

August 27, 2020

## Community Update

By Charlie McClendon, City Manager

# ELECTION 2020

### It's Election Season in Cathedral City

Elections are at the heart of city government. They are the way in which the people of a community choose their representatives on the City Council – the people who will make the policy decisions that will guide the City into the future. Two City Council members will be elected this November – one in District One and one in District Two. Although voters in Districts 3, 4 and 5 will not be electing City Council members this year, there are a complete list of state and national offices and statewide proposition questions on the ballot in all districts. I encourage every voter to exercise your right to make your voice heard by voting in the November election.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with State Law, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters will be deploying a new election model for the upcoming November 3, 2020, General Election. This will offer voters more ways and more days to vote safely. Each eligible registered voter for the November 3, 2020, General Election will receive a ballot by mail beginning Monday, October 5, 2020 in accordance with the Governors Executive Order. Residents can register to vote at <https://www.registertovote.ca.gov/>

Riverside County will be providing three voting centers in Cathedral City, one of which will be City Hall. Voters can complete their ballot and mail it in for counting or if they need to vote in person they can use one of the voting centers, which will be open on Saturday, October 31; Sunday, November 1; and Monday, November 2 for 8 hours each day; and on Election Day, November 3 from 7 am to 8 pm. City Hall will also be a drop box location where residents can drop off their mail ballots during regular business hours beginning October 5 through election day. Check the following website, maintained by our City Clerk, for updated election information:

<https://www.cathedralcity.gov/government/city-clerk/november-3-2020-general-municipal-election>

The candidates who have qualified for the ballot for the Council seats in Cathedral City are:

### **District One**

*Rita Lamb  
Alan Carvalho*

### **District Two**

*JR Corrales  
Nancy Ross*

County officials will have 30 days after Election Day to certify the election results. Cathedral City will swear-in the newly elected Council members during a special meeting tentatively scheduled for December 8 and the first regular meeting of the new City Council will occur on December 9.

## **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



### **Business Support**

Cathedral City Economic Development



### **By the Numbers:**

As of August 27, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,772 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 29 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,448 cases, 25 deaths

Desert Hot Springs - 1,019 cases, 22 deaths

Indian Wells - 42 cases, 2 death

Indio - 3,380 cases, 66 deaths

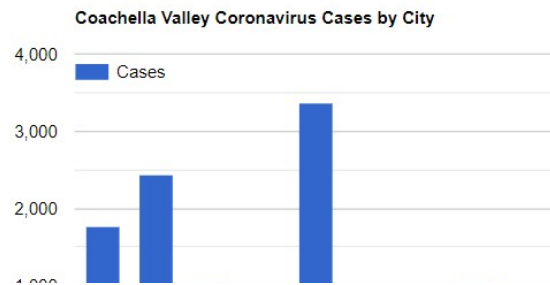
La Quinta - 737 cases. 17 deaths

Palm Desert - 940 cases, 48 deaths

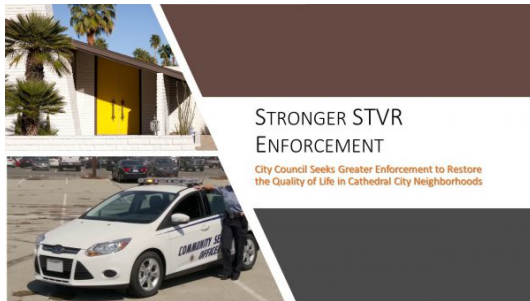
Palm Springs - 980 cases, 44 deaths

Rancho Mirage - 225 cases, 19 deaths

Riverside County has reported 51,734 COVID-19 cases, 997 deaths, and 41,323 recovered cases.



## NEWS



### City Council Calls for Stronger STVR Enforcement

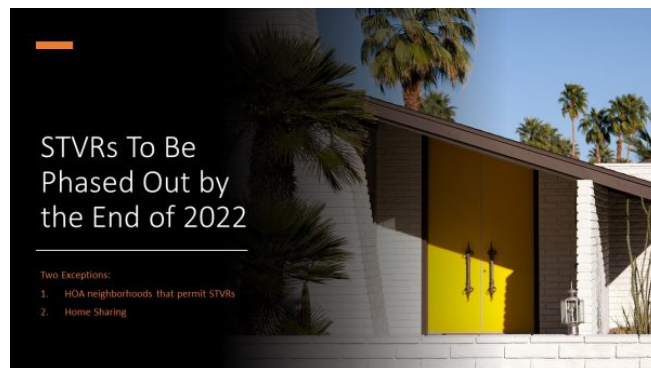
At last night's meeting, the City Council directed staff to return with an operating and funding plan that will offer our residents with stronger enforcement when it comes to unruly Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs). With the

