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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Did You Know:

The City's curfew
ordinance requires that
minors under 16 years of
age be home from 10 p.m.
to 5 a.m., and teens 16-17
from midnight to 5 a.m.

There are certain
exceptions that can be
reviewed in the ordinance
available on the Web at
www.chandleraz.gov, or
www.chandlerpd.com, in
the City Clerk's office or at
the Chandler libraries.

The estimated population
for the City of Chandler
as of April 1, 2009,
is 251,894.

Visit your library to get a Culture Pass

Art that inspires and engages, hands-on science that excites and educates, history that brings the Valley alive, plants and animals from here and around the world -- all of this and more are waiting for you at your Chandler Library.

Library cardholders can now check out a Culture Pass for FREE admission for up to four people at participating arts and cultural institutions including:

- Arizona Museum for Youth**
- Arizona Museum of Natural History**
- Arizona Science Center**
- The Bead Museum**
- Desert Botanical Garden**
- Cave Creek Museum**
- Children's Museum of Phoenix**
- Heard Museum -- North/Phoenix/West**
- Mesa Arts Center**
- Phoenix Art Museum**
- Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art**
- Taliesin West**
- Phoenix Zoo**

How It Works:

Check out a Culture Pass using your valid library card at any Chandler Library. Each library will have a limited number of passes for each organization. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved, renewed or requested through inter-library loan.

Choose the location you would like to visit and bring the card for that site to the circulation desk. The library will give you a date-due slip that admits you into the museum through the date printed on the slip. After this date, the pass expires. You do not need to return it to your library.

One Culture Pass may be checked out per person, per loan period. The loan period is seven days. Check locations for current house and exhibition information.

Passes may be limited to general admission only. Special exhibitions may not be covered and other restrictions may apply.

Shop Chandler!

Just one more great reason to Shop Chandler! Spend \$200 or more in same-day receipts at Chandler Fashion Center, May 29 through June 12, and receive two passes to see the new Lego exhibit at The Arizona Science Center. Limit one offer per person, each day.

Shoppers only need to bring their receipts to the guest services counter on the upper level near Barnes & Noble to receive the special gift.

Chandler Fashion Center is a member of the Shop Chandler Task Force, dedicated to reminding residents that sales tax dollars are a major revenue source for the City, so every dollar you spend in Chandler is an investment in services you receive here. Those services include police and fire, street paving and new roads, and community assets like pools, parks, libraries and children's activities.

To learn more about the Shop Chandler program, visit www.chandleraz.gov/shop.

Connect with us on Twitter



Reading the City Scope newsletter is just one way to get information about your community. You can also stay connected with the popular social media tool Twitter by becoming a follower at <http://twitter.com/>. After you sign up, go to the "Find People" link and in the box that asks, "Who you are looking for?," type in cityofchandler. When you find us, select the box to "follow" and let the "tweeting" begin. Check back from time to time to see our updates, and since Twitter is a "social" way to communicate, it goes both ways. We aren't only dispersing information; we want to hear back from you. Feel free to give us your feedback and ask us about the things you want to learn about. If you have any questions, call 480-782-2226.

Calendar of events

May

14, 28 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

25 Memorial Day, City offices closed

June

3 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Historic Downtown

11, 25 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

20 DCCP Summer Splash, Historic Downtown

July

3 Fourth of July holiday, City offices closed

4 Fourth of July, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2735

11, 25 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

480-782-2735 --- www.chandleraz.gov

Summer activities for everyone

The summer edition of *Break Time* is now available at many City facilities and Chandler Fry's Stores. You can also check it out at www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime. Residents can subscribe to the *Break Time* magazine by adding activity code 9000.007 to your online registration.

Break Time has all the details on great summer camps, classes and activities for preschool, youths and teens. Camp registration forms are available at Chandler's community and recreation centers, and at www.chandleraz.gov/registration.

This is the first full summer for the new Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, located next to Basha High School at 5901 S. Hillcrest Dr. It is the City's sixth aquatic center, and is open year-round. Check out the new Chandler Aquatics Web site at www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics for information on pool hours, lessons and other programs, or call the Aquatics Hotline at 480-782-2733.

