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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Announcements...

The City will host a Public Safety Fair and Car Show on Saturday, Mar. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chandler Police Department parking lot (250 E. Chicago St.).

The free family event will feature several police and fire vehicles and equipment displays; SWAT, K9, and fiery crash demonstrations; learning opportunities and food trucks will be available, as well as the Car Show.

For more information, visit chandleraz.gov, or call 480-782-4221.

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Receive a 15-percent discount on a Family Season Pass during the Season Pass Sale March 10-25! You can purchase a season pass for a family of four for only \$95 when you purchase it between March 10 and March 25. 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 2018! Find more information at chandleraz.gov/aquatics. Family Season Passes are available to Chandler residents only.

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City offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, 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.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Jan. 1, 2018, is 255,867 (+232 from last month).

Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park

Popular festival features live ostrich races and other ostrich-themed activities March 9-11



The 30th annual Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 9-11. 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 3. It will begin at Boston Street and Arizona Avenue and will travel north on Arizona Avenue to Ray Road, and then, back south to Frye Road.

After the Fun Run, join the Ostrich Festival Parade at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 3. 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.

Volunteers provide assistance with income tax preparation

Nearly \$2 million in refunds last year for residents who might've missed out!

The City of Chandler is getting ready to kick off the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Tax Season for 2017. Volunteers assist with the preparation of income taxes for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, the elderly and individuals with disabilities who cannot prepare their own state and federal income tax returns.

Last year, six sites produced refunds of approximately \$2 million for 1,689 residents. This includes the "My Free Taxes" returns prepared using a system promoted by Valley of the Sun United Way and the Maricopa County VITA Network partners.

The VITA sites last year were open to the public eleven weeks, for approximately 450 hours. Sixty volunteers invested more than 4,300 hours assisting 1,689 citizens. VITA continues to be an essential program for Chandler's low- and moderate-income residents to ensure they receive the maximum return, with the goal of increasing self-sufficiency and economic stability.

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 2018 VITA locations, and their days and hours of operations, include:

First Credit Union

25 S. Arizona Pl., Chandler
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 4 - 8 p.m.
Open from Jan. 30 - Apr. 10

Sun Lakes Sheriffs Posse

9531 E. Riggs Rd., Sun Lakes
By appointment only, call 480-895-9270 ext. 111 or 113
Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Open from Feb. 2 - April 6

The CARE Center

777 E. Galveston, Chandler
Friday: Noon - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - Noon
Open Feb. 2 - Apr. 6

AZCEND

345 S. California St., Chandler
Tuesday: Noon - 6 p.m.
Open Jan. 30 - Apr. 10

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

2145 W. Elliot Rd., Chandler
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Open Feb. 3 - Apr. 7

Bulk item collection information

Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can schedule a free curbside recycling and/or trash bulk pick up 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 my collection to be picked up in the alley?

- No. 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 materials will not be collected when placed in public or private alleys. The placement of bulk materials must not block alley passages, sidewalks or interfere with container collection and shall be less than four feet from the sidewalk.

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

- 1 Opening Reception: 1000 Words, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2697
- 3 Ostrich Festival 5K Fun Run, Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571
- 3 Public Safety Fair, Downtown Police Department Parking Lot, 480-782-4221
- 3 Senior Olympic Games Archery Competition, Paseo Vista Archery Range, 480-782-2722
- 7 East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, 480-782-2214
- 7 Opening Reception, Hollywood in the Desert, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 8, 22 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 9 Buddy Guy, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 9-11 Ostrich Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 480-963-4571
- 10 STEM Saturday, Tumbleweed Ranch, 480-782-2717
- 10-25 Hamilton Aquatic Center Open, 480-782-2630
- 10 Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center Open, 480-782-2635
- 11 Celtic Nights, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 12-23 Leaders in Training, Community Center, 480-782-2730
- 13 Time Travelers, Tumbleweed Ranch, 480-782-2717
- 14 Senior Expo, Community Center, 480-782-2720
- 15 Sonoran Sunset Series, Veterans Oasis Park, 480-782-2890
- 16 Classic Albums Live – Sgt. Peppers, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 18 Musical Thrones: A Parody of Ice and Fire, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 19 Opening Reception: CUSD Art Collision, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2697
- 21-22 Spice of Life Senior Variety Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 23 Cesar Millan, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 25 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 27 Spring HOA Academy begins, 480-782-4354
- 31 Family Easter Celebration, Snedigar Park, 480-782-2735

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

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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.

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Chandler City Council -- Front row, from left: Councilmember Kevin Hartke, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Vice Mayor 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.