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# CityScope

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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

## Reminders...

The **Mayor's State of the City Address** will take place on Wed., Feb. 3, at the Chandler Center for the Arts. Visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) for more information.

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The Chandler Museum offers free, hour-long guided walking tours of the historic downtown area on the first Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Participants will also be able to enjoy the Downtown Chandler Art Walks, held the same nights from 5-9 p.m. Call 480-782-2717 for more information.

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Sign up for a FREE landscape workshop. From water-wise edible gardening, to basic backyard makeovers, these classes provide useful tips to create a successful landscape appropriate for our desert terrain. All workshops are free to Chandler utility customers. Call 480-782-3580 to register. Go to [www.chandleraz.gov/water](http://www.chandleraz.gov/water) for more information.

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Valley Metro has announced changes to several bus routes, including some in Chandler, effective Jan. 25, 2010. Go to [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org) for more information.

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City offices will be closed Monday, February 15, for **Presidents' Day**. Trash and recycling collection won't be affected by this holiday.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Dec. 1, 2009, is 252,856.

## Public input sought on City service priorities

Like most municipalities, Chandler is facing major budget problems due to the continuing global economic crisis. The City's 2010-11 Fiscal Year budget is expected to have a shortfall of \$17.5 million, due in part to declining sales tax revenues, reductions in State funding and other factors. Chandler staff is working on identifying services and service levels for all departments, and residents will be asked to identify their highest priorities.

In February, Chandler will hold three Community Budget Workshops to share information and gain input from residents

and other stakeholders. The workshops will be held:

**Monday, February 1, at 6 p.m.**  
Sunset Library, 4930 W. Ray Rd.

**Thursday, February 4, at 6 p.m.**  
Downtown Library, 22 S. Delaware St.

**Wednesday, February 17, at 6 p.m.**  
Basha Library, 5990 S. Val Vista Dr.

Questions regarding these workshops may be directed to Budget staff at 480-782-2254. In addition, residents are encouraged to provide feedback through the City's Web site at [www.chandleraz.gov/budget](http://www.chandleraz.gov/budget).

## Census forms to be mailed in early 2010 It's Quick, It's Confidential, It's Important

It's Quick. It's Confidential. It's Important. Census 2010 forms will be mailed to your home beginning in March, and it's critical that Chandler residents fill out the form. Each Chandler resident brings about \$400 a year, for the next 10 years in funding based on this Census. Visit [www.chandleraz.gov/census](http://www.chandleraz.gov/census) for more information.



**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**  
[census.gov/2010census](http://census.gov/2010census)



[www.chandleraz.gov/shop](http://www.chandleraz.gov/shop)

Don't know where to go for dinner? Check out the 'Local Bites' guide to make sure you Shop Chandler. Visit [www.chandlerlocalbites.com](http://www.chandlerlocalbites.com) for your free guide to some of the unique restaurants that make Chandler special!

To sign up for discounts and specials from Chandler businesses, or to find something special right here in our City, visit [www.chandleraz.gov/shop](http://www.chandleraz.gov/shop).

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## Dispose of chemicals safely

Throwing household chemicals in your trash container, pouring them down sink drains, dumping chemical waste at the curb and gutter, in storm drains or in alleyways is dangerous and irresponsible. To better serve Chandler residents, the City offers household hazardous waste collection at the City's new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. This provides residents the opportunity to safely dispose of and recycle common household hazardous products. Some common items include:

- ⇒ paint and paint-related materials;
- ⇒ automotive products such as antifreeze, batteries, and motor oil;
- ⇒ pesticides, poisons, and pool chemicals; and cleaning products (aerosol sprays, drain and toilet bowl cleaners, etc.).

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

## "Your Green Life Now!"

While many New Year's resolutions involve diet and exercise, Chandler is offering residents another way to reduce the size of their "waste" in the coming year.

A series of workshops entitled "Your Green Life Now!" will give residents information about solar energy, recycling, gardening, water conservation and a variety of home improvements that will reduce water and energy use.

The free classes will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 745 E. Germann Road, in the Cotton Room North. All workshops will be held on the third Thursday of the month beginning January 21 and ending June 17, except for the March workshop which will occur on March 11. Residents can attend one or all of the workshops and reservations are requested, as class sizes are limited. Call 480-782-2890 or email [eec@chandleraz.gov](mailto:eec@chandleraz.gov) to reserve a seat.

As a complement to the monthly series, Chandler will host a Your Green Life Now! Outdoor Expo from 9 a.m. – noon on Sat., April 24, at the City's Environmental Education Center, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road. The Expo will include exhibitors, vendors, guest speakers, food, prizes and a variety of free activities and learning opportunities on topics related to sustainable living.

## Calendar highlights

### February

- 1 Blood Drive, Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 480-782-2900
- 6 Red Grammer, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 6 Sixth Annual Teen Talent Competition, Mesquite High School, 480-782-2711
- 6 Unity Walk, Tempe Town Lake, 480-782-2214
- 11, 25 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 12 Daddy & Daughter Valentine's Day Dance, Community Center, 480-782-2641
- 13 Charo, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680
- 13, 20, 27 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-917-6859
- 14 Rhythms of Life - "Love Letters," Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

- 15 Presidents' Day Holiday, City offices closed
- 17 Bubble Blast, Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 480-782-2900
- 19 Destino, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 20 Todd Oliver & Friends: Dogs Gone Wild Tour, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680
- 21 Senior Olympics Swim Competition, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Facility, 480-782-2722
- 27 Senior Olympics Fun Walk, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2722
- 27 In the Mood, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680
- 27 Classic Car & Hot Rod Show, Historic Downtown Chandler, 480-389-7709
- 28 Richard Steele - Magician, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

Call the Special Events hotline at **480-782-2735** or go to [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) for event information.

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**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.