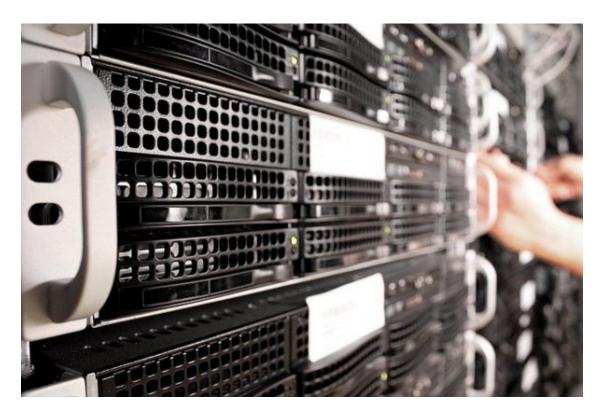




April 22, 2021 Earth Day

# **Community Update**

By Tami Scott, Administrative Services Director



Information Technology is the study, design, development, implementation, support of management of computer-based information systems - particularly software applications and computer hardware. IT workers help ensure that computers work well for everyone.

It is recognized that the world of technology continues to evolve at a very rapid pace. The way that citizens, businesses, and visitors use technology today is different than a decade ago, and this will continue to evolve going ahead, at an even more rapid rate. The City recognizes trends in key areas including:

- Mobility: Increased use of wireless devices such as smart-phones and tablets.
- · Social Media: Global and local source for communication, collaboration, and information sharing
- Big Data: Tremendous opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness across a broad range of government programs and services by harnessing, managing, and utilizing the evergrowing amount of data in the digital age.
- Cloud Computing: Opportunities to source and deliver integrated solutions from service providers in new delivery models that can provide agile and scalable solutions but that need to ensure integrated outcomes.

Together, these changes are driving the new digital citizen, the digital workforce, and an expectation to consume services anytime, anywhere, on any channel and any device. This puts tremendous expectations on City government, and as a result, one of the most important activities the City must monitor and maintain on a 24-hour/7-day basis is its Information Technology ("IT") protection and utilization. The City recognizes that maintaining the integrity of the City's computer system and the protection of data and confidential information contained on that system are vital for the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and quality of work generated by City employees.

This increased use of the Internet and the proliferation of technological advances have, as stated, significantly improved the communications, research and work product of City employees, albeit at the increasing risk of exposing the City's computer system backbone and data stored on the system to damage caused by external sources, viruses, computer contaminants and unauthorized users. Also, as a full-service City providing public safety services, there are protections and procedures that must be used and required by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. Therefore, the City imposes a strict policy to prohibit the usage of the City's computer system and network which would undermine the integrity of the system, data and confidentiality of information contained on the system and tend to impair employee job performance, efficiency or productivity. Given these concerns, the city staff deploys several techniques in keeping its IT Network monitored for a variety of exposures. We deploy multiple Firewalls and Intrusion Prevention programs, Network Access Controls, Username/Password protection, Software Access Controls on files, systems and applications, Data and Network Encryption, Anti-virus/malware protection, Web and Spam Filters, Physical Card Key Access and Security Surveillance, and yearly Information Security Awareness Training for IT Staff. So, no matter the size of the business or in this case the City, IT and Network security is taken very seriously.

#### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



### **Business Support**

Cathedral City Economic Development



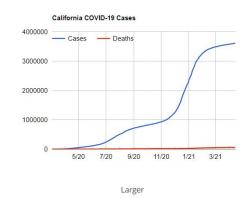


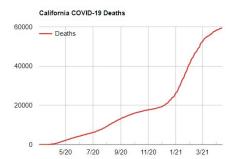
### By the Numbers:

As of April 22, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 7,116 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+13 since last week) and 109 reported deaths (+1 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,888 cases (+8), 94 deaths (+0)
Desert Hot Springs 4,201 cases (+8), 72 deaths (+0)
Indian Wells 193 cases (+1), 6 deaths (+0)
Indio 12,262 cases (+13), 223 deaths (+2)
La Quinta 3,408 cases (+12), 61 deaths (+0)
Palm Desert 3,933 cases (+18), 118 deaths (+1)
Palm Springs 3,725 cases (+5), 125 deaths (+0)
Rancho Mirage 1,096 cases (+0), 49 deaths (+0)

Riverside County has reported 297,770 COVID-19 cases (+692), 4,555 deaths (+36), and 291,314 recovered cases (+958).





#### **NEWS**

# Veterans Village of Cathedral City Groundbreaking Ceremony April 9, 2021





# Virtual Groundbreaking Ceremony Video for Veterans Village of Cathedral City

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in place, the city council and key stakeholders recently held a non-public virtual groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veterans Village of Cathedral City that will soon be located at the corner of Vega Road and Landau Boulevard. You may view the virtual



Restaurants, Bars, Bakeries, Food Trucks, and Caterers Can Apply for New Federal Relief Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the ... Read more.



## Earth Day Art Walk in Cathedral City

The Agnes Pelton Society and the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery are teaming up for an "Earth Day Art Walk" on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, 2021. The Art Walk features the outdoor wall mosaics and an outdoor art gallery of student art on Chuperosa Lane between E Street and F Street in the Cathedral City Cove neighborhood. The students created ... Read more.

# Call for Painters / Muralists Public Arts Project

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission (PAC) is seeking painters / muralists to submit their art ideas / renderings for up to fourteen public outdoor benches at the Cathedral City Public Library and one bench and one trash receptacle at Memorial Park near downtown. The art commission has been authorized by the city council to pay artists \$1,000 per park ... Read more.





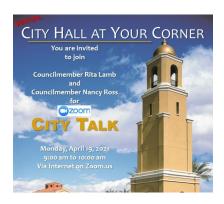
**Public Arts Commission Hosts** 

"Yve Evans Presents Coachella Valley Jazz" In Celebration of International Jazz Day – April 30

The Cathedral City Public Arts Commission hosted a virtual event called, "Yve Evans Presents Coachella Valley Jazz" in celebration of International Jazz Day that happens on April 30, 2021. In this fifty-minute video, you will be able to watch and listen to some of the major jazz musicians and groups in our community including: D-Company Michael Bolivar Mikole Kaar ... Read more.

**EVENTS** 

"City Hall at Your Corner" Happens April 19th – Register Now



Register now for April's virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" as Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Nancy Ross host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Monday, April 19, 2021 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance. After registering, ... Read more.



### First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

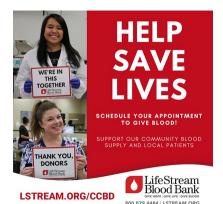
Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the "H" and "I" buildings. Due to ... Read more.



# "Coffee with the Chiefs" Scheduled for June 28 - Register Now

The City of Cathedral City is hosting a new event called, "Coffee with the Chiefs" that will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss issues about public safety in an

informal manner with our two public safety leaders. The conversation will include both Police Chief George Crum and Fire Chief John Muhr. In June, Fire Chief John Muhr ... Read more.



#### Give the Gift of Life

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