

October 15, 2020

Community Update

By Interim Fire Chief Blake Goetz



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

SPOTLIGHT ON COOKING FIRES

Between 2016 and 2018, fire departments in our country responded to an estimated 189,300 cooking fires in residential buildings. These cooking fires resulted in the following losses nationwide:

- 170 people lost their lives
- 3,300 people suffered injuries
- \$443,000,000 in property loss

UNATTENDED COOKING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF HOME COOKING FIRES WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking at high temperatures.
- If you must leave, turn off the burner.
- When simmering food on the stove or baking in the oven, set a timer to remind you that you are cooking. It is very easy to get distracted by electronics and lose track of time.

MANY HOME COOKING FIRES HAPPEN ON THE KITCHEN RANGE WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Before you turn on the heat, move dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains — anything that can burn — away from the stove.
- When you are finished, wipe up any spills or food left on the stove.

FRYING CREATES THE GREATEST RISK OF A HOME COOKING FIRE WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking at high temperatures, like frying, boiling and grilling.

- When oil gets too hot, it can easily start a fire. Keep a pot lid or a cookie sheet nearby when you are cooking at high temperatures.
- If the pot starts to flame, put the lid or cookie sheet over the pot, turn off the heat and let it cool.

COOKING FIRES START SMALL AND GROW FAST!

Call 9-1-1 as soon as a small fire starts
to prevent the fire from spreading to the rest of your home.

Information provided by our partners at the United States Fire Administration
[usa.fema.gov](https://www.usfa.fema.gov)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



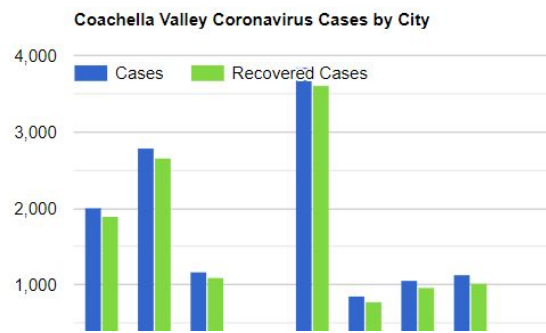
By the Numbers:

As of October 15, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 2,010 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 34 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

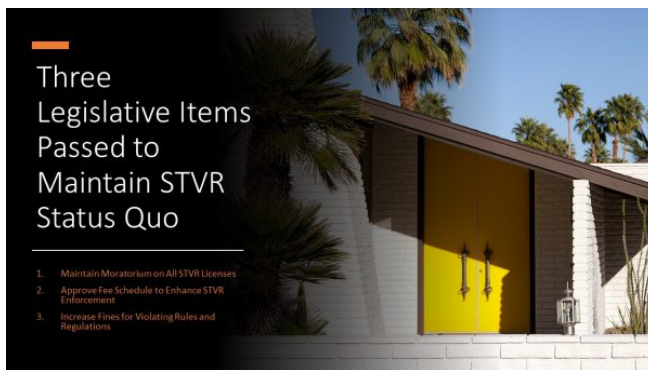
Coachella - 2,790 cases, 28 deaths
Desert Hot Springs - 1,168 cases, 28 deaths
Indian Wells - 51 cases, 4 deaths
Indio - 3,856 cases, 76 deaths
La Quinta - 867 cases. 19 deaths
Palm Desert - 1,069 cases, 58 deaths

Palm Springs - 1,146 cases, 53 deaths
Rancho Mirage - 256 cases, 24 deaths

Riverside County has reported 63,125 COVID-19 cases, 1,269 deaths, and 57,173 recovered cases.



NEWS



Three STVR Legislative Items Passed Last Night to Maintain the Status Quo

After more than a year of public input and much deliberations, the City Council passed a second reading of an ordinance in early September to

begin the phase out of Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs) in Cathedral City neighborhoods by the end of 2022 with the exceptions of STVRs located in HOA communities that permit them and for home sharing STVRs. ... [Read more.](#)

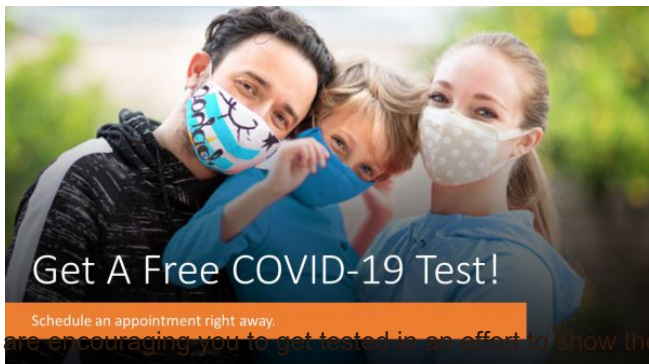
City Council Passes Campaign Contribution Limits

The City Council passed a resolution last night limiting campaign contributions for city elections to \$2,500 per election. Effective January 1, 2021, the new limits would apply to any person, company, corporation, etc. making a contribution to a political candidate running for either city council or city treasurer. Violation of this ordinance would be an infraction of \$500. The limit ... [Read more.](#)

New Campaign Contribution Limits for City Elections



Free COVID-19 Tests



Get A Free COVID-19 Test!

