

August 6, 2020

Community Update

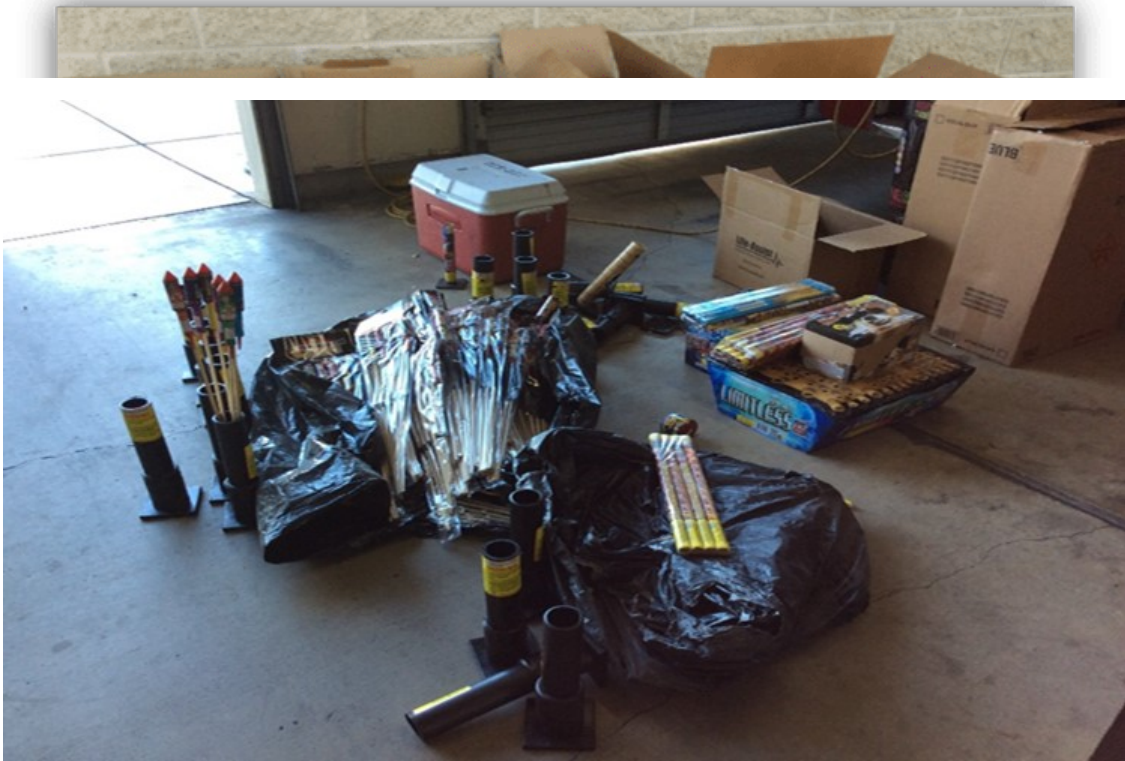
By George Crum - Chief of Police

I would like to take this opportunity to recap the fireworks activity our community experienced this summer. I would like to start by saying that the significant increase in fireworks activity this year has shown to have been a national phenomenon. Cities throughout this country experienced their highest incidents of fireworks in decades and in my 31 years of service this has been the worst year in my career.

Cathedral City Police Department experienced an earlier than ever beginning to the fireworks calls for service as they began in late May. In reviewing all calls for service related to fireworks between June 1, 2020 and July 5, 2020 the police department received and responded to 708 calls for service. We handled an additional 4,864 calls for service during this same date range that were not related to fireworks. As you can imagine, this was an overwhelming number of fireworks related calls. In making every effort to combat the illegal activity, I staffed additional officers on weekend nights in June and July to provide a more directed proactive response.

