

September 24, 2020

Community Update

By George Crum - Chief of Police

The national sentiment and views towards police officers have been in the spotlight and debated significantly throughout 2020. As your Police Chief, I have a duty and obligation to protect the community we serve as well as the employees of this department. It is the position of the Police Department to serve and protect our diverse community with dignity and respect. We take pride in that mission and work every day to meet your expectations.

The list below details programs and mandates that I have implemented in order to balance the safety of community members and our police officers:



- In 2016, with the approval of the City Council, I ordered the use of a body worn camera program which requires each officer wear one while working on patrol. The body worn cameras were in addition to the use of in car video and audio systems which added an additional layer of protection to the community and our officers. Both programs are still in use in today.
- On June 8, 2020, I issued a mandate banning the use of the Carotid Control Hold (Chokehold) by any member of the Police Department. On August 30, 2020, the California State Legislature passed a bill banning chokeholds throughout California.
- In July 2020, I signed an MOU (memorandum of Understanding) with the Association of Riverside County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS) requiring an agency who experiences a deadly force situation resulting in death or great bodily injury to have an outside agency conduct the full criminal investigation into the incident and present their findings to the District Attorney's Office.
- All CCPD Officers are required to attend "Racial and Cultural Diversity Training: Racial Profiling" every five years as mandated by the State of California. All CCPD Officers are mandated by the State of California to attend Arrest and Control, Force Options Simulator and Interpersonal Communication training every two years.

The Police Department is currently creating a new 5-year strategic plan that will focus on the role of police officers in society. An emphasis will be placed on identifying areas that will not require a police officer's presence at the onset of certain situations. (Examples could be handling mental illness, homelessness and quality of life issues in our community)

Our personnel are representative of the community and I strive to achieve a diverse workforce representative of the city and community we serve. We will continue to engage the community and all stakeholders to guarantee this department continues to serve and protect in a manner that respects all who live, work or visit our city.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



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By the Numbers:

As of September 24, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,902 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 32 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,657 cases, 27 deaths

Desert Hot Springs - 1,109 cases, 26 deaths

Indian Wells - 46 cases, 3 death

Indio - 3,657 cases, 71 deaths

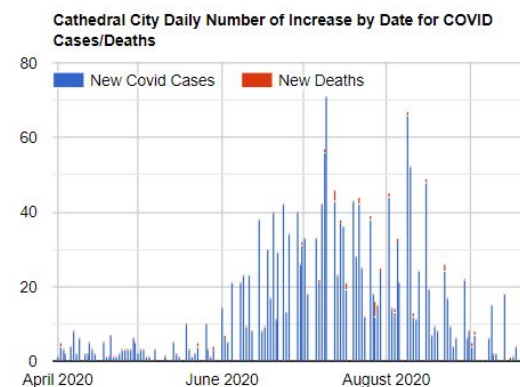
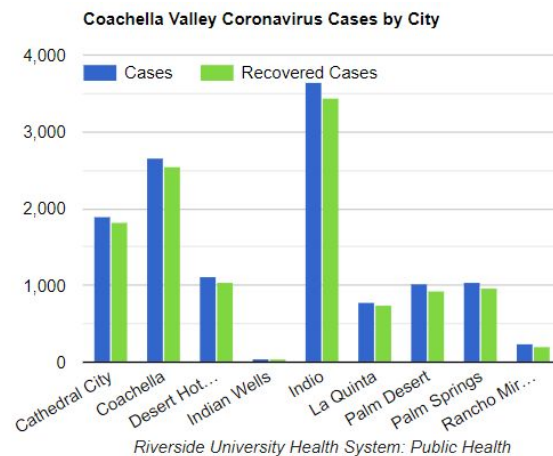
La Quinta - 784 cases, 19 deaths

Palm Desert - 1,017 cases, 55 deaths

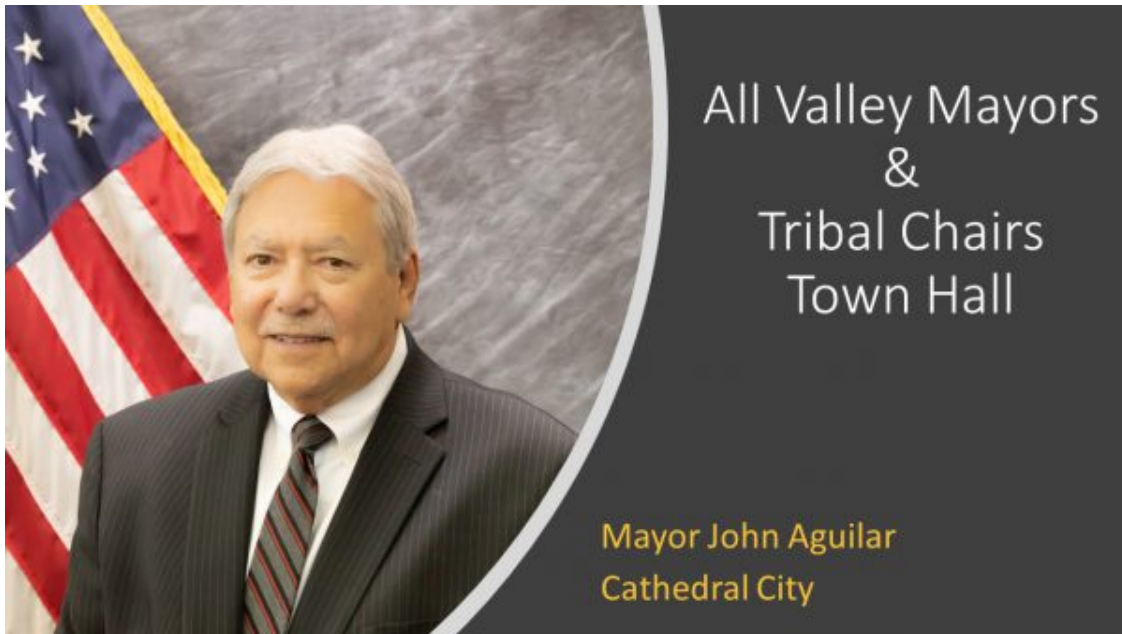
Palm Springs - 1,046 cases, 51 deaths

Rancho Mirage - 236 cases, 23 deaths

Riverside County has reported 57,883 COVID-19 cases, 1,179 deaths, and 53,257 recovered cases.



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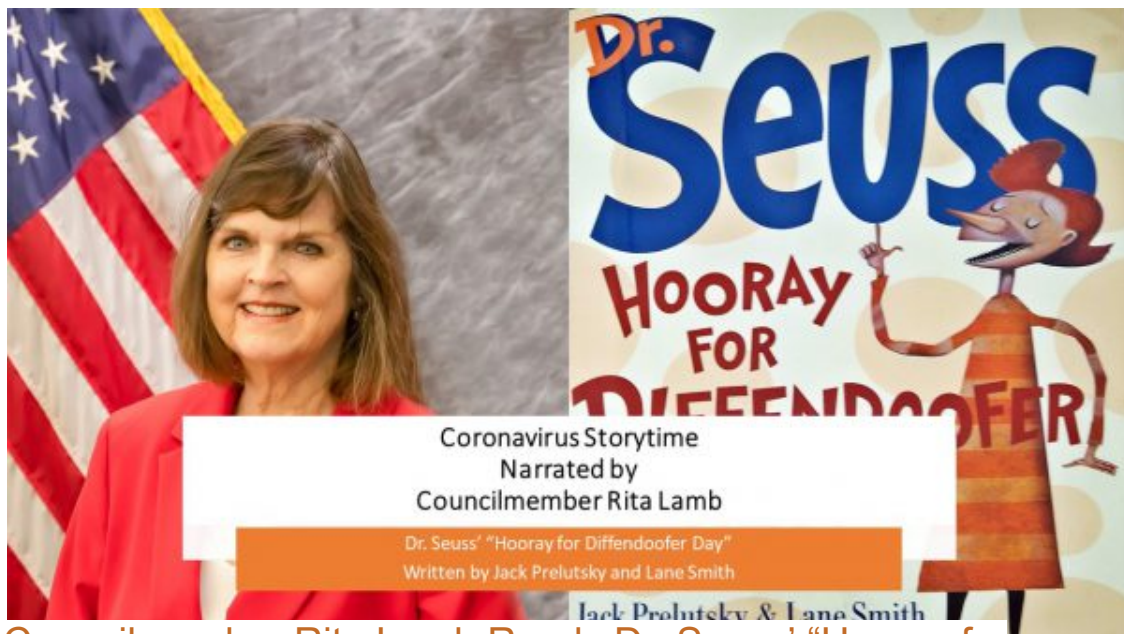
Mayor Aguilar Presented an Economic Update for the Chamber of Commerce's Town Hall

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce held its 4th Annual All Valley Mayors and Tribal Chairs Town Hall today to provide an update to the business community on what each city and the valley as a whole have been doing during this pandemic. Mayor Aguilar offered the following video that captures the significant steps Cathedral City has taken and ... [Read more.](#)

