

June 3, 2021

National Egg Day

Community Update

By John Muhr, Fire Chief

Many of our citizens probably don't know it, but Cathedral City Fire Department participates in a program referred to as Mutual Aid (MA). The California Master Mutual Aid system as we know it today, was devised right here in Southern California during the early 1970's. Early Fire and Law Enforcement leaders recognized that fighting fires and managing large emergency incidents could not be managed by any one Fire or Police Department alone. In the case of fire departments, Mutual Aid is fairly simple, it's fire departments helping other fire departments. You can see this every year when California experiences our large wildland fires. As it relates to Cathedral City, we have an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Cathedral City was issued a brand-new fire engine, similar to our regular engines back in 2007. This fire engine, OES Engine 351, is maintained and used here locally as a back-up fire engine to help locally when our fleet is out for repair. In turn, Cathedral City agrees to staff OES 351 for large fires and emergencies as they arise. Cathedral City is then reimbursed for the costs of covering behind the responding firefighters by the State and Federal Government.



All told, there are over 300 OES fire engines throughout California. It is a program that many cities participate in statewide. In our County alone there are five fire agencies that operate OES fire engines to help fight fires throughout the state, and sometimes in neighboring states. In 1998 Cathedral City sent out our OES engine to fight fires in Colorado, Idaho, and Montana. Cathedral City Fire Department is proud to be able to aid not only our local citizens, but also to be able to assist those in need elsewhere. So, when you see our lime green fire engine on the streets of Cathedral City, or even on the news throughout the state, you will understand why.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



NEWS



Police Chief George Crum Receives the 2021 Mayor's Award

As part of the "2021 State of the City," the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Awards this week that bestowed praise on a select

number of local businesses. The Chamber honored the following in accordance to the various categories: Business of the Year – Winslow Drake Restaurant of the Year – The Runway Non-Profit ...[Read more.](#)

Councilmember Rita Lambs Honors Our Fallen Veterans & the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial

On Memorial Day, Councilmember Rita Lamb welcomed fellow dignitaries and a sizeable crowd to the



Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City to respectfully pay homage to America's soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States military. Hosted by AMVETS Post 66 and Veterans for Peace Representative Tom Swann Hernandez, the service included reading of federal, state ... [Read more.](#)



Councilmember Rita Lambs Greets the First Large Event at the New Amphitheater

On Thursday, May 20, 2021, Cathedral City High School held its annual Golden Lion Awards Night that recognizes more than 200 graduating students for their outstanding academic achievement. This was the first large event with nearly 500 people in attendance at the new Cathedral City Community Amphitheater. Councilmember Rita Lamb opened the evening's event with an official city welcome ... [Read more.](#)

Cathedral City Issues Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month and Raises the Rainbow Flag at City Hall

CATHEDRAL CITY
RAISES RAINBOW
FLAG AT CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL ISSUES PROCLAMATION DECLARING
JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH



The City Council of Cathedral City issued a proclamation recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month. Additionally, Mayor Raymond Gregory has ordered the Rainbow Flag to be flown at city hall during the month of June. "The Rainbow Flag celebrates our city's diversity," stated Mayor Raymond Gregory. "Flying the flag at city hall during Pride Month lets the nearly ... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Is Hiring for Firefighter/Paramedic or E.M.T.

The City of Cathedral City is currently hiring for Firefighter/Paramedic or Firefighter/E.M.T. Starting salaries are Firefighter EMT - \$23.68 - \$31.00 per hour and Firefighter Paramedic - \$27.42 - \$35.89 per hour. To be considered in the hiring process, all candidates are required to take the NTN FireTEAM exam. All testing must be completed by June 27, 2021. To ... [Read more.](#)

"Vax for the Win" Program Starts

Today to Get More Californians Vaccinated by June 15

\$116.5 million vaccine incentive program – the biggest in the nation – to boost vaccinations as California prepares to fully reopen the economy June 15 \$100 million in \$50 prepaid or grocery cards for the next two million newly vaccinated people; \$16.5 million in cash prizes for all vaccinated Californians SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today launched “Vax ...[Read more.](#)



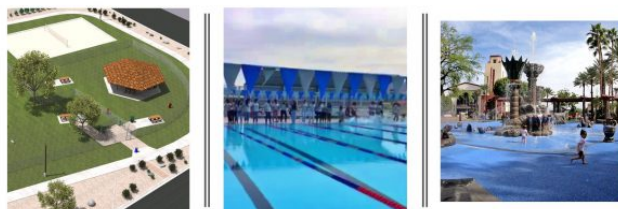
Cone Zone Alert: Traffic Signal Work on East Palm Canyon Drive (HWY 111) Will Cause Several Days of Delays over the Next Two Weeks

CATHEDRAL CITY, CA The City of Cathedral City

has been notified that crews will be making upgrades to the traffic signals at the intersection of East Palm Canyon Drive and Perez Road on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and Wednesday, June 2, 2021. The traffic signals will be in Red Flash Mode causing all four directions of traffic to stop before ...[Read more.](#)

