

January 28, 2021

Community Update

By George Crum, Chief of Police

Allow me this opportunity to discuss the important topic of Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs) in Cathedral City and provide you with some public safety statistical data related to STVR's. I recently presented an STVR Impact Report at a City Council meeting depicting how STVRs required additional resources from both our Police and Fire Departments. Between October 2019 and November 2020, the Police Department's Communication Center handled 809 calls for service related to Short-Term Vacation Rentals.



Man arrested in stabbing at vacation rental in CC

Shane Newell Palm Springs Desert Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK

A 20-year-old Las Vegas man remained in custody Friday on \$1 million bail after allegedly stabbing two people Tuesday morning at a short-term vacation rental in Cathedral City, according to police and jail records.

Francisco Fisher is being charged with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon, police Cmdr. Paul Herrera said Friday. He's being held at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning and is expected to appear in court in Indio on Feb. 3.

The incident happened around 4:20 a.m. Tuesday in the 66300 block of Ta-chevah Drive.

When officers arrived to the vacation rental, they found a group of people detaining Fisher, Herrera said. It appeared those in attendance were visiting for a conference.

One victim, also from Las Vegas, was stabbed with a kitchen knife mul-



In analyzing the total calls handled by the Police Department, 15 calls resulted in a Part 1 Crime (the most serious) occurring at an STVR. The crimes our officers investigated at STVR properties included an attempt homicide in which two adults were stabbed, a sexual assault, five domestic violence assaults, five residential burglaries, one commercial burglary and two stolen vehicles. Additionally, the Police Department made a total of nine arrests and issued 52 citations in connection with these and other calls for service related to an STVR between October 2019 and November 2020.

The Cathedral City Fire Department responded to 241 Calls for Service at Short-Term Vacation Rental locations between October 2019 and November 2020. The majority of the Fire Department calls for service were medical aid requests and six of these calls for service were for brush fires, structure fires and one fire of unknown origin.

In reviewing the calls for service by both the Police and Fire Departments, I determined the average time an officer spent on each call for service to an STVR was 21 minutes and 46 seconds. The average time our Fire personnel spent on each call for service was 37 minutes and 46 seconds.

The Police Department's new Short-Term Vacation Rental Compliance Team began their duties on November 13, 2020. Between the dates of November 13 and November 30, 2020, this team handled 517 calls for service. 110 of the 517 calls for service were responding to a Short-Term Vacation Rental complaint. This team issued a total of 12 citations for violations in this two-week time span.

I would like to remind the community there are three ways to reach the compliance team if a community member has a need for service that is in the scope of this team. The STVR hotline number is (760) 553-1031, the non-emergency police dispatch number is (760) 770-0300 then dial "1", and finally, anyone with a smart phone or computer may utilize the "Go Request" mobile app which can be downloaded from your app store or you can go online at <https://www.cathedralcity.gov/i-want-to/service-request> and click on "vacation rentals." Of course, if it is an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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By the Numbers:

As of January 28, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 6,447 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+315 since last week) and 83 reported deaths (+10 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,428 cases (+341), 68 deaths (+9)
Desert Hot Springs 3,743 cases (+207), 51 deaths (+3)
Indian Wells 178 cases (+9), 6 deaths (+0)
Indio 11,362 cases (+552), 167 deaths (+12)
La Quinta 3,057 cases (+157), 48 deaths (+4)
Palm Desert 3,561 cases (+194), 88 deaths (+4)
Palm Springs 3,358 cases (+135), 94 deaths (+5)
Rancho Mirage 979 cases (+77), 30 deaths (+2)

Riverside County has reported 270,105 COVID-19 cases (+14,297), 3,058 deaths (+319), and 195,286 recovered

cases (+19,853).



NEWS



Mayor Gregory S. Pettis Fountain of Life to Be Refurbished

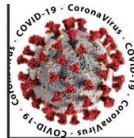
The City Council voted last night to approve up to \$146,850 to refurbish the Mayor Gregory S. Pettis Fountain of Life that resides in front of City Hall at Town Square Park. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fountain of Life has been closed for nearly 10 months. This has allowed inspectors to evaluate the condition of the fountain and ... [Read more.](#)



Governor Newsom Lifts
Extremely Strict
"Stay at Home" Order
and Reverts Back to
Color Tiers

Your County Color Determines Operations

County	Color	Operations
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Riverside County
Will Open in the
"Purple Tier"
Widespread Stage

Governor Newsom Lifts the Most Restrictive Stay-At-Home Orders Effective Immediately

Riverside County Will Open in the Purple Tier for COVID-19 Color Charts Seeing data that shows ICU COVID-19 Hospitalization capacity going above

15% in the next four weeks, Governor Newsom immediately lifted the very restrictive "Stay-At-Home" order issued back in December. It is lifted for all of California. However, this "lift" simply shifts the reopening plan back to the ... [Read more.](#)



