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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Announcements

Donations and sponsors are needed for Operation Back to School, Chandler's annual Citywide drive to supply disadvantaged students with backpacks, school supplies, shoes, socks, underwear and uniforms.

There are many ways to help, including sponsorships, making a financial contribution, donating supplies or volunteering.

Information on how to get involved is available online at

www.backtoschoolchandler.org

Donations will be accepted through July 15, 2015.

Call 480-782-2214 for more information.

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Workers are needed for the upcoming Special Census. Visit

www.chandleraz.gov for complete details.

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The City's Fall edition of the quarterly Break Time recreation guide will be available to the public starting July 17, 2015.

Customers can visit www.chandleraz.gov/registration to create an account and renew their Break Time subscription.

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City offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015, for the Fourth of July holiday.

Trash and recycling collection will not be affected however, the Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, 2015.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of May 1, 2015, is 247,073 (+199 from last month).

4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at Tumbleweed Park

Make plans to commemorate our nation's independence by coming to Chandler's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular from 7 to 9:30 p.m., on July 4, 2015, at Tumbleweed Park, located on the southwest corner of McQueen and Germann roads. This year's celebration includes a musical stage sponsored by Cornerstone Church and a 20-minute fireworks show. The park will open at 7 p.m., and fireworks begin at 9 p.m. A limited number of food vendors will be selling food and drinks. Food and beverages can be brought into the park. However, no grilling or alcohol will be permitted. Admission is free, and parking is \$5 per vehicle. This is an alcohol-free event. For more information, call the City's special events hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to www.chandleraz.gov/4thofjuly.



Safety Reminders:

- Whether you are planning to attend a public fireworks display or a barbecue, picnic or bike ride, please celebrate safely.
- Don't forget about four-legged friends this holiday. Try to keep pets indoors, or otherwise secured. The unexpected bang of a firework can startle pets and result in uncharacteristic reactions.
- Fires, potentially serious burns, as well as hand and eye injuries, can result from the illegal use of fireworks, especially when young children are involved.
- The sale of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed from May 20 through July 6.
- The use of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed on private property, with the permission of the property owner, from June 24 through July 6.
- Chandler prohibits the use of permissible consumer fireworks on any public property, including City-owned or managed land, buildings and facilities. This includes public parks, public school facilities, public retention basins, and public roads and streets within Chandler City limits.

For the latest information on Chandler's fireworks restrictions, go to www.chandleraz.gov/fire.

Summer reading program

It's time to make this summer a blockbuster - filled with adventure, mystery, thrills, romance and more! This summer, you can be a hero at your Chandler Public Library!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to participate in the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP), which runs from June 1 through Aug. 1, 2015. The program is for all ages - from pre-readers, to student youth, teenagers and adults. By reading, playing games, going to library events and community activities, participants collect badges and earn points they can redeem for some great rewards.

Start your summer reading adventure now! Register for an account so you can start logging your reading immediately. Sign up at any Chandler Public Library or online at www.chandlerlibrary.org/srp.

Generosity of residents is A-OK

Each month, thousands of Chandler residents kick in a little extra money when paying their utility bill so that their neighbors in need can receive essential services, such as food, shelter, clothing, medical services and transportation. These voluntary donations are part of the Acts of Kindness (A-OK) program, which exemplifies the compassion and generosity of the people of Chandler.

A-OK is funded primarily through contributions of \$1, \$2, \$5 or any other amount that customers add to their monthly utility bill payment. All of the money raised goes back into the community to help individuals and families in need through the efforts of local social service agencies.

There are several ways for you to make an Acts of Kindness donation; for details, call 480-782-2280, or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aok.

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Do's and Don'ts of plastic recycling

Plastic bags and shrink wrap are the biggest contaminants in our City's recycling program. This type of plastic is NOT accepted in the City's recycling program, even if it is marked with the recycling symbol. It can snag in recycling equipment, causing breakdowns and safety hazards.

DO place these items in your recycling container.

- Plastic bottles, jugs, and cups with the #1-#6 recycling symbol. Examples:
 - Water and soft drink bottles
 - Plastic milk and juice containers
 - Shampoo, liquid soap, and bubble bath bottles
 - Yogurt cups
 - Microwavable trays
 - Ketchup, mustard, salad dressing bottles
 - Plastic peanut butter, mayonnaise jars

DO NOT place these in your recycling container.

(Even though it is marked as recyclable.)

- Plastic grocery/retail bags, shrink wrap, and sheeting
- Shrink wrap from cases of bottled water, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic bags containing newspapers, magazines, bread, fruits and vegetables
- Plastic paint drop cloths
- Plastic shrink wrap found on new mattresses, furniture and electronic items.

RECYCLE plastic bags and wrap -- Grocers in our community offer plastic bag and wrap recycling. Recycling bins can usually be found near the store entrances or checkout areas. Visit www.bagcentralstation.com for more details.

REUSE plastic bags -- Plastic bags are an excellent means for securing household trash before throwing it into the trash container. Take bags to any of the 175 dog waste stations in 57 Chandler parks so dog owners can use these bags to pick up pet waste and help keep Chandler parks clean.

REDUCE plastic bags -- Consider reducing your need for plastic bags by bringing along reusable bags for purchases.

Free pool party at Arrowhead Pool

Radio La Campesina and SRP present Verano Sano (Safe Summer) at Chandler's Arrowhead Pool. Verano Sano is a grassroots campaign to spread water safety messages. It includes an on-air campaign on Radio Campesina and provides free pool parties throughout the Valley, giving families water safety information, CPR demonstrations and swimming lessons.

The event in Chandler will be held Saturday, July 25, 2015, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Arrowhead Pool, located at 1475 W. Erie St. There will be raffles for free swim lessons and free admission all day. Chandler Fire, Health and Medical will be on site with a firetruck. They will also be providing CPR demonstrations, giving a presentation on the importance of life jackets and going over the rules for the day. Swim instructors will also be on hand to demonstrate and provide some instruction.

For more information about this event, or for general aquatics information, call the Aquatics office at 480-782-2750.

Did you know?

Chandler has six pools and aquatic centers:

- Arrowhead Pool -- 1475 W. Erie St.
- Desert Oasis Aquatic Center -- 1400 W. Summit Pl.
- Folley Pool -- 600 E. Fairview
- Hamilton Aquatic Center -- 3838 S. Arizona Ave.
- Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center -- 5901 S. Hillcrest Dr.
- Nozomi Aquatic Center -- 250 S. Kyrene Rd.

Each location offers discounted or free family swim opportunities and fun events at various times throughout the summer. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics to discover upcoming events near you.

Quick Look Phone Directory & Six Month Calendar

Please enjoy the latest edition of the Quick Look Phone Directory and Six Month Calendar, included with your utility bill this month. This is a handy resource to keep when you need to know who to call at the City. The calendar provides an overview of upcoming events, but you should always check the City's website, www.chandleraz.gov, for changes, additional details, and the most current information.

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Chandler City Council -- Front row, from left: Councilmember Jack Sellers, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Councilmember Nora Ellen, Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke, Councilmember Terry Roe and Councilmember René Lopez.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.