Schedule an appointment right away.

are encouraging you to get tested in an effort to show the true rate of infection in the Coachella Valley and throughout the rest of the county. This ... [Read more.](#)

Available throughout Riverside County

Riverside County needs more people to get tested for the Coronavirus because it helps them gauge the rate of infection in our community. Even if you do not have any symptoms, they

Landscape Work Begins at the U.S. Post Office in Cathedral City

After years of nudging by the City of Cathedral City as well as city residents, the much-needed landscape work has finally begun at the U.S. Post Office located at the

very visible corner of Date Palm Drive and David Kelly Road. The landscape work according to Robert Rodriguez, Director of Planning and Building for Cathedral City, will be mostly desert ... [Read more.](#)



Road Resurfacing Work Coming in November

Portions of Ramon Road, Cathedral Canyon Drive, and several roads in the Lower Cove neighborhood.

Street Resurfacing Projects Coming this November

The City Council approved the resurfacing of several major streets in Cathedral City including Ramon Road from Date Palm Drive to Landau Boulevard. Although this major

thoroughfare was completely reconstructed about five to six years ago, the timed resurfacing project is considered proper maintenance to allow the street to last as long as twenty years. Total cost estimated to complete ... [Read more.](#)

Drive-Thru, No-Cost Flu Shots Available on October 26th in Indio

Riverside County Department of Public Health will offer no-cost flu shots for any residents over the age of 3 years on Monday, October 26, 2020 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Indio Fairgrounds Lot located at 46350 Arabia Street in Indio. This is a drive-thru procedure and there is no need to pre-register for this event. You will ... [Read more.](#)

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SEARS PARKING LOT 5345 ARLINGTON AVE. RIVERSIDE, CA 92504	MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2020	9:00AM – 1:00PM	SEARS PARKING LOT 5345 ARLINGTON AVE. RIVERSIDE, CA 92504	LUNES 19 DE OCTUBRE DE 2020	9:00AM – 1:00PM



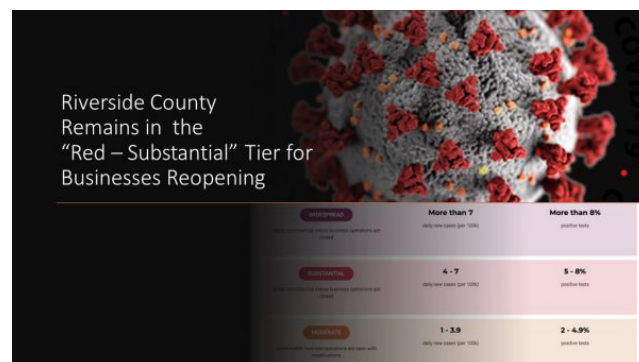
State Offers Safe Ways to Celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The California Department of Public Health released guidelines on how to safely celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos during the

COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines offer fun alternatives for families that lessen the likelihood of spreading the coronavirus to loved ones. Summary: This guidance outlines safer alternative ways to celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos during the ongoing ... [Read more.](#)

Riverside County Remains in the Red Tier for COVID-19 Reopening

The state announced today that Riverside County will remain in the “Red - Substantial” tier. Please know the Red Tier means that the coronavirus is still substantial for community spread and everyone should continue doing your part to wear a face covering and social distance between you and others outside of your household. To find the latest information and/or other ... [Read more.](#)





New State Guidelines for Private Gatherings

The California Department of Public Health released new guidelines for private gatherings. These guidelines stipulate that social get togethers or parties should include guests from no more than three different households to avoid spreading the coronavirus. **Mandatory Requirements for All Private Gatherings** All persons planning to host or participate in a private gathering, as defined above, must comply with ... [Read more.](#)

EVENTS

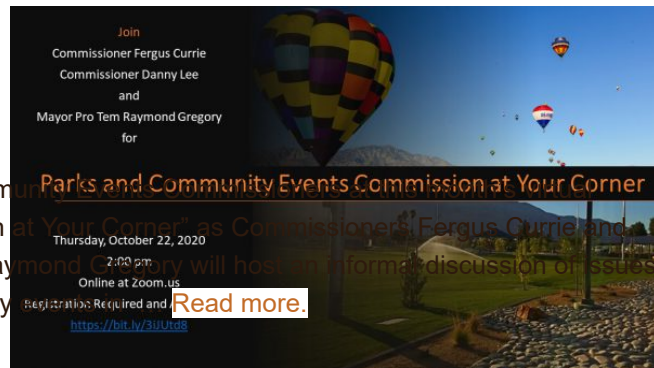
“City Hall at Your Corner” Happens Tuesday, October 20th – Register Now

Register now for October’s virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Mark Carnevale host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance ... [Read more.](#)

“Parks & Community Events Commission at Your Corner” Happens

Thursday, October 22nd – Register Now

Register now for a new opportunity to speak to several of your Parks and Community Events Commission members. Commissioner Fergus Currie, Commissioner Danny Lee and Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory will host an informal discussion of issues related to our public parks and community events.



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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