

NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS



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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Free Taxpayer Assistance Offered At Chandler's VITA

Beginning today, the City will provide free tax preparation services at two Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in an effort to help low- and moderate-income residents claim up to \$4,800 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC).

A VITA site at the First Credit Union located at 25 S. Arizona Place will offer services from 5-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays.

A second VITA site will be located at the Chandler Community Services of Arizona (CSA) office, 650 N. Arizona Avenue. Free tax assistance will be available from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are required at the CSA site and you can make

your appointment by calling 480-963-4321.

Chandler's VITA sites help further the City's efforts to help low-income taxpayers file the forms necessary to receive EITC credit that goes unclaimed by thousands of people each year. Volunteers with Chandler's VITA program assisted 645 families with their tax returns last year, and helped them claim over \$610,000 in refunds.

Persons seeking assistance should bring the following documents to the VITA tax preparation site: a W-2 from every employer for whom they worked in 2008, Form 1099 (if applicable), Social Security card (including those of dependents), photo identification, a copy of last year's tax return and information for all deductions and credits.

The EITC credit can be used to pay or offset tax owed, or to receive a refund when no tax is owed. To receive this money, individuals must file a federal income tax return, even if their income is below the filing requirement. Families must have earned less than \$41,646 in 2008 to qualify.

For more information about Chandler's VITA program, call (480) 782-4358.



Meet your Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Join the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) as they address neighborhood issues and look at programs and services to assist in the preservation of neighborhoods.

The NAC is a seven-member committee that is appointed by Mayor & City Council. They meet monthly and are available to address and represent neighborhoods and neighborhood related issues within the community.

Meetings are usually held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resources Division Office, Suite 310, 55 N. Arizona Pl.

If you would like more information on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee or you would like to speak to a committee member regarding neighborhood challenges, please call 480-782-4348.

Mark your Calendar:

March 11, 2009

NAC meeting
55 N Arizona Pl, Suite 310
5:30 pm

March 13 & 14, 2009

Build-It-Green Expo and
Conference
Phoenix Convention Center

March 14 & 15, 2009

2009 Ostrich Festival
Tumbleweed Park
2250 South McQueen Road

March 19, 2009

How to Conduct Successful
and Peaceful Meetings
The Leadership Center
6:00 -8:30 pm

March 26, 2009

HOA Insurance
The Leadership Center
6:00 - 8:30 pm

May 16, 2009

2009 Neighborhoods Ari-
zona! (NAZ) Conference
SunBird Golf Resort
Clubhouse
6250 Sunbird Boulevard
Chandler, AZ 85249
8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



Spotlight On The Leadership Centre



2009 Neighborhoods Arizona! (NAZ) Conference

Saturday May 16th
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
SunBird Golf Resort Clubhouse
(6250 Sunbird Boulevard)

This years topic will be
Swimming Upstream: Navigating the Current Economic
Condition

The \$25.00 Registration fee is waived for residents living in
Registered Neighborhoods.

Breakfast & lunch will be provided.

For more information on this event, call
Neighborhood Programs at 480-782-4348.

Upcoming Classes

How to Conduct Successful & Peaceful Meetings

Using Robert's Rules of Order, how to address security issues,
creating an agenda that works, ground rules, ice breakers, keeping
minutes, and conducting board and annual meetings.

March 19, 2009

HOA Insurance

Types of insurance necessary for the protection of HOAs.

March 26, 2009.

All classes take place at the
Chandler-Gilbert Community College from 6:00-8:30 pm.

For more information or to register, contact the Leadership Centre
at <http://www.theleadershipcentre.org> or 480-782-7174

Class registration is \$25 and includes a light dinner.



Free Landscaping & Irrigation Classes

Pruning & 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 offered on March 10
from 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Southwest 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
March 17, 24 and 31
from 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Irrigation 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. Don't
let your irrigation controller control you!

The series will be offered
April 7, 14 and 21
from 6-8:45 p.m.

Convert Your Grass Into Cash

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
cash rebate.

Class offered on April 28
from 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Instructor: Cathy Rymer

All classes held at the Senior Center
202 E. Boston Street

The classes are free, but participants must
register. To register, or for information, call
Water Conservation at 480-782-3580.

Build-It-Green Expo & Conference

The City of Chandler is a sponsor of the

Build-It-Green Expo & Conference

Date:

March 13-14

Location:

Phoenix Convention Center

The event will be the largest annual green
conference in the Valley with over 500
anticipated exhibitors and 20,000 attendees.

The Expo will showcase sustainable
products and services impacting every area
of life. The conference will showcase
keynote speakers and educational seminars
to help increase "green" awareness.

For more information, visit [www.
builditgreenexpo.com](http://www.builditgreenexpo.com) or call 602-277-
6045.



Citrus Tree Alert!

Attention HOA's & Registered Neighborhoods!

Residents that have citrus trees/shrubs are being asked to check their trees and report any findings of suspected Asian Citrus Psyllid by contacting Kristen Wagner with Maricopa County Extension Service at 602-470-8086.

In addition, the USDA APHIS PPQ is available to do presentations regarding this very serious pest and Citrus Greening disease.

To learn more or to schedule a presentation for future neighborhood or association meetings, please contact: Tess A. Williams, USDA Trade Specialist, at 602-431-8930x211 or visit www.saveourcitrus.org



The Tumbleweed Recreation Center

Try Out Tumbleweed Recreation Center Before Spring Break!

Now that the New Year is well underway and the resolutions start slipping away, you may be thinking how you can get ready for spring! If you are seeking a new fitness center with everything you need, you can find it at the City of Chandler's Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC). At the TRC, you can sign up for a daily, monthly or annual fitness pass and explore a wide variety of group exercise classes, activities and programs for all ages.

