

June 20, 2019

Community Update

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

Sidewalks, sidewalks and more sidewalks. As many of our constituents are seeing, we are constructing concrete sidewalks along Date Palm Drive from Vista Chino to Gerald Ford Drive, and then along Gerald Ford Drive to Cameron This \$602,000 Project, called the Date Palm Drive and Gerald Ford Drive Sidewalk Gap Closure Project (Project), is a Capital Improvement Project funded 75% by the Coachella Valley Association of Government's (CVAG) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Grant Funds and 25% approved City Capital Improvement funds.

This Project, approved for construction this past March, provides for sidewalks to be installed on the west side of Date Palm Drive filling in gaps along the City's right of way. The new sidewalks fill-in between areas that had sidewalks and areas that did not. The project will also install sidewalks on the south side of Gerald Ford Drive where there were no sidewalks. Included in the Project are sections of concrete curb gutter and asphalt roadway that were missing, corner ADA ramps, corner spandrels and cross gutters. You may notice that some portions of the sidewalks may still be missing, these will be filled-in by development already in the planning process and will coincide with a proposed development project or site remodel soon.

Upon completion Hardy and Harper, Inc, the contractor for this work, will have installed approximately 44,000 square feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk along 4 miles or more of roadway, 18 ADA curb ramps and about one-half mile of curb and gutter. The sidewalks will accommodate the high pedestrian volumes that were walking on dirt paths, mainly students going to and from the schools within our City. The work will be wrapped up in the next few weeks.

Sidewalks are typically not installed by the City as a budgeted item, as these are typically a requirement of developers to "build out" their respective project's fronting streets. In areas around the City where you may see that there are no sidewalks and a house or building exists, these are areas that were most likely built prior to the City's incorporation. Back then, sidewalks were not always installed along with the roadway. In the City's commercial/industrial districts, you may also see a lack of sidewalks, as the thought of past planning practices was that vehicles would exclusively access these areas to utilize the services offered, and not walking pedestrians. This practice of not installing sidewalks in commercial/industrial areas has changed, as vacancies within these commercial/industrial areas are being filled with more eclectic uses that encourage, not only employees, but customers to walk between businesses. All this is changing and sidewalks, if not already there, will be phased into all new project applications.



Lastly, sidewalks are a great amenity for the public to use, but there are responsibilities that go along with having a sidewalk along your property. Most property owners may not know that in our Municipal Code (14.12.010), there is a “Duty to Maintain” requirement. This Code section mirrors CA State Streets and Highway Code Section 5610. The Code essentially requires fronting property owners along a public street which has been improved by a sidewalk to maintain the sidewalk, including the parkway area between the sidewalk the street line. Maintenance includes irrigation as necessary, trimming of grass, trees and shrubs and other vegetation within the sidewalk and parkway area. The Code also includes provisions for property owners to keep the sidewalk free and clear of sand accumulation, gravel, blow sand, debris and other material which may endanger people, property or interfere with the public convenience. This includes the replacement of lifted, cracked or damaged sidewalk panels that constitute a safety hazard and there may be liabilities incurred by the property owner if the sidewalk is not maintained to the aforementioned condition. We encourage you to go to the City Website (www.CathedralCity.gov) and review the City Code regarding sidewalks and the “Duty to Maintain.” We are not unique in the application of this Code for sidewalks, as most cities in California have adopted similar codes that require the same.

With the above Code referenced, and obligations stated, property owner should take heart that there are good reasons to maintain your sidewalk in a clean and safe condition. Sidewalks fronting property are what most people look at first when walking or passing by your property. This first impression directly impacts your property value. Take your neighbors’ properties into consideration and the condition of the sidewalks can project the entire image of the neighborhood. Look how the sidewalk additions have improved the Date Palm Drive corridor. A vast improvement on image and looks. Treat the sidewalks fronting your property as important as all the other exterior portions of your house or business.

If you have any questions regarding sidewalks, future sidewalk projects and/or City Codes, please call us at City Hall: 760-770-0340.

NEWS

Save a Life by Donating Blood

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JOB OPENINGS ARE HAPPENING...
Cathedral City Community Coalition
Presents: **"GET JOB READY"**

SCHEDULE
Come to one or all

- 8:00AM**
Registration & Welcome
- 9:00AM**
Essential Hiring Skills
- 10:00AM**
Trade Career Pathways
- 11:00AM**
Public Safety Career Pathways
- 11:45AM**
Lunch Break
- 12:30PM-2:30PM**
Employment Vendors & Application Preparation

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019
CATHEDRAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
32520 DATE PALM DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

SPEAKERS

MATTHEW CAMPOS
Director of Development and Programs

ELMER DIAZ
Organizer
LIBROS LOCAL 440

WENDY FREDERICK
Team Regional Manager
Visa New Development

KIMBERLY KRAUSE
Greater Coachella Valley
Chamber of Commerce

CHARLES MCLENDON
City Manager
PUBLIC SAFETY
First Responders

For information and to RSVP:
(Vendors: Please RSVP by May 23)

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OFERTAS DE TRABAJO VACANTES EN CATHEDRAL
La Coalición Comunitaria de Cathedral City
Presenta: **"PREPÁRATE PARA TRABAJAR"**

