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2015 Mayor's Listening Tour

Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 14
Frye Elementary
801 E. Frye Rd
7:00 p.m.

Fall Meeting

Wednesday, September 16
Sanborn Elementary
700 N. Superstition Blvd
7:00 p.m.

Traditional Neighborhood Academy

This Academy is for residents living in a non-HOA Neighborhood who want to make a difference in their neighborhood. You must register by April 3!

Classes will run

April 8 - 29 (Wednesday evenings)

City Hall, 2nd Floor—Training Room A

175 S. Arizona Avenue

6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information,

call 480-782-4354 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

Neighborhood Excellence Awards



Congratulations to the winners of the 2nd annual Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Neighborhood Excellence Awards. This year's winners are:

- Karen Peyton, Neighborhood Leader of the Year, Andersen Springs
- Solera, Best Neighborhood Event, Chandler C.A.R.E. Center Food Bank
- Orangetree Neighborhood, Best Revitalization Story
- Sun Groves, Most Active/Engaged Neighborhood

Chandler truly is a place of excellence. More than 700 residents voted this year, and I want to thank the community for your support in showcasing the great things happening in Chandler.

Thanks to all of our neighborhood leaders who continue to invest time in their communities – but also for taking the time to apply. There were many

fascinating stories told within the applications and the voting was again quite close in a number of the categories.

Thanks also to our Neighborhood Advisory Committee who was instrumental in developing this awards program two years ago. This is a group of community volunteers who are very active in working to address neighborhood issues and concerns on the City Council's behalf.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came out to my State of the City address in February to hear the announcement of the winners. That night I also introduced the members of the first Teen Leadership Academy taking place this March. The week-long course will introduce young people to the inner workings of City Hall while better engaging them to become future leaders.

Our first Listening Tour stop of the year is April 14 at Frye Elementary School. The event begins at 7 p.m. and I hope to see you there. And, as always, please follow me on Twitter www.twitter.com/jaytibshraeny for more news on our community.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny



Solera HOA
Best Neighborhood Event



Orangetree Neighborhood
Best Revitalization Story



Karen Peyton - Andersen Springs
Neighborhood Leader of the Year



Sun Groves HOA
Most Active/Engaged Neighborhood

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Spring Break Time

The spring Break Time magazine outlining all-ages recreation classes, youth camps and special events for March, April and May is available at City offices, libraries, recreation and aquatic centers and online.

For more information, call 480-782-2727 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime

All Break Time Subscription holders will need to renew their subscription through ACTIVENet or by visiting

www.chandleraz.gov/registration

C-Town Suitcase Club

Tuesday, March 17

Tuesday, April 21

Tuesday, May 19

Chandler Museum

300 S. Chandler Village Dr

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Travel through time and explore everyday objects from the past! Events are designed for 3-5 year olds and are FREE.

For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/museum

Science Saturday

Saturday, March 28

Saturday, April 11

Tumbleweed Ranch

2250 S. McQueen Rd

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join the Chandler Museum and explore science topics with family friendly, hands-on experiments!

For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/museum

Spring Has Sprung



Super Bowl XLIX and the Waste Management Phoenix Open are behind us and spring is here. Arizona's beautiful scenery made a wonderful showing as

Arizona was in the spotlight on every national television show. I couldn't help but think that if TV crews focused their cameras on Chandler neighborhoods, the view would have been just as impressive. Chandler has become the kind city that makes a person who is driving through want to live here. This however, has required much work and effort from the City and its residents.

We still have several months of beautiful weather before the dry heat arrives and the work continues

as the rain not only helps keep our yards green and beautiful, but also brings weeds and new growth on trees and bushes. Let's keep an eye out for those weeds as they pop-up and remove them while they are still small. Likewise, trim the dry and dead branches on trees and bushes and keep them under control before they become a fire hazard in the hot summer months.

The small things we do now keep our landscaping from getting out of control and becoming overwhelming during those really hot months. And who knows – maybe those national TV cameras will decide to focus on Chandler next time they are in town. If so, we want to make sure Chandler neighborhoods continue to look nice!

Dane Cutting
Neighborhood Advisory Committee Member

Water Savings for HOAs

What if your HOA could save 30 percent on its landscape water costs? It's as simple as contacting Chandler's Water Conservation Office. Studies of Chandler Homeowner Associations show actual savings that exceed this amount in some cases. We understand that the appearance of the landscape is important to a community's aesthetic value and we want to help you protect that investment.

