

May 20, 2021

International Red Sneakers Day

Community Update

By George Crum, Chief of Police

Since my return to the city in 2020, I have been asked by many residents why we no longer have officers on motorcycles. Throughout my entire 32-year career, I have been a proponent of visible traffic enforcement. On May 7, 2021, Officer Matt Buehler successfully graduated from a rigorous two-week motorcycle riding and enforcement academy in Fresno, California. He began his duties as a motorcycle officer on May 11, 2021. The addition of a motorcycle enforcement officer will help reduce collisions and bring a visible awareness to Cathedral City motorists to drive safely. Below is a photo of our newest motorcycle officer Matt Buehler.



On Wednesday May 5, 2021 the Cathedral City Police Department Gang Unit went into service. This new unit currently consist of a Sergeant and two Detectives who will be working a variety of shifts. As we move into the new fiscal year on July 1st, I plan to add two additional detectives to this unit to provide service to our community during the next fiscal year. This team will primarily focus on gang enforcement and be a force multiplier during our busier shifts which tend to be in the evenings and on weekends. I have provided a picture of the new gang unit marked vehicle which is now in service. In reviewing homicides that occurred in 2019 and 2020, I found many of

them had a gang nexus or connection. This newly formed unit will help reduce crime and gang-related violence. Our new gang unit vehicle is pictured below.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Cathedral City Economic Development



By the Numbers:

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As of May 20, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 7,144 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+9 since last week) and 111 reported deaths (+0 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,930 cases (+2), 97 deaths (+0)

Desert Hot Springs 4,237 cases (+8), 73 deaths (+0)

Indian Wells 197 cases (+0), 6 deaths (+0)

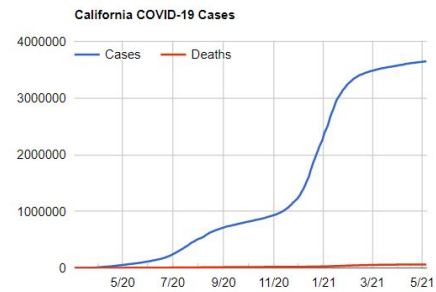
Indio 12,356 cases (+30), 223 deaths (+0)

La Quinta 3,444 cases (+10), 61 deaths (+0)

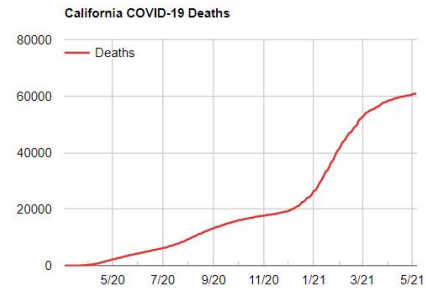
Palm Desert 3,973 cases (+10), 119 deaths (+1)

Palm Springs 3,761 cases (+11), 125 deaths (+0)

Rancho Mirage 1,106 cases (+2), 50 deaths (+0)



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Riverside County has reported 300,189 COVID-19 cases (+624), 4,602 deaths (+8), and 294,310 recovered cases (+798).

NEWS



“Dinner with Patsi” Honored for Its Charitable Fundraising

For the past few years, Cathedral City resident and Parks and Community Events Commissioner Thommy Kocan has organized a monthly dinner called “Dinner with Patsi.” It is

an opportunity for the community to come together, socialize, reconnect, and discuss current events and humorous stories. The dinner happens at rotating Cathedral City restaurants in an effort to support local businesses usually ...

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Housing Prices Soaring

in Cathedral City – Watch the State of the City

The Coronavirus has caused families on the California Coast to move to less crowded cities like Cathedral City. This has caused our local housing prices to soar, but by how much? Find-out this and more by watching the Virtual 2021 State of the City hosted by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 25th at 10 am. ...

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City, CA 92234, or by email to tmartinez@cathedralcity.gov. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cathedralcity.gov or ...

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Cathedral City Looking for Commissioners – Notice of Vacancies

The City of Cathedral City announces vacancies on several Commissions/Committees. These terms will begin on July 1, 2021. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021, to the Office of the City Clerk, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral

“State of the City 2021” Happens Tuesday

Do you know what new restaurants are coming to Cathedral City? Which of the great city festivals will make a return next year? Find-out this and more by watching the Virtual 2021 State of the City hosted by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 25th at 10 am. Simply go to www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com and click on ...

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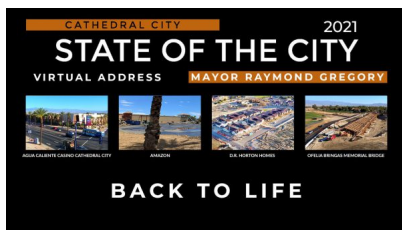


Cathedral City Senior Center to Reopen June 15 without Its Executive Director

Seniors who have been waiting to socialize or access resources in-person will be able to do so starting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The Cathedral City Senior Center will reopen with health and safety protocols in accordance to state guidelines. Fully vaccinated attendees can participate in group activities without a mask. Those who choose not to provide vaccination records will ...

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EVENTS



Virtual "State of the City"

Hosted by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Raymond Gregory will present a virtual "State of the City" on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 beginning at 10 am. You can view the live stream by going to

www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com and then clicking on the State of the City – Watch Now. The chamber will first conduct their business ... [Read more.](#)

Emergency Preparedness Make & Take Event – June 5th

Join Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Nancy Ross along with the Cathedral City Fire Department for a Free Emergency Preparedness – Make and Take Event scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Cathedral City Community Amphitheater, 68526 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City. Open to the first 25 Cathedral City households that attend, this ...

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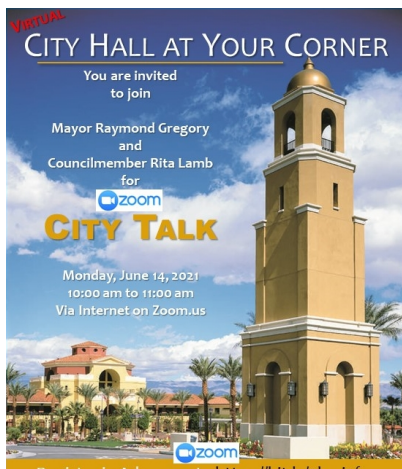
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Open to the first 25 Cathedral City households that attend, this event will provide information on how to respond to an emergency, such as an earthquake, and what items you will need in your preparedness kit during and after an emergency. Each household will make their own free emergency kits to take home, thanks in part to our sponsors.

For more information contact
Fire Chief John Muhr at (760) 770-8200



"City Hall at Your Corner" Happens

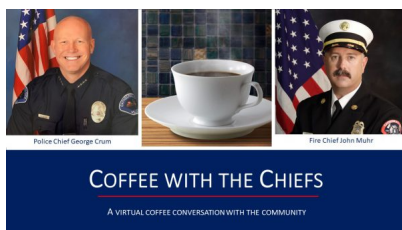


June 14th – Register Now

Register now for May's virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" as Mayor Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Rita Lamb host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Monday, June 14, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at <https://bit.ly/3bmi3fv>. After ... [Read more.](#)

Open House Tour of Cathedral City LGBTQ Night Clubs – June 21st to 26th

With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted on June 15th by the governor, the Cathedral City Gay Business Association (CCGBA) welcomes you back to Cathedral City. Please join them for a week-long Open House Tour starting on Monday, June 21, 2021 through Saturday, June 26, 2021. The Open House Tour is in celebration of National Pride Month. Enjoy \$4 Happy Hour ... [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.](#)



