

March 5, 2020

Community Update

by Paul S. Wilson, Fire Chief - Cathedral City Fire Department



“Protect Yourself, While Riding Your Bicycle.”

Your Cathedral City firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians respond to emergencies that could have been prevented, if a rider had practice bicycle safety.

When riding your Bicycle:

- **Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet.** Protect your brain, save your life.
- **Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit.** Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.
- **Check Your Bicycle Equipment.** Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.
- **See and Be Seen.** Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.
- **Control Your Bicycle.** Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.

- **Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards.** Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.
- **Avoid Riding at Night.** It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see. If you must ride at night, wear something that makes you more easily seen by others. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle (white lights on the front and red rear lights are recommended), in addition to reflectors on your wheels, so others can see you.

Many bicycle-related crashes resulting in injury or death are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including such things as not wearing a bicycle helmet, riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign, and riding the wrong way in traffic. To maximize your safety, always wear a helmet AND follow the rules of the road.

Rules of the Road – Bicycling on the Road

Bicycles are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the rules of the road as motorists. When riding, always:

- **Go with the Traffic Flow.** Ride on the “right” side of the road, in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow – not against it.
- **Obey All Traffic Laws.** A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- **Yield to Traffic When Appropriate.** Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike path, etc.), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have already entered a crosswalk.
- **Be Predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.
- **Stay Alert at-all-times.** Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset or earbuds when you ride.
- **Look Before Turning.** When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.
- **Watch for Parked Cars.** Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out.)

Courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Contact the Cathedral City Fire Department for additional life safety information at (760) 770-8200 or visit us on the web at www.cathedralcityfire.org

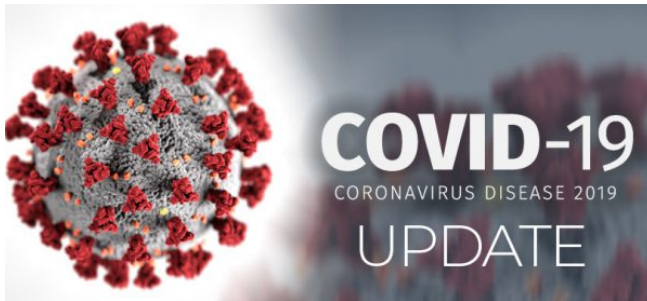
Your safety is our business!

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

NEWS

Comes to Cathedral City on March 13-14

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian's Native Cinema Showcase brings to the Mary Pickford Theatre on March 13th and 14th, the annual Native Film Fest. Only in Cathedral City can you view the following wonderful films for a limited time: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:30 PM – Meet ...[Read more.](#)



COVID 19 - Coronavirus Update

The Cathedral City Fire Department, Riverside County Emergency Management and Public Health Departments are continuing to collaborate along with the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH,) to manage the 2019-novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is impacting our nation. As of 3-4-2020 at 2:00 p.m. there are currently no locally acquired/confirmed COVID 19 cases in Riverside ...[Read more.](#)

Cathedral City's State of the City and Expo Happens March 17

Hosted by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mayor John Aguilar will present the State of the City on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Preceding the address, the Chamber will offer a business expo starting at 10:00 am followed by a Chamber awards presentation and luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The State of the City will ...

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The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Cathedral City, invites you to the



STATE OF THE CITY

ADDRESS | EXPO

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT

DoubleTree Hotel
67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City



EVENTS

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.](#)

Buildings H & I, Perez Road, Cathedral City

PEREZ PLAZA H

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK H I

5-8pm

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

9 CONTEMPORARY GALLERIES & 3 HOME DÉCOR STORES

Movies in the Park - Wonder Park

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

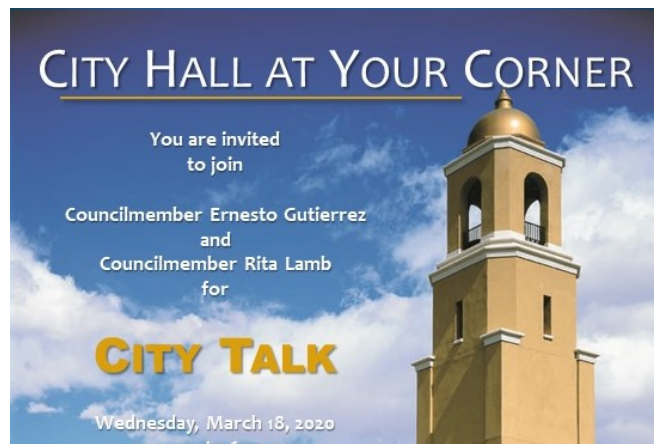
The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Cathedral City, invites you to the Cathedral City State of the City and Expo. The event will be held on March 17th, with the expo starting at 10:00 AM, event registration beginning at 11:30 AM, the State of the City beginning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

City Hall at Your Corner - March 18, 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 Councilmembers Ernesto Gutierrez and Rita Lamb.

The forum will take place on
Wednesday, February 18, 2020 from
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Cimarron Golf
Club, 67603 30th ...

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Movies in the Park - March 21

Gather the family, blankets, snacks and drinks and head to Cathedral City's Panorama Park for "Movies in the Park"

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6th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days


Join us for California's first Pride of the year at the 6th Annual Cathedral City LGBT Days starting Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Downtown Cathedral City.

Join in the fun and you will experience a wild, hilarious romp that never disappoints. It's a fun morning and early afternoon with live singing, lip-syncing, performance art, audience participation, great food, fabulous drinks, fierce entertainers and an exhibitor marketplace all rolled


up into one day of Pride called Cathedral City LGBT Days ...[Read more.](#)




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.

 **DESERT ICE CASTLE**
68-600 Perez Road
Cathedral City
(760) 324-0400
info@deserticecastle.com

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www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com

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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.

[Read more.](#)



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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