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2014 Mayor's Listening Tour

Tour Dates:

Tuesday, September 9

Arizona College Prep. - Erie Campus

1150 W. Erie Street

7:00 PM

Strong Focus on Neighborhoods



The hot weather is here and the Mayor's Listening Tour is on summer hiatus. We will reconvene on Tuesday, September 9, at Arizona College Prep – Erie Campus,

located at 1150 W. Erie Street. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Our April meeting at Pomeroy Elementary was a great success with about 60 residents on hand. If you have not attended a Listening Tour stop, they provide an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns with members of the City Council and City staff.

And in November, we will again hold Do-It-Yourself Connect. This is the latest addition to the Listening Tour 2.0 where we add some different types of events to our regular schedule of meetings. Do-It-

Yourself Connect gives Chandler homeowners a chance to talk with City staff about resources, building permits, rebates and other vital information to be aware of when doing a new home project. More details will be posted in the next issue of "News for Neighbors."

This fall we will also kick off our second annual Neighborhood Excellence Awards nomination process. Please start thinking about your own neighborhoods and what you can include in your application this year!

We continue to keep a strong focus on our neighborhoods, and I appreciate your support. Remember to follow me on Twitter [@jaytibshraeny](https://twitter.com/jaytibshraeny) and visit the City's award-winning website www.chandleraz.gov for more news on the community.

Operation Back to School Chandler 2014



Operation Back to School Chandler - For Our Students is back! Help us collect supplies for the largest school supply drive in Chandler! Items

needed include backpacks, backpack supplies, shoes, uniforms and socks/underwear. Cash donations can also be made. All items and cash donations must be received by Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

For more information on this event, drop-off locations, sponsorships and volunteering, please visit <http://forourcity.org/Chandler.html> or call 480-782-2214.

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SPECIAL EVENTS!

Summer Break Time

The summer Break Time magazine outlining all-ages recreation classes, youth camps and special events for June, July and August is available at City offices, libraries, recreation and aquatic centers and online.

For information, call 480-782-2727 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime

Summer Aquatics

Summer swim lesson sessions begin in June at different aquatic facilities throughout Chandler! There will be free admission to all pools for dads on Father's Day - June 15th! For more information, call 480-782-2749 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics

4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4

4:00 - 10:30 PM

Tumbleweed Park

2250 S. McQueen Rd

The Lions Club in partnership with the City of Chandler, will be presenting this year's 4th of July celebration. The event will feature live music, a kid's interactive amusement area, food and beverages and a spectacular fireworks show starting at 9:30 PM. Admission is free, minimal charge for parking. For more information, visit www.chandleraz.gov/special-events

Empower Your Communities to Prevent Child Abuse



On August 29, 2009 3-year-old Schala Vera died as a result of child abuse. She was beaten to death by her mother's boyfriend, after months of continued abuse and beatings. Nearly every part of her body was

covered in bruises. In a police interview the suspect told detectives that he wished someone would have reported them...if so, Schala would be alive today. Neighbors reported seeing little Schala outside in the Arizona summer heat wearing long pants and a long sleeved shirt, while other children were wearing shorts and tank tops. They never called, even though they later said it seemed odd.

In 2012, 70 children were killed in Arizona alone, as a result of child abuse. Seventy children died. Children who could not speak for themselves; who could not defend themselves and who could not rely on the people who they trusted to keep them

safe.

The Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Coalition exists to educate neighbors, friends, family and all citizens about child abuse. Through education, we will help people understand how to recognize and report child abuse and understand what will happen after making that report. Please consider having us speak at your next meeting. The presentation is free and can be as short as 30 minutes or as long as two hours. There is no cost.

To schedule a speaker at your next meeting, please call Sgt. Joe Favazzo with the Chandler Police Department at 480-782-4108 or email at joseph.favazzo@chandleraz.gov.

Make a difference, be a HERO for a Child and report child abuse. We can help you make that call.

*Sergeant Joe Favazzo
Chandler Police Department*

Grassroots of Organizing a Neighborhood Clean-Up



As our sweltering summer rapidly approaches, a great way to get your neighbors together to address debris and clutter concerns on your street,

is to organize a neighborhood cleanup. It's easier than you may think. There are three steps to having a successful cleanup.