Time to reset your irrigation clocks

In Arizona, we don't have to change our clocks for daylight savings time, but we do need to change our irrigation clocks to prepare for the summer months. As temperatures start to rise properly setting your irrigation timer can help ensure your plants get just the right amount of water – and that you're not wasting water and money. You can reduce your water usage by as much as 50 percent and keep your plants healthier throughout the hot summer months.

Here are a few tips for properly irrigating your landscape to conserve water:



Purchase a timer with a scheduled length of 14 days or greater, since desert-adapted plants require longer periods between watering.



Adjust sprinkler heads so that only the lawn is being watered, not the house or sidewalk.



Don't run sprinklers on windy days – most of the water will be lost to evaporation.



Water plants more deeply but less frequently to create healthier landscapes.



Water or irrigate grass in the early morning between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. to minimize water loss from evaporation.



Turn off your irrigation timers during or after rainfall to eliminate unnecessary watering.

If you have questions, contact Chandler's Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3580, or visit our Web site at chandleraz.gov/water.

New ordinance reduces unhealthy dust

Last June, the City Council unanimously approved a number of measures that should help curb the amount of PM-10 dust in our community. One measure deals with the use of leaf blowers.

PM-10 dust is less than 10 microns in diameter and cannot be filtered by the human body's nose or throat. Leaf blowers are known to blow these particles into the air where they end up in our lungs. This dust is particularly dangerous for children and the elderly.

The City is enforcing a new ordinance against the use of leaf blowers on surfaces that have not been stabilized. This means using a leaf blower to corral leaves or debris resting atop barren soil is against the law. Using a leaf blower over driveways, lawns, landscape rock, or other stabilized surface, is permissible.

The new law also prohibits landscape debris or other material from being blown onto public right-of-way such as sidewalks, streets or alleys, even if the debris is later swept up. Sweeping does not capture the PM-10 particulates that remain and are later stirred into the air by passing vehicles.

Please do your part for a healthier Chandler by observing this new ordinance. With your help, the City of Chandler can do its part to clean up our air. For more information, visit www.cleanairmakemore.com, or contact the City's Code Enforcement Division at 480-782-4320.

History in your own backyard

Did you know that you can learn about Chandler history at your local park?

The City of Chandler's Public History Program has created seven "history kiosks," located in select parks around the City. The latest kiosk was dedicated April 4 at Arbuckle Park. It tells the history of farming families in the area, as well as the story of one of Chandler's oldest African American families - the Arbuckles. An eighth kiosk will be unveiled in the summer of 2009, which will explore the history of the neighborhoods just west and north of Chandler High School.

More information about the City's award-winning kiosk project, known as the "History in Your Own Backyard" Program, can be found at www.chandleraz.gov/history, or call 480-782-2751.

County program provides seniors protection

Now through September 1, 2009, Maricopa County will be accepting applications for the Senior Property Valuation Protection program. The program allows for the "freezing" of the full cash valuation of homes by seniors who meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. At least one of the owners must be 65 years of age at the time the application is filed.
2. The property must be the primary residence of the taxpayer for a minimum of two years. Rental property does not qualify. Primary residence is defined as a residence occupied by the taxpayer (applicant) for an aggregate of nine months of the calendar year. A taxpayer can have only one primary residence.
3. The household total income from all sources, including nontaxable income, cannot exceed \$32,352 for single owner or \$40,440 for joint ownership

For more information or to acquire an application you may call Maricopa County Assessor at 602-506-3406 or visit http://www.maricopa.gov/assessor/pdf/property_protection.pdf.

Bandit signs not allowed in City

Small temporary signs, sometimes referred to as "bandit signs," are frequently found alongside roads, in center medians, on utility poles, etc. These signs are illegal when placed in the public rights-of-way. Bandit-type signs cause distractions to drivers and pedestrians; they become litter as they age; and they detract from the desired appearance of the City of Chandler. The City of Chandler Code Enforcement Unit is beginning to seize and recycle these signs. Before removal, many of these signs will be tagged with a bright orange notice for three or more days stating "SIGN VIOLATION NOTICE FOR REMOVAL" in hopes of educating those who place these signs, as well as others who may be thinking of posting such signs, that bandit-type signs are illegal in our City when placed in the right-of-way.

