street, 56th Street, 57th Street, 58th Street, 59th Street, 60th Street, 61st Street, 62nd Street, 63rd Street, 64th Street, 65th Street, 66th Street, 67th Street, 68th Street, 69th Street, 70th Street, 71st Street, 72nd Street, 73rd Street, 74th Street, 75th Street, 76th Street, 77th Street, 78th Street, 79th Street, 80th Street, 81st Street, 82nd Street, 83rd Street, 84th Street, 85th Street, 86th Street, 87th Street, 88th Street, 89th Street, 90th Street, 91st Street, 92nd Street, 93rd Street, 94th Street, 95th Street, 96th Street, 97th Street, 98th Street, 99th Street, 100th Street.

Rescheduled from its previous
cancelled date of April 20, 2019:

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.](#)



City Hall at Your Corner - May 15th

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 ...

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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 ...

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