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Community Update

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Proposition 13

You've may have heard City Staff and City Council often refer to the City of Cathedral City being a post-proposition 13 City. What exactly is Proposition 13 and how does it affect local finances?



In 1978, a simple majority of California voters approved

Proposition 13, seeking property-taxpayer relief and uniformity, with far-reaching consequences, some unintended. Proposition 13 reduced property revenues by more than half and effectively abolished any local control with regard to the property tax. Local governments still have wide latitude on the spending of the remaining revenues they receive, but the allocation of the tax is controlled by the State Legislature.

Six Provisions of Proposition 13 Affecting Local Finance

1. **One percent rate cap.** Proposition 13 capped, with limited exceptions, property tax rates at 1 percent of full cash value at the time of acquisition. Prior to Proposition 13, local jurisdictions independently established their tax rates.
2. **Assessment Rollback.** Proposition 13 rolled back property values as determined for tax purposes to their Fiscal Year 1975-1976 level.
3. **Reassessment upon change of ownership.** Proposition 13 replaced the practice of annually reassessing property at full cash value with a system based on cost at acquisition. Under Proposition 13, property is assessed at market value for tax purposes only when it changes ownership. Subsequent annual values are limited to this "base year" amount plus an annual growth factor of 2 percent or CPI, whichever is less.
4. **Responsibility for allocating property tax transferred to the state.** Proposition 13 gave state lawmakers responsibility for allocating property tax revenues among local jurisdictions. Prior to Proposition 13, jurisdictions established their tax rates independently and their property tax revenues depended on the rate levied and the value of the property located within the boundaries of the jurisdiction.
5. **Voter approval for special taxes.** Proposition 13 requires two-thirds voter approval for property taxes raised by local governments for a designated "special" purpose.
6. **Taxes imposed by the State Legislature require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.** In order the change any provision of Proposition 13, it would have to go back to the voters.

Finally, the amount of property taxes allocated to local governments depends on state property tax allocation laws, principally Assembly Bill 8 ("AB 8"). The AB 8 system was designed, in part, to allocate property tax revenue in proportion to the share of property taxes received by a local

government in the mid-1970s (*those cities that were incorporated prior to the implementation of Proposition 13 in 1978*). Under this system, local governments that received a large share of property taxes in the 1970s typically continue to receive a relatively large share of property taxes today. Although there have been changes to the original property tax allocation system contained in AB 8, the allocation system continues to be substantially based on the variation in property tax receipts in effect in the 1970s. This variation largely reflects service levels provided by local governments in the 1970s. Those Local governments providing many services generally collected more property taxes in the 1970s to pay for those services. As a result, those local governments received a larger share of property taxes under AB 8. For example, cities and counties that provided many government services, including police and fire protection, park and recreation programs, and water services, typically receive more property tax revenue than governments that relied on special districts to provide some or all of these services. Local governments not yet incorporated by 1978, which Cathedral City did not incorporate until 1981, essentially fell victim to Proposition 13 and AB 8 and thus receive on average 60% less in property tax revenue than those cities incorporated prior to 1978.

In practical terms all of this means that neighboring cities of a similar size (like Palm Springs and Cathedral City) may receive significantly different property tax allocations. For example, in Fiscal Year 2018-19, Palm Springs was allocated \$24.2 million dollars in property tax revenues while Cathedral City received only \$5.1 million. This makes it more difficult for Cathedral City, a post-Prop 13 city, to offer the same level of services using property taxes compared to a similarly sized city that incorporated before Prop 13.

NEWS



“Tejano Highway 281” Will Headline the 3rd Annual Tejano Music Fest in Cathedral City

With numerous awards under their belt buckle including “Tejano Music Awards – Best New Artist-Group” of the year and “Tejano Music Hall of

Fame”, the “Tejano Highway 281” band will perform as the headliners at the 3rd Annual Tejano Music Fest on Saturday, October 12, 2019, Big League Dreams Sports Park, Sports Pavilion, 33700 Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City. ...[Read more.](#)

State Funded Solar
Power Program
Available for Limited and
Fixed Incomes

Do you own your own home? Do you want clean, solar power installed for free? Do you want to save up to 90% of your electrical bills? Are you on a limited or fixed income? If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for a state program that funds solar panels to help you save ...[Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Parks & Community Events Commission

terms beginning immediately upon appointment. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, to the Office of the City Clerk, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234. Applications are available at the City Hall reception desk and can be downloaded ...[Read more.](#)

