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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Announcements...

Chandler wants your input in its annual budget process. Please share your thoughts about the community and its future in an online survey at chandleraz.gov/budget.

Your valuable feedback is used to assist in the formulation of the City's Fiscal Year 2018-19 operating and capital plans.

Paper copies are also available at various City facilities including libraries, community centers and the City Hall lobby.

For more information, call 480-782-2252.

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City offices will be closed
Friday, Nov. 10,
for Veterans Day;

Thursday and Friday, Nov.
23-24, for Thanksgiving;

Monday, Dec. 25. for
Christmas Day;

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for
New Year's Day.

Please see the enclosed insert for important trash and recycling collection changes for the holidays.

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Attention Chandler teens!
Chandler high school students are encouraged to apply for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Teen Leadership Academy.

During the program (March 12-16), students will learn how Arizona's fourth largest city is run. Apply online at chandleraz.gov/connect by Friday, Dec. 8.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Oct. 1, 2017, is 255,080.

Chandler tradition kicks off the holiday season

61st Annual Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights Dec. 2, Holiday Toy Ride Dec. 9



Music of the season. A festive and glittery parade. A visit by a jolly old elf from the north. And a holiday tradition with a distinctive Southwestern flavor. These are just some of the sights and sounds you will experience when you come downtown to Dr. A.J. Chandler Park on Saturday, Dec. 2, for Chandler's annual Parade of Lights and 61st annual Tumbleweed Tree Lighting.

The activities start at 4:30 p.m. with musical performances, craft and food vendors and other family entertainment. You also can have your photo taken with Santa. At 7 p.m., the Parade of Lights moves north down Arizona Avenue from Frye Road to Buffalo Street. Every vehicle and group in the parade is creatively decorated and lit up with holiday lights. Immediately

after the parade will be the annual lighting of Chandler's Tumbleweed Tree, the only one of its kind in the Southwest.

Another great holiday tradition hosted by Chandler Fire, Health & Medical is the Holiday Toy Ride, from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Come join Chandler firefighters at the Chandler Fashion Center Valet Parking Area for a day of fun and giving. For each donation of an unwrapped new toy, you will get a ride on a fire truck. All toys will be used for the Department's Holiday Toy Drive. For more information and drop off locations, call 480-782-2120.

Chandler Police Department announces special offer

The Chandler Police Department has partnered with SmartWater CSI, a company that produces chemically-coded solutions spotted only under a special light source. It is used to identify stolen property and deter property crime. Chandler residents, using the promotion code RB1606, may purchase the product at a discounted flat rate, with no monthly or registration fees. For more information, visit chandlerpd.com/safety/smartwater-csi/.



Why is it important to Shop Chandler? Sales taxes from the money you spend in Chandler help pay for essential City services, such as police and fire protection and road improvements. These taxes also support a quality of life enhanced by parks, sports fields, trails, pools and recreation programs. Shopping in Chandler also helps support many youth organizations, food banks, social service agencies and local non-profit groups that rely on funding from the City and donations from business owners.

It's now more important than ever to support local businesses. Whether it's a large purchase, or a quick stop in the grocery store, where you choose to shop makes a difference. Chandler residents enjoy a wide variety of shopping options, and each of these businesses relies on your support.

Additionally, on Saturday, Nov. 25, the City encourages residents to show their support by taking part in Small Business Saturday and shopping local. This annual, nationwide event is a day to recognize all of the local, brick-and-mortar businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods. Visit chandleraz.gov/shop for more information.

Flood zones in Chandler

Several small areas in Chandler are located in what is commonly referred to as the 100-year floodplain. These areas are generally adjacent to canal banks and railroad track embankments where water ponds can develop during periods of heavy rainfall.

To determine whether your property is located in a floodplain, go to chandleraz.gov/floodplains to find a link to the Maricopa County Flood Control District website. This site provides the current effective floodplain map and additional resources including available Elevation Certificates and Flood Hazard Identification Studies. Currently, there is an active study in which west Chandler is included in, the Tempe Area Drainage Master Study (ADMS) to assess flooding in this region.

The City of Chandler participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a participant of the NFIP, the City adopted Floodplain Management Resolution 5004 and has established development requirements consistent with federal criteria.

Flood insurance is available to almost everyone from the federal government's NFIP. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Contact your insurance agent concerning such coverage. More information regarding flood protection is available from FEMA at fema.gov or floodsmart.gov. Construction within flood zones is tightly regulated. Permits are required for any building or site alterations to ensure maximum protection against flooding is maintained.

The Chandler Downtown Library has a reference collection that includes several FEMA publications, which are available for public review; many are available for public distribution, and some are available in e-book format. Also, the Library has current FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Studies for Maricopa County and incorporated areas. Call the Chandler Public Library at 480-782-2800.

To report illegal dumping/discharges into streets or storm drains, or standing water or flooding issues in Chandler, please call 480-782-3503. Staff also can assist you to evaluate and mitigate ponding and flooding issues. Visit chandleraz.gov (search floodplains) to download the Property Owner's Manual for Stormwater Management (PDF) for information and requirements for stormwater collection systems. For more information, including historic flooding areas, call 480-782-3300 or visit Transportation & Development, located at 215 E. Buffalo Street.

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Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. Visit chandleraz.gov and submit your comments on the "Contact Us" link.

Tune in to the City's live stream and videos on demand for live coverage, replays of meetings, original programming and more at chandleraz.gov/video.

Go to chandleraz.gov for current meeting information.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this publication can be made available in an alternative format, if requested. It can also be made available in Spanish.

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

December calendar highlights

- 1, 2, 3 Nutcracker, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 2 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights, Downtown Chandler, 480-782-2735
- 4, 7 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 9 Chandler Symphony FanFest, Downtown Stage, 480-782-2242
- 9, 16 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 9, 10, 16, 17 Spirit of Christmas, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 9 STEM Saturday. Tumbleweed Ranch, 480-782-2717
- 15 Straighten Up and Fly Right – The Nat King Cole Tribute, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 21 Sonoran Sunset Concert Series, Veterans Oasis Park, 480-782-2889
- 25 Christmas holiday, City offices closed
- 27- Jan. 7 Zoppé, An Italian Family Circus, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

Call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to chandleraz.gov/special-events 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.

Notice to Individuals with Disabilities: The City of Chandler is committed to compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to maintaining accessible facilities, services, programs and activities; promoting inclusion through reasonable accommodations; and striving to make all interactions with City government positive and successful for all. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City of Chandler program, service, or activity, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Warren White, at 480-782-3337 (or 711 via AZ Relay Service) or ada.coordinator@chandleraz.gov, as soon as possible but no fewer than two business days before the scheduled event or meeting. Communication aids and services at City Hall and City Council Chambers also may be requested through the City Clerk at 480-782-2180. Optional forms for requesting a reasonable accommodation are available from the City's website, the City Clerk's Office, and the ADA Coordinator. Complaints that a City program, service, facility or activity is not accessible to individuals with disabilities should be directed to the ADA Coordinator. For more information about the ADA and City services, programs, and activities, please see the City's website (chandleraz.gov) or contact the ADA Coordinator.