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## Community Update

by Stone James, Economic Development Director

Before we discuss several critical new programs, I hope you and your families have been staying healthy and happy. Just this afternoon, Governor Newsom discussed easing quarantine restrictions based on maintaining or decreasing the number of new COVID-19 infections. Based on recent figures, Riverside County is trending in the right direction, so keep up the good work!



In today's community update, we will discuss the Great Plates Delivered program and the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

The **Great Plates Delivered program** will provide three meals a day, seven days a week to (i) those over 65 years of age, or those 60 years of age or older with **CDC-identified** COVID-19 risk factors; (ii) those who are not already participating in State or Federally funded meal-assistance programs; and (iii) those who are unable to access meals due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are additional program criteria, such as individuals who meet the above criteria must make less than \$74,940 per year (individually) or \$101,460 per year (as a couple). You can learn more about program eligibility criteria by reviewing this [link](#).

While a State program, Great Plates Delivered within the Coachella Valley, is being administered through the Riverside County Office of Aging. If you qualify for this program and would like to apply, please use this [link](#). Submitting your name through the State website will only slow Riverside County down in processing your local application. All applications received through the State will be forwarded to, in our case, Riverside County. Riverside County's Office of Aging will, in turn, reach out to you and ask you to apply through their program [webpage](#).

If you are a restaurant and would like to participate in the Great Plates Delivered Program, after reviewing the program's [participation criteria](#), please apply through this [link](#). The restaurant interest form is located towards the bottom of that webpage. Once you submit your name and contact information, the County will contact you.

If you, either as a program participant or local restaurant, have any questions, please contact me at [sjames@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:sjames@cathedralcity.gov) or 760-770-0336.

The **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program** ("PUA") is an unemployment assistance program made possible by the CARES Act. The PUA program provides financial support to business owners, independent contractors, or self-employed impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program offers up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits. The eligibility window

began on February 2, 2020, and closes on December 26, 2020. PUA pays a minimum of \$167.00 per week. Depending on your 2019 income, you may qualify for a weekly amount of up to \$450.00. For those who are eligible, between March 29, 2020, to July 25, 2020, the \$600 per week Federal **Pandemic Additional Compensation Program** (“PACP”) payment will be added to your PUA payments. To determine eligibility and enroll in both the PUA and PACP benefit programs, please apply **online**. If you have any questions or need assistance completing your application, please contact the **Riverside County Work Force Development office**.

We need all Cathedral City residents to accelerate our economic recovery by shopping locally. Check out our website, **Cathedral City Shop Local**, to find categories and lists of all the businesses within Cathedral City which need your support. Shopping at our businesses will help keep our retailers alive and keep your tax dollars within the City. These tax dollars fund critical services such as our Police, our Fire Department, and road maintenance. There is no better testimonial for attracting new businesses than to ensure our existing businesses are prosperous.

Lastly, please do everything you can to keep your properties in great shape. Property appearance is an important “selling point” when prospective homebuyers, business owners, and developers are looking for their next “perfect” location.

Please share the City’s dedicated websites, [www.discovercathedralcity.com](http://www.discovercathedralcity.com) and [www.ccedd.org](http://www.ccedd.org), with your friends and families. As a team, we are all a part of the long-term success of Cathedral City, an incredible place to live, work, and play.

## NEWS



### COVID-19 Information

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



### Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



## Progress Continues in Cathedral City

- Cathedral City Community Amphitheater
- Agua Caliente Casino – Cathedral City
- Downtown Fire Station 411
- Shottenkirk Desert Lexus



## Progress Continues in Downtown Cathedral City During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Enjoy this video showing the progress of four major projects happening in Cathedral City. Construction continues on the nearly completed Cathedral City Community Amphitheater, the new Downtown Fire Station 411, the Agua Caliente Casino – Cathedral City located in the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District as well as the new Shottenkirk Desert Lexus Sales and Service Center along Highway 111. ...[Read more.](#)



## Senior Meal Programs and Great Plates Delivered

Watch the following video as Mayor John Aguilar and Councilmember Rita Lamb interview Cathedral City Senior Center's Executive Director Geoff Corbin about the senior meal programs currently available through

the center. Following that enlightening interview, Mayor Aguilar and Councilmember Lamb talk to Cathedral City's Economic Development Director Stone James about a new meal program coming for seniors making less ...[Read more.](#)

Riverside County Revises Its Swimming Pool Guidelines for Community Pools and Spas



Riverside County Public Health System has released new guidelines for community pools and spas. Here are the new guidelines: [Read more.](#)

California Resilience Roadmap Stages

»» **STAGE 2**  
**Lower Risk Workplaces**

- Gradually opening some lower risk workplaces with adaptations
  - Retail (e.g. curbside pickup)
  - Manufacturing
  - Offices (when telework is not possible)
  - More public spaces

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## Portions of the Governor’s Category Stage 2 Businesses to Open on Friday

Governor Newsom will provide additional information including official guidelines on Thursday, but there are signs that portions of his Category 2 businesses will be allowed to open on Friday with restrictions. From the governor’s press release: Later this week the state will release public health guidance for certain Stage 2 sectors including some retail, manufacturing, and logistics businesses, which ...[Read more.](#)

## Two New Free COVID-19 Testing Sites Open in the Coachella Valley

In addition to the current drive-up COVID-19 testing site at the fairgrounds in Indio, two additional free testing sites are available for anyone wanting to be tested. You must first make an appointment either online or by calling (888) 634-1123.

Testing is open for everyone regardless of insurance or immigration status.

The two location are: Mecca Boys ...[Read more.](#)



## Fly Over for Frontline Workers in Cathedral City

The Palm Springs Air Museum commenced “Frontline Fridays” today which plays tribute to all of the essential workers who are keeping America strong while fighting against the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The planned fly over started in Palm Springs thanking their firefighters, police officers, and healthcare professionals at Desert Regional Medical Center, then the three historic aircraft, a P-63, ... [Read more.](#)

## Get Re-Acquainted with Police Chief George Crum

CCTV Host Conrad Angel Corral interviews Police Chief George Crum who returned to run the department on a permanent basis. Chief Crum retired from the police department in 2017 after serving as the City’s police chief for three years and serving in law enforcement for thirty years. The interview with Chief Crum will give you an update on his ... [Read more.](#)

Interview with  
Police Chief  
George Crum

Hosted by  
Conrad Angel Corral



## St. Francis Church Donates 200 Face Masks to Cathedral City

The Vietnamese Choir of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in La Quinta donated 200 face masks to the City of Cathedral City to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Members of the choir sew these masks and donate them throughout the Coachella Valley. #WeAreInThisTogether

[Read more.](#)



## Cathedral City Postpones Special Events Until Further Notice

The Governor has issued a Stay at Home Order and the Riverside County Public Health Officer has issued social distancing orders through June 19, 2020. The City of Cathedral City will suspend all special events until further notice. [Read more.](#)



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