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Community Update

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More projects to improve the City roadways are on the way. These are projects that are funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). To get started, let's recap the Projects we have been completed in the past 4 months.

- **Date Palm Drive and Gerald Ford Sidewalk Gap Infill Project.** This project's long name emphasizes the length of the 2.5 miles of new sidewalk placed along Date Palm Drive and Gerald Ford Drive and included ½ mile of new curb and gutter, numerous driveways reconstructions and ADA corner improvements.
- **Ortega Road Improvement Project.** This project improved the north side of Ortega Road from Rancho Vista Road on the east to Campus Lane to the west representing almost a half mile of half street improvements including curb, gutter and sidewalk.
- **Two HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalks Project.** This project installed two High intensity Activated cross Walks (HAWK) along Dinah Shore at Via De Anza and Linda Way. To say the least, the first weeks of the operation of these crosswalks had motorist researching for their driver handbooks on what the different red lights mean. Remember, solid red means stop, flashing red means stop then proceed when clear. These crossing lights have been well received by the pedestrians in these areas.
- **Carey Road Street Improvements.** This project completed Carey Road, east of Cree Road at the west end of the City north of East Palm Canyon. This was a collaborative project that finished

off all of Carey Road in conjunction with the efforts of two developers that had to complete portions of Carey Road themselves. Carey Road now has complete curb and gutter with a cul-de-sac at its east end with access to Horizon Gardens, The District Project, The District East Project, Cree Estate, Kings School and a private residence.

Now that we covered Projects that have been completed, let's look at the Projects that are upcoming this winter and spring.

REAS Placement Along the Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage City Limits. *This project, which will be complete within the next two weeks, will provide for the application of rubberized emulsion asphalt slurry (REAS) on our street that border the City of Rancho Mirage. This project has been in the works since last March, when Rancho Mirage notified us that they were going to doing this work along our bordering streets. The roadways affected are Plumley Road, portions of Da Vall Drive and Gerald Ford. Some areas on the bordering streets were excluded at they are included in reconstruction project that will take place in the following years.*

• **HSIP Cycle 8 Traffic Signals.** This project is a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant that the City is using to upgrade 20 traffic signals within the City. A grant of \$1.674 million will provide for replacing the old controller systems and pedestrian crossing accessories with new updated controlling systems and countdown pedestrian head equipment. This gets very technical but is very exciting for us in Engineering and Public Works that operated and maintain the City's traffic signal system.

2020 Winter/Spring Pavement Replacement Projects. This package of pavement replacement projects will combine four (4) pavement projects that will be done under the same contract. The package of projects consists of the following CIP Project that will remove and replace all the asphalt in the following streets:

• **The West Whitewater Neighborhood Street Improvements.** This project will replace the asphalt on Shifting Sands, Whispering Palms Trail and Sky Blue Water Trail from Ramon Road to Mission Indian Trail.

• **South Panorama Neighborhood Street Improvements.** This project will replace asphalt on Avenida La Paloma, Avenida La Gaviota and Whispering Palms Trail from Ramon Road north to Baristo Road and Baristo Road from Landau to Whispering Palms Trail.

• **Avenida Ximino Neighborhood Street Improvements.** This project will replace the asphalt and fix drainage on portions of Vega Road, Avenida Ximino, Susan Drive, Paulina Avenue, Walker Street, Joaquine Way and Perlita Road. For the exact location of the asphalt replacement work to be completed, please contact the City Engineering Department.

• **Avenida Maravilla (La Pasada) Street Improvements.** This project will replace the asphalt on Avenida Maravilla from vista Chino to the northerly limits of Avenida Maravilla in the La Pasada Community.

• **REAS on Ramon Road.** This project consists of applying REAS slurry along portions of Ramon Road from Landau toward the east as this year's funding allows. Portions that do not receive the REAS slurry this spring season will receive this asphalt treatment in subsequent consecutive years until it is completed at the east City limits at Da Vall Drive.

• **Los Gatos Road Drainage Improvements.** This project consists of redesigning the drainage at the intersection of Los Gatos Road and Date Palm Drive. There are a number of partnering

parties that are participating in finding the right solution for this area as well as grant applications being worked on to assist in the design and construction funding. This project will be constructed after a design concept is chosen, plans are drawn up and funding partner participations are sorted out.

• **The Ophelia Bringas Memorial Bridge Project.** This project, which will construct a bridge on Cathedral Canyon over the Whitewater River Channel, is shovel ready with the constructability review and design check being completed at this time. City Staff is also working with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) on a CV Link crossing for the Bridge that will not impact our funding approval by Cal Trans. We are on the list for funding approval of this \$20 million project and should be notified before and/or around the end of this year or sooner.

As you can see, we have a busy winter and spring planned. If you have any questions regarding this Community Update and the Projects discussed, please call me, John A. Corella at 760-770-0327 or email me at JCorella@cathedralcity.gov.