Responsible pet ownership

Pets can be a rewarding addition to any family, but they come with responsibilities. Courtesy and respect are part of being a good neighbor and are also a necessity when it comes to pet ownership.

Abiding by leash laws and cleaning up animal waste are important, as well as making sure that pets don't disturb the peace by barking or howling at inappropriate times.

The following is some basic information that every resident should know about pet ownership in the City of Chandler:

- Enforcement of most laws and ordinances involving cats and dogs is the responsibility of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.
- Dogs four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed annually.

- Dogs may not be loose unless they are being used for livestock control or hunting.
- Dogs outside of the residence must be in a suitable enclosure or confined on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
- It is unlawful for dog owners to harbor a dog that barks or howls on a consistent basis and disturbs the peace of neighbors.
- Cats are considered "free roaming" animals by law, which makes responsible pet ownership even more important.

An informational brochure about pet ownership responsibilities, including a listing of cat deterrents, is available on www.chandleraz.gov or by calling 480-782-2220.

Important Phone Numbers

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control

(Dogs-at-large, licensing & bites, and vicious dogs)

602-506-PETS (7387)

www.pets.maricopa.gov

City Animal Control

(Barking dogs, vicious dogs, and dead animals)

480-782-4130

Arizona Humane Society

(Injured or sick animals)

602-997-7585

www.azhumane.org

Animal Rescue Groups

Pets911.com

1-888-PETS-911

Animal Cruelty

Cruelty to animals is a serious offense, and violators will be prosecuted.

Arizona Humane Society

602-997-7585

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

602-876-1681

Arizona Animal Welfare League

602-273-6852

Yard clean-up = extra trash

Yard clean-up can be challenging following the winter months, especially when the job requires clipping and cutting extra yard waste. Every now and then, the black trash or alley container just does not seem large enough for the job. Don't be tempted to put the extra garbage in your recycling bin. The City Code prohibits anything except acceptable recyclables being deposited into it.

The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center offers residents a convenient location to bring their extra trash at 955 E. Queen Creek Road (southwest corner of Queen Creek and McQueen roads). A current City of Chandler utility bill, showing city-provided refuse service, along with picture I.D. is required when using this facility for solid waste disposal. The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center is open Thursday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as well as New Year's Day, MLK/Civil Rights Day, Presidents Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Free curbside bulk collection is also available. Call Solid Waste Services at **480-782-3510** to schedule a pickup. For more information, visit www.chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-3510.

36 volunteers needed for CERT

The Chandler Fire Department needs 36 volunteers to fill a variety of positions within its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program's mission is to ensure that disaster preparedness education and information is made available to Chandler residents through training and community outreach programs. Our purpose is to increase preparedness of residents by teaching them how to deal with natural or man-made disasters for up to 72 hours or until help arrives. Additionally, volunteers may support the Chandler Fire Department in the event of a large-scale disaster or significant emergency. CERT members with the appropriate advanced level training may be deployed to help their neighbors and community.

The first step to become a CERT volunteer is to complete a free 21-hour Basic CERT course. Students are taught, through classroom and hands-on training, how to identify potential hazards, turn off utilities, put out small fires, perform basic first aid skills, and much more.

The second step is to successfully complete advanced training, orientation and screening requirements.

To register for the next CERT Course or for more volunteer information, call the CERT Volunteer Line at: 480-782-2116 or visit www.chandlercert.org.

Policy of Non-Discrimination

The City of Chandler does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. Leah Powell, 55 N. Arizona Place, Suite 301, Chandler, AZ 85225, 480-782-2217, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in the Department of Justice regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including section 35.107. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the ADA coordinator, Leah Powell.



Chandler City Council -- Front row from left: Trinity Donovan, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Vice Mayor Bob Caccamo, Jeff Weninger, Jack Sellers, Matt Orlando. The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

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

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Comments (please print):

Optional (please print):

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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