General Election Ballot Drop-off and Voter Assistance Center Locations Announced for Cathedral City



Every registered voter in California will receive the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot in the mail this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ballots will begin to be mailed as early as Monday, October 5, 2020. You can fill-out your ballot and mail it back to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters office in the pre-paid envelope that accompanies ... [Read more.](#)



Councilmember Rita Lamb Reads Dr. Seuss' "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day" for Coronavirus Storytime

With school children learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, Councilmember Rita Lamb reads Dr. Seuss' "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day" written by Jack Prelutsky and Lane Smith. Councilmember Lamb previously served as a teacher and principal and understands the importance of reading to children as it builds their vocabulary. Children who are read to develop language and thinking skills. In ... [Read more.](#)



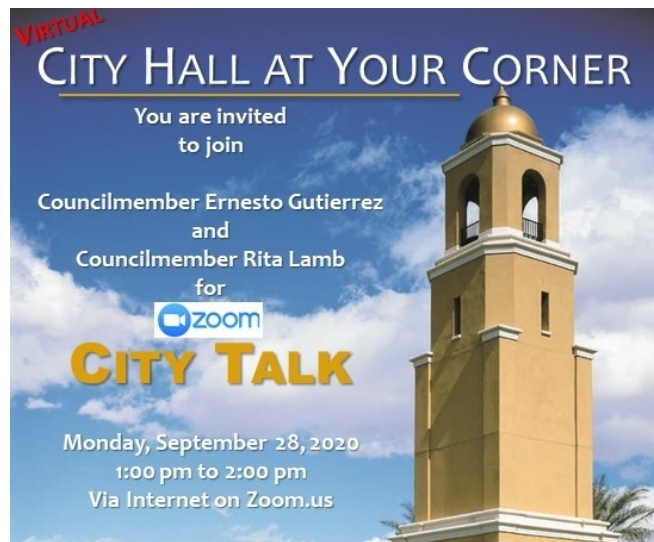
Cathedral City Public Library to Reopen October 5th

Riverside County has notified the City of Cathedral City that it plans to reopen the Cathedral City Public Library on Monday, October 5, 2020. The reopening was permitted by Riverside County moving from the

most restrictive Purple Tier to the less restrictive Red Tier as coronavirus cases have begun to subside. The library will have modifications such as no more ... [Read more.](#)

"City Hall at Your Corner" Happens
Monday, September
28th – Register Now

Register now for this month's virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" as Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Ernesto Gutierrez host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Monday, September 28, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at ... [Read more.](#)



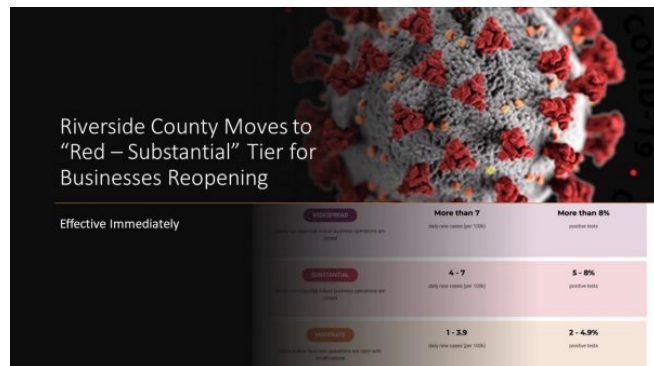
Vote for Your Favorite "Meatball Festival Video" Now thru October 4th

The 8th Annual Sammy's International Meatball Festival is virtual this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, they have put the "Fest" in festival by having each contestant or group produce a video showing how they make their

meatballs or how not to make meatballs for a virtual contest. You can vote by offering a \$1 donation per vote for ... [Read more.](#)

Riverside County Approved to Reopen Businesses with Less Restrictions

The state announced today that Riverside County will move from the most restrictive COVID-19 tier "Purple - Widespread" to the less restrictive "Red - Substantial" tier, effective immediately. Thanks to residents doing their part (wearing face coverings and social distancing) in slowing down the spread of the Coronavirus, more businesses will be allowed to open indoor activities with certain restrictions, ... [Read more.](#)



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.](#)

VIRTUAL
CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER
You are invited to join
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez
and
Councilmember Rita Lamb
for
zoom
CITY TALK
Monday, September 28, 2020
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Via Internet on Zoom.us
zoom
Register in Advance at <https://bit.ly/3lf6sSC>



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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