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CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders...

Census 2010 forms will be mailed to your home beginning in March. It's critical that you fill out the form. Each Chandler resident brings about \$400 a year, for the next 10 years in funding based on the Census. Go to www.chandleraz.gov/census for more information.

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Chandler residents age 65 or older and persons with ADA certified disabilities may be eligible to purchase a "Coupons for Cabs" booklet worth \$10 for only \$2.50. Call 480-962-7433.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Jan. 1, 2010, is 253,352.



Tumbleweed Park site of annual Ostrich Festival

The Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 12-14. The popular festival, known throughout the Southwest, is a community family event featuring live ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities. National, regional and local entertainment will be showcased on several stages, as well as a carnival, kids activities, arts and crafts and much more.

The Ostrich Festival 5K Run takes place Saturday, March 6, at 8 a.m. It will begin at Boston St. and Arizona Avenue and will travel north on Arizona Avenue to Ray Road and then back south to Boston St.

After the 5K Run, join the Ostrich Festival Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6. It will begin at Ray Road and Arizona Avenue and will travel south on Arizona Avenue to Frye Road.

For complete information, including admission prices and parking, contact the Chandler Chamber of Commerce at 480-963-4571 or go to www.ostrichfestival.com.

Tumbleweed Park is located at 2250 S. McQueen Road, near Germann and McQueen roads.

Free taxpayer assistance offered at VITA sites

The City is providing free tax preparation services at two Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in an effort to help low- and moderate-income residents claim their refunds and up to \$5,657 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC).

The VITA sites help taxpayers file the forms necessary to receive the EITC credit that goes unclaimed by thousands of people each year. Last year volunteers donated over 1,500 hours, assisting almost 700 families, and helping residents claim more than \$1 million in refunds.

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

Two VITA sites are available:

First Credit Union,
25 S. Arizona Place
Open for walk-ins Monday and Wednesday 5-8 p.m., and Friday by appointment. Call 480-782-3875.

Community Services of Arizona,
650 N. Arizona Ave.
Open for walk-ins Tuesday and Thursday, 5-8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments will also be available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 480-963-4321.

Chandler sponsors Green Expo

The City of Chandler is proud to sponsor the 2nd annual Build-It-Green Expo and Conference to be held March 18-20 at the Phoenix Convention Center. The event is the largest annual green conference in the Valley with over 500 anticipated exhibitors and 10,000 attendees. (Clip the coupon to receive free admission.) The Expo will showcase sustainable products and services impacting every area of life, as well as keynote speakers and educational seminars to help increase "green" awareness. For more information, visit www.builditgreenexpo.com or call 602-277-6045.

Don't miss it! this is the BIG one!

BIG southwest **BUILD-IT-GREEN EXPO & CONFERENCE**
March 18, 19 & 20th, 2010
Thursday 1pm -4pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm
Phoenix Convention Center

For more information: 602-277-6045
www.builditgreenexpo.com

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PRESENT THIS TICKET FOR **ONE FREE ADMISSION**
(Good for expo only, \$5 value)

Trash and recycling collection

Trash and recycling are collected on all holidays except the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. If these holidays occur on a weekday, collection will roll over to the following day. If the holiday is on a weekend, there will be no change to the collection schedule.

To ensure proper collection of your trash and recycling containers, make sure curbside containers are placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Be sure there are no objects protruding from the can and that the lid is closed. This ensures that materials are not spilled on the street or sidewalk during collection. Keeping the lid closed along with bagging and tying trash assist with reducing odor and attracting flies and other pests.

Do not bag recyclables, instead place loosely in your blue recycling container. This assists the recycling center with sorting items and keeps plastic bags out of the mix, which are not accepted in Chandler's recycling program. Recycle extra plastic bags at your local grocer or reuse them for another purpose.

For more information, call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510.

Calendar highlights

March

- 5 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Historic Downtown Chandler
- 6 Ronnie Milsap, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680
- 6 Ostrich Festival 5K Fun Run, Historic Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571
- 6 Ostrich Festival Parade, Historic Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571
- 10 Senior Expo, Community Center, 480-782-2720
- 10-14 Now That She's Gone, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

Checklist for proper trash and recycling collection:

- ✓ Place container in the street by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- ✓ Remove your container from the curb by 6 p.m. on the day of collection
- ✓ Container lid should close completely. Do not leave trash or recycling material outside of container.
- ✓ DO NOT block the sidewalk for pedestrian use.
- ✓ DO NOT place your container near parked vehicles.
- ✓ DO NOT place your container near permanent structures, such as mailboxes or street light poles.
- ✓ Bag and tie trash and place in your black trash container.
- ✓ DO NOT bag recyclables, place loosely in your blue recycling container.



- 11, 25 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 12-14 Ostrich Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 480-963-4571
- 13, 27 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-917-6859
- 17-18 Senior Variety Show, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2720
- 23-28 Tony and Tina's Wedding, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 26-27 Jazz Festival, Historic Downtown Chandler, 480-782-2665
- 27 César Chávez Teacher Recognition Dinner and Dance, San Marcos Hotel, 480-206-2292

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

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Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. E-mail your comments to: **service@chandleraz.gov**.



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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 480-782-2231.



Chandler City Council -- Front row from left: Trinity Donovan, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Bob Caccamo, Jeff Weninger, Jack Sellers, Matt Orlando.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

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