



CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Community Update

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We often hear constituents commenting about the city's roads, traffic, traffic signals, parks, street signage, and other items at meetings or through social media and phone calls. From the Engineering and Public Works perspective, these are the tangible things that our residents see on a daily basis. There is, though, another Department within the City that typically stays behind the scenes and keeps things operating smoothly in the city without being noticed. This is the City's Facilities Department.

What does the Facilities Department do? The simple answer is... everything related to City owned buildings and property. They handle air conditioning repairs, leaky roofs, installation of office furniture and equipment, and the general maintenance of plazas, sidewalks, and stairs.

The Staff of this Department are in charge of hundreds of items that that allow employees to better serve you, our residents. As stated, air conditioning functionality, temperature and maintenance is one of the very important functions they serve, especially in the summer as I write this on a 117° day. I am sure the visitors coming into a cool City Hall appreciate their service as well.

Not only at City Hall does the Facilities Department leave its fingerprint, they also take care of all the other City buildings including the police department, fire stations and the city library. This includes bathrooms, kitchens and jail holding cells as well as the hardscape and landscape grounds surrounding each of these. Even the city landmark, the "Gregory S. Pettis Fountain of Life," is under this Department's purview. Elevators, cooling towers, garage doors, rolling gates, locks, plumbing, valves, alarm systems and solenoids are a list of words used in the daily "lingo" of these professionals. They coordinate services for exterminating, carpet cleaning, landscaping,

parking structure sweeping, janitorial and roof inspections. The list goes on. Most of us manage to take care of our homes and property, just amplify that responsibility by 100 times and you will get a sense of what these employees do every day.

In order to move from one task to another, these professionals must have a diverse skill set that allows them to complete their tasks. Hence, their backgrounds are in construction, electrical, framing, locksmithing, plumbing and air conditioning/heating. The knowledge they obtain allows them to monitor equipment, identify problems, and make appropriate repairs.

The Facilities Department also keeps you, our taxpayers, in mind as they are always looking to save money, be efficient and environmentally friendly. A prime example is their current project of converting all the lighting throughout city buildings and structures to energy efficient LED light fixtures. Additionally, when old parts fail, they do not just simply replace the part, they often look at ways to install more efficient parts that will last longer, provide better service, and save on energy costs. This is true with not only electrical components, but also water components. The City takes pride in being a leader in water conservation, and Facilities, continually looks for opportunities to hardscape, replumb and introduce more water efficient plants to reduce the City's overall water usage.

I hope you enjoyed this introduction and overview of our Facilities Department which supports the employees of the City and you as well. They are constantly working behind the scenes to ensure our level of service to our residents and make your experience with the city better, both day and night.

If you have any questions regarding this Community Update, please call me, John A. Corella, at 760-770-0327 or email me at JCorella@cathedralcity.gov.

NEWS



Tour of the New CVRep Playhouse in Downtown Cathedral City

CCTV Host Conrad Angel Corral sits down with Artistic Director Ron Celona of the new CVRep Playhouse in Downtown Cathedral City to discuss the amazing welcome they have received from

the community and to tour the complete interior remodel of this former IMAX Theater. The CVRep Playhouse serves as one of four anchors to Cathedral City's Arts and Entertainment District. ...[Read more.](#)

AGT's Singer Emily West To Perform a Snow Fest Holiday Concert at CVRep

America's Got Talent Singer Emily West will perform a full concert during this year's Snow Fest at the new CVRep Playhouse in Downtown Cathedral City on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Emily West won crowds over as a finalist on America's Got Talent with her re-imagined versions of songs like the Moody Blues' "Nights in White Satin" and ...[Read more.](#)






Sept 10
to
Oct 1
2019

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!

Become a Foodpreneur

Learn:

- To use a commercial kitchen space
- Which business type is the right choice for you. Cottage Food, Commercial Kitchen, Food Truck, Brick and Mortar and more!

