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CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders...

Mark your calendar for the annual Mayor's Commission for People with Disabilities Golf Challenge on November 6 at Bear Creek Golf Complex. The cost is \$90 per person or \$350/foursome. Raffle prizes, lunch, dinner and a great round of golf are included. Register online at www.chandleraz.gov.

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Valley Metro operates bus service 365 days a year, with an extensive list of routes traveling through the Valley. Some of the Chandler bus routes make connections to the light rail. METRO light rail provides a convenient train service from Mesa Sycamore Transit Center to Tempe and Phoenix. Route maps and schedules for Bus and Light Rail can be found on ValleyMetro.org or call 602-253-5000.

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Vehicles need to be parked on a solid surface, such as a driveway.

-Solid surfaces include cement, asphalt or masonry.

-Parking on dirt, grass or gravel is prohibited at all times.

-A solid surface is not required for recreational vehicles if they are behind a solid 6-foot wall or fence.

For additional information, contact Code Enforcement at 480-782-4320 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/code
Reference City Code Chapter 35-1802(10)

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of August 1, 2009, is 252,257.

New rates for water, reclaimed water & sewer

New rates for water, reclaimed water and sewer service will go into effect October 1. Under the new rate structure, the monthly bill for a single-family residential sewer customer will increase from \$17.67 per month to \$19.97 per month. Residential water bills will increase depending on usage. The amount customers pay for water is based on a monthly base charge and monthly volume charge. The average customer's monthly costs for water and sewer service will increase by \$7 to \$46.96. The average increase is based upon a single-family residential customer with a 5/8" meter using 12,000 gallons of water per month at the summer rates. (Rates vary between winter and summer months.) Saving water will save

you money. The City offers rebate programs, water audits, workshops and informational materials to help. Call 480-782-3580 for more information.

Water statement gets new look

You'll notice some slight changes to your monthly water statement this month. The bills were updated to make them easier-to-read and more user-friendly. Also, now customers can donate \$2 to support Chandler's Acts of Kindness (A-OK) program. The money raised through this voluntary tax-deductible donation program goes back into the community through grants to local social service agencies that provide assistance to those in need, such as food, shelter, clothing, medical services and transportation, and help to strengthen families in crisis. You can also make an online donation at:

www.chandleraz.gov/utility_bill.

Day of Play returns to Tumbleweed Park

From toddler to teenager, Chandler's third annual Day of Play will entertain and provide free, fun family-friendly activities for all to enjoy. The City's Community Services Department and the Chandler Coalition for Youth, are partnering once again to host the Day of Play, on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Tumbleweed Park at the southwest corner of McQueen and Germann roads.

Activities will be ongoing throughout the morning and include health, safety and fitness informational booths, and old-fashioned games such as potato-sack races, hopscotch, jump rope, ping pong and other field sports for children and parents alike. This community event celebrates Chandler being named a "Playful USA City" for the third consecutive year, one of just 22 cities to accomplish this feat as named by the

Kaboom! non-profit recreational organization in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Boyd W. Dunn will be in attendance to kick off the event, which further emphasizes Chandler's commitment to the key youth development principles of caring adults, safe places, healthy starts, effective education and opportunities to help others. By fulfilling these promises, Chandler ensures that its youth have the opportunity for success.

For more information visit
www.chandleraz.gov/special-events.

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www.chandleraz.gov/shop

The five benefits of composting

Composting is an easy process involving nothing more than mixing yard waste (grass, leaves, and landscape trimmings) with selected food scraps to promote decay that results in compost. Compost is free food for lawns and gardens! The benefits of backyard composting include:

1. Saves money
2. Promotes healthier plants
3. Improves soil
4. Reduces water-consumption
5. Diverts beneficial waste from landfill disposal

Learn how to compost by attending a free workshop. It's ideal for beginners and seasoned gardeners. Staff provides some of the tools needed to start backyard composting and you'll learn practical ways to reduce waste and conserve resources. At the same time, you'll enjoy a yard full of flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables.

For details about upcoming workshops and how you can get started with your own backyard composting, call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

Expo provides information to veterans about benefits

The City of Chandler along with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will host a Benefits Expo for military veterans, Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Branch No. 35, located at 2240 W. Chandler Blvd. Veterans and their families are invited to attend this free event intended to provide information on benefits and services available only to military veterans. Learn about health care, education and employment opportunities, and more. For further information, call 480-558-2052.

This year the Benefits Expo will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Arizona Veterans' Services Advisory Commission. The nine-member Commission, appointed by the Governor, will hold its regional meeting to engage and educate members of the community on issues that pertain to Arizona veterans. An open forum/ Town Hall discussion will also take place shortly after the meeting at approximately 10 a.m.

GAIN Night

Chandler neighbors are invited to join in the annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) crime and drug prevention event. On October 24, from 2-8 p.m., residents are encouraged to organize an event to get to know their neighbors. You can even schedule an appearance by one of the Police Department's mascots: McGruff the Crime Dog, Handy the Graffiti Buster or the D.A.R.E. Lion. Also available are the K-9 Officers, the SWAT Team Robot, Command Van and more. Call 480-782-4967 to schedule a visit or for more information.

Chandler PD Youth Academy

The Chandler Youth Academy is a one-week program for Chandler residents, ages 12-16. It is designed to provide young adults with an understanding of the various jobs and functions within the Chandler Police Department. Officers from the Traffic Unit, Patrol Division, Bike Team, K-9, and Community Services Division conduct the classes. Students get involved with many hands-on activities to provide them with some insight into police procedures in Chandler including use of force, forensics, crime scene investigation and much more. The academy is designed to educate the students that working together can promote a safer community.

The Youth Academy is held during school intersessions. The Academy runs Monday – Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next session runs October 12-16. There is no charge for the Academy, and lunch is provided. Space is limited. Call 480-782-4866 or go to www.chandlerpd.com (in the Community section) for more information.

Calendar highlights

October

- 2 Chandler Symphony Chamber Series, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 7 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Historic Downtown, 480-855-3539
- 10, 17, 24, 31 Vision Kidz workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-917-6859
- 19, 22 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 17 Bo Bice, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680
- 17 Fall Rhythm Fest, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2735
- 17 Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2735
- 30 Family Halloween Festivities, Downtown Library Plaza, 480-782-2735
- 31 Día de los Muertos: A Day of the Dead Celebration, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-917-6859

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Go to www.chandleraz.gov for current meeting information.

Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. E-mail your comments to: service@chandleraz.gov.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

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