Bring in this HOA newsletter for a free one-week trial (offer expires March 13, 2009)

The TRC, which opened in February 2008, is a 62,000-square foot, multi-use facility that features a fitness center, indoor track, group exercise studio, gymnasium, game room, art and ceramics studios, racquetball

courts, teaching kitchen, room rentals, birthday party packages and more.

The TRC offers programs and classes for preschoolers, youths, teens, adults and senior adults. There also is an on-site child watch program for pass holders. The centerpiece of the TRC is the 6,000-square foot fitness area that offers more than 40 pieces of Life Fitness cardiovascular equipment, such as Life Fitness treadmills, bikes and cross trainers and more than 44 strength pieces by Hammer Strength. There is DirecTV hooked up to many of the cardio machines and a variety of local and national magazines available to read while you work out. So there is no excuse to not come in and start a new exercise routine before Spring Break!

For more information about the TRC, call 480-782-2900 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed

Meet Your New Police District Lieutenants!

The City of Chandler Police Department wants to give Chandler residents the opportunity to meet their new District Lieutenants, since their 2009 shift changes. Beyond criminal matters, District lieutenants are there to assist and work cooperatively with citizens on quality of life issues.

If you would like a District lieutenant to attend one of your neighborhood meetings, you can contact them at the following numbers:

District 1-Lt. Hunt-480-782-4843

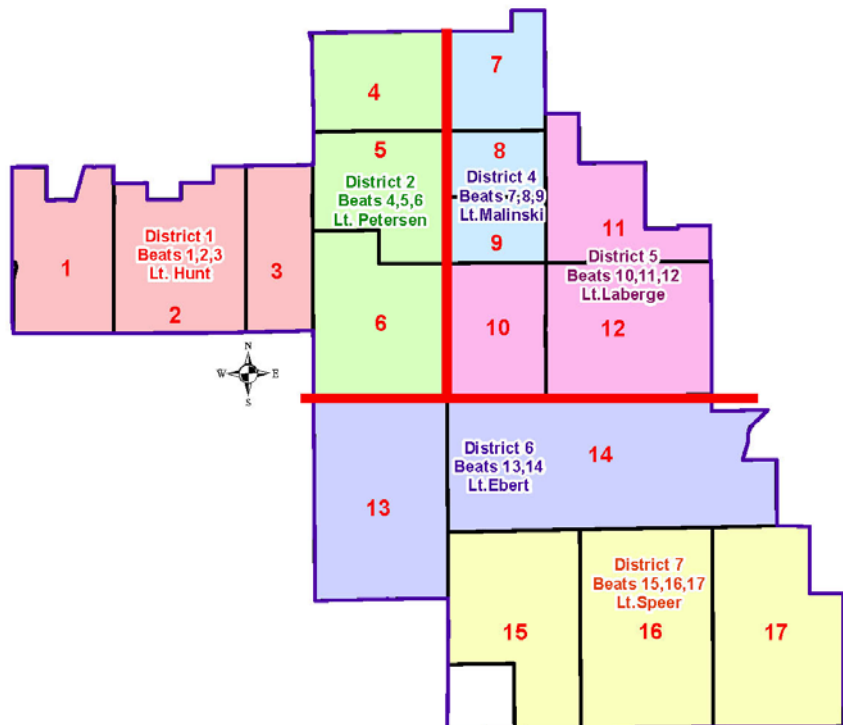
District 2 -Lt. Petersen-480-782-4842

District 4 - Lt. Malinski-480-782-4246

District 5 - Lt. LaBerge-480-782-4244

District 6 - Lt. Ebert- 480-782-4914

District 7 - Lt. Speer - 480-782-4913



See What's New in Code!

The Code Enforcement Unit has been undergoing a great deal of change. In January of 2008, the Code Enforcement Unit moved from the Chandler Police Department to the newly formed Neighborhood Resources Division under the direction of Judith Register. In July of 2008, the Code Enforcement Unit selected a new manager, Rick Brzuchalski.

Last year, the City was divided into eight beats with one officer assigned to each beat to address citizen calls for service and various code issues. In the fall of 2008, a position classification study was conducted and as a result, job descriptions were updated and field personnel was reclassified to Code Inspectors and Senior Code Inspectors. This change in the Code Enforcement Unit has allowed for better deployment of code officers to better serve the needs of the community.

On January 5, 2009, the City was divided into three districts. This allowed for better distribution of daily workload, provided for limited field oversight, and developed Inspectors with higher level of expertise. Each district is staffed with a Senior Code Inspector and one or more Code Inspectors. The Senior Code Inspectors are responsible for overseeing the daily response to calls in their district and formulating initiatives to upgrade the appearance of their districts. The Senior Code Inspectors will also be responsible for dealing with more complex issues such as zoning violations.

The responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Unit continue to grow. Recently, the enforcement of various dust code issues has been assigned to the unit. We also handle temporary sign issues, certain special events requiring permits, zoning issues, and of course neighborhood maintenance issues.

If you ever have a question, concern or a complaint, please call Neighborhood Resources Code Enforcement at 480-782-4320.

District I

Northwest Chandler

North of Pecos Rd & west of Alma School Rd

Senior Code Inspector:

Sandy Whitten

Contact: 480-216-7096

District II

Northeast Chandler

North of Pecos Rd & east of Alma School Rd

Senior Code Inspector:

Larry Hammack

Contact: 480-220-1174

District III

South Chandler

South of Pecos Road

Senior Code Inspector:

Don Slomcinsky

Contact: 480-216-0891

2009 CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICTS

