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ELECTION REMINDER!

City of Chandler's Primary Elections will be held on

August 24th

For more information contact Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/elections

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Invites you to attend a

Public Outreach Meeting

The meeting will be held on September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Knox Elementary-Media Center 700 W. Orchid Ln.

For more information on this meeting and other events and programs visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

Fall Fun With Recreation!

The fall Break Time magazine covering classes, programs and special events in September, October and November is now available at many City facilities, Chandler Fry's Stores and online at www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime or call 480-782-2727.

Register Now!

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month

For more information about water safety, please visit www.childsafetyzone.com

Chandler 2010 Fall HOA Academy

Residents signing up for the City's popular HOA Academy will learn from the experts about building successful, sustainable HOAs.

The Academy consists of six evening classes beginning Thursday, September 2 and will run every Thursday thereafter through October 7. Classes will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Chandler Police Department, Main Station-Community Room located at 250 E. Chicago St.

Classes are facilitated in an interactive, hands-on setting to allow optimum learning and practical application. The curriculum will include training on how to effectively address challenges that affect those who live in an HOA. Class topics include HOA budgets and structure, meeting facilitation, CC&R enforcement, homeowner rights and responsibilities, selecting a Management Company and more.

The classes are free, but pre-registration is required. There are only a few spaces available so if you are interested in participating, please register before Thursday August 26. To register, complete the two page online application at www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods or call 480-782-4320 for more information.

Chandler residents who complete at least five of the six classes will receive a Certificate of Completion and will be recognized at a future City Council meeting.

The HOA Academy is offered by Chandler's Neighborhood Programs Office in partnership with The Leadership Centre. The Leadership Centre provides residents with information, resources and tools that create and support effective community leaders. For more information visit www.TheLeadershipCentre.org.

Neighborhood Resources Introduces New Programs

The City of Chandler is excited to announce three new housing improvement programs! Applications are being accepted beginning August 23, 2010. Qualified home owners may receive assistance for roof repair and replacement, electrical and plumbing repair, air conditioning / heating repair and replacement, home modifications to accommodate disabilities, improvement to the exterior of your home and more! Grants and loans from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are available to qualifying Chandler homeowners!

For more information or to receive an application packet, contact Neighborhood Resources at 480-782-4320 or 480-782-4357.



FALL SPECIAL EVENTS!

Sonoran Sunset Series at EEC

Thursday, Sept. 9
6:00 p.m.
Veterans Oasis Park

Chandler Mariachi Festival

Saturday, Sept 25
6:30 p.m.

Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave

Miss Indian AZ Scholarship Program

Saturday, October 9
7:00 pm

Chandler Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave

Chandler Indian Art Market

Saturday, October 9
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 10
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
AJ Chandler Park
3 S. Arizona Ave

4th annual Chandler Day of Play

Saturday, Oct. 16
8 a.m.- noon
Tumbleweed Park

Fall Rhythm Fest

Saturday, Oct. 16
5:30-9:30 p.m.
Tumbleweed Park

Halloween Spooktacular

Friday, Oct. 29,
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Downtown Chandler Library
Courtyard



Chandler is an All-America City!



It's official! Chandler is an All-America City! The National Civic League chose Chandler as one of 10 winners of the prestigious, nationwide competition.

Chandler was one of 27 finalists presenting at the 2010 All-America City Awards in Kansas City in June.

Cities were asked to document three community projects addressing their communities' most pressing challenges. The City of Chandler submitted documentation of the City's

collaborative efforts and partnerships with ICAN's underage drinking taskforce, the CARE Center and its work providing medical care to Chandler students, and the Chandler Heights Community Facilities, which include a police substation, water recharge facility and the Environmental Education Center. "These three projects highlight the collaborative nature of the City of Chandler in our efforts to serve the residents of our community," said Mayor Boyd

Dunn. "These are great examples of the kind of creativity and innovation that keep Chandler a safe and healthy city with attractive amenities."

NCL is a 116-year-old nonpartisan nonprofit organization that strengthens democracy by increasing the capacity of our nation's people to fully participate in and build healthy and prosperous communities across America.