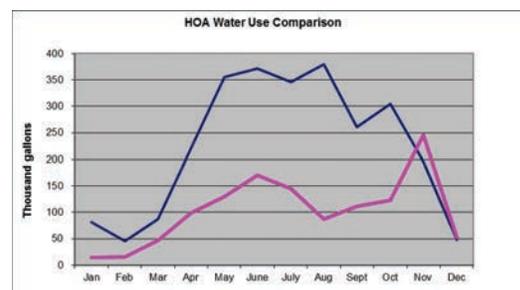
One way we can assist your HOA is through the free Landscape Irrigation Assistance Program. It is designed to help increase the irrigation efficiency of the common area landscapes and will help an HOA determine the amount of water that should be applied to these areas based on the selection of plants and/or turf.

Another tool available is the use of 'smart' irrigation controllers. These products automatically adjust your irrigation schedule based on actual site and

weather conditions. They can prevent irrigation when it rains, apply more water to your landscape during unexpected hot and dry spells and automatically adjust watering to reduce runoff from slopes. You save water, money and have healthier landscapes. Rebates of up to \$250 per controller are available and HOAs are eligible for a maximum of five rebates.

Contact the Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3583 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/water for details.

Cathy Rymer
Water Conservation Coordinator



Chandler Library's Incentive Reading Program



The Chandler Public Library & In-N-Out Burger have partnered on a fun reading incentive program! Children ages 4-12 who read five books at their reading level will earn a "Cover to Cover Club"



Reading Certificate and a coupon for a free burger at In-N-Out Burger.

The program will run March 7 to April 18. For more information, call 480-782-2800.

Code Enforcement on Property Maintenance



As we enter into another spring season, we can expect the return of a common problem,

unwanted weeds. A proactive approach has proven to be the best approach and Chandler residents should be aware of City Code requirements related to property maintenance. Here are a few City Code requirements to keep in mind:

Alley Weed Maintenance is a Resident's Responsibility:

In addition to maintaining properties free of weeds, residents abutting alleys are responsible to maintain alleys adjacent to their properties free from litter, trash and debris and weeds, and maintain grass in alleys below six inches.

Trees and Shrubs must be Cultivated: All vegetation on properties must be cultivated and maintained in such a manner so as not to create blight. Properties must be maintained free of dead vegetation including trees, bushes, stumps etc.

Dirt Yards are not Allowed: City Ordinance has long required property landscaping to be maintained so as not present a visual blight. Chandler residents and owners are required to restore or repair any landscaping visible from public property that is substantially dead, damaged, or characterized by bare dirt areas, uncontrolled growth, or presents a deteriorated appearance. This includes maintaining properties

free from dry vegetation, tumbleweeds, weeds, bushes and tall grass and trees which present a visual blight upon the area.

Get ahead of your maintenance by following a few simple and proactive steps:

Frequently Check your Alleys - Remember to regularly check your alleys and plan to remove all weeds and trim/mow any grass in the alley area abutting your property.

Consider Preventative Maintenance - If you have desert or gravel landscape, there are a number of weed deterrents available from your Chandler area hardware store. Do your research and find out which weed deterrent option best suits your needs. Proper weed prevention can substantially reduce the need for ongoing weed removal.

Become Familiar with Chandler's Code Enforcement Process - The standard code enforcement process provides a reasonable time to comply with ordinance requirements and by City Ordinance establishes what happens in instances of non-compliance. Please familiarize yourself with this process in order to avoid progressive enforcement actions. This process applies in most all code enforcement cases.

For Chandler's Code Enforcement Process, call 480-782-4320 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/code.

*Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood Preservation Manager*

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

16th Annual Chandler Jazz Festival

Friday, March 27 from 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 28 from Noon - 9:30 p.m.

Dr. AJ Chandler Park
3 S. Arizona Avenue

Experience two full days of FREE jazz concerts! There will also be a beer and wine garden, food and merchandise vendors. For information on headlining performers, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/jazz

Our Stories Speaker Series

Saturday, March 28
Sunset Library
4930 W. Ray Rd
10:30 a.m. - Noon

All Around Us: Edible and Medicinal Desert Weeds with botanical expert Jean Groen. For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/museum

Family Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 4
Snedigar Sportsplex
4500 S. Basha Rd
9:00 a.m. - Noon

This fun, family event has free admission with minimal fees for some interactive activities and photos with the Easter Bunny.

