



MEMORANDUM

Cultural Affairs Division Memo No. 15-017

DATE: JULY 9, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: MARSHA REED, ACTING CITY MANAGER *mm*
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SUBJECT: 2015 CELEBRATION PLAZA HONOREE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: The Museums Advisory Board recommends the approval of the following Celebration Plaza honorees:

- **Officer David Payne** – Officer David Payne began his law enforcement career with the Chandler Police Department in 2007, and in 2013 he was assigned to the Traffic Section, DUI Enforcement Team. David had a passion for removing impaired drivers from our roadways and during his career he arrested hundreds of intoxicated motorists to help make our community a safer place. David truly made a difference. On October 31, 2014, Officer Payne made the ultimate sacrifice while working DUI Enforcement when he was struck and killed by an impaired driver. David was killed in the line of duty performing the work he loved. David lived a life of service. In addition to being a police officer, he was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army National Guard, where he received numerous awards and commendations. He served his country honorably in Iraq and during the Hurricane Katrina Natural Disaster. David assisted the Police Department each year with fundraisers to help support Special Olympics and spent his spare time teaching traffic safety classes with his father. In 2015, David was honored posthumously by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce with the James R. Snedigar Community Service Award, in recognition of his service to the citizens of Chandler.
- **Chandler Kiwanis Club** – The Chandler Kiwanis Club has roots in the community that go back nearly 60 years. The main focus of Kiwanis is children. To this end, the Club annually donates thousands of dollars for scholarship grants to high school seniors, as well as funding for youth programs at the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and Salvation Army. The Club has adopted Ryan Park, volunteering dozens of hours annually. It has been a major funding source for the Reading is Fundamental literacy program and is now the main outside funding source for the annual Battle of the Books program, both held at Chandler Public Library locations. In recent years, the Club has paid for copies of the U.S. Constitution to be placed

in classrooms of newly opened Chandler Unified School District schools. In 2015, the Club sponsored expenses of the inaugural Teen Leadership Academy, an initiative of Mayor Jay Tibshraeny. Over the years, members have routinely been seen throughout the community ringing bells for the Salvation Army, painting houses and building ramps for the poor and elderly, donating blood and performing many other acts of kindness that add to Chandler's great quality of life.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Each year, the City of Chandler accepts nominations from the public for inductees to Celebration Plaza, a permanent monument at Tumbleweed Park.

Constructed in 2006, Celebration Plaza features a fountain and a decorative wall with brass plaques honoring Chandler residents, living or deceased, who have displayed outstanding civic commitment, leadership, innovation, public outreach and service to the City. Individuals holding an elected City of Chandler office or serving on the Parks and Recreation Board are not eligible for nomination.

Staff received eight nominations during this year's nomination process. The subcommittee evaluated the nominations based on the following criteria:

- Community leader(s) whose outstanding personal service has resulted in significant and enduring contributions to the community.
- An individual or individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the City of Chandler.
- An individual or individuals who have added to the quality of life for Chandler residents through their involvement or financial contribution to short-term or long-term City projects or activities.
- An individual who has demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity, which have made Chandler a better place to live and work.
- City of Chandler employees killed in the line of duty and local heroes.

The subcommittee recommendations for 2015 were presented to the Museums Advisory Board at their June 10, 2015 meeting. The Board endorsed the recommendations and unanimously voted to recommend them to the City Council for approval.

The 2015 nominees will be honored at an induction ceremony this fall.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the recommendation from the Museums Advisory Board that the following individuals be recognized with plaques in Celebration Plaza at Tumbleweed Park in the fall of 2015:

**Chandler Kiwanis Club
Officer David Payne**