Foreclosure Prevention & Survival for Families

On Saturday, November 6, 2010 Neighborhood Programs in collaboration with the Arizona Foreclosure Task Force will be offering a "Foreclosure Prevention and Survival for Families Workshop." This workshop will provide an opportunity for families facing foreclosure to have one-on-one meetings with HUD Certified Counselors and bank representatives. Additionally, presentations will be provided throughout the event, to offer residents instruction on the various options available to

them in lieu of foreclosure. The presentations include information on how to avoid scams, how to reestablish credit after foreclosure and crisis budgeting. This workshop is being offered in response to information collected by staff at the Vacant Property Challenges Workshop that was held in early June. Residents who participated in this workshop identified a need for staff to provide education regarding the issues affecting Chandler residents facing foreclosure.

Neighborhood Programs has dedicated a section of their web site for information and resources regarding property vacancies and foreclosures. You can visit the web site at www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

The Foreclosure Prevention & Survival for Families

Saturday, November 6
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chandler Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.



Free Landscaping Classes

The City's fall lineup of popular landscaping and irrigation classes once again includes the popular Water Wise Edible Gardening class, along with great information about installing and maintaining your landscape and irrigation system and planting colorful water-wise plants.

The classes are free to Chandler utility customers, but participants must register. All classes will be held at the Senior Center, 202 E. Boston Street. To register for any of the classes listed below, call the City of Chandler's Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3580.

BASIC YARD MAKEOVERS

If you've been considering converting your grass into colorful low water use landscape, this class teaches the easy step-by-step methods. You may even be eligible for a rebate of up to \$600. The class is offered on from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on 8/31.

CHANDLER "SMART" LANDSCAPING

This three-class series will teach you the basics about landscaping in the desert. You will learn the concepts of design, how to plan for small spaces, the desert plant palette, plant selection, and plant combinations. The series will be offered from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21, and again on 10/5, 10/12 and 10/19.

WATER WISE EDIBLE GARDENING

Learn how to prepare beds, choose plants, and care for vegetables, herbs, fruits and citrus for a bountiful harvest. The class is offered from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on 9/28.

WATER SMART WORKSHOPS

This three-part series will walk you through the components of your irrigation system, how to design and install a system, how to program your irrigation timer, and how to troubleshoot when problems arise. Complete details are available at www.chandleraz.gov/water. A Drip Irrigation System Installation class will be held 10/26, Yard Watering will be held on 11/2, and Irrigation System Maintenance on 11/9. All classes will be held from 6:00-8:45 p.m.

PRUNING AND MAINTAINING YOUR LANDSCAPE

Trees and shrubs are the most important living elements of your landscape. A certified Arborist will teach you about proper plant selection, planting, staking and pruning techniques for the low desert. Class will be held from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on 11/16.

MORE FALL EVENTS!

14th Annual Chandler Golf Challenge

Friday, Nov. 5
12:30 p.m.

Bear Creek Golf Course

Chandler Chuckwagon Cook-Off

Saturday, Nov. 13
9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Tumbleweed Ranch

3rd Annual Woofstock

Saturday, Nov. 20
9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Tumbleweed Park

Blood Drive

Tuesday, Nov. 29
2:30 -7:00 p.m.

Tumbleweed Recreation Center

TRC Family Nights

Tumbleweed Recreation Center Family Nights continue every Wednesday this

fall and winter
5:30-7:00 p.m.

For more information visit www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed

Watch "Come Out & Play Chandler!"

on Channel 11 and YouTube

The summer episode of "Come Out & Play Chandler!" is airing on Channel 11 and at www.chandleraz.gov

Water Audits Save Money

The City of Chandler has offered free home water audits for over a decade. This program is designed to help customers reduce water waste and lower their water bills. Conducted by trained staff, audits often identify leaks and ways to reduce outdoor water consumption while still maintaining a lush, beautiful landscape.

Last year residents saved up to 40 percent on their water bills after following water conservation advice.

