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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders ...

Remember, Chandler-area schools are back in session soon. Observe all speed limits, and use extra care in school zones.

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Chandler's Water Conservation Division offers everything from advice on water-saving fixtures, to tips on installing a water-efficient landscape. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/water for more information.

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Connecting with the City of Chandler is as easy as a click on your smartphone! The City's has a free mobile phone app that allows residents with smartphones to communicate directly with staff to resolve issues in the City and your neighborhood.

You can point, click and send photos of graffiti, weeds, abandoned shopping carts and other code violations.

And that's not the only way you can communicate, visit www.chandleraz.gov and discover all of the social media tools available to reach out and connect with your City.

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City offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015, for the Fourth of July holiday.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of June 1, 2015, is 247,211 (+138 from last month).

City of Chandler - Special Election

A Special Election will be held Aug. 25, 2015, asking Chandler voters to decide on an amendment to the City Charter. Proposition No. 484 would amend the Charter to formalize Chandler's cycle of August and November elections in even-numbered years, and January as the date of commencement, for the offices of Mayor and Councilmember. This has been Chandler's election schedule since 2008. This Special Election will be conducted entirely by mail-in ballot. No voting will take place at the polls. Each registered voter will be sent a ballot by mail beginning July 29, 2015. Each household with a registered voter will receive a publicity pamphlet in the mail prior to the start of voting. The pamphlet also may be viewed on the City's website at: www.chandleraz.gov/elections. If you have questions regarding voting in this Special Election, call the City Clerk's office at 480-782-2180.

Ciudad de Chandler - Elección Especial

El 25 de agosto de 2015 se llevará a cabo un Elección Especial, pidiéndoles a los electores de Chandler que decidan sobre una enmienda a los Estatutos de la Ciudad. La Proposición Núm. 484 enmendaría los Estatutos para formalizar el ciclo electoral de agosto y noviembre de Chandler en años pares y enero como la fecha de inicio para los puestos de Alcalde y Concejales; el cual ha sido el itinerario del ciclo electoral de Chandler desde 2008. Esta Elección Especial será llevada a cabo totalmente por medio de boletas electorales enviadas por correo postal. No se llevará a cabo votación en lugares de votación. Se enviará por correo a cada elector registrado una boleta electoral a partir del 29 de julio. Cada hogar que contenga a un elector registrado recibirá un folleto publicitario por correo antes de que comience la votación. El folleto también puede verse en el sitio web de la Ciudad: www.chandleraz.gov/elections. Si tiene preguntas con respecto a la votación en esta Elección Especial, llame a la oficina de la Escribana de la Ciudad al 480-782-2180.

Safety tips and reminders as monsoon arrives

June 15 through September 30 is the official Arizona monsoon -- a season that is known for high temperatures, high winds and heavy moisture. The following tips are provided to help keep you safe:

Heat advisories are common during the summer. You should drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty, and avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol. Wear loose-fitting, light-weight, light-colored clothing, and avoid dark colors. Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day. Take frequent breaks and wear protective sunscreen if you must work outdoors and use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. You should NEVER leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles.

Thunderstorms and dust storms can cause damage to property and power lines. If you are home when a storm approaches, secure outdoor objects, such as lawn furniture, that could blow away or cause damage, shutter windows and brace outside doors. Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity, so avoid using a corded telephone or any electrical appliances.

Unplug appliances that are not necessary, and do not take a bath or shower during a thunder or lightning storm. In case of power outages, contact your utility company (SRP 602-236-8811 or APS 855-OUTAGES -- 855-388-2437).

For those caught outdoors during a storm, it is best to find shelter in a building or car. If you are unable to find shelter, go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects, and make yourself as small a target as possible. Get out of swimming pools, boats and away from all water. If flooding is possible, go to higher ground.

If, while you are driving, you approach a storm of any kind, reduce speed and turn on your headlights. In a thunderstorm, drivers should pull safely onto the shoulder, stay in the car and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rains subside. You should always obey traffic warning signs and avoid flooded roadways.

If you see a dust storm coming, pull into a shopping center, or another safe place off the roadway to avoid driving into or through the dust storm. If the dust storm comes on suddenly, check traffic immediately around your vehicle

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Dispose of your HHW safely

Last year, Chandler's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility serviced more than 2,700 residents and processed more than 153,000 pounds of material, of which more than 72 percent was reused or recycled. Latex paint accounted for the largest percentage of material (73%) received and recycled. Solid Waste Services also recycled more than 10,000 pounds of rechargeable and auto batteries, more than 830 gallons of motor oil, more than 220 gallons of cooking oil and 797 gallons of antifreeze/coolant.

The City accepts hazardous material at the HHW Collection Facility. Other materials accepted, but not limited to, include:

- Paint, varnish, paint thinner
- Pesticides, poisons and pool chemicals
- Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, lead acid batteries
- Rechargeable batteries - NiCad, NiMH, Li-ion from cameras, phones, and laptop computers (Alkaline batteries - AA, AAA, C, D & 9V batteries are not considered hazardous material and can be placed with household trash.)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs (Incandescent bulbs are not hazardous and can be placed with household trash.)

This service is available to Chandler residents (those living in incorporated areas) by appointment. No prescription or over-the-counter drugs, ammunition or commercial waste will be accepted. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 480-782-3510.

August calendar highlights

- 8, 15, 29 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 10, 13 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 14 Free Summer Concert Series - Sugar Thieves, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 21 Free Summer Concert Series - Tres Guitarras, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 22 Chandler Cultural Foundation Yard Sale, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 28 Free Summer Concert Series - Ritmo Latino, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

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

Eliminate mosquito risks

Mosquitoes have become more than just a nuisance with the introduction of the West Nile Virus (WNV). Here are a few tips from the Maricopa County Vector Control office on ways to eliminate mosquito breeding and reduce the risk of bites:

- Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed.
- Check for items outside the home that collect water, such as cans, bottles, buckets, old tires and other containers.
- Change water in flower vases, birdbaths, planters and animal watering pans at least twice a week.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets, and move air conditioner drain hoses frequently.
- Avoid being bitten by mosquitoes when going outside at night by using insect repellent with DEET. Wear lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs.

For more information on West Nile Virus, to report green pools or dead birds, file any mosquito-related complaint, register on the Fogging Notification System, or for WNV materials or presentations for your organization, please call the West Nile Virus General Information and Help Line at 602-506-0700, or visit www.maricopa.gov/wnv.

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(front, back and to the side) and slow down. If you cannot see more than 300 ft. (length of a football field), it is time to get off of the roadway. If traveling on a highway or freeway, completely exit the highway at an exit ramp if possible.

Drivers should never stop in a travel lane. Look for a safe place to pull completely off the paved portion of the roadway. Pull well off the roadway and stop the vehicle in a position ensuring it is a safe distance from the main roadway and away from where other vehicles may travel. Turn off driving lights, and all vehicle lights, including your emergency flashers, set your emergency brake and keep your foot off brake pedal. Stay in the vehicle with your seatbelts buckled and wait for the storm to pass.

It is highly recommended that you plan and prepare. Visit www.chandleraz.gov for links to more tips and information, as well as preparation tips and a list of the suggested items you should have on hand in case of an emergency.

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Go to www.chandleraz.gov for current meeting information.

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



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.