

October 14, 2021

National Dessert Day

## Community Update

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### Winter is Coming So Be Prepared We Are, Are You?

Fall is here and winter will soon be upon us, so we need to make sure our stormwater housekeeping is getting done. The Farmer's Almanac states that it will be a "Season of Shivers" and that the southwest will be relatively dry; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting that there is a 70% chance of La Niña this winter (this essentially means that NOAA is predicting drier conditions for the Southwest U.S. this upcoming this winter). These again are forecasts. Do you trust your home property and business property maintenance needs to future forecasted weather predictions OR do you want to be prepared for a rainstorm that can happen at any time? Remember to also add your vehicle preparedness in this conversation.



The City, despite weather forecasts, is preparing to ensure that any rainstorms that occur (and those of you that are longtime residents of the City know what kind of gully washers we can have without warning here) within the City limits are managed in a manner as best as practical. Most of this preparation is performed upfront and not getting caught off guard.

What is our Public Works Department doing to prepare? City Roadway Maintenance Crews are clearing (cleaning) out storm drains, retention basins, gutters and all other locations that we know where rainwater historically flows. We are also, as always, looking at daily weather and rain forecasts. When it looks like we will get some rain, we make sure all the Public Works crews are ready for the event, during and after hours. This preparation includes having vehicles full of fuel, portable pumps available, rain gear and boots, barricades and cones loaded and working windshield wipers.

When a rain event does happen, the Public Works Crews know the typical troublesome spots to check first and then Crews will move around the City to monitor any localized flooded locations. The Police Department participates, too, by keeping Public Works advised of any other flooded spots that they may not be aware of or have addressed.

What are you doing to prepare for the upcoming winter storms? Preparation is a "must do" for all residents, property and business owners in the City. Residential, multifamily and commercial properties within the City were originally designed to accommodate the normal rainstorm event within the City. If the rain comes, it will find its way to a retention basin, a drywell, v-ditch, v-gutter, curb gutter, overflow, a storm drain and maybe the Whitewater River Channel.

I will emphasize that rainwater will only find its way to the above-mentioned facilities if your property properly drains as it was originally designed. This original design on the property can have the rainwater pass off the property, pass rainwater through the property, or even store the rainwater and percolate it into the ground. It is up to you to assure yourself that the rainwater that comes from a storm event will do what it is supposed to do and flow where it needs to flow and not become your next unwelcomed houseguest. This also applies to businesses and Homeowners Associations (HOAs) that may have communal stormwater facilities, drains, drywells and retention basins. These, too, need to be maintained regularly to operate as if newly constructed.

Drivers, I have not forgotten you. When it rains, please use extra caution when motoring around the City. Make sure your tires are good, your heater works, you have gas and your windshield wipers are new or in good working order (windshield wipers typically only last one (1) season in the desert). When coming up to a roadway construction site, please use caution; there may not be construction workers present but anticipate that the roadway beyond the cones and barricades is a hazard and dangerous. Just drive slower and be very aware of your surroundings. Above all, do not go around any barrages blocking off a section of roadway, as your life is more important than being late.

Travel well and safe!

If you have any questions regarding this Community Update, please call  
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## COVID-19 Information

### Vaccine & COVID-19 Info

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



### Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



## News

### Mayor Gregory and Mayor Pro Tem Gutierrez Host this Month's "City Hall at Your Corner"

Register now for October'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 Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance ... [Read more.](#)

## CCHS Homecoming Parade Returned to Downtown

The Cathedral City High School Homecoming Parade returned to Downtown Cathedral City for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered all outdoor festivals and events. The annual parade started near Perez Road on Cathedral Canyon Drive and went south to Avenida Lalo Guerrero. The parade route ended in front of City Hall where the Homecoming Rally occurred to the ... [Read more.](#)



## Free Public Yoga Classes Coming this Spring

The City Council voted Wednesday night to approve free public Yoga classes starting on February 1, 2022 at the new Cathedral City Community Amphitheater in Downtown Cathedral City. Sponsored by the Cathedral City Parks and Community Events Commission, the thirteen-week Yoga classes will happen every Tuesday morning at 10 am and conclude on April 26th. The classes are free to ... [Read more.](#)

## Public Encourage to Provide Input on Cathedral City's Housing Element

Cathedral City has completed the second draft of its Housing Element Update. We invite you to review the Draft Element and provide comments, before we resubmit to the Department of Housing and Community Development. The public review period is from October 7 through October 21. The Draft Element is available at: <https://www.cathedralcity.gov/services/planning/housing-element-update> Please send comments by October 22nd ... [Read more.](#)

Cathedral City's  
Housing  
Element  
Public Input Sought

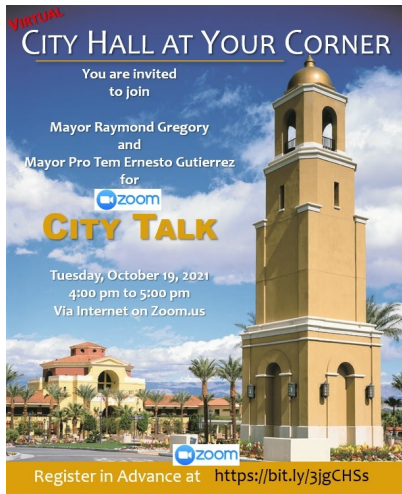


### - Photos of the Week -

Cathedral City High School  
**2021 Homecoming Parade**



## Events



### “City Hall at Your Corner” Happens October 19 – Register Now

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### Dinner with Patsi Fundraiser for Cathedral City High School Choir

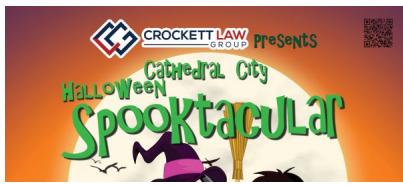
Patsi is looking to raise some “green” for the Cathedral City High School Choir during the monthly “Dinner with Patsi” charity benefit. Prior to Wednesday, October 20, call The Barrell District Restaurant at (760) 537-7431 and order your

meal choice, then on October 20th, go to The Barrell District Restaurant to dine-in or pick-up your dinner(s) curbside between 5 pm ... [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 Police ... [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. [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.](#)



## Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony & North Pole Village

Bring the entire family to the “Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony” and “North Pole Village” presented by Agua Caliente Casinos in Downtown Cathedral City on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 5 pm to 7 pm to celebrate the “most wonderful time of the year!” The annual event includes a lit Hollywood-style movie set themed as Main Street at Santa’s North Pole. ... [Read more.](#)



## Tejano Music Festival

Tejano PowerHouse Entertainment, City of Cathedral City and Diaz Enterprises invites you to the 4th annual Tejano Music Fest in Cathedral City featuring the best Tejano music, fiesta food and spirits on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 5 pm to 11 pm at our new location, the Cathedral City Community Amphitheater, 68526 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, in Cathedral City, California. You ... [Read more.](#)

## Jobs Openings

Cathedral City is looking to fill the following positions:

- **Ambulance Operator**
- **Background Investigator - Part-Time**
- **Code Compliance Officer I/II**
- **Finance Analyst I/II**
- **Payroll Coordinator**
- **Police Officer - Lateral/Academy Graduate**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher I**



For more information or to see all other jobs currently available, go to  
<https://www.JoinCathedralCity.org>

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