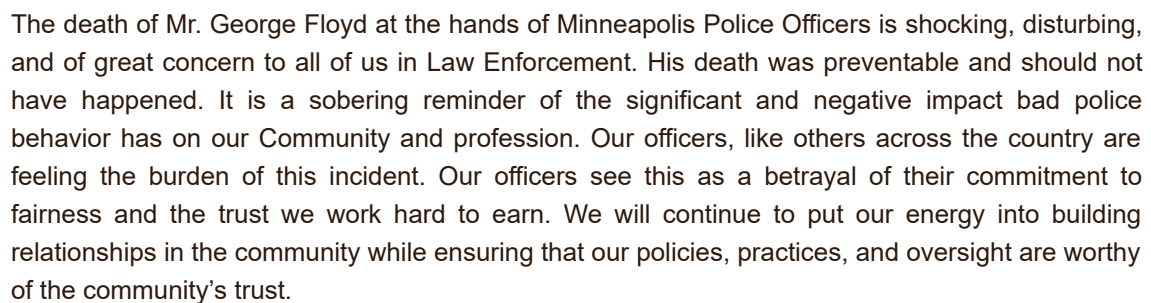




Community Update

by George Crum, Chief of Police



In 2015, I implemented a body worn camera program in Cathedral City. Five years later, all Cathedral City Police Officers wear body worn cameras that create a video record of their actions. It is mandated by policy that Officers activate their body worn cameras during contacts with members of the public. We have a supervisor assigned to every shift to ensure that there is direction, leadership, oversight and supervision. Officers in Cathedral City receive training in de-

escalation, cultural diversity, dealing with mentally ill persons and use of force. All use of force incidents that occur are investigated for policy compliance and appropriateness.

Policing is a difficult job and we need our officers to be emotionally stable, empathetic, compassionate and humane. It is important for you to know that I think about all these characteristics in our hiring process. We screen for bias, racism, emotional maturity, and a service ethic during our interviews, background investigations, and psychological testing. Cathedral City is a diverse and ever-changing community and we hire officers that embrace those qualities. Racial bias has no place in our business. We train regularly to understand cultural differences, potential sources of bias, and strategies for building respectful relationships. It is a high priority to have a Police Department that is representative of our diverse community. This is always a work in progress as we strive to be fair and equitable in what we do.

The Cathedral City Police Department enjoys a good relationship with our community. We value and depend upon our community's support and engagement with our department. These partnerships have allowed us to have meaningful dialogues with groups who have experienced difficult relationships with law enforcement in the past. I am proud of the men and women of the Cathedral City Police Department. Each day, I see firsthand the high moral standards, respect, and empathy our personnel demonstrate. We, as sworn officers, are granted the authority to protect and serve our community. We understand that we must do so with a blend of humanity, empathy, and fairness to maintain our public's trust. It is our duty to protect all lives and property in our City.

