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Community Update

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Task Force to Study Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Cathedral City witnessed a case study on democracy in action on Wednesday evening (June 26) as residents and property owners packed the Council chambers to make their voices heard on the topic of Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVR). More than twenty speakers provided public comments to the City Council during a discussion lasting almost two hours. The Council listened to all speakers and carefully considered the comments provided. Ultimately, they passed an urgency ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new STVR permits in the City. In a compromise among the Councilmembers, they agreed to an exemption allowing potential STVR operators who had already applied, but who had not yet received their permit, to continue through the review and approval process. The objective of the moratorium is to stop the clock while a soon to be appointed task force studies the issue of STVRs.

The task force will begin their work in July with three primary objectives:

1. The task force will review current regulations governing the operation of STVRs in the City and recommend new or improved regulations to the City Council.
2. The task force will evaluate the enforcement of STVR regulations and suggest ways to strengthen or otherwise improve enforcement efforts.

3. The task force will study the effect of concentrations of STVRs on neighborhoods and develop suggestions on ways to address any identified negative effects.

Council has asked for a report and recommendations from the task force within the next six months or by the end of the year. The task force will be comprised of a balanced mix of permanent neighborhood residents and STVR owners and managers to assure that all points of view are considered. The Council's use of a task force to provide advice and suggestion is consistent with their adopted goal to engage residents to be more active in our community through civic affairs and volunteering.

NEWS

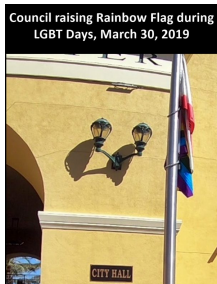


Daytime and Nighttime Cooling Centers Available in Cathedral City

Are you looking for a cool place this summer to beat the heat? Cathedral City now has daytime and nighttime cooling centers for those in need. Daytime Cooling Center The Cathedral City Public Library located at 33520 Date Palm Drive will serve as the official SCE daytime cooling center in Cathedral City. The cooling center at the library is ...[Read more.](#)

Cathedral City to Fly a Rainbow Flag in Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall

On June 28, 1969, the New York City Police Department raided the Stonewall Inn bar that was frequented by the LGBTQ community and began arresting these individuals based on laws that forbid anyone from being lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ). Being arrested back then often resulted in your name and/or picture being blasted in the newspaper or on ...[Read more.](#)



The Census 2020 Is Hiring Thousands of People for Field Workers

In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country paying between \$15.50 to \$17.00 per hour in Riverside County. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine each state's representation in ...[Read more.](#)

United States Census 2020



Enhanced Police Enforcement for Illegal Fireworks in Cathedral City Starts Tomorrow

On June 28th at noon, local charities begin selling the "Safe and Sane Fireworks" at various locations throughout Cathedral City. These are permitted fireworks that do NOT go up in the air and do not explode. Each package is labeled as "Safe and Sane" by the California State Fire Marshal. Any firework that is not labeled "Safe and Sane" ...

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City Council Enacts



Immediate 45-Day Moratorium on New Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Moratorium offers time to review current rules and enforcement policies CATHEDRAL CITY, CA. – At their June 26th council meeting, the city council heard from a packed chamber from both sides of the short-term vacation rental (STVR) debate regarding their impact on neighborhoods and the city as a whole. One side discussed the extreme noise and nuisance coming from ...[Read more.](#)

West Nile Virus Found in Mosquitos within Cathedral City

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District detected West Nile virus (WNV) in samples of mosquitoes collected in Cathedral City. This is the first time this year WNV has been detected in Cathedral City. This brings the total number of samples positive for WNV to 182 this year in the Coachella Valley. Locations of detected mosquitos with WNV: Near ...[Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Historic Preservation Committee

Notice of Vacancies: Historic Preservation Committee

At the January 9, 2019, City Council Meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance 821 which created the Cathedral City Historic Preservation Committee. This Committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the City Council. Two of the initial committee members shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and three of the initial members shall be ...[Read more.](#)

CVRep Playhouse Has Three Performances This Week

The only Actors' Equity playhouse in the entire Coachella Valley is now located in Downtown Cathedral City at the corner of HWY 111 and Cathedral Canyon Drive. If you have not seen this amazing theater that possesses a stage the size of the McCallum Theatre with an intimate seating of around 200 seats, then here are three opportunities to do ...[Read more.](#)



EVENTS

2019 Free Summer Kids Movie Series - "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"

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.](#)



Free Technical Assistance to Expand your Business

Want to Plan, Start, Finance or Expand Your Business? Resolve A Specific Business Issue? Free,



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 ...

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9 Cities Blood Drive Challenge

The 2019 Nine Cities Blood Drive Challenge is on! Coachella Valley communities are going head-to-head to collect the most LifeStream blood donations to assist local hospital patients and save lives! Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Here in the Coachella Valley, in the summer months, when our population dips by about 30 percent, we experience a local blood shortage ...

[Read more.](#)

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

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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.](#)



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