To learn or obtain more information on water audits and ways to save money,

contact the Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3580 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/water.



Graffiti Abatement

The City of Chandler has a very strict stance against graffiti. City Code 30-5 states:

The Chandler City Council finds and determines that graffiti is obnoxious, contributes to neighborhood deterioration, provides communication system for gangs and other vandals, damages property, and constitutes a public nuisance, and must be abated immediately...

To combat graffiti, the City of Chandler employs a fulltime Graffiti Abatement Technician. Our Technician is busy each day painting over graffiti that he discovers or is brought to Code Enforcement's attention from citizens.

Last fiscal year, our Graffiti Abatement Technician painted over 2,581 instances of graffiti. This totaled to 207,202 square feet of paint, equating to over four football fields!

The City of Chandler takes great pride in the graffiti program. Part of its effectiveness is due to citizens reporting instances of graffiti. Reporting graffiti is easy. Just call the Graffiti Hotline at 480-782-4322. This recorded line is available 24 hours a day.

2010 Legislative Update

The Arizona 49th Legislature, 2nd Regular session ended on Thursday, April 29, 2010. During this session, the legislature passed and Governor Brewer signed three bills that will directly affect planned communities and condominium associations. The summaries and interpretations of HB 2345, HB 2768 and HB2334 are possible, courtesy of the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C.

These three laws become effective on July 29, 2010



Summary of House Bill 2345

Open House/ For Sale, For Lease and Open House Signs (Amending A.R.S. Sections 33-1261 and 33-1808)

Open House Hours: Associations must allow open houses for real estate that is for sale or for lease within the association between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Open House Signs: Associations can prohibit open house signs on association common areas/elements. Associations must allow temporary open house signs on that owner's property. The association cannot require the use of a particular open house sign and may not further regulate the use of open house signs that are industry standard size and that are owned or used by the seller or the seller's agent.

For Lease Signs: Associations must allow an owner's or an owner's agent's "for lease" sign on that owner's property unless an association's documents prohibit or restrict leasing of a unit or units. Associations shall not further regulate a for lease sign or require the use of a particular for lease sign other than the for lease sign shall not be any larger than the industry standard size sign (18 x 24 inches) and on or in that owner's property.

For Sale Signs: An association must allow the indoor or outdoor display of an industry standard for sale sign (not to exceed 18 x 24 inches) and a sign rider (not to exceed 6 x 24 inches) on or in that owner's property. The association cannot require the use of a particular for sale sign and may not further regulate the use of for sale signs that are owned or used by the seller or the seller's agent.

It is important to note that HB 2345 trumps an association's documents with any provisions that conflict with HB2345.

Summary of House Bill 2768—Transfer Fees (Creating A.R.S. Sections 33-442)

Transfer Fees: An association can charge a transfer fee, capital contribution fee or reserve assessment fee that becomes due at a close of escrow when the following requirements are met:

1. The governing documents (typically the CC&Rs) grant authority for the fee and provides for a specified purpose for the assessment
2. The fee being charged touches and concerns the land
3. The fee does not go to a third party (such as a management company) or developer unless the third party or developer is authorized in the governing documents (CC&Rs) to manage the real property within the association or was part of an approved development plan.

This new law means that associations can continue to charge a transfer fee, capital contribution fee or reserve assessment fee that becomes due at a close of escrow when:

1. The CC&Rs specifically allow this type of fee
2. The fee is paid to the association, management company or developer which is authorized in the CC&Rs to manage real property within the association or was part of an approved development plan.

Further, HB2768 also allows an association to charge any fee or charge that is imposed by a document and that is payable to a non-profit *corporation* (note: most associations in Arizona are non-profit corporations) for the sole purpose of supporting recreational activities within the association.

Summary of House Bill 2334—Document Cost Recovery (Amending A.R.S. Section 12-332)

HB2334 permits a court to award to the prevailing party, the cost of document preparation if:

1. The document was prepared by a certified preparer by the Supreme Court; and
2. The party seeking recovery filed a sworn affidavit of costs.