

December 3, 2020

Community Update

By John Muhr, Fire Chief

Hello and Happy Holidays to you all.

Please allow me to introduce myself as Cathedral City's new Fire Chief. Although I am new to this position, my service to Cathedral City began ten years ago as a Battalion Chief for the department. I am proud to serve this community and its residents as they have always been special to me. It is also a tremendous honor to have been selected to lead this dedicated group of professional firefighters and paramedics/EMTs. The Cathedral City Fire Department provides vital fire and medical transport services from three different fire station locations and has a minimum firefighting force of twelve firefighters on at any time, day or night.



We are now approaching a very busy holiday season, and although we might be celebrating in non-traditional ways this year, it is still so very important to address Christmas Tree safety. Listed below are some very important, yet simple tips to enjoy a live Christmas Tree experience:

- Natural trees should be cut at a 45-degree angle that maximizes the availability for water to soak into the tree trunk.
- Place your tree in an area far away from heating sources such as a heating vents, or kitchen cooking areas.
- Use only non-flammable Christmas decorations and ornaments
- If lighting is placed on a tree, ensure it is Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved.
- Inspect all lighting on a tree prior to use to make sure it is serviceable.
- Never leave lights on while the tree is unattended (including nighttime when adults are asleep).
- Ensure to use tree stands for your live tree that provides water in the base, and keep them full at all times.
- And lastly, NEVER keep a live tree in the house that has been allowed to dry; they are extremely flammable.



Your safety is our business. Again, have a happy and safe holiday from all of us at the Cathedral City Fire Department.

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 December 3, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 2,435 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 40 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 3,344 cases, 33 deaths

Desert Hot Springs - 1,478 cases, 30 deaths

Indian Wells - 71 cases, 4 deaths

Indio - 4,750 cases, 96 deaths

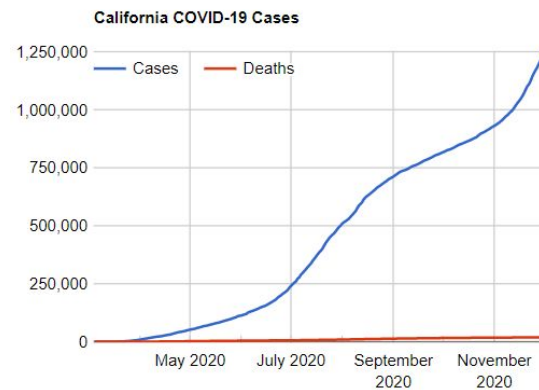
La Quinta - 1,106 cases, 19 deaths

Palm Desert - 1,411 cases, 63 deaths

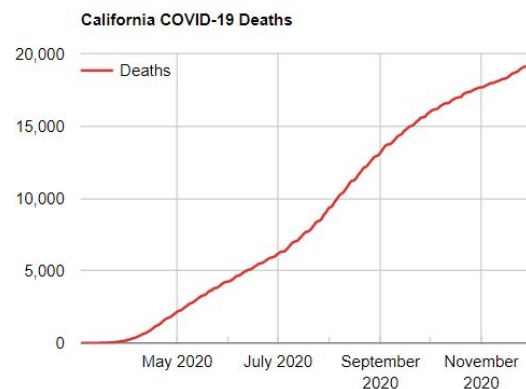
Palm Springs - 1,401 cases, 65 deaths

Rancho Mirage - 335 cases, 25 deaths

Riverside County has reported 86,797 COVID-19 cases, 1,457 deaths, and 67,974 recovered cases.



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Cathedral City Short Term Vacation Rental Regulation Measure Placed on March 2021 Special Election Ballot

On Wednesday, the City Council unanimously placed the 'Cathedral City Short Term Vacation Rental Regulation Measure' on the March 2, 2021 Special Election ballot. If approved by voters, the measure would uphold Municipal Ordinance No. 842, which established additional regulations on Short-term Vacation Rentals (STVR) citywide to address concerns raised by local residents about criminal activity, noise, and other impacts. ... [Read more.](#)

Special Council Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th

The City Council will hold a special council meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 pm to certify the November General Election results and pay tribute to Mayor John Aguilar for his years of service on the city council. Mayor Aguilar decided not to seek re-election and his term expires on Tuesday. Additionally, the winning candidates for Districts 1 ... [Read more.](#)



Governor Newsom Announces Plan for Regional Stay-at-Home Orders

Governor Newsom announced today a Regional Stay-at-Home Order plan that will go into effect within 48 hours in regions with less than 15% hospital ICU availability. It would prohibit private gatherings of any size, closes sector operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and requires 100% masking and physical distancing in all others. The order will remain in effect for ... [Read more.](#)



