

March 18, 2021

National Biodiesel Day

Community Update

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VACATION RENTALS

On September 9, 2020 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 842 which enacted new Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) regulations and restrictions. These STVR regulations and restrictions were developed after more than a year of community engagement and feedback and the work of an STVR Task Force made up of residents, STVR industry members and City Staff to address identified concerns and priorities. Not only does Ordinance No. 842 establish more stringent regulations to address noise, parking, occupancy and other operational concerns, it phases out all STVRs by January 2023 that are not located within a Homeowners Association (HOA) which allows STVRs, or properties operating as a home share. Home sharing is when a property owner rents out a portion of their property, such as a room or casita, and remains on the property during the rental period.

After Ordinance No. 842 was adopted, a short-term rental advocacy group gathered enough signatures and filed a petition to repeal portions of the Ordinance. This referendum triggered Measure B, the Cathedral City Short-Term Vacation Rental Regulation Measure, and it appeared on the March 2, 2021 Special Election ballot. Certified results by the County Clerk are expected on March 18, 2021 and it appears that Cathedral City residents have chosen to enact Ordinance No. 842 and phase out STVRs.

Once the election results are certified, the Ordinance becomes effective immediately. Pursuant to the Ordinance all existing STVR permits will expire on January 1, 2023 and no new STVR permits will be issued, unless the STVR is located in a HOA that allows STVRs or it is a home share.

Key operating regulations of the Ordinance will require STVR Owners to implement several new guest policies including:

- No outdoor music
- Prohibited outdoor activities after 10 PM
- Parking restrictions
- Four day/ three-night minimum guest stay
- Guest check-in and advisement

Additionally, it will subject STVR Owners to stricter advertising regulations, health & safety measures, and several new operational regulations. Ordinance 842 will become effective on the day of certification. The STVR Program will be working with STVR Owners and the Community to educate them on the implementation of these new regulations and restrictions. To keep informed of the changes in the STVR Program, visit the Cathedral City STVR webpage at <https://www.cathedralcity.gov/services/vacation-rental-information>.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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By the Numbers:

As of March 18, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 6,954 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+28 since last week) and 103 reported deaths (+1 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,798 cases (+21), 81 deaths (+1)

Desert Hot Springs 4,126 cases (+19), 65 deaths (+4)

Indian Wells 188 cases (+0), 6 deaths (+0)

Indio 12,098 cases (+33), 198 deaths (+6)

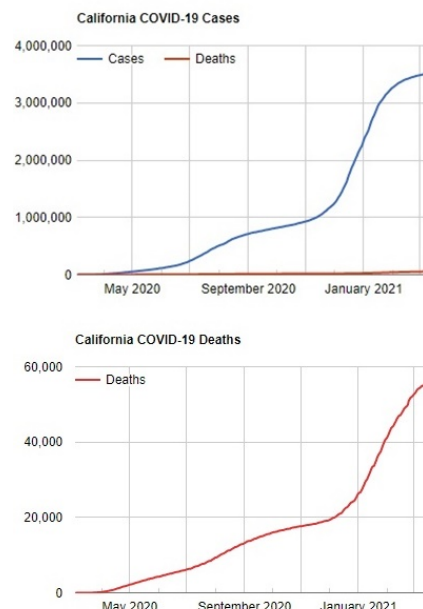
La Quinta 3,338 cases (+25), 56 deaths (+2)

Palm Desert 3,865 cases (+10), 112 deaths (+1)

Palm Springs 3,646 cases (+27), 116 deaths (+4)

Rancho Mirage 1,082 cases (+3), 42 deaths (+1)

Riverside County has reported 292,817 COVID-19 cases (+1,142), 4,907 deaths (+156), and 284,982 recovered cases (+2,814).



NEWS



Cathedral City Fire Department Releases Its Annual Report

Today, the Cathedral City Fire Department released its annual report to the public for 2020. Many changes occurred including a new fire chief, the opening of the new Fire Station 411, new Fire Engine 411, several

new grants, a transition towards a new dispatch system, and the department's vigorous response to unprecedented wildfires along with a global pandemic. To learn ...

