

City Leaders, Advisors and Administration

Chandler City Council



Top row from left: Bob Caccamo, Jeff Weninger, Jack Sellers and Matt Orlando; Bottom row from left: Trinity Donovan, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn and Rick Heumann. **Contact the Mayor and Council at 480-782-2200 or by e-mail at Mayor&Council@chandleraz.gov.**

A Message from Mayor Boyd W. Dunn

Hello,

As we head toward cooler winter months and the holidays, it's time to take stock of all that the City offers residents in terms of recreational amenities. I am very proud of the parks and recreation programs we have developed in the past few years. Places like the Tumbleweed Recreation Center and the Environmental Education Center are wonderful places for residents to gather and exercise their bodies and minds. In fact, the City was the recipient of several awards for programs and facilities earlier this year by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association. The statewide organization for recreation professionals presented our Community Services Department with three awards:

- Outstanding Active Adult 50+ Program award for the Patriotic Project for Soldiers
- Outstanding Facility award for the Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center
- Outstanding Community Special Event award for Woofstock – The Great Chandler Dog Walk

Kudos to the patrons of the Chandler Senior Center for organizing the Patriotic Project for Soldiers last fall. This group collected much needed food and personal items from the public and local businesses to send to American men and women serving in the military overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was a great gesture and shows just how much our community supports its service men and women.

More than 170,000 people enjoyed some pool time at the Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center in its first full year of operation. If you didn't make it there this past summer, make plans to visit in 2010.

The inaugural Woofstock event was held last November and drew several thousand dog lovers and their pets to Tumbleweed Park. The 2009 event returns to that park on Saturday, November 21.

These are just a sampling of the many recreational amenities available to you here in the community. You can find our more about Woofstock, our pools, senior activities and so much more right here in the pages of Break Time. Thanks for reading and enjoy the winter weather.

Sincerely,

Boyd W. Dunn
Mayor

Chandler Parks & Recreation Board

The seven-member Parks & Recreation Board assists and advises the City Council, City Manager and Community Services Department staff in the development and continuing review of goals and objectives for Chandler's park system and recreation programs.

They also assist and advise in providing essential policies, rules and regulations relating to the use of recreation facilities and programs; planning and development of park lands and recreational areas; and in establishing priorities relating to park development and recreation programs.

Board meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 22 S. Delaware St.

Board Members

- ❖ **Damon Testa, Chair**
- ❖ **Dean Visser, Vice Chair**
- ❖ **Richard Abbey**
- ❖ **Dana Butler**
- ❖ **Lloyd Harrell**
- ❖ **Linda Peterson-Price**
- ❖ **Bill Staples**

Staff Liaisons:

Dave McDowell, Assistant Community Services Director
Barbara Young, Recreation Manager

For information on meetings of the Parks & Recreation Board, plus the Library Board, Cultural Foundation, Arts Commission, Museum Advisory Board, and other boards, commissions and committees, go to www.chandleraz.gov/agendas.

Community Services Department Administrative Staff

- ❖ **Community Services Director** Mark M. Eynatten
- ❖ **Assistant Community Services Director** Dave McDowell
- ❖ **Arts Center Manager** Katrina Mueller
- ❖ **Library Manager** Brenda Brown
- ❖ **Museum Administrator** Jody Crago
- ❖ **Park Development & Operations Manager** Mickey Ohland
- ❖ **Recreation Manager** Barbara Young

Children participating in programs marked with this icon will be engaging in activities that will increase their heart rate and metabolism so that they burn more calories. For more information on youth wellness, visit www.chandlerregional.org/Health_Information



Our Mission & Pledge

The mission of the Chandler Community Services Department is to enhance the quality of life for all residents through diverse, innovative, and affordable parks and leisure opportunities.

- P**rovide leisure opportunities for all
- L**isten and learn through community involvement
- E**fficient, friendly and qualified staff
- D**are to make the difference
- G**uarantee adventurous and diversified experiences
- E**xcellence in customer service