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CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders

City offices will be closed on the following holidays.

Changes to trash and recycling collection are as follows:

Veterans' Day Holiday

Wed., November 11
Normal collection will occur.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 27-28
If your regular collection day is Thursday, place your container at the curb Friday by 6 a.m. Customers whose regular collection day is Friday, place your container at the curb on Saturday by 6 a.m. Leave the container at the curb until it is collected.

Christmas Holiday

Fri., December 25
No collection on the holiday. If your regular collection day is Friday, place your container at the curb Saturday by 6 a.m.

New Year Holiday

Fri., January 1, 2010
No collection on the holiday. If your regular collection day is Friday, place your container at the curb Saturday by 6 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day Holiday

Mon., January 18, 2010
Normal collection will occur.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of October 1, 2009, is 252,508.

Annual Tree Lighting kicks of holiday season

Music of the season. A festive and glittery parade. A visit by a jolly old elf from the north. And a holiday tradition with a distinctive, Southwestern flavor. These are just some of the sights and sounds you will experience when you come downtown to Dr. A.J. Chandler Park on Saturday, December 5, for Chandler's annual Parade of Lights and Tumbleweed Tree Lighting.

The activities start at 4:30 p.m. with musical performances, craft and food vendors, and other family entertainment. You can also have your photo taken with Santa. At 7 p.m., the Parade of Lights moves north down Arizona Avenue from Chicago Street to Buffalo Street. Every vehicle and group in the parade is creatively decorated and lit up with holiday lights. Immediately after the parade will be the annual lighting of Chandler's Tumbleweed Tree, the only one of its kind in the southwest. Bring your family and friends downtown for this special evening of holiday cheer.



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Remember to take advantage of the many unique retailers, restaurants, boutiques and other merchants right here in our own community. Chandler has a very diverse business community that makes it easy to shop locally. As the weather cools and thoughts turn to holiday shopping, it's important to maintain loyalty toward our local business community. It's a great show of support for the businesses that support us - and it benefits the entire city as your sales tax dollars fund the many services we have all come to enjoy. For special offers and more information visit www.chandleraz.gov/shop.

Spreading the word about tap water quality

Tap water. You turn on the faucet, it's always there. It may be taken for granted, but tap water quality, convenience and value is not taken lightly by the people who ensure it is safe and available when you want it.

The safety, convenience and affordability of tap water is the message being communicated by "Tap Into Quality," a public education campaign designed to keep citizens informed about the quality of their tap water.

Chandler, along with other Valley cities, Central Arizona Project and Salt River Project have teamed with the AZ Water Association to educate citizens about their tap water.

Up to 100 tests a day are performed on the drinking water you receive at your home or business. These tests are repeated daily to make sure your water meets every health and safety standard set by the state and federal government.

And in terms of value, you can fill more

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Recycling makes a difference

Did you know, recycling one ton of paper saves about 17 trees, and enough energy is saved to power an average home for six months? It can also save 7,000 gallons of water, and keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air. The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 41 percent of solid waste in landfills is paper.

Chandler residents can do their part to conserve and preserve by participating in the City's Recycling program. The following items can be recycled in the blue trash receptacles:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel tin cans (vegetable, fruit, soup-type cans)
- Newspaper, printing paper, colored paper, paper sacks (NO shredded paper, tissue paper or gift wrap)
- Magazines, newsletters (window envelopes and staples are allowed)
- Telephone books (remove plastic bag and magnets)
- Cardboard boxes (broken down and flat)
- Chip-cardboard boxes (includes cereal, prepared foods and detergent-type boxes)
- Plastic bottles & containers (food, beverage, condiment, shampoo and detergent-type showing #1 through #6 on the bottom or side of the bottle or container)
- Glass food and beverage jars and bottles (clear, green and brown)
- EMPTY aerosol spray cans (shaving cream, deodorant, cooking and furniture spray-type cans)

Flood zones in Chandler

Several small areas in Chandler are located in what is commonly referred to as the 100-year floodplain. These areas are generally adjacent to canal banks and railroad track embankments where water ponds can develop during periods of heavy rainfall.

Flood insurance is available to almost everyone from the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood losses. Contact your insurance agent concerning such coverage.

Construction within flood zones is tightly regulated by the Maricopa County Flood Control District. Permits are required for any building or site alterations to ensure maximum protection against flooding is maintained.

To determine whether your property is located in a floodplain, go to the Maricopa County Flood Control District Web site at www.fcd.maricopa.gov. The site provides a floodplain map and additional resources. For more information on flood hazards and protection, call the City at 480-782-3340 or stop by the Public Works Building located at 215 E. Buffalo Street.

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than five one-gallon jugs with water from your tap for just one penny.

People may have other preferences regarding drinking water. That's all right. We just want to make sure they are making an informed decision.

Federal law requires that once each year, suppliers of tap water send you a report about the quality of your tap water. This report, called a "Consumer Confidence Report," includes valuable information about your drinking water, its source and quality. If you would like a copy of this report, or have specific questions about your water or water quality, call 480-782-3660.

For general information about water quality, visit: www.tapintoquality.com.

Calendar highlights

December

2 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Historic Downtown, 480-855-3539

5 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade, Downtown Chandler, 480-782-2735

5, 12 Vision Kidz workshop, Vision Gallery, 917-6859

5, 10, 12, 19 Santa's House

7, 10 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

25 Christmas holiday, City offices closed

26 – Jan. 3 Zoppe Italian Family Circus, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

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

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