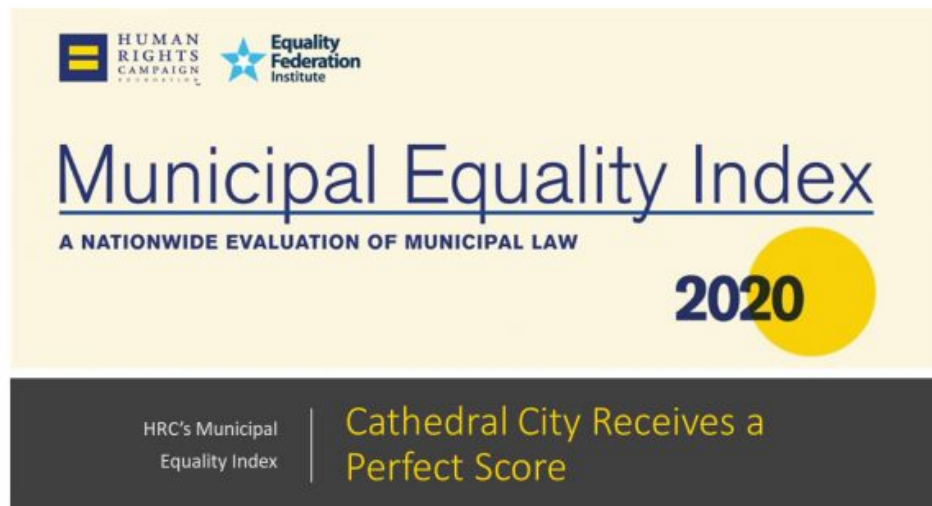
Play It Safe this Holiday Season

The City Council of Cathedral City is asking you to play it safe this holiday season. The upcoming holidays are times when families come together to celebrate family, religious holidays, and share quality life moments. This year, the city councils wants you to continue to celebrate, but do so in a responsible way that protects your family from contracting the ... [Read more.](#)

City Hall Lights of Cathedral City Recognized World AIDS Day



In a year that has been dominated by the coronavirus, another virus, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) continues to spread and kill more than a million people worldwide each year. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was created to bring awareness of the disease and recognize those who have died. Tens of millions of people worldwide have been killed ... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Receives a Perfect Score from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Municipal Equality Index

Cathedral City is 1 of 94 municipalities in the U.S. to receive the highest rating. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, an educational entity of the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization, released its annual Municipal Equality Index (MEI) Scorecard rating the City of Cathedral City with a perfect score of 100... [Read more.](#)



CONE ZONE ALERT: Road Resurfacing Project Will Cause Traffic Delays on East Palm Canyon Drive and Cathedral Canyon Drive Starting December 7th

CATHEDRAL CITY – (December 2, 2020) Road crews will completely resurface Cathedral Canyon Drive from the intersection of East Palm Canyon Drive to Perez Road with a Rubberized Emulsion Aggregate Slurry (REAS) as part of a road maintenance plan starting on Monday,

December 7 through Friday, December 11. Due to the resurfacing work at the intersection of East Palm Canyon ... [Read more.](#)

Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing this Thursday Evening in Cathedral City

Clinica Medica Familiar - Octavio Ruiz Villalpando, M.D. will offer a free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing event to the public on Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm behind City Hall of Cathedral City, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero on a first come, first serve basis. The drive-thru testing will be limited to approximately 100 tests. ... [Read more.](#)

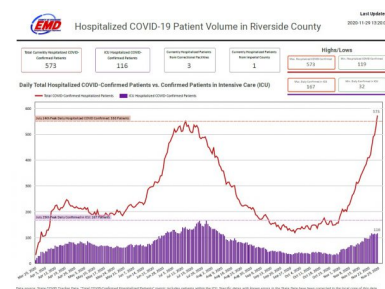


New COVID-19 Testing Location at Rancho Mirage Public Library

New COVID-19 Testing Location at Rancho Mirage Public Library A new drive-thru COVID-19 testing location has been added at the Rancho Mirage Public Library. This is a self-administered, contactless, and free test through Curative which has completed more than six million such tests in 15 states across the U.S. This is a painless swab test of the mouth.... [Read more.](#)

Riverside County Now Exceeds Summer Peak of Confirmed Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

Now is not the time to let your guard down when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, Riverside County reported that there are 573 COVID-19 patients currently hospitalized. This exceeds the peak number of those hospitalized this past summer at 550 patients. Although the number of ICU COVID-19 patients is less than the summer peak (167 vs 116), the ... [Read more.](#)



Memorial to Fallen Officer David Vasquez Restored at Panorama Park



Within the past few weeks, a memorial that dedicated the ballpark at Panorama Park to Cathedral City Police Officer David Vasquez was completely restored thanks to funds contributed by the Cathedral City Police Officers Association and discretionary funds by Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez. Officer David Vasquez was killed in the line of duty on October ... [Read more.](#)

City Job Opportunity:

Fleet and Maintenance Coordinator

The City of Cathedral City, Public Works Department, is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual who is innovative and forward thinking that will embrace the organization's mission. The Fleet & Equipment Maintenance Coordinator is a highly responsible, self-starter who will coordinate, plan and organize the repairing and maintaining of City vehicles and equipment. The City of Cathedral ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS

Mobile COVID-19 Testing at Northgate Church in Cathedral City on November 20th

Riverside County will offer COVID-19 testing during a mobile location at Northgate Church, 30010 Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can schedule an appointment by click on <http://bit.ly/Northgate112020> or find other locations and times at <https://gettested.ruhealth.org>. You may also call (800) 945-6171 to schedule by phone. Walk-ups are ... [Read more.](#)



First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5



pm to 8 pm on Friday, November 6, 2020. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and ... [Read more.](#)

Give the Gift of Life

To schedule an appointment, click below, call 800-879-4484 or download the LifeStream mobile app! Patients need your help. We are taking extra steps to keep donors safe.

“Click on the following link for a list Blood Drives in Cathedral City and to schedule an appointment. You may also call 800-879-4484 or download the LifeStream mobile app! Patients need your help. LifeStream is taking extra steps to keep donors safe.”

<https://www.lstream.org/ccbd/>



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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