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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Chandler All-America City 2010

Reminders...

April is Water Awareness Month. Visit the lobby of Chandler City Hall this month for a unique water tower that demonstrates your daily water use. For more water-saving tips, see this month's utility bill insert.

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You can report a street light outage online at www.chandleraz.gov or call the Street Light Repair Hotline at 480-782-3460.

Street lights are repaired during the day so it is important to provide the most accurate description of the location of the street light and the nature of the malfunction.

Make note of: the light pole location; nature of the problem; your name, address and daytime telephone number; pole number (located on the side of the pole facing the street near eye-level, and is preceded by the letters "CH.")

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of March 1, 2011, is 255,652.

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"Eye to Eye to Supervise" to prevent drownings

In recent months, our community has had a dramatic increase in drowning incidents involving infants and young children. The fact that this surge happened during the winter months is especially concerning. That is why Chandler firefighters are asking for your help in stopping this frightening trend now, before the normal swim season gets here.

Direct adult supervision is the best way to protect children from drowning. Never leave your child unattended in or near any pool, tub or other body of water.

Remember this phrase: Eye to Eye to Supervise. You can prevent a water tragedy by "being" or "designating" a "Water Watcher." Always have eye-to-eye contact with anyone you are watching in or around any kind of water, and don't allow anything to distract you.

Your home should also use effective barriers, such as a pool fence, plus self-closing, self-latching and locking mechanisms on gates and doors. The latches need to be out of the reach of children. However, don't allow barriers such as fences and doors to give you a false sense of security. You should also know how to swim and teach age appropriate children to swim. Everyone should also learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The fact is, drownings are preventable. Please help the Chandler Fire Department stop the pain of child drownings.

There are more water safety tips at www.chandleraz.gov/fire.

As weather heats up; pools to open

Looking for ways to keep cool as the temperatures begin to warm up? Chandler hosts six pools and aquatic centers that are gearing up to open for the summer season -- some as early as May. Several centers will be open over the Memorial Day holiday weekend!

Visit **www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics** for opening schedules and days and hours of operation. Admission fees are: Children (2-17 years) $1; Adult (18-54 years) $2.25; Senior (55 years & older) $1.25; Punch and season passes are available (Chandler residents only). Call the Pool Information Line at 480-782-2733, visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics, or call 480-782-2750 for more information.

Maintaining lawns and alleyways

With the changing of the seasons, many types of vegetation are growing quickly in lawns, alleyways and empty lots in neighborhoods all over town. That means Chandler property owners need to be ready to clean up areas that they are responsible for maintaining.

A Chandler ordinance states that property owners or persons in control of any private premises are responsible for maintaining their entire premises, including any abutting right-of-way up to the curb or street (or the edge of the pavement where curbs are not present). Owners are also responsible for maintenance to the center of their alleys. These areas should be free of grass or weeds in excess of six inches in height.

Also, keep in mind that landscaping should not obstruct public rights-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, signs, fire hydrants and traffic signals. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed back to avoid these situations. To report a violation or obtain more information go to www.chandlercode.com, or call 480-782-4320.

Did you know, Chandler's founder, Dr. A.J. Chandler, came to Arizona in 1887 as a territorial veterinary surgeon to develop the cattle industry? Learn more about Chandler history, and the upcoming Centennial (May 17, 2012) at www.chandleraz.gov/100.

Pool draining reminders

Ready to do some work on your pool? Before you start pumping out the water, make sure you are meeting the City's pool draining requirements. Go to www.chandleraz.gov for complete draining information. No permit is needed prior to draining your pool; however, the water is required to be maintained on private property or in the sewer clean-out on private property. It is not acceptable to discharge pool water into the roadway. The sewer clean-out is typically a three- or four-inch black pipe about level with the landscaping, typically located close to the home. During general maintenance, when backwashing your pool, drainage into the sewer clean-out is not necessary as long as the discharge is maintained on your private property.

Calendar highlights

May

1 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
7 Cinco de Mayo, Downtown Library Plaza, 480-310-2018.
7, 14, 21 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
12, 26 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
13-15 Sleeping Beauty - Ballet Etudes, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
21 "You Look Marvelous" Fashion Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2709
30 Memorial Day Holiday, City offices closed

June

9, 23 City Council Meetings, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

Call the Special Events Hotline at **480-782-2735,** or go to **www.chandleraz.gov** for event information.

Spring cleaning tips

Earth Day is April 22, but residents should think about protecting our environment every day. With the changing weather, many residents are taking time to clean their homes, garages, sheds and yards. The City provides many safe, convenient and free ways to dispose of items properly.

- For green cleaning tips to clean your home, visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle.

- Leftover paint, pesticides, oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals and other household chemicals should be disposed of properly. DO NOT place these items down the drain, in the street, alley, or in your recycling or trash can. Residents may schedule an appointment to bring these items to the Household Hazardous Collection Center by calling 480-782-3510.

- If you have items that are too large to fit in a curbside or alley trash container, you may need a bulk materials pick up. Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can receive one free curbside bulk pick up every six weeks. Call 480-782-3510 to schedule your collection.

- The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center, located at 955 East Queen Creek Road, is available to residents paying for City-provided solid waste services. The Center is open Thursday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for self-hauling large items and yard waste.

- Businesses, County island residents and residents living in multi-family housing may only use the Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center for recycling. Recyclables can also be deposited at 15 drop-off recycling sites throughout the City. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle for a map of locations and materials accepted at each site.

If you have any questions about recycling or trash service, please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle.

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

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Chandler City Council -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Trinity Donovan, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Rick Heumann. Back row, from left: Matt Orlando, Kevin Hartke, Jack Sellers, Jeff Weninger.

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

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