As a result of the hard-working men and women of the police department and a diligent and helpful community, 17 adults and one juvenile were arrested for a variety of fireworks violations ranging from mere possession to igniting fireworks. Several pounds of illegal fireworks were confiscated by both police and fire personnel and destroyed per protocol. I have provided two pictures that represent the typical types of fireworks confiscated and destroyed.





In closing I would like to remind the community that all fireworks are illegal in Cathedral City. Please stay safe!

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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By the Numbers:

As of August 6, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,441 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 24 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,014 cases, 19 deaths

Desert Hot Springs - 802 cases, 16 deaths

Indian Wells - 36 cases, 2 death

Indio - 2,734 cases, 61 deaths

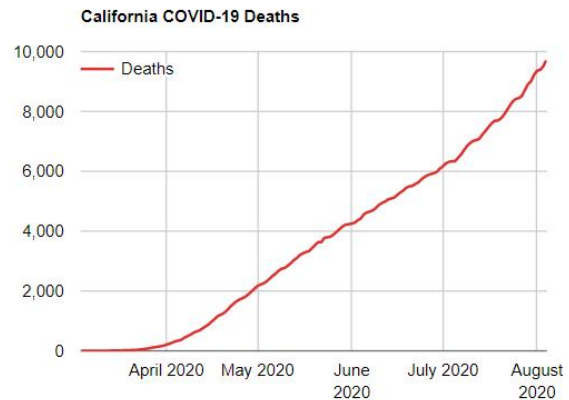
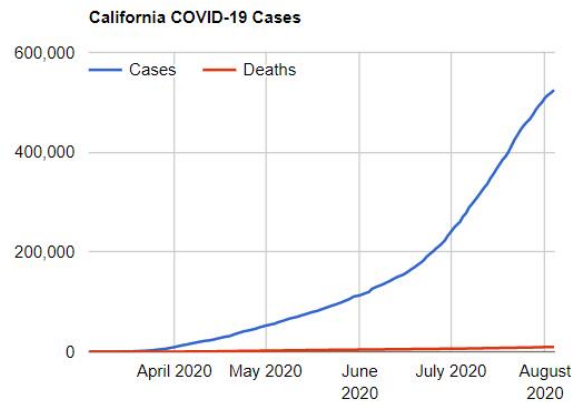
La Quinta - 605 cases, 16 deaths

