

September 10, 2020

Community Update

By Tami Scott, Administrative Services Director

As in any business these days, one of the most important activities the City must monitor and maintain on a 24-hour, 7-day basis is its Information Technology ("IT") protection and utilization. The City recognizes that maintaining the integrity of the City's computer system and the protection of data and confidential information contained on that system are vital for the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and quality of work generated by City employees.



The increasing use of the Internet and the proliferation of technological advances in the field of computers, extending to mobile devices, have significantly improved the communications, research and work product of City employees, albeit at the increasing risk of exposing the City's computer system backbone and data stored on the system to damage caused by external sources, viruses, computer contaminants and unauthorized users. Also, as a full-service City providing public safety services, there are protections and procedures that must be used and required by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. Therefore, the City imposes a strict policy to prohibit the usage of the City's computer system and network which would undermine the integrity of the system, data and confidentiality of information contained on the system and tend to impair employee job performance, efficiency or productivity. Given these concerns, the city staff deploys several techniques in keeping its IT Network monitored for a variety of exposures. We deploy multiple Network Firewalls and Intrusion Prevention programs, Network Access Controls, Username/Password protection, Software Access Controls on files, systems and applications, Data and Network Encryption, Anti-virus/malware protection, Web and Spam Filters, Physical Card Key Access and Security Surveillance, and yearly Information Security Awareness Training for IT Staff.

In conclusion, no matter the size of the business, or in this case the City, IT and Network security is taken very seriously.

COVID-19 INFORMATION



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development

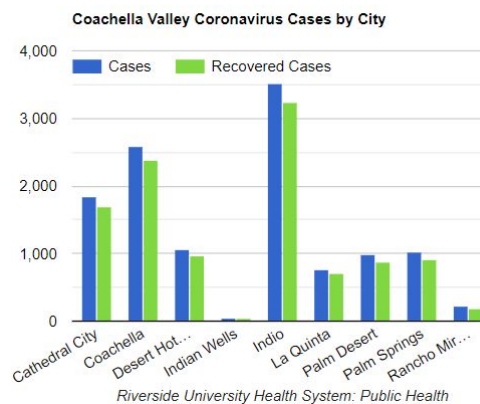
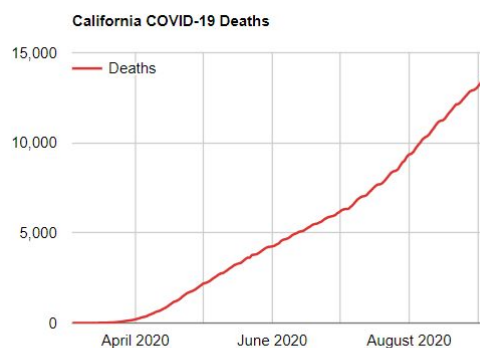


By the Numbers:

As of September 10, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,848 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 31 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,590 cases, 28 deaths
Desert Hot Springs - 1,068 cases, 24 deaths
Indian Wells - 44 cases, 2 death
Indio - 3,519 cases, 69 deaths
La Quinta - 765 cases, 18 deaths
Palm Desert - 989 cases, 52 deaths
Palm Springs - 1,020 cases, 48 deaths
Rancho Mirage - 229 cases, 23 deaths

Riverside County has reported 54,868 COVID-19 cases, 1,094 deaths, and 49,176 recovered cases.



NEWS



Councilmember Rita Lamb Reads “The Dot” for Coronavirus Storytime

Councilmember Rita Lamb

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

Tuesday, September 15th is “International Dot Day” that celebrates the creativity, courage and collaboration of children and art. The day is based on the children’s book, “The Dot,” by Peter H. Reynolds. Councilmember Rita Lamb offers this video to familiarize children with message behind this celebrated day in collaboration with S.C.R.A.P. Gallery’s upcoming event. It also emphasizes the importance of ... [Read more.](#)

Ordinance to Phase Out Short-Term Vacation Rentals Goes into Effect on October 9th

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; 2. Home sharing vacation rentals. Home sharing means that the home is the owner’s ... [Read more.](#)



City Council Adopts New Short-Term Vacation Rental Enforcement, Fees, Fines and Complaint Protocols

The city council voted unanimously on three new resolutions that go into effect on October 9, 2020 dealing with short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) related to licensing fees, fines for violation of the STVR ordinance, and complaint protocols. Beginning October 9th,

the cost for the annual STVR license for properties except those considered as “home sharing units” will increase to ... [Read more.](#)

