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CityScope



a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders ...

City offices will be closed:

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.

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 for the **Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights** holiday. Trash and recycling collection will occur as usual.

The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (self-haul transfer facility) will be closed on all three holidays.

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Volunteers are needed to help low- and moderate-income families with free tax preparation for 2015. The City, in conjunction with the IRS, provides training classes. No experience is needed, just a desire to help Chandler citizens. Call 480-782-4358 for more information.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Nov. 1, 2015, is 249,062.

A holiday message from Mayor Jay Tibshraeny



Many people like to share their yearly highlights with friends and family through holiday letters. And why not? The holidays are a perfect time to reflect and give thanks. We certainly have much to be grateful for here in our community.

Things like new parks and renovations to existing ones. The people who make our community tick. Those neighborhood leaders and outstanding volunteers who are so engaged in making Chandler the outstanding place it has become. Events like our annual Tumbleweed Tree Lighting, Parade of Lights, Fourth of July celebration and my annual Day of Play. Companies like Wells Fargo, Infusionsoft, Intel and the many small businesses that continue to invest so much in our City through expansions and goodwill efforts. And, much is happening in downtown Chandler as we work to develop more amenities, welcome new businesses and continue to build on our university presence there.

While this is a time to spend celebrating with friends and family, remember also that there are those in the community who continue to struggle for various reasons. If you can, please donate some time or contribute to one of the many non-profit agencies in Chandler who help those in need now and throughout the year. A good place to find information is at: 211arizona.org.

And, as always, remember to "Shop Chandler" for your holiday gifts, as those tax dollars are critical to maintain city services. Sales taxes from the money you spend here help support City services such as public safety, road improvements, neighborhoods - and our economic development efforts. These taxes also support a quality of life enhanced by parks, sports fields, trails, pools and recreation programs.

To stay in touch throughout 2016, please follow me on Twitter (@jaytibshraeny) and visit the City's award-winning website (chandleraz.gov) for more news on the community. Finally, here is to a very joyful New Year for all Chandler residents.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

Get a jump start on your fitness resolutions for 2016

Did you know one of the best ways to relieve stress is through exercise? It not only helps with stress, but also can help combat potential weight gain caused by our favorite holiday treats. Clip the one-week free pass to the right to try the fitness area at Tumbleweed Recreation Center this holiday season.

Find Your Fitness at
TUMBLEWEED
RECREATION CENTER

745 East Germann Rd. • (480) 782-2900

Free one-week pass to the fitness area with this coupon.*

*First-time pass holders only. Expires 6/1/16.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERSONAL TRAINING • INDOOR TRACK • GROUP EXERCISE STUDIOS • RACQUETBALL COURTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FITNESS AREA • GYMNASIUM • CHILD WATCH • FITNESS ASSESSMENT
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For more information, visit www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed



Chandler celebrates heritage & diversity of our community

Each January, the City of Chandler holds a series of events to honor our community's heritage and diversity, along with the spirit and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the civil rights movement. The 2016 Celebration of Unity events include Black Violin, the 21st Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival & Creative Expression Competition.

Events begin on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. with a performance by Black Violin at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Virtuoso violinists Wil B and Kev Marcus meld highbrow and pop culture through a fusion of classical, jazz, hip-hop, blues and R&B. Joining the classically trained violinists is DJ TK on turntables and together the trio smashes musical stereotypes and enralls lovers of Bach and Beyoncé.

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What to do with your Christmas tree

Looking for a way to dispose of your Christmas tree? Chandler offers several methods for tree recycling. Christmas trees that are collected are chipped and reused in park landscaping projects. For safety, please remove tree stands, nails, lights, ornaments and garland before recycling, and do not place trees in bags.

- Dropoff boxes are available at multiple locations from Dec. 26, 2015, through Jan. 15, 2016. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle or call 480-782-3510 for a listing of locations.
- Trees also will be collected separately at the curb on your recycling collection day, from Dec. 26, 2015 to Jan. 15, 2016. You do not have to schedule collection, but trees must be at the edge of your driveway (no more than four feet onto your property) by 6 a.m. on your recycling day. Do not place the tree in the recycling bin, on the sidewalk or street.
- Live potted Christmas trees can be donated for replanting at City parks by dropping them off at the City's Community Center or can be scheduled for pick up by calling 480-782-2745.

Visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle
or call
480-782-3510 for more information.

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The 21st Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chandler Fashion Center. The Festival is a FREE event that highlights the diversity of our community through cultural music, dance, art and more. Stop by the new location this year for two stages of performances and multiple cultural interactive areas.

Tickets for Black Violin can be purchased at www.chandler-center.org, or by calling 480-782-2680. More information on all the events can be found at www.chandleraz.gov/unity.

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

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.

Be the solution to stormwater pollution!

Stormwater runoff is a leading cause of pollution to surface waters in the United States. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rainfall events flows over the ground. Stormwater flows can pick up dirt, litter, automotive fluids, pet waste, household chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, yard waste and other pollutants as it flows over paved surfaces and yards. Paved surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets direct stormwater runoff into the street and gutter and eventually into a storm drain structure, where it discharges untreated into the nearest landscaped retention basin, park, greenbelt or local community lake within your neighborhood.

Please follow these tips to prevent debris and pollutants from entering the storm drains:

- Sweep yard debris and properly dispose of in the trash, rather than blowing or hosing into the street.
- Contain swimming pool or spa water on private property or dispose of it in the sanitary sewer cleanout associated with your home. For more information call 480-782-3507 or visit www.chandleraz.gov and search "pool drainage".
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and as directed by the manufacturer.
- Pick up after your pet and properly dispose of the waste in the trash.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash.
- Always use a nozzle on your garden hose around the home. Do not let the water flow into the street.
- Maintain vehicles to be free of leaks and do not park leaking vehicles on the street.
- Do not over-water your lawn.
- Take household hazardous waste products such as cleaning products, automotive fluids, paint, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, etc. to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility for recycling and proper disposal. An appointment is required. Please contact Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.
- Report illegal dumping into streets and storm drains by calling 480-782-3503.

For more information on storm water pollution prevention, please visit chandleraz.gov and search "stormwater." Remember, "Only Rain in the Storm Drain."



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.