NEWS

Agua Caliente gets green light for Cathedral City project

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA – The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announced today the construction for the Cathedral City casino will be underway soon thanks to Federal government approval of the Tribe's

request to transfer the land status from fee to tribal trust for gaming purposes. "We are excited to begin construction on this large-scale investment in Cathedral City," Tribal ...[Read more.](#)

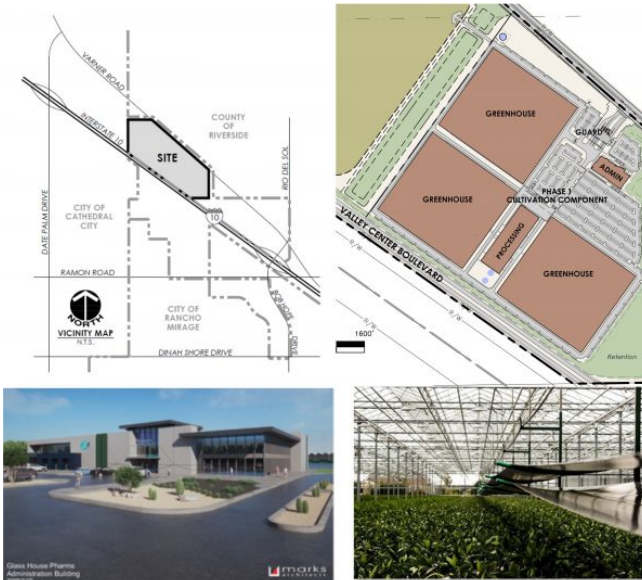


Groundbreaking for Downtown Fire Station Celebrates Fire Department Milestone

The City Council of Cathedral City, the City Urban Revitalization Corporation (C.U.R.C.) Cathedral City Fire Department, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Leaders celebrated the



groundbreaking for the new downtown Fire Station 411, to be built at the northwest corner of Buddy Rogers Avenue and Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City. The \$8.2 million state-of-the-art ...[Read more.](#)



Grading to Begin in 30 Days on 1.5 Million Square Foot Cannabis Cultivation Center

Just north of Interstate 10 and south of Varner Road, grading will begin within 30 days on the new 1.5 million square foot Glass House Farms cannabis cultivation center. To put in perspective the size of this project, the Sunniva cultivation center on Ramon Road that is currently under construction and soon to be completed in early 2020 is 350,000 ...

[Read more.](#)



Tower Market Coming to Northwest Corner of Date Palm and Ortega Road

Exciting changes are coming to a corner that has been blighted for many years. The City Council approved at last night's meeting to allow for a 5,238 square foot market, called Tower Market, to begin construction at the northwest corner of Date Palm Drive and Ortega Road. This corner has seen many years of blight and boarded homes. Tower ...[Read more.](#)

3rd Annual Tejano Music Fest Showcases Grammy & Tejano Award Winning Bands

The third annual Tejano Music Fest, presented by Libra crafted by HOTN, showcases the music, food, and culture of Mexican-Americans whose families originate from south, central, and west Texas and now call California home. The festival takes place on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion at Big League Dreams Sports Park, 33-700 ...[Read more.](#)



LIBRA Presents

TEJANO MUSIC FEST

CATHEDRAL CITY

Tejano Highway 281
Buckle up & Crank it up!

5PM-11PM **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2019**
BIG LEAGUE DREAMS, CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 33-700 DATE PALM DRIVE

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www.TejanoMusicFest.com



Stunning Finale for the Cat City Drag Race

With a standing room only crowd at Trunks Bar – Cathedral City, eight of the Cat City Drag Race contestants came to win! The category was 'Royalty' as the five judges looked for the "Royal Highness of Cat City." The judges were Mayor Mark Carnevale, KGAY 106.5 FM DJ John Taylor, GED Magazine's Eric Davis, Anya Cummins Brinnand (Queen of ... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Recognizes the 15th Anniversary of "AMVETS Express"

Mayor Mark Carnevale and Councilmembers Raymond Gregory and Ernesto Gutierrez presented a proclamation on behalf of the City Council to AMVETS Post 66 Founder and Commander, Mr. Tom Swann Hernandez, on Monday, October 7th recognizing its 15th Anniversary of providing free shuttle service to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Loma Linda for American veterans living in the Coachella Valley. Headquartered ... [Read more.](#)

Food Truck Mash-Up Returns to Cathedral City – Sunday, October 13th

The FOOD TRUCK MASH-UP is coming back to Cathedral city and bringing the best Food Trucks



together for one day only! BUY ONLINE NOW AND SAVE!! Buy tickets now through 10/13/19 and 10:00am to save on Adult & Youth Early Access Tickets and General Admission tickets! Online ticket sales will end at 10am on 10/13/19. All tickets at the gate ...[Read more.](#)

EVENTS



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.](#)



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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 the ...[Read more.](#)



Cat City Drag Race Winner "Meet and Greet"

After five weeks of competition and the infamous "Wheel of Shade," you



are invited to come celebrate with the Royal Highness of Cat City at AMP Sports Lounge, 68-718 E Palm Canyon Drive (behind Trilussa's Restaurant in Cathedral City). Take your photo, enjoy some beverages, and sing with the music. Hosted by Anita Treadmill and music by DJ Galaxy. [Read more.](#)

Public Forum on Short-Term Vacation Rentals

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. Saturday, October 19, 2019 10:00 am to 12:00 (noon) City Hall Study Session Room (1st Floor) 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero ...[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.](#)

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



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.](#)



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



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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