

May 2, 2019

Community Update

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Council Develops Budget to Reflect Community Priorities

During their upcoming Council meeting on May 8, the City Council will consider adoption of the budget for the next two fiscal years. Covering the 19-20 and 20-21 fiscal years (starting July 1 of each calendar year), the budget establishes the priorities of the City by assigning necessary funding to support the various services provided by Cathedral City.

The Councilmembers have been reviewing the budget for the past six weeks in a couple of ways. First, they have individually considered all the proposed line item expenditures in the budget and the estimated revenues, which will support the expenditures. Council members, upon reviewing the written budget proposals, developed questions for Finance Department and operating department staff so they could develop a full understanding of what is included in the proposed budget. Secondly, Council collectively reviewed the proposed budget during two public study session meetings held during April.

Beginning with their goal setting meetings in January and continuing throughout the budget review process, Councilmembers consistently commented on, and developed priorities consistent with their understanding of the priorities of the people of our community. Proposed additions to the budget reflect community priorities in the following areas:

Homelessness – The proposed budget continues funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a partnership with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to provide shelter and treatment services for the homeless from Cathedral City. The budget also continues to provide general fund dollars which can be used for contributions to regional efforts to address

homelessness or other partnerships with non-profits. The budget will also add a new Homeless Liaison Officer position in the Police department. This new position will supplement the existing Homeless Liaison Officer position allowing the department to provide coverage seven days a week.

Code Enforcement – In addition to providing funding to continue the existing Code Enforcement programs and services, the proposed budget will add an additional position in Code Enforcement. This new position will help the division to operate more efficiently and effectively, improve response to priority cases and develop improved outreach to the community to make residents more aware of the provision of the code related to property maintenance.

Streets – The proposed budget will add a general fund commitment of \$900,00 to the street Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of the City. This will meet the required maintenance of effort provisions in state law allowing the City to receive SB1 (gas tax) funds for street improvement projects. Collectively, the general fund contributions, SB1 funds, grants and other street funds will allow the following street projects to be initiated in the next two years:

- West Whitewater Neighborhood Streets reconstruction
- Slurry and paving projects on DaVall Drive
- Drainage improvements at Date Palm and Los Gatos
- Avenida Maravilla improvements at La Pasada
- Sarah Street pavement rehabilitation
- Ramon Road bridge and roadway widening
(Cathedral City participation in Palm Springs project)
- Avenida Ximino neighborhood street improvements
- Landau/McCallum traffic signal and intersection improvements
- Whispering Palms neighborhood street improvements
- Traffic signal upgrades across the City
- Cathedral Canyon bridge construction

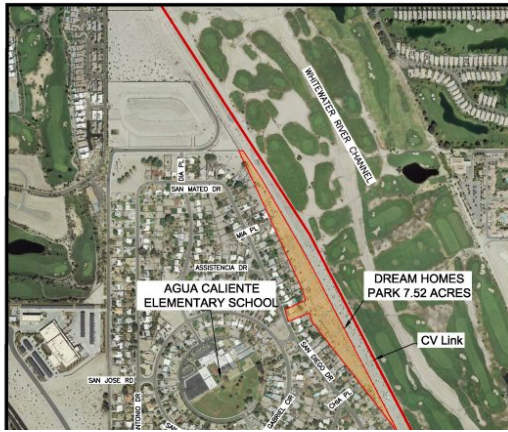
The development of the budget was planned with foresight and resources were provided so that Council will be able to complete their deliberations and approve the proposed budget well in advance of the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. Periodic updates on both revenue collections and the expenditure of funds will be provided to Council throughout the year.

NEWS

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meetings. In addition, City partners, Desert Healthcare District, Loma Linda University Health, and El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center, who have been developing a community needs assessment for the Dream Homes, will be in attendance.

[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, ...

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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.

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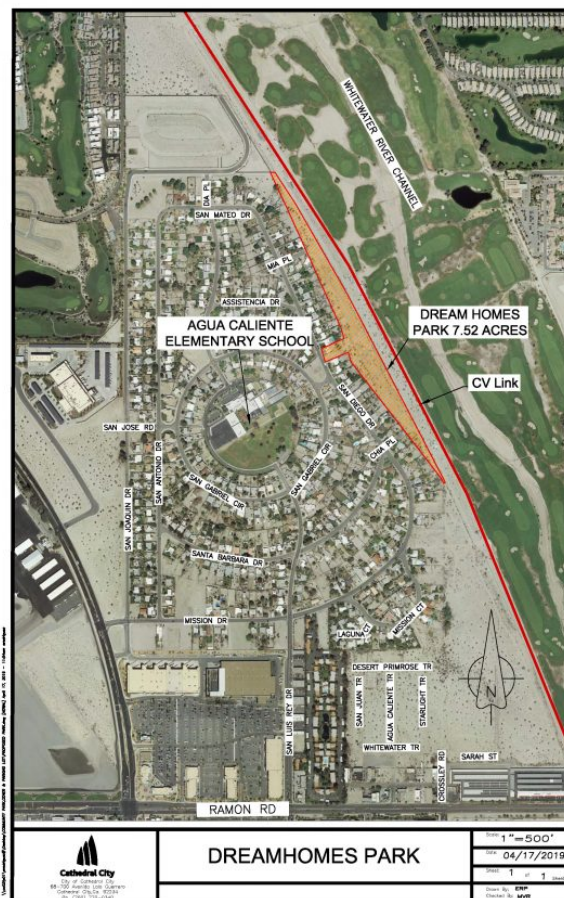
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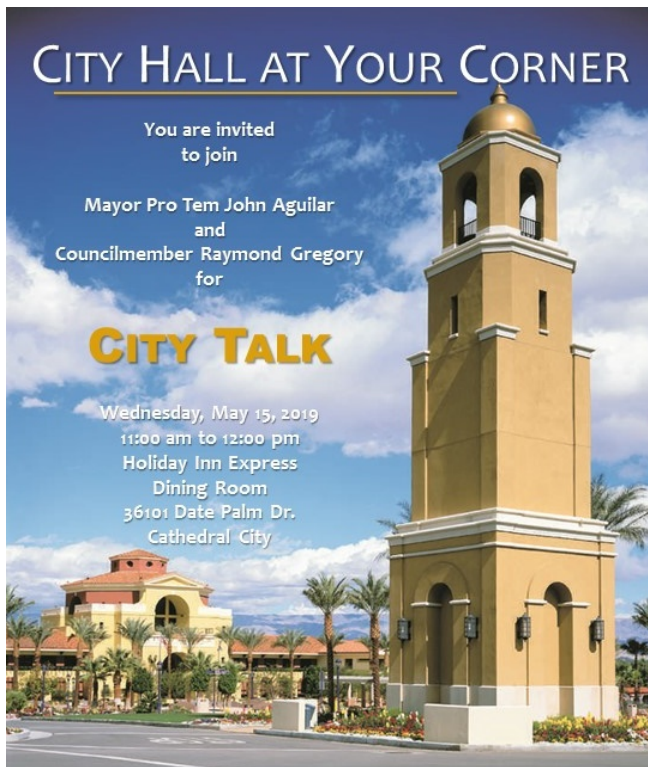
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Movies in the Park

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 ... [Read more.](#)

Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club Annual Pasta Dinner & Community Awards

Join Mayor Mark Carnevale and supporters of the Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club for their annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser and Youth & Community Awards. This annual event raises much needed funds for the Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club while recognizing the youth and community members who volunteer their time and effort for a better tomorrow. What: Cathedral City ...

[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 Carnevale, as we celebrate many of our treasured youth and community volunteers while raising money for a great cause!



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.](#)



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