Take a Virtual Tour of the New Fire Station 411 in Cathedral City

Fire Station 411 will start its service on November 1 and has been the primary medical emergency transport ever since for Cathedral City residents in the southern portion of the city. Located on Buddy Rogers Avenue across the street from the new Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City, the new fire station has been built to serve the community for ... [Read more.](#)

CAP Cares Program May Help with Your Utility Payments

If you are 18 years of age or older, make less than 200% of the Federal poverty guidelines (\$25,520 annual income or less for 1 person, \$52,400 annual income for a family of four) and need assistance paying for utilities, the CAP Care Program is available to assist. Once qualified, CAP Cares will pay on your behalf to the utility ... [Read more.](#)

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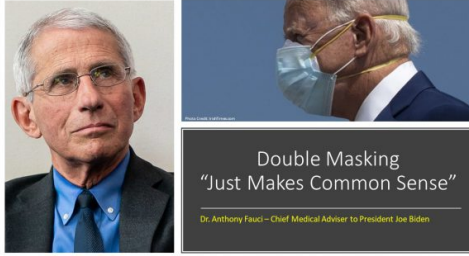
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CSUSB Offering Multiple Cultural Webinars for Black History Month

California State University San Bernardino will host many webinars during the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. Take a look at the following calendar of events and/or visit its Black History Month webpage for regular updates as additional programming becomes available. Feb 1-Feb. 28. The Coyote Series Celebrates: Black History Month. Associated Students Inc., and the SMSU ... [Read more.](#)



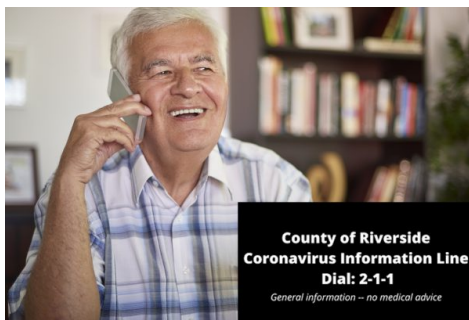
Dr. Fauci Recommends Double Layer Masks When Out in Public

The Chief Medical Adviser to President Biden, Dr. Anthony Fauci, recommends that Americans double mask when going out in public, especially in places where social distancing is not always available, such as shopping at retail and grocery

stores. He said it “just makes common sense” to do so. Double Masking can be achieved by using two cloth masks or ... [Read more.](#)

Free Valentine's Day Art Kits for Kids

Thanks to S.C.R.A.P. Gallery, Free Ready-To-Go Recycle Art Kits for Valentine's Day will be available starting Monday, February 1, 2021 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for curbside pick-up at the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery located at 68743 Perez Road, Building D, Suite 16 in Cathedral City. You can simply drive up, pick-up the kits, and drive away with ease. Each kit ... [Read more.](#)



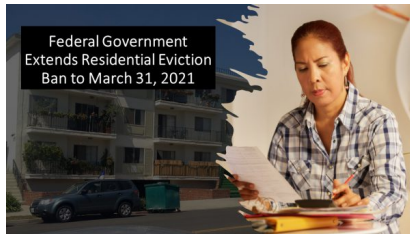
Riverside University Health System Offers 2-1-1 Assistance for Seniors Needing Coronavirus Vaccine

In response to various difficulties encountered by seniors when scheduling their COVID-19 vaccine shots, Riverside University Health System (RUHS) is

offering seniors the opportunity to call 2-1-1 on their telephones now and be placed on an Interested List. Once placed on the list, RUHS will contact those seniors and assist them with setting up an appointment to go to a ... [Read more.](#)

Spring 2021 Mailer Available Online and Coming to a Mailbox Near You

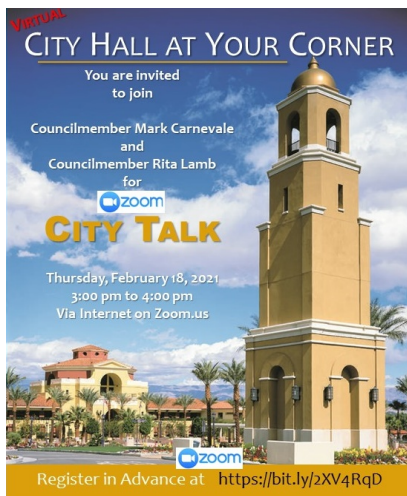
Twice a year, the City of Cathedral City sends out its popular direct mailer about City programs, services, community and environmental events as well as important city topics. Towards the end of January, the mailer should be hitting mailboxes throughout Cathedral City. However, you can also find the mailer electronically on the Home Page and available to download at. ... [Read more.](#)



Federal Government Extends Residential Eviction Ban to March 31st

One of the first Executive Orders released by the Biden Administration was to extend the residential eviction ban to March 31st for those who are having a difficult time paying rent due to the Coronavirus. Under the authority of the Centers for Disease Control, the ban makes it illegal to evict a residential renter if that renter is unable to ... [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.](#)

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. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and “I” buildings.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, indoor galleries will be

limited to 25% of occupancy. ... [Read more.](#)



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“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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