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**November-December 2015**  
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# CityScope



*a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler*

## Reminders ...

City offices will be closed:

**Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015**, for the **Veterans Day** holiday. Trash and recycling collection will occur as usual.

**Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, 2015**, for the **Thanksgiving** holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 2015. If your regular collection day is Thursday, place your container at the curb on Friday by 6 a.m. Customers whose regular collection day is Friday should place their container at the curb on Saturday by 6 a.m.

**Friday, Dec. 25, 2015**, for the **Christmas** holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection. If your regular collection day is Friday, you should place your container at the curb on Saturday by 6 a.m.

**Friday, Jan. 1, 2016**, for the **New Year's** holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection. If your regular collection day is Friday, you should place your container at the curb on Saturday by 6 a.m.

The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (self-haul transfer facility) is also closed on each of these holidays.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Oct. 1, 2015, is 248,264 (+285 from last month).

## *Celebrate Chandler tradition to kick off holiday season*

*Tree lighting ceremony and Parade of Lights on Dec. 5, Holiday Toy Ride on Dec. 12*

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. 5, for Chandler's annual Parade of Lights and Tumbleweed Tree Lighting.

The activities start at 4:30 p.m. with musical performances, craft and food vendors and other family entertainment. You can also 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 are 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. Bring your family and friends downtown for this special evening of holiday cheer.

Another great holiday tradition hosted by the Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department is the Holiday Toy Ride. Have you ever wanted to be a firefighter and ride in a fire truck? Come join Chandler firefighters for a night 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 Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department's Holiday Toy Drive. The Holiday Toy Ride is Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Chandler Fashion Center Valet Parking Area, near the entrance to the food court. For more information and drop off locations, call 480-782-2120.

## *Your input is needed! Budget survey to launch this month*

Chandler encourages your input in its annual budget process to provide your thoughts about our community and its future. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete the online survey to share your feedback at [chandleraz.gov/budget](http://chandleraz.gov/budget). Results are shared with the Mayor and City Council, City Manager and staff to assist in the formulation of the City's financial plan. Electronic and paper copies of the survey will be available starting Nov. 16 through the end of December. Paper copies will be available at various City facilities including libraries, community centers and the City Hall lobby. Completed paper surveys can be returned at City facilities or mailed to the City of Chandler, Budget Division - Citizen Surveys, Mail Stop 609, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008. Both the electronic version of the survey and the paper copy also will be available in Spanish. For more information, call 480-782-2252.



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. 28, 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 [www.chandleraz.gov/shop](http://www.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 flood plain. These areas are generally adjacent to canal banks and railroad track embankments where water may pond during periods of heavy rainfall. Effective Nov. 4, 2015, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revised certain flood plains east of Arizona Ave. Please visit <http://gis.fcd.maricopa.gov/floodplainviewer/> to view the new effective flood plains.

Flood insurance is available to almost everyone from the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Contact your insurance agent concerning such coverage.

Construction within flood zones is tightly regulated by the Maricopa County Flood Control District. Permits are required for any building or site alterations to ensure maximum protection against flooding is maintained.

To determine whether your property is located in a flood plain, go to the Maricopa County Flood Control District website at <http://gis.fcd.maricopa.gov/floodplainviewer/>. The site provides a flood plain map and additional resources. For more information on flood hazards and protection, call the City at 480-782-3337, or stop by the Transportation & Development building, located at 215 E. Buffalo Street.

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 through the library's online catalog. Also, the Library has current FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Maricopa County and incorporated areas. For further information, please contact the Chandler Public Library at 480-782-2800.

To report illegal dumping into streets or storm drains, or standing water or flooding issues in Chandler, please call the Stormwater Programs Coordinator at 480-782-3503. There are a number of resources available on the City's website at [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov).

## December calendar highlights

- 4-6 Nutcracker, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 5, 12 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 5 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights, Downtown Chandler, 480-782-2735
- 7, 10 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 10, 12, 19 Santa's House, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-782-2735
- 12 Snow Cat, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 17 Sonoran Sunset Concert Series, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2895
- 18 Texas Tenors Christmas, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 18 Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-855-3539
- 19-20 Spirit of Christmas, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 22-23 Zoppe: An Italian Family Circus, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 25 Christmas holiday, City offices closed
- 26-31 Zoppe: 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](http://chandleraz.gov) for event information.**

### *We're counting on you!*

#### *2015 Special Census continues through late November*

Census Bureau enumerators are going door-to-door to every home in Chandler to update the City's population count. They will be collecting a few facts about the people living in each household. By being counted, Chandler receives funding that helps provide the important City services you rely on. Each person counted in Chandler means about \$318 in funding each year. For more information, visit: [chandleraz.gov/census](http://chandleraz.gov/census).

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Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. Visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) and submit your comments on the "Contact Us" link.



Tune in to Chandler Channel for live coverage and replays of meetings, bulletin board announcements, original programming and more.

Go to [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) for current meeting information.

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#### **Policy of Non-Discrimination**

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

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