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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Reminders ...

The City of Chandler once again invites the community to participate in the "Eye to Eye to Supervise" drowning prevention campaign.

During the annual Water Safety Walk on Saturday, Apr. 8, 2017, join with the Fire, Health & Medical Department and Aquatics Division to walk door-to-door delivering water safety information to Chandler households.

To volunteer, call 480-782-2124, or email chandlerfire@chandleraz.gov.

Receive a 15-percent discount on a Family Season Pass during the Season Pass Sale March 11-26! You can purchase a season pass for a family of four for only \$95 when you purchase it between March 11 and March 26. Purchase your passes online at chandleraz.gov/registration, or in person at Hamilton or Mesquite Groves Aquatic Centers.

The season pass gives you access to all six aquatic centers through November 2017! Find more information at chandleraz.gov/aquatics. Family Season Passes are available to Chandler residents only

City offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, for the Presidents Day holiday. Trash and recycling collection will occur as usual. The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (self-haul facility) will be closed.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Jan. 1, 2017, is 250,626 (+454 from last month).

Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park

Popular festival features live ostrich races and other ostrich-themed activities March 10-12



The Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 10-12. 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 Mayor's Ostrich Festival Fun Run takes place at 7:30 a.m., Sat., March 4. It will begin at Boston Street and Arizona Avenue and will travel north on Arizona Avenue to Ray Road, and then, back south to Boston Street.

After the Fun Run, join the Ostrich Festival Parade at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 4. 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 ostrichfestival.com. Tumbleweed Park is located at 2250 S. McQueen Road, near Germann and McQueen roads.

VITA provides free tax preparation services

Volunteers help residents file tax returns and claim their earned credits and tax refunds

The City is providing free tax preparation services at six Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites to help low- and moderate-income residents claim their maximum refunds. In 2016, Chandler's 57 VITA volunteers assisted with the filing of 1,860 personal tax returns and claimed more than \$2.5 million in refunds. More than \$678,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), \$128,000 in Child Tax Credit and almost \$106,000 in Education Tax Credits were claimed by families.

Each tax season, Chandler families miss out on thousands of dollars in tax refunds because they are unaware of these credits. For more information about Chandler's VITA program, visit chandleraz.gov/VITA or call 480-782-4358. The 2017 VITA locations, and their days and hours of operations, include:

First Credit Union

25 S. Arizona Place
Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday - 4 - 8 p.m.

The Chandler CARE Center

777 E. Galveston St.
Wednesday - Noon to 4:30 p.m.
Friday - Noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Chandler Christian Community Center

345 S. California Street
Tuesday - Noon to 6 p.m.

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

2145 W. Elliot Rd.
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hamilton Library

(Located at Hamilton High School)
3700 S. Arizona Avenue
Monday - 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse

(By Appointment Only)
9531 E. Riggs Road
Friday - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please call 480-895-9270

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Bulk item collection information

Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can schedule a free recycling and/or trash bulk pick up at their front curb by calling 480-782-3510. This service cannot be scheduled via e-mail. Here are some of the most common questions and tips to make bulk collection easy:

Bulk Collection Tips:

- Plan ahead and call Solid Waste Services BEFORE you do any work as there are size and material restrictions.
- Make a list of all the materials you need collected.
- Consider donating gently used items to local charities. Many offer curbside collection and offer a tax deduction for your generosity.

How do I schedule a curbside bulk collection?

- The person listed on the bill must call 480-782-3510, in advance, to schedule a pickup prior to setting items out for collection.
- To authorize someone other than the person listed on the bill, the ratepayer must first call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to make arrangements in advance of scheduling.

Are there any fees?

- Residents can schedule a free bulk pick up every six weeks. Call 480-782-3510, and Customer Service staff can let you know the next date available for your free bulk collection.
- Additional bulk collections can be scheduled before the next free collection for \$30.
- The cost to collect Freon-bearing items is \$10 per unit. Fees are charged to your Chandler Utility Bill.

Can I schedule a bulk collection to be picked up in the alley?

- No, bulks are not collected in the alley. Per City Code, "Bulk materials shall only be collected if placed along the right-of-way behind the curb, on the property of the covered residence. Bulk material shall not be collected when placed in public or private alleys."

What is considered a bulk item?

- Items too large to fit in a residential curbside or alley trash container

What materials are not accepted?

- The most common waste not accepted includes: building and construction materials, such as sheet rock, wood paneling, cinder blocks, bricks and roofing materials. Other unacceptable waste includes: dirt, gravel, propane tanks, tires, auto parts, and liquid, hazardous or medical waste.

For more information about bulk collection, call 480-782-3510.

March calendar highlights

- 3 Colin & Brad – Two Man Group, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 4 Mayor's Ostrich Festival 5K Fun Run, 480-963-4571
- 4 Ostrich Festival Parade, Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571
- 5 Golden Dragon Acrobats, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 9 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 10-12 Ostrich Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 480-963-4571
- 11 STEM Saturday, Tumbleweed Ranch, 480-782-2717
- 11 Art Garfunkel, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 11 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 12 Frank Ferrante In An Evening with Groucho, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 15 Senior Expo, Senior Center, 480-782-2720
- 15 East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, 480-782-2214
- 16 Sonoran Sunset Series, Veterans Oasis Park, 480-782-2890
- 18 The Doo Wop Project, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 18 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 19 Piano Battle, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 22-23 Senior Talent Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2720
- 23 Teen Town Hall, City Hall, 480-782-2710
- 23 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 24 Hypnotic Brass Ensemble, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 25 Stormy Weather with Mary Wilson, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 25 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 26 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 31 Chandler Jazz Festival, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-782-2735

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

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Chandler City Council -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Nora Ellen. Back row, from left: Councilmember Sam Huang, Councilmember Terry Roe, Councilmember Mark Stewart and Councilmember René Lopez.

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