Improvements Coming to Cathedral City Parks

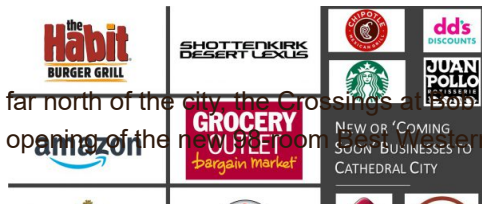
During the virtual “State of the City,” Mayor Raymond Gregory spoke about the city council’s determination to improve the quality of our outdoor spaces. The City has already started by bringing new art sculptures to Panorama Park, refurbishing the Rainbow Crossing near the bell tower, and putting out the call for artists to paint benches and trash receptacles at the ... [Read more.](#)



IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO CATHEDRAL CITY'S PARKS

New or “Coming Soon” Businesses to Cathedral City

In the “State of the City” virtual address held on Tuesday, Mayor Raymond Gregory discussed the



new businesses that opened over the past year, and those coming soon to Cathedral City. Starting in the far north of the city, the Crossroads at Cathedral City Hope has finished the initial build-out including the opening of the new 90-room hotel. Western Plus ... [Read more.](#)

City Council of Cathedral City Renamed Two City Streets in Honor of Local Students

Mayor Raymond Gregory and the entire city council unveiled two new street signs on Wednesday to honor two high school students from Cathedral City for their academic excellence. The Annual Student Street Naming Ceremonies recognize Ms. Melanie Vazquez of Cathedral City High School and Mr. Mario Berry of Mount San Jacinto High School by renaming the street adjacent to their ... [Read more.](#)

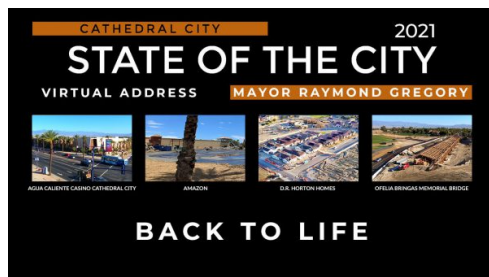


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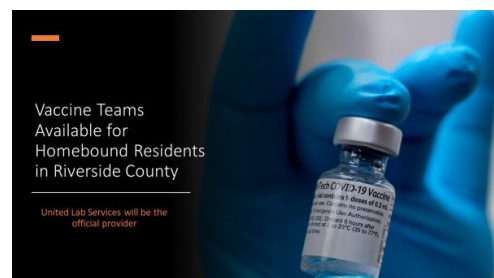
<https://youtu.be/5UGEd0SFhAA> If you missed the

virtual "State of the City" that aired on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10 am, then you can watch the entire program at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KsSLlejH4g> or you can watch the State of the City without the Chamber Awards program on demand at ... [Read more.](#)



Homebound residents in Riverside County will now be able to get vaccinated

County signs agreement with Corona-based firm to provide countywide service Thousands of homebound residents of Riverside County will now be able to get vaccinated after the county signed an agreement with a Corona-based firm to provide the service. The \$300,000 contract with United Lab Services was signed last week and the company has started to vaccinate residents. The county will ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
MAKE & TAKE**

Join Councilmembers
Rita Lamb and Nancy Ross
and the
Cathedral City Fire Department
for a Free
Emergency Preparedness - Make & Take Event
Saturday, June 5, 2021
9:00 am to 10:00 am
Cathedral City Community Amphitheater
68526 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City

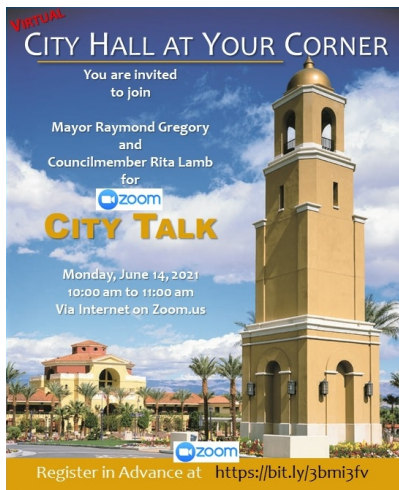
Open to the first 25 Cathedral City households that attend, this event will provide information on how to respond to an emergency, such as an earthquake, and what items you will need in your preparedness kit during and after an emergency. Each household will make their own free emergency kits to take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



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



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 ... [Read more.](#)



VIRTUAL
CITY HALL AT YOUR CORNER
You are invited to join
Mayor Raymond Gregory and
Councilmember Rita Lamb
for

CITY TALK
Monday, June 14, 2021
10:00 am to 11:00 am
Via Internet on Zoom.us

Register in Advance at <https://bit.ly/3bmi3fv>

“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 ... [Read more.](#)



Dinner with Patsi
Wednesday, June 16
5pm-8pm

Dinner with Patsi Fundraiser for Cathedral City Firefighters

Patsi is looking to raise some “green” for the Cathedral City Professional Firefighters Association during the monthly “Dinner with Patsi” charity benefit. Prior to Wednesday, June 16, call Meester Zebra Restaurant at (760) 459-3325 and order your BBQ Chicken Plate meal, then on June 16th, go to Meester Zebra Restaurant to dine-in or pick-up your dinner(s) curbside between 5 pm ... [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.](#)



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