Notice of Vacation - Parks and Community Events Commission

The City of Cathedral City announces one vacancy on the Parks and Community Events Commission with

Kitt Wins the Second Week of the Cat City Drag Race

Six bars, six weeks, one tiara! The Cat City Drag Race happens every Monday through October 14th with cocktails at 6 pm, show at 7 pm and only in Cathedral City! Last night, the Category was "Leather and Lace" and all nine contestants came to compete! They were there to show last week's winner Sue Madre this wasn't going to ...[Read more.](#)



Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District to Spray for Mosquitos in Cathedral City

The City of Cathedral City received the following notice today: The

MOSQUITO APPLICATIONS IN CATHEDRAL CITY TO TARGET INVASIVE MOSQUITOES



Dear Resident,

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is detecting increasing numbers of the invasive mosquito species in your neighborhood. This mosquito is capable of transmitting viruses including chikungunya, dengue, and Zika, viruses not currently transmitted locally. In an effort to reduce the risk of local transmission, the District

Applications will be conducted between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Application dates are Sept 21, 28, Oct 5 and 12, weather permitting. The application boundary will be posted to the District website at [http://www.cvmcd.org](#). The boundary is bordered by Ramon Rd, Date Dr, and

Control product information: **Altosid Liquid Larvicide** targets mosquitoes in the water in the larval stage. **DeltaGard** targets mosquitoes in the adult stage. Both products are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Products pose a low hazard to people and pets, and are considered an effective strategy in controlling infested mosquito populations. Residents may

[Read more.](#)

APPLICATION BOUNDARY
Ramon Road

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"Food Truck Mash-Up" Returns to Cathedral City on Sunday, October 13

More than 7,000 people enjoyed the Food Truck Mash-Up back in March in Downtown Cathedral City. Now, it returns to Cathedral City at Big League Dreams Sports Park on Sunday, October 13 for one day only!

BUY EARLY AND SAVE!! Buy tickets now through 9/23/19 and save \$5 on Adult & Youth Early Access Tickets OR get BOGO General Admission ...[Read more.](#)



Two Public Forums Scheduled to Discuss Short-Term Vacation Rentals in Cathedral City

The City of Cathedral City will hold two public forums on Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVR) in order to receive additional feedback and information from the public on this important topic. The public is

encouraged to attend and provide their perspective. The two forums are: 1. Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Cathedral City Public Library 33520 Date ...[Read more.](#)

Certifies Rita Lamb as District 1 Winner

On August 27, 2019, the City of Cathedral City held a Special Election for the District 1 City Council seat.

This was a mail-in ballot only election. The two candidates qualified to run were Shelley Kaplan and Rita Lamb. Late this afternoon, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified the election with Rita Lamb winning the seat vacated due to ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS

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.](#)



Swearing-In of Councilmember-Elect Rita Lamb

Join the City Council and family and friends of Councilmember-elect Rita Lamb for her Swearing-In Ceremony on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 starting at 3:30 pm. The ceremony will take place in the City Council Chambers, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, 3rd Floor, in Cathedral City. [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.](#)

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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.](#)



**CALIFORNIA
CLEAN AIR DAY**
A PROJECT OF THE COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR

OCTOBER 2, 2019


JOIN THE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHEDRAL CITY
FOR
TWO TREE PLANTING CEREMONIES
IN HONOR OF
CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY

TREE PLANTING 1
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
1:00 PM
CENTURY PARK, 69908 CENTURY PARK DRIVE, CATHEDRAL CITY

TREE PLANTING 2
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
3:00 PM
PANORAMA PARK, 28905 AVENIDA MARAVILLA, CATHEDRAL CITY

TREES PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN REDUCING CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂) GASES THAT LEAD TO GLOBAL WARMING THROUGH THE NATURAL PROCESS OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS. TREES ABSORB CO₂ AND OTHER POLLUTANT PARTICULATES AND RELEASE PURE OXYGEN BACK INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE. BY PLANTING A TREE, WE CAN HELP REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING, IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH, AND BREATHE MUCH EASIER.

