Reminders ...

Mark your calendars now to join Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny for the annual State of the City address on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, in the City Council Chambers. For additional details, visit chandleraz.gov.

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Volunteers are needed to help low- and moderateincome families with free tax preparation for 2016.

The City, in conjunction with the IRS, provides training classes. No experience is needed, just a desire to help Chandler citizens.

Call 480-782-4358 for more information.

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City offices will be closed:

Monday, Dec. 26, 2016, for the **Christmas** holiday.

Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, for the **New Year's Day** holiday.

Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, for the **Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights** holiday.

Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center will be also be closed Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016, and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

Trash and recycling collection will occur as usual.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Nov. 1, 2016, is 249,702 (+349 from last month).

A holiday message from Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

It's been quite a year for the Chandler community. We have experienced tremendous good fortune with a growing economy, the ability to maintain our streets and utility systems, while developing new amenities and infrastructure. Many new businesses now call Chandler home and many others are expanding.

Our education system continues to develop bright, young minds; and our local nonprofit and volunteer workforce continues to make this one of the best communities in America.

As we approach the holidays with plans to celebrate with friends and family, remember also that there are those in the community who continue to struggle for various reasons. If you can, please donate some time or contribute to one of the many non-profit agencies in Chandler who help those in need now and throughout the year. A good place to find information is at: 211arizona.org.

And, as always, remember to "Invest Wisely, Shop Chandler" for your holiday gifts, as those tax dollars are critical to maintain city services. Sales taxes from



the money you spend here help support City services such as public safety, road improvements, neighborhoods — and our economic development efforts. These taxes also support a quality of life enhanced by parks, sports fields, trails, pools and recreation programs.

To stay in touch throughout 2017, please follow me on Twitter (@jaytibshraeny) and visit the City's award-winning website (chandleraz.gov) for more news on the community. Finally, here is to a very joyful New Year for all Chandler residents.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

Chandler celebrates heritage & diversity of our community Each January, the City of Chandler holds a series of events to honor our community's heritage

Each January, the City of Chandler holds a series of events to honor our community's heritage and diversity, along with the spirit and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the civil rights movement. The 2017 Celebration of Unity events include Life in a Jar: The Play, the 22nd Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival, Creative Expression Competition & Drumline Live.

Events begin on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. with a performance of *Life in a Jar: The Play. Life in a Jar* tells the courageous story of Irene Sendler, a Polish Catholic woman who saved Jewish children's lives during the Holocaust.

The 22nd Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, from Chandler celebrates heritage & diversity continued on page two

Make your move towards better health

We all know exercise is good for us, and most of us could stand to do a little a more. Being active can boost your feel-good endorphins, distract you from daily worries and can help combat weight gain caused by our favorite holiday treats. From cycling to group exercise to a friendly competitive game of racquetball, all forms of fitness count as a way to better health. Get moving! Clip the one-week pass to discover how the Tumbleweed Recreation Center can help you live a happier, healthier life.



What to do with your Christmas tree

Looking for a way to dispose of your Christmas tree? Chandler offers several methods for tree recycling. Christmas trees that are collected are chipped and reused in park landscaping projects. For safety, please remove tree stands, nails, lights, ornaments and garland before recycling, and do not place trees in bags.

- Dropoff boxes are available at multiple locations from Dec. 26, 2016, through Jan. 13, 2017. Visit chandleraz.gov/ recycle or call 480-782-3510 for a listing of locations.
- Trees also will be collected separately at the curb on your recycling collection day, from Dec. 26, 2016 to Jan. 15, 2017. You do not have to schedule collection, but trees must be at the edge of your driveway (no more than four feet onto your property) by 6 a.m. on your recycling day. Do not place the tree in the recycling bin, on the sidewalk or street.
- Live potted Christmas trees can be donated for replanting at City parks by dropping them off at the City's Community Center or can be scheduled for pick up by calling 480-782-2745.

Visit chandleraz.gov/recycle or call 480-782-3510 for more information.

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chandler Fashion Center. The Festival is a free event that highlights the diversity of our community through cultural music, dance, art and more.

Drumline Live is offered at Chandler's Center for the Arts on Jan. 29, 2017. This show-stopping attraction, created by the team behind the hit movie "Drumline" and new television series by the same name, brings the historically Black College and University marching band tradition to the theatrical stage.

Tickets for Drumline Live can be purchased at chandlercenter.org, or by calling 480-782-2680.

More information on all the events can be found at chandleraz.gov/unity.

Be the solution to stormwater pollution!

Stormwater runoff is a leading cause of pollution to surface waters in the United States. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rainfall events flows over the ground. Stormwater flows can pick up dirt, litter, automotive fluids, pet waste, household chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, yard waste and other pollutants as it flows over paved surfaces and yards. Paved surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets direct stormwater runoff into the street and gutter and eventually into a storm drain structure, where it discharges untreated into the nearest landscaped retention basin, park, greenbelt or local community lake within your neighborhood.

Please follow these tips to prevent debris and pollutants from entering the storm drains:

- Sweep yard debris and properly dispose of in the trash, rather than blowing or hosing into the street.
- Contain swimming pool or spa water on private property or dispose of it in the sanitary sewer cleanout associated with your home. For more information call 480-782-3507 or visit chandleraz.gov, and search "pool drainage."
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and as directed by the manufacturer.
- Pick up after your pet and properly dispose of the waste in the
- · Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash.
- Always use a nozzle on your garden hose around the home. Do not let the water flow into the street.
- Maintain vehicles to be free of leaks and do not park leaking vehicles on the street.
- · Do not over-water your lawn.
- Take household hazardous waste products such as cleaning products, automotive fluids, paint, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, etc. to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility for recycling and proper disposal. An appointment is required. Please contact Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.
- · Report illegal dumping into streets and storm drains by calling 480-782-3503.

For more information on storm water pollution prevention, please visit chandleraz.gov and search "stormwater."

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

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> Si desea esta información en español, por favor llame al teléfono 480-782-2000.



Chandler City Council -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Rick Heumann. Back row, from left: Councilmember Nora Ellen, Councilmember Kevin Hartke, Councilmember Terry Roe and Councilmember René Lopez.

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