Community Input Sought for Habitat Restoration and Dust Suppression Projects at Salton Sea

Virtual Workshops to be Held on Newly Released Draft Project Description to Revitalize Environment and Protect Public Health The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) has released a draft Project Description for the Salton Sea Management Program Phase I: 10-Year Plan and announced a series of three virtual public workshops for community input. The draft Project Description identifies habitat ... [Read more.](#)

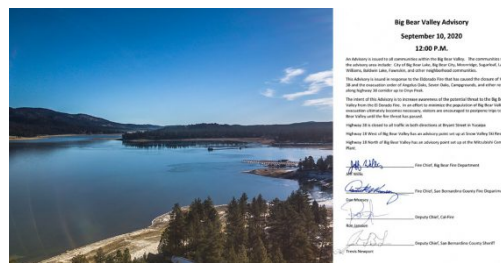
SunLine Transit Offering Several Online Webinars for Its "Refueled Initiative"

Over the last few years, SunLine has been actively looking for ways to meet the emerging mobility needs of riders today. SunLine's Refueled initiative unifies its efforts as they continue Driving the Future of Transit.

SunLine is hosting several online events to inform you and discuss its Refueled initiative. Refer to the flyer for more information. An overview ... [Read more.](#)

Visitors Asked to Cancel Trips to Big Bear Due to El Dorado Fire

The Big Bear Fire Department, San Bernardino County Fire, CAL Fire and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department have issued an advisory asking visitors to cancel their trips to Big Bear due to the El Dorado Fire. It is being



issued in response to yesterday's expanded evacuation order and closure of the Highway 39 corridor between Angelus Oaks and Onyx ... [Read more.](#)



Fire Department Receives Firehouse Subs Grant for State-of- the Art Gurney

The City Council voted unanimously last night to accept an \$18,421.50 public safety grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in order for the fire department to purchase a new state-of-the-art hydraulic gurney for transporting patients. The Stryker gurney provides a multitude of functions to better serve patients and can lift up to 700 pounds. Fire Engineer Alex

... [Read more.](#)

Rental Assistance Grant Eligibility Expanded

The United Way and Lift to Rise have teamed up together to provide rental assistance for Riverside County residents who are behind in their rents due the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Riverside County has reserved \$33 million to help pay rents and keep people in their homes. Nearly 10,000 families can apply for up to \$3,500 in grant funds ... [Read more.](#)

| UNITED LIFT RENTAL ASSISTANCE | UNITED LIFT ASISTENCIA DE ALQUILER |
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| \$33 Million to Keep 10,000 of our Riverside County Neighbors Housed | \$33 millones para mantener a 10,000 de nuestros vecinos en el Condado de Riverside alojadas |
| Learn More at UnitedLift.org | Para más información por favor visite: UnitedLift.org |

Logos for United Way, LIFT TO RISE, and Riverside County are displayed at the bottom of the graphic.

EVENTS

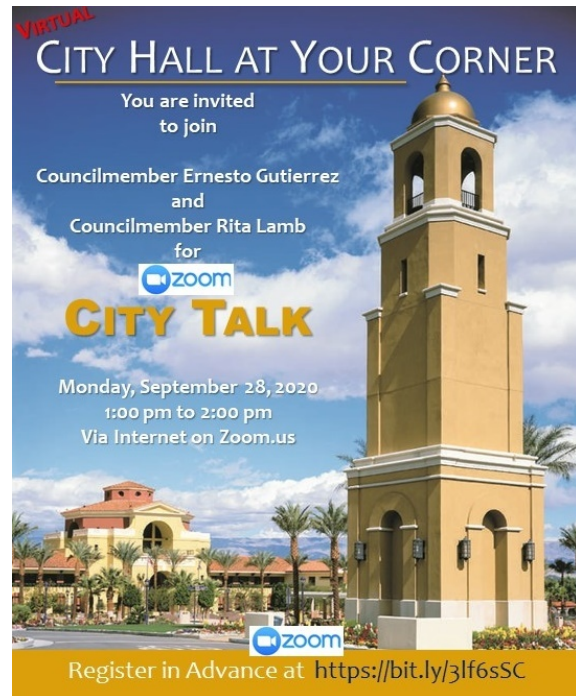
LifeStream Mobile Blood Drive



Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Here in the Coachella Valley, especially in the summer months, we experience a local blood shortage and an increase need for residents to donate blood. Our current blood supply is critically low and surgeries may need to be canceled due to a lack of donated blood. Thanks to Northgate Community Church in Cathedral ... [Read more.](#)

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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