Take the pledge and learn more ways to participate at
CLEANAIRDAY.ORG

 Cathedral City

California Clean Air Day - Century Park Tree Planting

Join the City Council and Members of the Park and Community Events Commission for Two Tree Planting Ceremonies in honor of California Clean Air Day. Tree Planting 1 (Open to the Public) 1:00 pm Century Park, 69908 Century Park Drive, Cathedral City Tree Planting 2 (Open to the Public) 3:00 pm Panorama Park, 28905 Avenida Maravilla, Cathedral City ...[Read more.](#)

Cathedral City Fire Department's Annual Open House & Pancake Breakfast

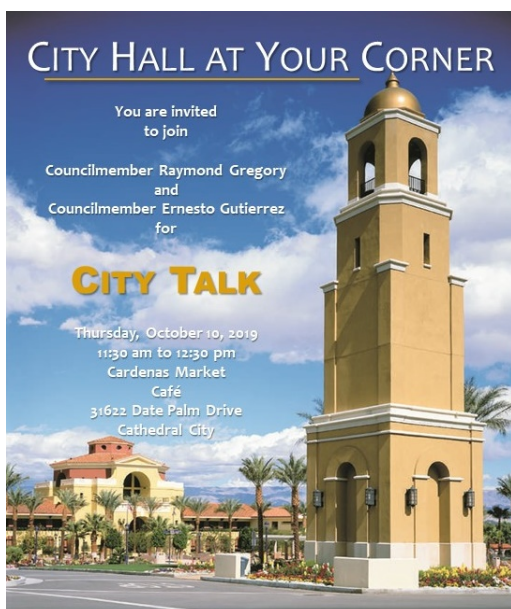
In celebration of National Fire Prevention Week, the public can join your Cathedral City Firefighters for a free pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8 am to 10:30 am at Fire Station 412 located at 32100 Desert Vista Road in Cathedral City. For more information, call (760) 770-8200. [Read more.](#)





7th Annual Sammy's International Meatball Festival

The 7th Annual Sammy's International Meatball Festival will be held Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 11am to 3pm. This year the fundraiser will be held at The Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City club facilities in Cathedral City. Location: The Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City, 32-141 Whispering Palms Trail, Cathedral City, Ca 92234 (note this is ...[Read more](#)).



City Hall at Your Corner - October 10th

Have an issue you would like to speak to your mayor about or learn what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for "City Hall at Your Corner" hosted by Councilmember Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez. The forum will take place on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Cardenas Market, Cafe, ...[Read more](#).

Tejano Music Fest Kick Off Pool Party

Bring your swimsuit and cowboy hat for the Tejano Kick Off Pool Party on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 5:00

pm to 9:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express, 36101 Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City. Enjoy entertainment by Tejano Lipps, Kalifazz Radio, Karlos Saucedo, and Bohemio. Cathedral City's El Portal Mexican Restaurant will be onsite for food and beverages ...

[Read more.](#)



A poster for the Tejano Music Fest. It features a large logo at the top with a keyboard and the text 'TEJANO MUSIC FEST CATHEDRAL CITY'. Below the logo is a photo of five men, the band Tejano Highway 281, standing in front of palm trees. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text 'TEJANO HIGHWAY 281', '5PM-11PM', 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2019', 'BIG LEAGUE DREAMS, CATHEDRAL CITY, CA', and '33-700 DATE PALM DRIVE'.

MUSICAL
LINE UP

TEJANO HIGHWAY 281

LOS 2 G'S

GRUPO ATRAPADO

GRUPO UNIKO

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 "Los 2 G's," as well as local favorite, "Grupo Uniko."...[Read more.](#)

Food Truck Mash-Up - October 13

FOOD TRUCK MASH-UP is bringing the best Food Trucks together for one day only! BUY EARLY AND SAVE!! Buy tickets now through 9/23/19 and

save \$5 on Adult & Youth Early
Access Tickets OR get BOGO
General Admission tickets! MILITARY,
FIRST RESPONDERS AND KIDS 5
& UNDER ENTER FOR FREE! ONE
DAY ONLY!! An outdoor food truck event featuring this... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Homecoming Parade & Rally

Come celebrate Cathedral City High School's Homecoming by cheering on the students at the annual Homecoming Parade and Rally in Downtown Cathedral City.

The parade kicks-off at 4:30 pm on Cathedral Canyon Drive just south of Perez Road and heads south to Avenida Lalo Guerrero. The parade turns left on...[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.](#)



Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the annual "Día de los Muertos" featuring: mariachi bands folkloric dancers an art contest for students a children's craft area supervised by SCRAP



Gallery information tables Community Altar food vendors Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead A Celebration Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:00 am ...

[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 ...



**BALLOON FESTIVAL &
FOOD TRUCK FIESTA
NOVEMBER 22-24**

[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.](#)

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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