NEWS



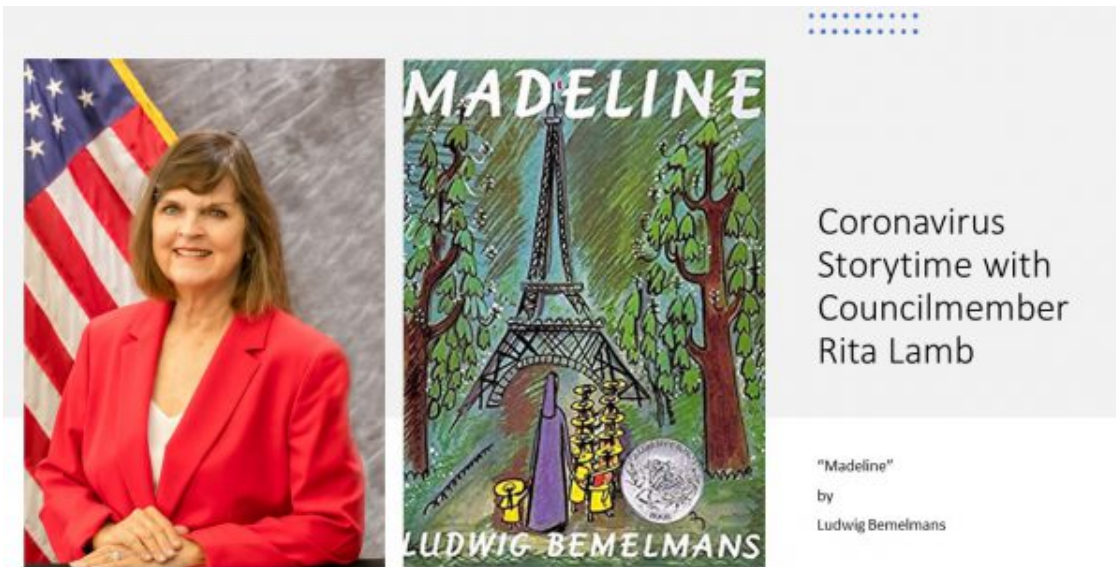
COVID-19 Information

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



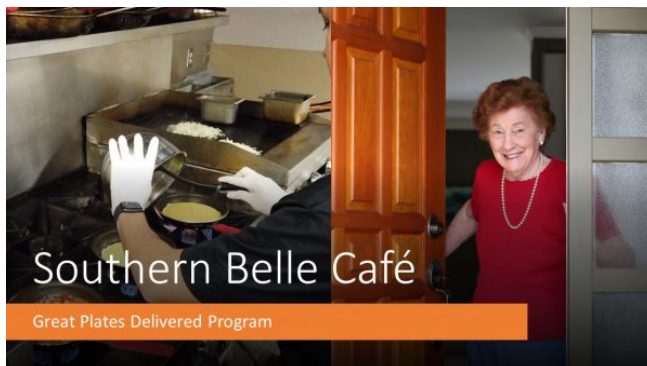
Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



Coronavirus Storytime with Councilmember Rita Lamb

As school children are required to Stay at Home during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the reading to children programs have switched from the classroom to online. Councilmember Rita Lamb has taken the “Coronavirus Storytime” challenge that many people, including celebrities from around the world, are doing to keep children interested in reading. This week, Councilmember Lamb reads, “Madeline” by ... [Read more.](#)



Southern Belle Café Offers Great Plates to Seniors

Watch CCTV Host Conrad Angel Corral and Economic Development Director Stone James interview Owner Bill Schneid and his Assistant Chris Ramirez about how Cathedral City's Southern Belle Café became

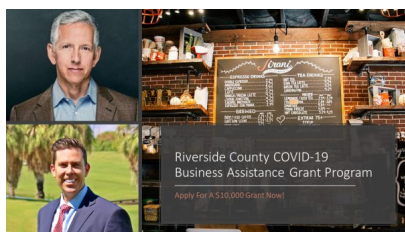
one of a handful of restaurants offering “Great Plates Delivered” to seniors in the Coachella Valley. As the name describes it, Southern Belle Café is one of the best “southern food” ... [Read more.](#)



All Fireworks are PROHIBITED in Cathedral City

All Fireworks Prohibited in Cathedral City – Hefty Fine for Violations

Fireworks are prohibited in Cathedral City. City ordinance imposes hefty fines for not only with the person lighting the fireworks, but also the property owner or lessee that allows the fireworks to be discharged. How much will it cost you? Anyone caught using or allowing illegal fireworks to be used on their property will receive a fine of \$1,000 for ... [Read more.](#)

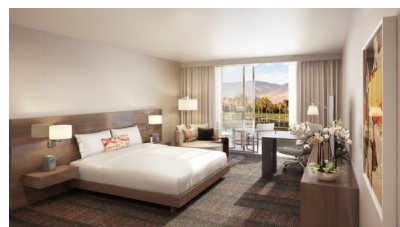


New \$45 Million Business Assistance Grant Program for Small Businesses in Riverside County

Take a look at this video where Economic Development Director Stone James and CCTV Host Conrad Angel Corral provide you with information on how your small business may be one of approximately 4,500 small businesses in Riverside County to receive a \$10,000 COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant that does not have to be paid back. Best of all, the process for ... [Read more.](#)

City Council Votes Unanimously to Affirm Emergency Order 2c – Prohibit Short Term Lodging Facilities

The City Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:00 am and voted unanimously to affirm Emergency Order 2c, a prohibition on Short-Term Lodging Facilities. The Council also voted on two amendments that will be part of a new order, Emergency Order 2d, which will extend the prohibition from June 19, 2020 to June 24, 2020. ...[Read more.](#)



EVENTS



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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