[Read more.](#)

Expands Vaccine Eligibility to Those with Underlying Health Illness

More occupations now added to those eligible for vaccine, doses limited. Those 16 to 64 years old with certain underlying health conditions will now be able to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as Riverside County health officials expand the eligibility criteria, effective today. With hundreds of thousands of residents newly eligible for vaccine, county officials remind the community that supply ... [Read more.](#)



Gyms, Movie Theaters, and Indoor Dining Can Open with Capacity Restrictions

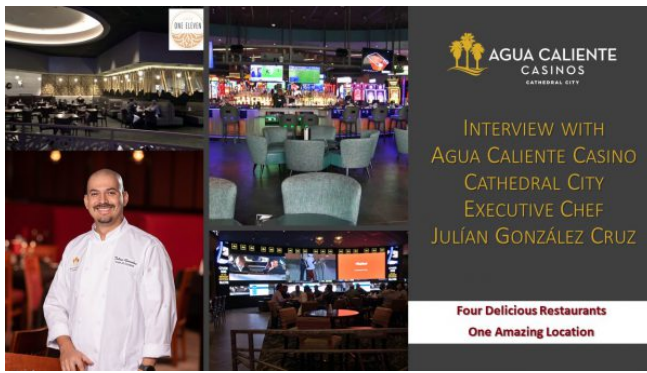
The state announced that Riverside County can move to the less restrictive "Red - Substantial" tier starting Wednesday, March 17th.

Please know the Red Tier means that the coronavirus is still substantial for community spread and everyone should continue doing their part to wear a face covering and social distance between you and others outside of your household. To find ... [Read more.](#)

Road Resurfacing Project Will Cause Traffic Delays on East Palm Canyon Drive and Cathedral Canyon Drive Starting March 18th

CATHEDRAL CITY – (March 17, 2021) 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 Thursday, March 18 through Friday, March 19, 2021 as well as Monday, March 22, 2021. Due to the resurfacing ... [Read more.](#)





Four Unique Restaurants at the New Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hhq-0QMbRxl> The newest anchor to our Downtown Arts & Entertainment District is the now

opened Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City located at the corner of Highway 111 and Date Palm Drive. Although “casino” brings to mind a vast array of slot machines and table games, you will also discover that this casino facility goes way beyond simply gaming, and ... [Read more.](#)

Free “Bee the Change” Earth Day Art Kits and Poster Contest for Students

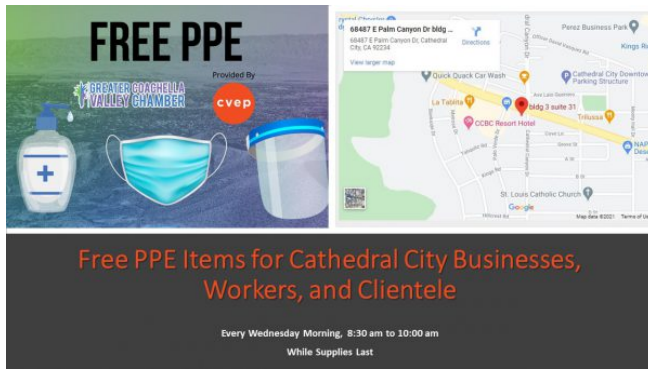
Thanks to S.C.R.A.P. Gallery, Free Ready-To-Go Recycle Art Kits for Earth Day will be available every Monday through April 19th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for curbside pick-up at the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery located at 68743 Perez Road, Building D, Suite 16 in Cathedral City. You can simply drive up, pick-up the kits, and drive away with ease. Each kit ... [Read more.](#)



Community, Council Members and Public Arts Commissioners Restore the “Rainbow Crossing”

On Saturday, March 13, 2021, the city council, public arts commissioners, and members of the community came together and volunteered their time and skills to restore the Mayor Gregory S. Pettis Rainbow Crossing

in downtown. Mayor Pettis was the longest serving member of the city council and the first openly gay candidate to run for political office in the Coachella ... [Read more.](#)

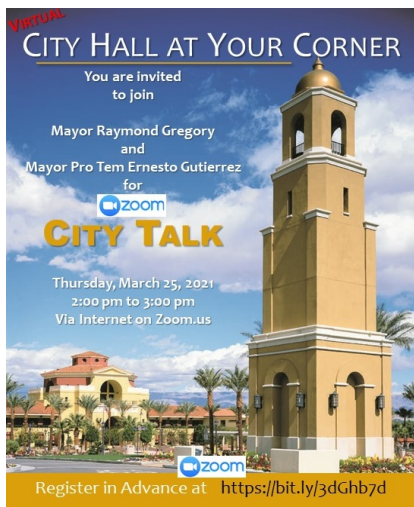


Free PPE Equipment for Cathedral City Businesses, Workers, and Clientele

Do you operate a business in Cathedral City and want FREE PPE items, such as face coverings and hand sanitizer for your employees,

workers, or clientele? Thanks to Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cathedral City, PPE items will be available for pick-up at the Chamber Office: Every Wednesday Morning ...

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“City Hall at Your Corner” Happens March 25th – Register Now

Register now for March's virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Mayor Raymond Gregory and Mayor Pro Tem Ernesto Gutierrez host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance ... [Read more.](#)



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