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# CityScope

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*a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler*

## Reminders...

The **Mayor's State of the City Address** will take place on **Thursday, March 5**, at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Go to [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) for more information.

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The Arizona Department of Transportation provides traffic and road condition information for major freeways on its 511 phone system and Web site, [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com). The Website provides information on road closures, construction, weather conditions and also displays images from freeway cameras.

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It's as important as ever to Shop Chandler. Support your local businesses, and enjoy city services! You can even get discounts from Chandler businesses by joining the Shop Chandler Club at [www.chandleraz.gov/shop](http://www.chandleraz.gov/shop).



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The City's Recreation Division recently launched two free e-newsletters to keep residents informed about leisure activities, classes, recreational amenities, and special events in the community. To subscribe to these or any of the City's other electronic newsletters, go to [www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.html](http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.html).

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of January 1, 2009, is 251,686.



## Ostrich Festival Returns To Tumbleweed Park

The Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 13-15. The popular festival, known throughout the Southwest, is a community family event featuring live ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities. National, regional and local entertainment will be showcased on several stages, as well as a carnival, kids activities, arts and crafts and much more.

The Ostrich Festival 5K Run takes place Saturday, March 7, at 8 a.m. It will begin at Boston St. and Arizona Avenue and will travel north on Arizona Avenue to Ray Road and then back south to Boston St.

After the 5K Run, join the Ostrich Festival Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7. It will begin at Ray Road and Arizona Avenue and will travel south on Arizona Avenue to Frye Road.

For complete information, including admission prices and parking, contact the Chandler Chamber of Commerce at 480-963-4571 or go to [www.ostrichfestival.com](http://www.ostrichfestival.com).

Tumbleweed Park is located at 2250 S. McQueen Road, near Germann and McQueen roads.

## Volunteer program provides help with taxes

Chandler's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program helped 645 low- and moderate-income families claim more than \$610,000 in tax refunds in 2008.

Chandler's VITA sites further the City's efforts to help low-income taxpayers file the forms necessary to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit that goes unclaimed by thousands of people each year. By not claiming the credit, taxpayers miss out on dollars that can be used to pay or offset tax owed, or to receive a refund when no tax is owed.

### Two VITA sites are available:

**First Credit Union,**  
25 S. Arizona Place  
Open Mondays and Wednesdays 5-8 p.m.,  
and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Community Services of Arizona,**  
650 N. Arizona Ave.  
Open (by appointment only) Monday  
through Friday 8 a.m. to  
5 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday,  
5-8 p.m. Call 480-963-4321 to schedule  
an appointment.

## New ordinance to help clean our air

Chandler has joined with other Valley cities to pass dust pollution regulations to create a healthier cleaner air environment for us all. These regulations are aimed at reducing PM-10 dust (particulate matter 10 microns or less in size) known to contribute to and aggravate respiratory illnesses. The new ordinances restrict leaf blowers, vehicular use and parking on vacant lots, and require paving or stabilization of existing unpaved parking surfaces that generate dust. The City is also enforcing prohibitions against the use

of off-road vehicles on unimproved surfaces, increasing the sweeping frequency of high dust arterial and collector streets, and paving or stabilizing alleys, unpaved City parking lots and dirt shoulders along roads that carry high traffic levels. With your help, the City of Chandler can do its part to clean up our air. For more information on what you can do to help, visit [www.RunningOutOfAir.com](http://www.RunningOutOfAir.com). To report serious dust offenders, call the Maricopa County Air Quality Department at 602-372-2703.

## Dispose safely of household hazardous waste

Throwing household chemicals in your trash container, pouring them down sink drains, dumping chemical waste at the curb and gutter, in storm drains or in alleyways is dangerous and irresponsible. To better serve Chandler residents, the City offers household hazardous waste collection at the City's new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. This provides residents the opportunity to safely dispose of and recycle common household hazardous products. Some common items include:

- ⇒ paint and paint-related materials;
- ⇒ automotive products such as antifreeze, batteries, and motor oil;
- ⇒ pesticides, poisons, and pool chemicals; and cleaning products (aerosol sprays, drain and toilet bowl cleaners, etc.).

This service is available to Chandler residents (those living in incorporated areas only) by appointment. No commercial waste will be accepted. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 480-782-3510.

## Historic walking tours offered

Take a tour of the 1920s version of Chandler with living history character Lucille Wilson. Groups will stroll down San Marcos Place and Boston Street as Lucille talks about the founding of the town, its characters, and the "new" businesses that have just opened. The cost is only \$8 per person, and all ages are welcome, register online or call 480-782-2878 for more information.

## Chandler a sponsor of Green Expo

The City of Chandler is a sponsor of the Build-It-Green Expo and Conference to be held March 13-14 at the Phoenix Convention Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will be the largest annual green conference in the Valley with over 500 anticipated exhibitors and 20,000 attendees. Clip the coupon below to receive free admission to the Expo. The Expo will showcase sustainable products and services impacting every area of life. The conference will showcase keynote speakers and educational seminars to help increase "green" awareness. For more information, visit [www.builditgreenexpo.com](http://www.builditgreenexpo.com) or call 602-277-6045.



**Chandler City Council** -- Front row from left: Trinity Donovan, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Vice Mayor Bob Caccamo, Jeff Weninger, Jack Sellers, Matt Orlando. The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

Go to [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) for current meeting information.

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## Sound Off...Your Opinion Counts!

Your City officials want public input on how to build a better community. Just fill out this form and return it with your water billing or mail it to: Communications & Public Affairs Department, Mail Stop 605, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008. Or e-mail your comments to [service@chandleraz.gov](mailto:service@chandleraz.gov).

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