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CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders...

Looking for a place to host a Holiday party? The McCullough-Price House is available. Call 480-782-2878 for more information.
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The Chandler Center for the Arts will host public forums on January 20 & 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. to present renovation design concepts to the public. For more information, call 480-782-2683.
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The City is training volunteers to help low and moderate income families prepare their individual income tax returns. No experience is needed. Call 480-782-4358 for more information.
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Have you heard about the great programs offered by your Chandler libraries? Coming next month, "What's Going On With The House Next Door?" a discussion on home foreclosures. Go to www.chandlerlibrary.org for more information.
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City offices will be closed Thursday, January 1, for **New Year's Day**. Go to www.chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-3510 for changes to trash and recycling collection.

City offices will also be closed Monday, January 19, for **Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day**, and Monday, February 16, for **President's Day**. Trash and recycling collection won't be affected by these holidays.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of November 1, 2008, is 251,473.

Holiday message from the Mayor

The holidays are such a special time, filled with family and friends. I always look forward to the many events and activities in our community that celebrate the season, and the many cultures and traditions carried on by our residents. A new tradition we'd like to see this year is for everyone to take part in the "Invest Wisely Shop Chandler" campaign to ensure tax revenues from your holiday purchases go to Chandler programs and services. It's a great investment for the entire community.

Another good investment is to aid those who may require a little help this holiday season. Chandler has several agencies that can facilitate a holiday donation through their many worthy programs. If you are able to offer assistance, contact a favorite service agency of your own, or call the United Way at

602-631-4869 for information on other human service organizations in Chandler.

As we look toward a new year, watch next month for the City's Annual Highlights brochure. It spotlights many of Chandler's achievements during 2008. The new year's beginning offers a great opportunity to reflect on the past and look to the future.

On behalf of the City Council and City staff, I wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season.

Mayor Boyd W. Dunn



Visit
www.chandleraz.gov/shop
for more information.

Celebration of Unity and Multicultural Festival

Several events take place this January that celebrate Chandler's diversity. This year commemorates the 10th anniversary of the **Celebration of Unity Luncheon**. Ten years of speakers on subjects relating to diversity, tolerance, unity and respect will be highlighted at this year's special remembrance luncheon at noon, Friday, January 16, at the Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort in Historic Downtown. Tickets are available through the Chandler Center for the Arts box office, 480-782-2680.

A special performance that evening at the Chandler Center for the Arts carries the message that music unites us. The **American Soul and Rock and Roll Choir** is a rousing show packed with rock classics and soul hits.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance may be purchased through the Center for the Arts box office at 480-782-2680.

The **Chandler Multicultural Festival** takes place Saturday, January 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downtown Library courtyard. The festival highlights the cultural diversity of our community through music, dance, art, a storytelling children's area and more. Winners of the Creative Expression Competition will also be announced. Admission is free to all of the Multicultural Festival events. Also, for the third straight year, enjoy a Childsplay production by David Saar. Call 480-782-2217 for more information.

February 2009 -- Making the switch to digital television

Big changes are coming in television broadcasting. On February 17, 2009, all full power television stations are required to stop broadcasting in analog and continue broadcasting in digital only.

It is important to know that the end of analog broadcasting does not mean that consumers must purchase new TVs, and you certainly don't need an HDTV to watch digital broadcasts. If you currently receive over-the-air programming on an analog television using a broadcast antenna, either through "rabbit ears" on your set or an antenna on your roof, you will only need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue watching broadcast television on that set after February 17, 2009. These boxes will cost approximately \$50 to \$70. A digital-to-analog converter box should not be necessary for a TV connected to a paid television service such as a cable or satellite TV provider; check with your provider to be sure.

To help defray the cost of digital-to-analog converter boxes, each U.S. household can request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of eligible boxes. This coupon program is being administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). For more information on the coupon program visit www.dtv2009.gov or call **1-888-DTV-2009**. For information about the DTV transition, call the FCC at **1-888-225-5322** (TTY: 1-888-835-5322) or visit their DTV Web site at www.dtv.gov.

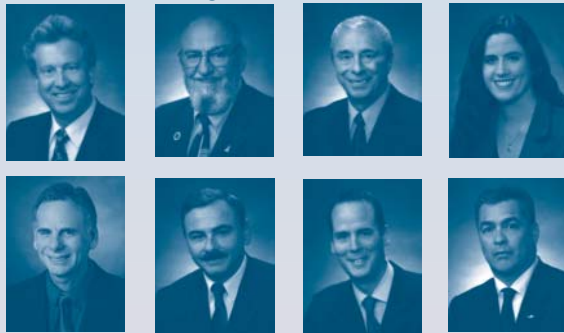
Have you decided to replace your old television? Working televisions can be donated to local charities. For a list visit www.chandleraz.gov and search "reuse." Non-working televisions can be recycled at the City's Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center, 955 E. Queen Creek Rd. The center is open Thursday through Monday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 to schedule a free curbside bulk pick-up.

Tree disposal options

Looking for a way to dispose of your Christmas tree? The following options are available for your convenience:

- **Drop off boxes at the following locations from December 26 through January 18:**
West Chandler Park, 250 S. Kyrene Rd.
Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E.
Arrowhead Meadows Park, 1475 W. Erie St.
Shawnee Park, 1400 W. Mesquite St.
Pima Park, 625 N. McQueen Rd.
Folley Park, 601 E. Frye Rd.
Chuparosa Park, 2400 S. Dobson Rd.
Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Basha Rd.
Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd.
Solid Waste Transfer Facility, 955 E. Queen Creek Rd.
- Trees will also be collected separately on your recycling collection day, from December 26 through January 16, or you can schedule a free curbside bulk collection by calling 480-782-3510. Trees must be at the edge of the driveway by 6 a.m. on the day of collection. Remove tree stands, lights, ornaments and nails and leave the tree out until it is collected.
- Live potted Christmas trees can be donated by dropping off at the City's Community Center or can be scheduled for pick up by calling 480-782-2745.

Chandler City Council



Top row from left: Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Vice Mayor Lowell Huggins, Bob Caccamo and Trinity Donovan. **Bottom row from left:** Kevin Hartke, Matt Orlando, Jeff Weninger and Martin Sepulveda (currently on military leave).

Contact the Mayor and Council at 480-782-2200 or by e-mail at Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov. Go to www.chandleraz.gov for current meeting information.

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Comments (please print):

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