

August 29, 2019

Community Update

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School Safety

As we approach the end of the first month of school, it's time to remind our parents and children of how to remain safe while walking to and from school. It is important to develop a safe Walking Plan with your child. Below are a few key points you can discuss with your children in your planning.



Walking with Groups

Stay with a group. Always walk with at least one friend, two or three is better.

Safe Walking

Stick to the route discussed with your parents (Safe Walking Plan). Never use shortcuts through empty lots, alleys, fields, etc. Avoid empty buildings and isolated areas.

No Headphones

Don't wear headphones. Always be aware of your surroundings. Always assume you are invisible, and motorists do not see you.

Strangers Offering Rides

If a stranger offers you a ride, shout "NO!" and stay far away from their car. Immediately run away from the person to a safe location.

Asking for Help

If someone is following you on foot or in a car, go to a place where there are other people – to a neighbor's home or into a store, and immediately ask for help.

Leaving School

Never leave school with a stranger, or anyone for that matter without parent consent.

Defense Safety

Noise is the best defense – yell, scream, shout, scatter books and belongings if forced into a car. Remind your child you will not get in trouble for defending yourself in an emergency.

Bus Stop Safety

Move away from any car that pulls up to the bus stop.

School/Playground Safety

Tell a trusted adult if a stranger is hanging around the school or playground.

Strangers Offering Gifts

Never accept things from a stranger.

Strangers Asking Questions

If a stranger asks you a question, don't talk to them. Run away.

Code Words

Another helpful suggestion is to share a code word with your child known only among family members. It is important to stress anyone offering a ride unexpectedly – even a family friend – will have been given the code word in advance.

Now a note to the parents about driving in school zones and picking up or dropping off your children.

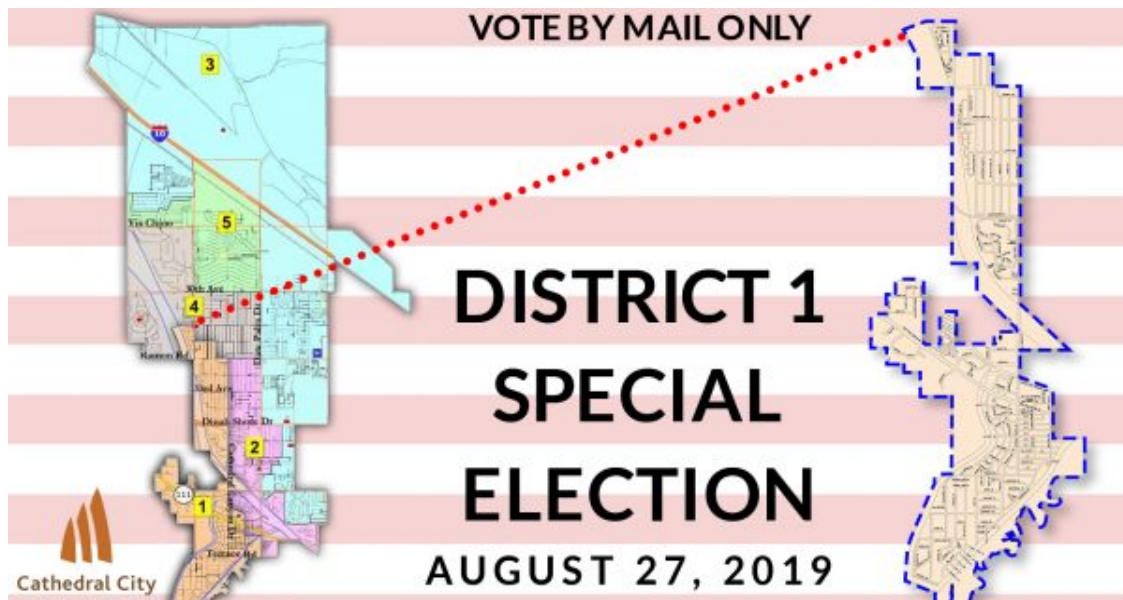
Be patient and slow down! Drive cautiously and follow the rules of the road. If the school has put a plan in place on how to pick up or drop off your child, please follow it. We will be patrolling the school zones looking for violators.

NEWS



City of Cathedral City Approves “Intergovernmental Agreement” for Downtown Casino

The City Council of Cathedral City approved an “Intergovernmental Agreement” with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Tribe) for its planned gaming and entertainment center to be built at the northwest corner of Highway 111 (East Palm Canyon Drive) and Date Palm Drive in Downtown Cathedral City. The agreement provides the City with approximately \$6.5 million over ten years ...[Read more.](#)



20 Votes Separate the Two Candidates in the Special District 1 Election

Voters had up until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday night to turn in their ballots or have their ballots postmarked by Tuesday, August 27, 2019 to be counted in the Special Election for District 1. Of the ballots counted and released shortly after 8:00 pm by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office, Rita Lamb led by 20 votes (583 votes) ...[Read more.](#)

Casting Call for Warner Bros. Feature Film – September 7 & 8

Greater Palm Spring Film Alliance and Film Office has notified the City of Cathedral City that Warner Bros. will be filming a feature movie in the Coachella Valley and they are seeking movie extras. A casting call for extras for a film shoot between mid-September through mid-October in the east valley will occur at the following locations, dates and ...[Read more.](#)

Cat City Drag Race Starts Monday, September 9th

Six Weeks, Six Bars, One Tiara! Help the Cathedral City Gay Business Association (CCGBA) find the "Royal Highness of Cat City" during the ultimate Drag Race! Multiple



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 ...[Read more.](#)

EVENTS

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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Cat City Drag Race by
CCGBA



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Back to School Bingo

The Cathedral City Senior Center and the Palm Springs Chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are cooperating to get more school supplies for Cathedral City elementary school students. They're particularly interested in having more back packs and other supplies like notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, etc. The collection boxes will be located in the Cathedral City Senior Center's Lobby at ...[Read more.](#)



Cinema Diverse

Cinema Diverse – The Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival returns to Cathedral City's Mary Pickford Theatre for the third year in a row on September 27 and 28, 2019 with an expanded presence. The "Bonus Weekend" in Cathedral City will feature never before seen films during the prior weekend at the Palm Springs Cultural Center (Camelot) in Palm Springs on ...[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.](#)





BALLOON FESTIVAL & FOOD TRUCK FIESTA NOVEMBER 22-24

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

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](#).



Snow Fest Concert with Singer Emily West

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](#).



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