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National Chili Dog Day

## Community Update

By John Muhr, Fire Chief



Southern California's beaches are beautiful, and the sparkling pools are what make California one of the most desirable places in the country to live, work, and play. But with water comes the potential for great danger. Things like unattended tubs and buckets filled with water are often overlooked as drowning dangers. But they are.

The reality is that children, and even adults, can slip under the water silently and without much commotion. Even more frightening, drownings can occur even with a house full of adults and children. We all think someone else is watching...right?

The Cathedral City Fire Department (CCFD) wants you to know that we care about every resident and visitor in our city, especially when it comes to water safety. Nationwide, there are an average of ten drownings a day. Listed below are some of the most important steps in ensuring we prevent this problem collectively:

- Never leave children unattended near pools, tubs, buckets, or any other body of water.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings, and make sure they are sober and undistracted.
- Isolate the pool from the rest of the home by installing a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gates.
- Install window and door alarms to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are definitely not safety devices.
- Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone.
- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Keep life-saving devices near the pool side such as a rescue ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count!
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.

- Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.
- Do not consider children “drown-proof” because there is no such thing. Swimming lessons increase safety but are not a substitute for sound safety guidelines.

Firefighters have a special place in their heart for the victims and families of drownings. This is a preventable accident that has profound impacts on the families, community, and the first responders that are called to help. Let’s all do our part to prevent such heartache.



For more information please visit [poolsafety.gov](http://poolsafety.gov) and [www.cathedralcityfire.org](http://www.cathedralcityfire.org)

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## COVID-19 INFORMATION

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### COVID-19 Info

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



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## NEWS

### City Council Approves the 2040 General Plan Update

On Wednesday evening, the City Council unanimously approved the Cathedral City 2040 General Plan and Active Transportation Plan. The Cathedral City 2040 General Plan establishes appropriate goals, objectives, policies, programs and guidelines to address land use, housing, economic development, community health, community design, transportation and circulation, public facilities and services, recreation, safety, youth, education, and natural and cultural resources, ... [Read more.](#)

### THE FUTURE OF CATHEDRAL CITY





## “Fountain of Life” Restoration Underway with Several Heat-Related Delays

Since June 16th, the Mayor Gregory S. Pettis Fountain of Life has been under construction to restore water statues and the main fountain pillars, replace multiple mosaic tiles that are missing, and to clean off years of mineral build-up on the overall interactive water feature. The \$146,850 restoration

was slated to be completed by the end of July. Unfortunately, the ... [Read more.](#)

## CDC Recommends Wearing a Mask Indoors Where COVID-19 Is Spreading

The CDC has reversed its previous advice and is now recommending that everyone wear a mask indoors regardless of your vaccination status for areas that are seeing a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. The CDC attributes new information coming from a recent unpublished report that viral loads of COVID-19, in particular, the delta variant, are nearly identical in ... [Read more.](#)



## EVENTS



## 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. [Read more.](#)

## Halloween Spooktacular

Cathedral City’s Halloween Spooktacular features trick or treating with over 40,000 pieces of candy! Join friends, neighbors, and family for a Spooktacular time including



activities such as Halloween costume contests (two bikes given away each hour), police and fire exhibitions, music, and family games. Presented by Crockett Law Group and sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, Cathedral City ... [Read more.](#)



## 7th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival and Food Truck Fiesta

Get the cameras ready for the festival that offers the best selfies. Agua Caliente Casinos present the 7th Annual Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon Festival and Food Truck Fiesta on November 19-21, 2021 featuring nearly 30 hot air balloons, balloon rides, two balloon glows, and three morning balloon launches seen throughout the Coachella Valley. Attendees will capture the beauty of ... [Read more.](#)



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