There will be information booths, displays and interactive amusements and performances. There will also be egg hunts for kids up to 9 years of age.

For more information, visit

www.chandleraz.gov/easter

For Our City Chandler Let's Pull Together Initiative

The spring rainfalls promise a great display of wild flowers and blooms. Unfortunately, they will also produce crops of weeds. The Let's Pull Together initiative is making a difference in the month of April by beautifying the community during the weed season. There are three ways you can get involved

1. Call the City in the month of March to report properties or rights-of-ways with weeds.
2. If you are a senior or know someone in need of yard weed removal, please call us to arrange volunteer assistance.
3. Organize a weed pulling volunteer



team. Neighbors, churches, Scouts or any organization working together can enhance a neighborhood or help someone in need.

Join the Let's Pull Together initiative and help make Chandler weed free.

For information on Let's Pull Together call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

Special Events!

Aquatics Fee Assistance Program

The City of Chandler's Aquatics Division and the American Red Cross are offering a fee assistance program to assist low-income families in their efforts to learn to swim. The City offers swim lessons January to November. For more information, call 480-782-2749 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics

Aquatics Family Season Pass Sale!

Receive a 15% discount on a Family Season Pass for a family of four when you purchase it March 7 - 21. The pass is only \$95 for admission to all six aquatic centers from March to November. Family Season Passes are available to Chandler residents only. For more information, call the Hamilton Aquatic Center at 480-782-2630 or the Mesquite Grove Aquatic Center at 480-782-2635.

Recreational Swim Team Registration

April 16 - May 31
10 a.m.

This program is designed to teach basic competitive swimming skills, build self-esteem and improve strokes. Priority registration is for Chandler residents. For more information, call 480-782-2756.

The award-winning News for Neighbors Newsletter is Copy Edited by

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Chandler Police - No Opportunity, No Crime



The City of Chandler is enjoying another landmark year in the low number of crimes and the low crime rate as determined by our crime reporting for 2014. This is a good thing, and only makes our community a greater place to live and work. This is clearly a tribute to the members of the community and the men and women that provide services to our customers.

However, we still need to do more. Burglary and theft are still issues we would like to reduce and this can be done with your help. In looking at the latest crime information, particularly residential burglaries, we find that across the City we are still being hit hardest by these types of crimes. Furthermore, when looking at the City as a whole, we found that in the month of January and part of February those who were burglarized showed no forced entry in 60 percent of the cases. This means that the bad guys merely opened the car door or walked into the garage, or worse yet, came through an unlocked door of the house to steal items.

Being a victim of a crime is not fun or fair, and it is our hope that you never experience it. To that end, we need you to do some simple things. If you see something that does not look right it probably isn't

and you need to take note and let us know. If you are out and about in the neighborhood and want to leave your garage open with the new golf clubs right there we ask you not to. When you get out of your car we need you to lock it, even if it's in your driveway, and please do not leave your purse, backpack or credit card receipts in plain sight. Use proper lighting and simple security measures to make it less attractive for the bad guys. Crime prevention really starts at home with you and your neighbors.

We may never stop all crime, but you and your neighbors can stop a great deal of it. Make the business of your neighborhood the business of our partnership. If there was ever a time to stop and ask yourself what item around you would be easy to take... now is the time to do it. While we hope nobody will ever be a victim of crime, we know it may happen. So, the most powerful impact we can have is to make the opportunity disappear.

As always, please visit us at www.chandlerpd.com for more safety information and tips.

*Commander Gregg Jacquin
Chandler Police Department*

Chandler CERT - Upcoming Class



Learn the basics of citizen response to an emergency or disaster; how to provide leadership and assistance until First Responders can arrive, how to secure your home and family.

The Basic Class is a free, 21-hour, hands-on and lecture class taught by certified Chandler

Firefighters. Focus areas include Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue and Disaster Preparedness. For registration, email CERTAdmin@chandleraz.gov.

Chandler CERT FEMA Basic Class

Saturday, May 2 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 9 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 16 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Receive free e-mail updates about current Chandler news and events! Register today at <http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx>



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 Office can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