HORARIO
Asiste al taller de tu elección ó a todos

- 8:00AM**
Registración y bienvenida
- 9:00AM**
Habilidades esenciales para ser contratado
- 10:00AM**
Trayectoria para carreras comerciales
- 11:00AM**
Trayectoria para carreras en seguridad pública
- 11:45AM**
Almuerzo
- 12:30PM-2:30PM**
Empleo, proveedores y preparación de aplicaciones

VIERNES 21 DE JUNIO, 2019
EN LA LIBRERÍA PÚBLICA DE CATHEDRAL CITY
CUARTO COMUNITARIO
32520 DATE PALM DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

PRESENTADORES

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Director de Desarrollo y Programas

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Organizador con LIBROS LOCAL 440

WENDY FREDERICK
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para el desarrollo de negocios en la Cámara de Comercio

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Para mas información y para reservar llámame a:
(Proveedores/ Vendedores favor de reservar antes del 23 de mayo)

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Free "Get Job Ready" Seminar Happens This Friday in Cathedral City

The Cathedral City Community Coalition presents an invaluable, free seminar entitled, "Get Job Ready," this Friday, June 21, 2019 beginning at 8:00 am located at the Cathedral City Public Library, Community Room, 32520 Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City. The seminar will address topics on Essential Hiring Skills and pathways to a career in skilled trades and public safety. From ... [Read more.](#)

Cathedral City

COOLING CENTER

Cathedral City Public Library
33520 Date Palm Dr,
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Cathedral City Public Library Is the "Coolest" Place to Be this Summer

Are you looking for a cool place this summer to beat the heat? The Cathedral City Public Library located at 33520 Date Palm Drive will serve as the official SCE cooling center in Cathedral City. The cooling center at

the library is available Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 ... [Read more.](#)

Cathedral City Fire Department Ranked the Fastest in the Coachella Valley for Emergency Ambulance Response

The Desert Sun just released an in-depth analysis of looking at the various emergency response operations in the Coachella Valley. Entitled, "A matter of life and death: Depending on your valley residence, emergency response time and prices vary," the study reported that Cathedral City processed 9-1-1 calls comparable to other cities but had the fastest response time for ambulance service ... [Read more.](#)



Kids Eat Free All Summer Long

Free Summer Meals
Featuring Fresh California
Fruits and Vegetables, Hot
Dogs, Hamburgers, PB&J,
and more.

Text 'FOOD' or 'COMIDA' to 877-877
or visit summermeals.org
to find out where

For Children 18 Years and Younger
Free Summer Meals

Returning This Summer

Sunrise Park
480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs
Located next to the parking lot on Ramon!
Lunch 11:00am – 1:00pm, Snack 3:30 – 4:00pm
June 10 – August 2, 2019

New Parks This Summer!!!!

Ocotillo Park
33300 Moreno Road, Cathedral City
Supper at 5:30 – 7:00pm, Begins June 10, 2019

Wardman Park, Desert Hot Springs
65750 Eighth St., Desert Hot Springs
Supper at 5:30 – 7:00pm, Begins June 10, 2019



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With school out for the summer, many family budgets are stretched thin to overcome missed kid meals served during the regular school year. In response, Palm Springs Unified School District and the United States Department of Agriculture are offering locations for kids to receive a free lunch and supper. The free meals are for all children and youth ages 18 ...

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EVENTS



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2019 Free Summer Kids Movies Series - "The Secret Life of Pets"

The Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission, in partnership with the Mary Pickford Theatre, presents a "Free Summer Kids Movie Series" happening on every Friday at 9:30 a.m. starting Friday, June 14, 2019 thru Friday, August 2, 2019. The film series will allow free admission in order to see a different movie geared towards kids each Friday morning at ...

[Read more.](#)



JUNE 5
to
JUNE 26

SBDC Eats Program

If you are looking to start a food truck, sell homemade cookies and pies or open a brick and mortar restaurant then this is the program for you! At no cost, this series will take you from creating your concept to starting your business and everything in between. Consider this a crash course on becoming a foodpreneur!

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Free Technical Assistance to Expand your Business

Want to Plan, Start, Finance or Expand Your Business? Resolve A Specific Business Issue? Free, Technical Assistance Last Thursday of Each Month

[Read more.](#)



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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.](#)

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at

DESERT ICE CASTLE

1st Tuesday of Every Month



9 Cities Challenge BLOOD DRIVE

If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?

CATHEDRAL CITY
COACHELLA
DESERT HOT SPRINGS
INDIAN WELLS
INDIO
LA QUINTA
PALM DESERT
PALM SPRINGS
RANCHO MIRAGE

City of Cathedral City

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Cathedral City Senior Center

37171 W. Buddy Rogers Ave., Cathedral City
Friday, July 12 from 9 AM to 3 PM
in the Cathedral City Senior Center.

All donors will receive a free movie ticket and
a 9 Cities Challenge cap!



Sign up today! Call 800.879.4484 or
visit 9CitiesChallenge.com



Walk-ins always welcome!
Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
Bring photo ID with proof of age.
Donors under the age of 17 must bring a signed
LifeStream parental consent form.



800.879.4484 | LSTREAM.ORG

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A Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle

Escape the dog days of summer and cool down at a Free Summer ESkate at Desert Ice Castle on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. ESkate allows up to 175 people to ice skate for free including skate rental on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ages 3 years and up. No RSVPs.

Although it may be 100 degrees outside, its freezing inside Desert Ice Castle. So, be sure to wear or bring warm clothes. [Read more.](#)



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