How to:

- Build and Plan for your Business
- Create, Cost, and Price your Products
- Source and Sell your Products

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Free Training to Be a Foodpreneur

Have you ever thought about starting your own food business, such as a food truck or to sell homemade cookies, jams or pies? Maybe you thought about opening your own restaurant? The Small Business Development Center is providing a free training series that will assist you in creating your concept to starting your business and everything in between. You will ...[Read more.](#)

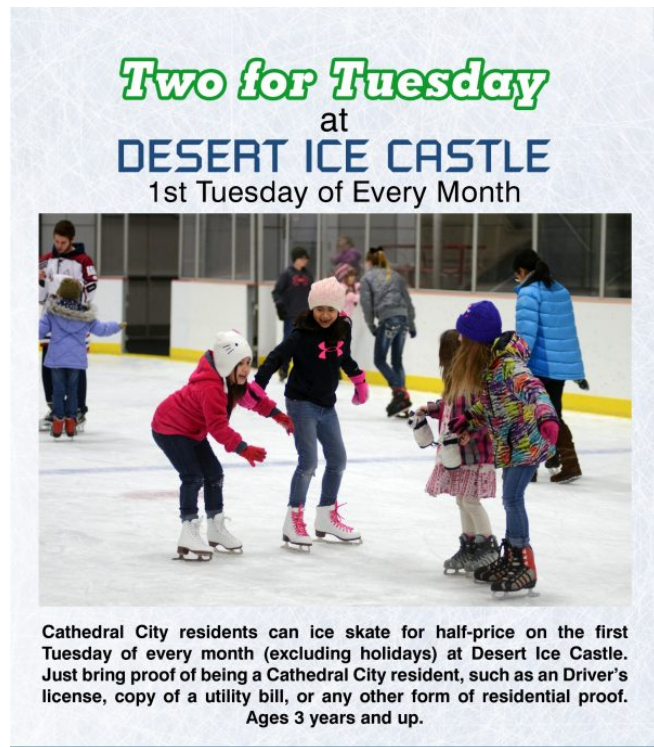


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Two for Tuesday

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 ...

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WHEEL OF SHADE

Cat City Drag Race
SIX WEEKS, SIX BARS, ONE TIARA

WHO WILL SURVIVE THE SHADINESS?

Cat City Drag Race by CCGBA

Help the CCGBA find the "Royal Highness of Cat City" during the ultimate Drag Race! Up to 15 contestants will compete for the best drag over the five week competition starting on Monday, September 9, 2019 through Monday, October 7, 2019. They will be scored by five judges including local celebrity judges on originality, themed outfit, personality, and performance. But ...

[Read more.](#)



Tejano Music Festival 2019

Tejano PowerHouse Entertainment, City of Cathedral City and Diaz Enterprises invites you to the 3rd Annual Tejano Music Fest in Cathedral City featuring the best Tejano music, fiesta food and spirits on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 5 pm to 11 pm at our new location, the Pavilion at Big League Dreams Sports Park in Cathedral City, California. You will enjoy our largest dance floor yet and the award winning Tejano musical groups, such as “Tejano Highway 281,” “Grupo Artrapado,” and “JR Gomez y los Conjunto Bandits,” as well as local favorite, “Grupo Uniko.”...[Read more.](#)

Halloween Spooktacular

Bring the entire family for trick or treats, DJ music, hourly kids’ costume contest, and an interaction with police and fire personnel and equipment. More than 30,000 pieces of candy will be given away. A safe-communities, Halloween event featuring the Zombie bus and blood drive. [Read more.](#)



6th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival

The festival will bring more than 30 hot air balloons from across the United States and around the world to the Coachella Valley for a



kaleidoscope of color, art, sound and enjoyment. It features balloon glows, balloon rides, LIVE musical entertainment, wine and beer garden,

kid zone, food trucks, and much more. For the latest information, go to www.HotAirBalloonFest.com Food [Read more.](#)

North Pole Village at Snow Fest

This annual event captures all the holiday spirit and places it at one location with a lit Main Street at Santa's North Pole, holiday music and carolers, Santa Claus, holiday tree lighting ceremony, a 20,000 Candy Cane Drop for Kids, Snow Bubble Play for Kids, children's bike giveaways, free movie at the Mary Pickford Theatre, free ice skating passes to ...[Read more.](#)



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