COVID-19 pandemic, STVR guests are choosing home rentals as welcomed escapes from their everyday lives and the ability to interact with a small ... [Read more.](#)

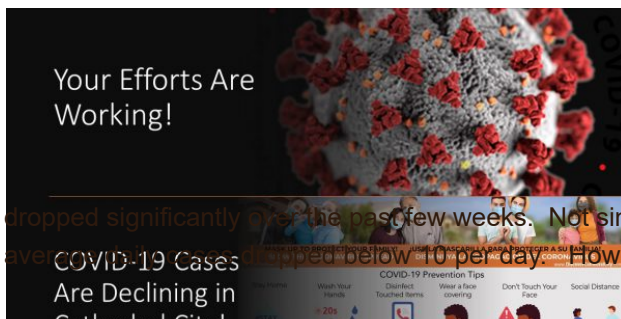
### City Council Votes to Phase Out Short-Term Vacation Rentals

The City Council voted unanimously on an ordinance to phase out short-term vacation rentals (STVR) in residential neighborhoods by the end of 2022 with two main exceptions:

Homes located in neighborhoods governed by Homeowners Associations (HOAs a.k.a. Common Interest Developments) that permit such use and; Home sharing vacation rentals. Home sharing means that the home is the owner's primary ... [Read more.](#)



## COVID-19 Cases Reducing in Cathedral City

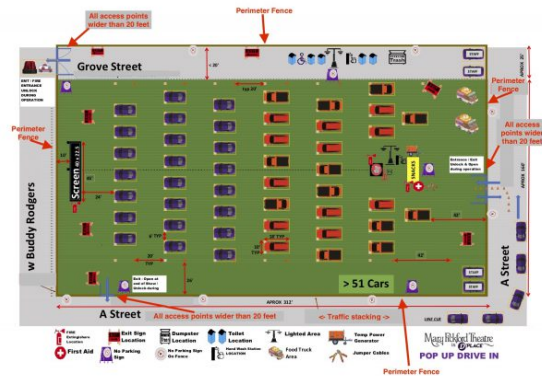


dropped significantly over the past few weeks. Not since early June has the number of new COVID-19 cases dropped below 10 per day. However, now is ... [Read more.](#)

Good News! Your efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus are working, Cathedral City. As you “Mask Up to Protect Your Family”, the number of COVID-19 cases in Cathedral City has

## Mary Pickford Pop-Up Drive-In Coming to Downtown

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused movie theaters across California and here in the Coachella Valley to be temporarily closed in an effort to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Mary Pickford Theatre in the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District has been affected as well with the mandatory shutdowns. Even with theaters opening in other states with fewer number ... [Read more.](#)



## Supervisors approve \$4 million for Pathways to Employment Program

A \$4 million program to assist unemployed residents get work training and mentoring received unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. Riverside County's Pathways to Employment program will provide adult participants

paid stipends and other supportive services to ensure success. The county's Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) director will oversee the program and work closely ... [Read more.](#)

## California Public Health Officials Release Guidance for Small Supervised Groups of Children

Groups or Cohorts Must be Limited to No More Than 14 Children and 2 Adults The California Department of Public Health today released guidance regarding the in-person supervision of cohorts of children or youth in educational and childcare settings. A cohort is a stable group of no more than 14 children or youth and no more than two supervising ... [Read more.](#)



## Riverside County Creates Housing Program, Financial Assistance to Protect Essential Farmworkers During Pandemic

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved a new program to protect

farmworkers and their families during the pandemic. Riverside County will provide temporary housing options, including hotel and motel rooms, for farmworkers who are either COVID-19 positive or exposed to have safe and suitable places to stay in if they are unable to self-isolate at home. ... [Read more.](#)

## EVENTS

### Virtual "City Hall at Your Corner"

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 Ernesto Gutierrez and Rita Lamb for an informal discussion of issues of importance in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Monday, September 28, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 ...[Read more.](#)





## 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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