

January 30, 2020

Community Update

By John Corella, P.E. – Director of Engineering/Public Works



Project Updates:

Road and Bridge Projects have been progressing since my last update. Namely, I want to take this opportunity to inform you on two of the significant Projects that are happening in the City.

Roadwork and Paving

Phase 6 of the City's Pavement Management Program (Project) will commence on February 18th. At the December 11th City Council meeting, the City Council awarded a \$1,720,000 paving and roadway work contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. (Contractor) to complete this work as part of the overall \$2,068,000 Project cost. As a reminder the four areas where work will be completed are:

- **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.
- **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.

If you live in one of the areas where this work is scheduled, I am reminding you that you will be inconvenienced during the days when the work is being done. Street signage and door hangers will be placed in advance of the work so that you are notified of parking and street access limitations.

- **INCONVENIENCE:** At times there will be dirt roadways, noise, vibration, smell and workers along your frontages within the right of way. In addition, your street parking may be limited, access to your street and/or driveway may be impaired. In order to complete the roadway work, these instances will predictably occur.

- **TEAMWORK:** This is a part of the roadway work that you, as the recipient of the new roadways, will have to participate in. Thus, I am asking that you be part of the team and understand the inconveniences, be patient and look forward to a newly paved street.

- **EMERGENCY ACCESS:** The Contractor and the City's First Responders (Police and Fire) will always work hand in hand to provide emergency access when needed.

Bridge Work

The Ofelia Brings Memorial Bridge (formerly The Cathedral Canyon Bridge) Project (Bridge) is moving along and should be under construction by late spring/early summer. City Staff and consultants have already solicited and received bids for this work. As a result of our parallel processing, the City just received word from Cal Trans that our funding request for the construction contract is in the works and the outcome looks positive for an approval within weeks.

This Bridge has been "shovel ready" for some time, with all environmental approvals in place, permits and right of way acquisitions completed. Unfortunately, this Bridge could not happen without Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding (Cal Trans is the administrator of the HBP funds) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) funding. The City's participation costs are minor compared to the other agencies' participation costs, but in proportion to the City's annual budget, no less significant. To put this in prospective, this *\$23,971,250 Bridge costs are funded by:

- HBP: 88.53% = \$21,222,000.00
- CVAG: 75% if 11.47% = \$2,061,938
- Cathedral City: 25% of 11.47% = \$687,313 (this is a great deal for a \$24 million project and worth the wait!)

* The numbers presented above represent the numbers we are working with today and do not reflect the final costs that may occur over the construction period for the Project.

Thus, you can see that the HBP and CVAG funding are critical to the City in being able to construct large projects of this magnitude. We hurry up the process the best we can with all the approving agencies, but the speed of our responses and paperwork submittals are met with the lengthy response times within the State and Federal agencies. Nonetheless, on this Bridge, I see that we are on the upswing of getting all the paperwork completed and the contract for the Bridge will be submitted to the City Council for approval in the next month (again subject to Cal Trans paperwork response time).

Please be extra alert in construction zones, observe the signs, drive within the speed limits and be safe!

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

NEWS

**Notice of Vacancies:
Cathedral City Planning
Commission and**



Cathedral City Planning Commission

This term will begin immediately. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, 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 ...

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Historic Preservation Committee

Cathedral City Historic Preservation Committee The City of Cathedral City announces one vacancy on the Historical Preservation Committee.

5th Annual Taste of Jalisco Happens Saturday, February 8th

The 5th annual "Taste of Jalisco" in celebration of Cathedral City's Sister City, Tequila, Jalisco, Mexico will take place Saturday, February 8 from 11:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. and is FREE with FREE parking and open to the public. NEW this year, there will be more than 12 bands on 2 stages (Amphitheater and Festival Lawn) which includes Nacho Bustillo, Carmen Jara, ...

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Cathedral City Employment Opportunity


Cathedral City's Local Hire Program – New Opportunity – Best Western Plus Hotel

One of the important goals of the city council was to have new companies establishing in Cathedral City to hire our local residents first. This has been very successful since the program started about two years ago. Currently, a new hotel is opening soon and would like to hire Cathedral City residents first. The new Best Western Plus located at ...

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EVENTS

Two for Tuesday
at
DESERT ICE CASTLE
1st Tuesday of Every Month



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.