Palm Desert - 800 cases, 42 deaths

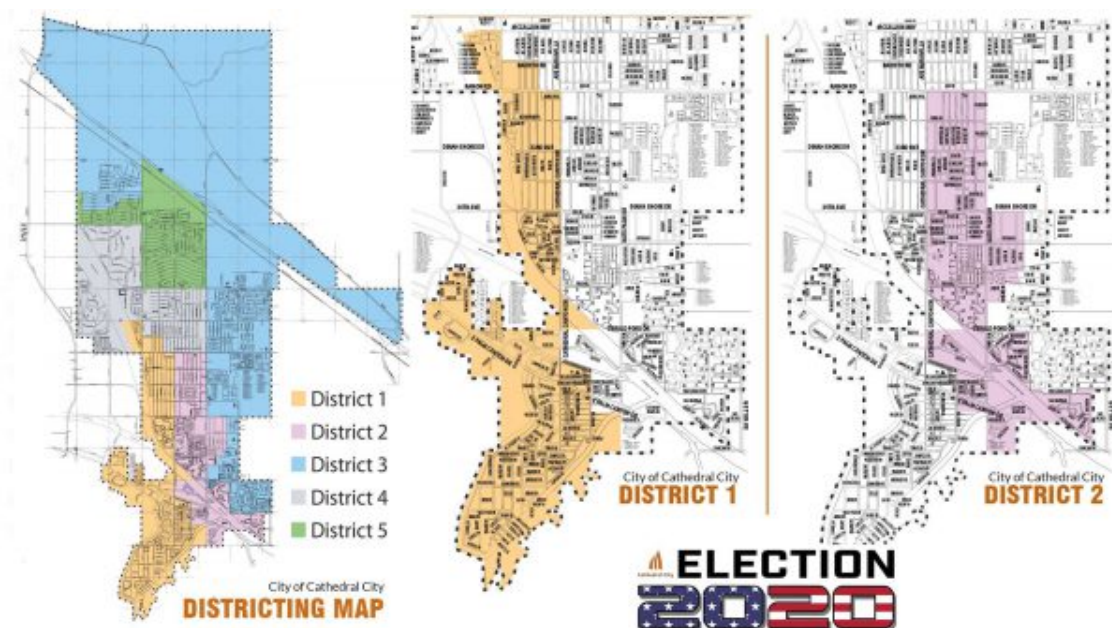
Palm Springs - 800 cases, 28 deaths

Rancho Mirage - 194 cases, 14 deaths

Riverside County has reported 39,741 COVID-19 cases, 770 deaths, and 20,774 recovered cases.



NEWS



Candidates File to Run for City Council Districts 1 and 2

On November 3, 2020, residents living in City Council Districts 1 and 2 will vote for their representative to serve on the city council for the next four years. This will be the first district election held for District 2 since the City went from at-large to district elections in 2017. It will be the second district election for District ... [Read more.](#)



Bypass Road Completed for Bridge Construction on Cathedral Canyon Drive

Crews have completed the bypass road that runs through the Whitewater River basin on Cathedral Canyon Drive. The bypass road will allow traffic to continue to flow smoothly while the Ofelia Bringas Memorial Bridge project is underway. Motorists should be aware of new traffic patterns as you enter from the north near the Lawrence Welk Resort or from the ... [Read more.](#)

Riverside County Issues New Advisory for Youth Sports

Pursuant to CDPH's Interim Guidance and FAQ's, beginning July 30, 2020, CDPH is allowing youth sports and physical education ONLY when the following can be maintained: (1) physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between participants; and (2) a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risk of transmission (see the CDC Guidance on Schools and Cohorting ... [Read more.](#)





Governor Releases Guidelines for the Reopening of Schools

Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health released its updated guidance for schools and school based programs on Monday, August 3, 2020. The guidance follows many rules of other previous guidance including the mandatory use of face coverings, social

distancing of at least six feet, hand washing or hand sanitizing, and protocols for coughing and sneezing. The State ...[Read more.](#)



A Full Closure for State Route 60 Happens This Upcoming Weekend

A full closure of Route 60 between Gilman Springs Road in Moreno Valley and the Interstate 10/Route 60 Interchange in Beaumont will take place the weekend of August 7. Both westbound lanes will be closed Friday, August 7 at 9 p.m. to Monday, August 10 at 6 a.m. One eastbound lane will be closed nightly after 9 p.m. and reopen ... [Read more.](#)

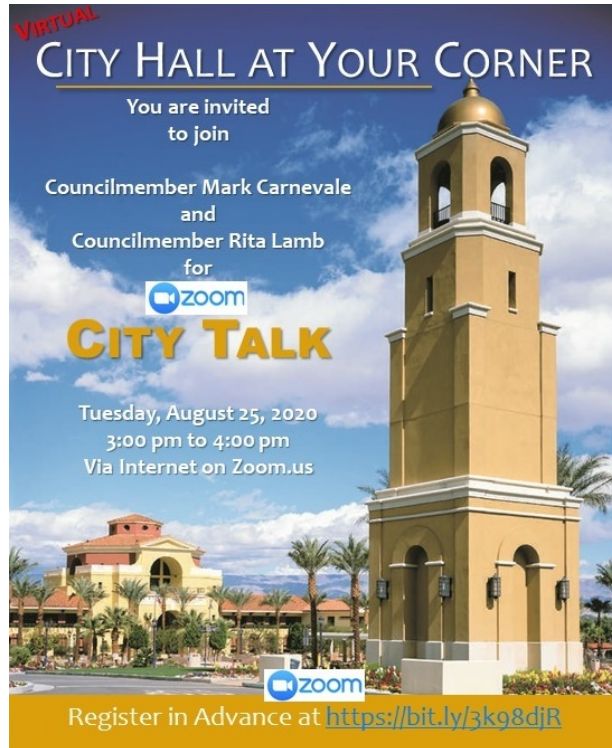




COVID-19 Community Spread Continues at Alarming Rates in California and Cathedral City

