

January 21, 2021

## Community Update

By Robert Rodriguez, Director of Planning/Building



### Construction Activity – Year in Review

Although 2020 proved to be a difficult year for many business sectors, new development and construction was very active and remained strong throughout the year, especially in the areas of new single-family home development and residential solar system installations.

New single-family home development, led by the communities of The District East and DR Horton @ Verano, started the year strong, slowed a bit at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March but finished the year on a monthly high of 41 permits issued in December. For the year, 251 new home permits were issued, including many in-fill homes on vacant properties, which was a record high for the last ten years.

New residential solar system installations, which has been very active in the City the last few years, remained consistent throughout the year, finishing with 454 permits for the year. This year also saw larger solar developments such as the Desert Princess Country Club solar carports and more coming in 2021.

Finally, construction valuation exceeded \$90.5 million this year, which represents the amount of development and construction investment made in the City and shows strong development interest in the City, which we expect to see continue into 2021.

#### Cathedral City Building Permits 2020

| MONTH | NO. OF PERMITS | SINGLE FAMILY | MULTI-FAMILY | NEW COMM | SOLAR | CONST. VALUATION |
|-------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|-------|------------------|
|       |                |               |              |          |       |                  |

| MONTH     | NO. OF PERMITS | SINGLE FAMILY | MULTI-FAMILY | NEW COMM | SOLAR | CONST. VALUATION |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|-------|------------------|
| JANUARY   | 163            | 21            |              | 1        | 18    | \$6,711,653.13   |
| FEBRUARY  | 151            | 27            |              |          | 21    | \$7,572,642.00   |
| MARCH     | 128            | 20            |              |          | 37    | \$5,653,496.00   |
| APRIL     | 106            | 12            |              |          | 36    | \$3,804,804.00   |
| MAY       | 133            | 13            |              |          | 59    | \$12,637,224.50  |
| JUNE      | 135            | 19            |              | 1        | 37    | \$5,641,208.71   |
| JULY      | 177            | 27            |              |          | 40    | \$8,871,655.25   |
| AUGUST    | 174            | 14            | 1            |          | 47    | \$5,469,924.60   |
| SEPTEMBER | 149            | 1             |              |          | 38    | \$2,079,326.04   |
| OCTOBER   | 163            | 41            |              |          | 46    | \$9,880,325.04   |
| NOVEMBER  | 147            | 15            | 1            | 2        | 29    | \$6,158,470.17   |
| DECEMBER  | 179            | 41            |              | 1        | 46    | \$16,045,951.15  |
| TOTAL     | 1,805          | 251           | 2            | 5        | 454   | \$90,526,680.59  |

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

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## Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development

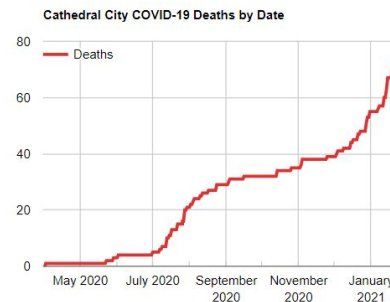
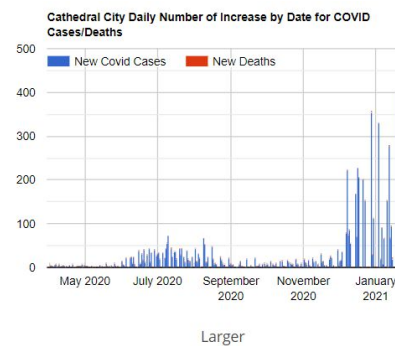


### By the Numbers:

As of January 21, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 6,132 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+519 since last week) and 73 reported deaths (+10 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,087 cases (+489), 59 deaths (+4)  
Desert Hot Springs 3,536 cases (+334), 48 deaths (+5)  
Indian Wells 169 cases (+10), 6 deaths (+0)  
Indio 10,810 cases (+889), 155 deaths (+15)  
La Quinta 2,900 cases (+236), 44 deaths (+7)  
Palm Desert 3,367 cases (+257), 84 deaths (+9)  
Palm Springs 3,223 cases (+284), 89 deaths (+9)  
Rancho Mirage 902 cases (+97), 28 deaths (+1)

Riverside County has reported 255,808 COVID-19 cases (+22,328), 2,739 deaths (+340), and 175,433 recovered cases (+24,707).



## NEWS

### Special Election for Cathedral City Voters – March 2nd – Measure B

Did you know Cathedral City is having a Special Election on March 2nd? On the Special Election ballot is Measure B, Cathedral City's Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Regulation Measure. If approved by Cathedral City voters, Measure B would uphold all



provisions of Ordinance 842 adopted by the City in response to resident complaints and demands to improve neighborhood safety by ... [Read more.](#)

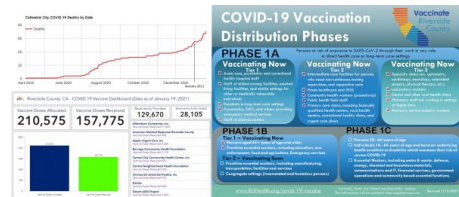


## Riverside County Announces New Vaccine Clinics for This Weekend

Participants must register and have an appointment to get vaccinated. Riverside County received 26,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine this week to distribute among community partners. Of this week's allocation, 3,900 doses will be used for six additional county-run vaccine clinics. Supply of vaccine continues to be limited and demand for vaccine high. Registration will be available Thursday (Jan. ... [Read more.](#)

## Important Information about Coronavirus Vaccine Distribution and Coronavirus Safety Tips

January On Course to Become the Deadliest Month for the Coronavirus in Cathedral City. With more than 11 days to go before the end of the month, January is on tap to be the deadliest month since the coronavirus pandemic began. Already sixteen Cathedral City residents have died from COVID-19, which ties the number of deaths in July and ... [Read more.](#)

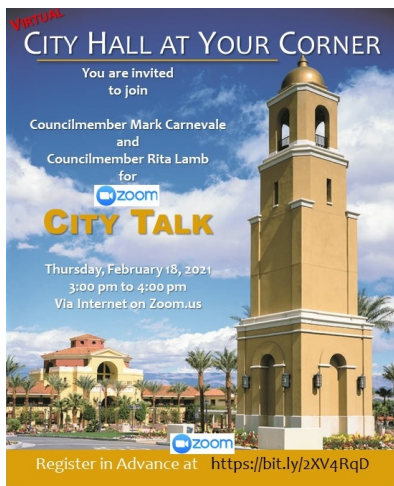


## NOTICE OF VACANCIES - Cathedral City Cannabis Task Force

The City of Cathedral City announces three vacancies on the Cannabis Task Force. These terms will begin immediately. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, to the office of the City Clerk, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.cathedralcity.gov](http://www.cathedralcity.gov). You must be a resident of ... [Read more.](#)

## EVENTS





## “City Hall at Your Corner” Happens February 18th – Register Now

Register now for February’s virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Councilmembers Mark Carnevale and Rita Lamb host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at ... [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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