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Buildings H & I, Perez Road, Cathedral City




THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

9 CONTEMPORARY GALLERIES & 3 HOME DÉCOR STORES

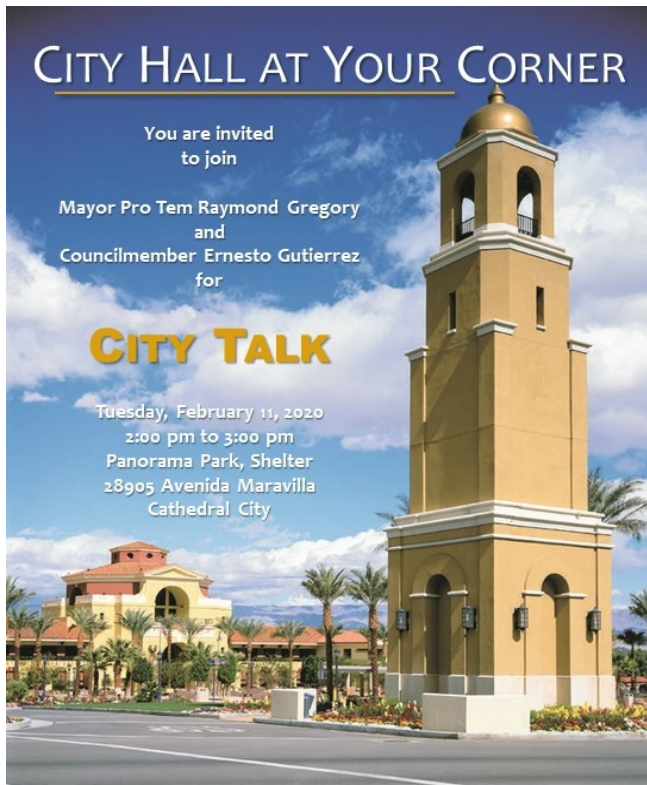
First Friday Art Walk - Perez Plaza H and I

Go Where ART Lives! Cathedral City is the place for wonderful art and design galleries. Every First Friday of the month, the galleries in Perez Plaza Suites H & I will host the First Friday Art Walk along Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm between Date Palm Drive and Cathedral Canyon Drive. You can meander in and out ...[Read more](#).

5th Annual Taste of Jalisco

Music, Tequila Tasting, Fireworks, Outdoor Market & Delicious Cuisine
The 5th Annual Taste of Jalisco, managed by Hocker Productions, celebrates the sister city relationship between the cities of Cathedral City, California (USA) and Tequila, Jalisco (Mexico) through music, fashion, spirits, culture and cuisine in Downtown Cathedral City. Singer and Actress Carmen Jara, Nacho Bustillos, Zable Norteno, Mariachi Limón De Javier ...

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City Hall at Your Corner - February 11, 2020

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 Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez. The forum will take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Panorama Park, ...

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Mary Nutter Collegiate
Classic - Team USA

The **Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic** is the nation's largest and most prestigious preseason college softball tourney, featuring more than 25 top Division I teams. Celebrating its 16th year, the Cathedral City, California event will occur on February 20-23, 2020. This year will be extra special as Team USA (Women's Olympic Softball Team) will be a featured guest team playing against the very best collegiate softball teams in preparation for the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

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USA OLYMPIC TEAM
RETURNS TO THE

MARY NUTTER
CATHEDRAL CITY
COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

FEB. 20-23
17TH ANNUAL

NCAA SOFTBALL
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AT
BIG LEAGUE DREAMS
SPORTS PARK
CATHEDRAL CITY

Tickets available at: [@NutterClassic](#)



Movies in the Park - February 22

Gather the family, blankets and/or chairs for "Movies in the Park" located at Panorama Park, 28905 Avenida Maravilla, in Cathedral City. The free event, hosted by the City of Cathedral City, happens once a month on a Saturday evening between November and May, at dusk.

You are welcome to bring snacks or non-alcoholic drinks. Great Family FUN!

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort, Palm Springs
67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City

2020 State of the City

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Cathedral City, invites you to the Cathedral City State of the City and Expo. The event will be held on March 17th, with the expo starting at 10:00 AM, event registration beginning at 11:30 AM, the State of the City beginning at 12:30 and the program is ... [Read more.](#)



6th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days

Join us for California's first Pride of the year at the 5th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days starting Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Downtown Cathedral City.

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Easter Kidapalooza

Bring the kids to Cathedral City's Town Square Park in downtown for an event that is all about Kids! From 12 (noon) to 3:00 pm, kids will enjoy the fun of multiple bouncy houses surrounding Cathedral City's Fountain of Life area.

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Cathedral City Senior Center's Third Annual Chili Cook Off/Craft Beer and Wine Tasting

Flavors to Overflow at Chili Cook Off/Beer, Wine Tasting Event You can taste many of these flavors at Cathedral City Senior Center's Third Annual Chili Cook Off/Craft Beer and Wine Tasting event. The fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Senior Center's main dining room and outdoor patio. Admission is \$15 at ...

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