It took just 31 days during the month of July to more than double the total number of all previous COVID-19 cases in California and Cathedral City. Before July 1st, California had reported 232,657 cases of COVID-19 statewide. By July 31, 2020, that number had climbed to 500,130 positive cases – a 115% increase. The same was true in Cathedral ... [Read more.](#)

Virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” Scheduled for August 25th

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread in the community, it is necessary to conduct this month’s “City Hall at Your Corner” – virtually. Please Join Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Mark Carnevale for an informal discussion of issues of importance in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 ... [Read more.](#)

A promotional poster for a virtual event titled "CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER". The poster features a large, ornate yellow building with a bell tower, likely Cathedral City's City Hall, under a blue sky with clouds. The text on the poster includes: "VIRTUAL CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER", "You are invited to join", "Councilmember Mark Carnevale and Councilmember Rita Lamb for", a Zoom logo, "CITY TALK", "Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Via Internet on Zoom.us", and a registration link: "Register in Advance at <https://bit.ly/3k98djR>". There is also a small Zoom logo at the bottom left of the poster.

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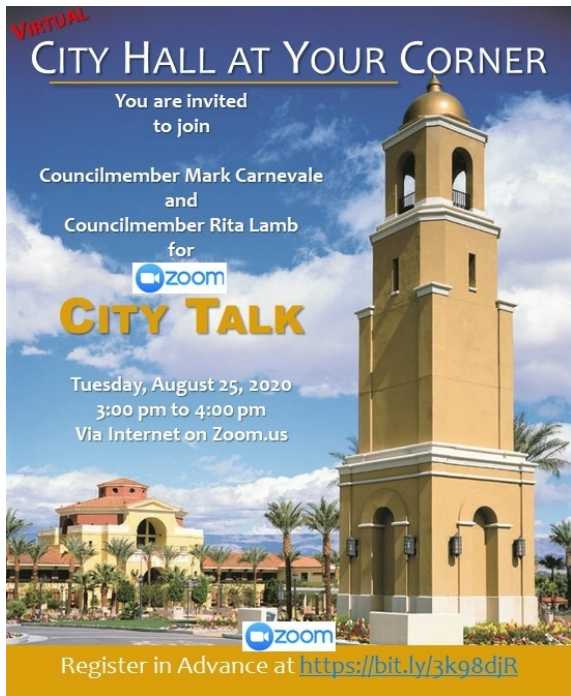
A hiring poster from the United States Census Bureau. It features the Census Bureau logo on the left and a photograph of two people, a man and a woman, looking at a laptop. The text on the poster includes: "Now Hiring – Part Time Field Representatives", "Riverside County, CA", "\$17.08 per hour", "Plus .58 cents per mile driving to and from an assignment", "Flexible Hours!", and "Interesting Work!".

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U.S. Census Is Hiring Part-Time Workers at \$17.08 per Hour

The United States Census is actively hiring field representatives for the 2020 Census. These are temporary jobs with flexible hours paying \$17.08 per hour. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community. It is great part-time work and ideal for college students and veterans or anyone over the age 18 wanting to ... [Read more.](#)

EVENTS



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Cathedral City Postpones Special Events Until Further Notice

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom signed an [Executive Order \(PDF\)](#) and [Public Health Order \(PDF\)](#) directed all Californians to stay home except to go to an essential job or to shop for essential needs.

The City of Cathedral City will suspend all special events until further notice.



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