Identify the areas of concern. Whether it's a vacant property that needs weeds and trash removed or helping an elderly person with a garage that needs to be cleaned out, decide where your starting point will be.

Engage your neighbors. There are several ways you can inform your neighbors of an upcoming cleanup. Placing flyers on doors, word of mouth, your HOA neighborhood website, and social media such as your neighborhood page on Facebook or Nextdoor. These methods have proven to be great means of communicating information to your neighbors.

Contact the Neighborhood Programs Office. Contact staff from Neighborhood Programs to check if your neighborhood is registered and to apply for the Annual Jump Start Grant. The grant

will help in obtaining a large roll-off dumpster for your clean-up. Staff will also explain the other programs available for neighborhoods.

A neighborhood clean-up will not only create a sense of pride but it will also bring unity amongst your neighbors.

Neighborhood Tip: *To be successful at engaging your neighbors, you must be engaged.*



*Dorsha Hale
Neighborhood Advisory Committee*

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) meets every second Tuesday of the month with the exception of July. For more information contact Neighborhood Programs at 480-782-4354.

Code Enforcement on Soliciting

Few things draw the ire of a resident than returning home to find fliers and advertisements pasted to their front door. Many view these fliers as a calling card for criminals who target homes that appear empty. The City of Chandler Tax and License Division regulates transient merchants including peddlers and canvassers and requires licenses for such activities. The City Ordinance defines transient merchant activity as follows:

Transient merchant shall be defined as an itinerant merchant, itinerant vendor, peddler, solicitor, canvasser or any person, whether a resident of this City or not, who:

- A. Engages in a temporary business of selling and delivering goods, wares, or merchandise either privately or at public auction;
- B. Travels, or whose agents travel, by foot or any type of conveyance from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, or from business to business, carrying, conveying or transporting goods, wares, or merchandise and offering and exposing them for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers;
- C. Without traveling from place to place, exhibits, displays, sells or offers for sale such products from a conveyance or from his/her person;
- D. While traveling from place to place, house to house or business to business takes or attempts to take orders for goods, wares, or merchandise for future delivery, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether collecting advance payments on such sales or not;
- E. Persons providing an amusement for a fee or donation.



Chandler City Code Chapter 20 provides the following: *"It shall be unlawful for any peddler, solicitor, canvasser or transient merchant, their agents or representatives, to come upon any premises whereon a sign bearing the words "no peddlers" or "no canvassers" or "no solicitors" or any combination of such terms or terms similar thereto is exposed to public view or to remain on any premises after having been requested to leave by the owner or occupant thereof whether such premises is posted as above or not."*

However, people who travel from home to home posting fliers, handbills and other like materials on residences are **not** defined as transient merchants. Therefore, leaving fliers, handbills and advertisements on a residence is not regulated under the above transient merchant Code. There are steps residents can take to deter such unwanted activity.

Expand Your Notice Language - In addition to posting signs at your door that read "No Solicitors," consider posting signs that state "No handbills, fliers, or advertisements." According to industry representatives who deliver fliers, they do not leave fliers and handbills at homes with signs posted "No Fliers, handbills or advertising." A "No-soliciting" sign has the effect of deterring them from knocking on your door or ringing your door bell. Including "No Handbills" and similar language may deter unwanted fliers at your door.

Solicit Neighbors' Help - If you plan to leave your home for a period of days, ask a neighbor to remove fliers and handbills from your door and to pick up any newspapers you regularly receive at your residence. This will address the empty home appearance that may attract criminal activity.

Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood Preservation Manager

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

Chandler Tennis Center

The Tennis Center at Tumbleweed Park will be renovated this summer! There will be 15 new post-tension tennis courts, a hitting wall that will expand three courts and new landscaping. Work will begin at the end of May and will be completed by September. The facility will be open for play during construction. For more information, call 480-782-2650 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/tennis

Summer Reading Program

Last year, participants of the Summer Reading Program at the Chandler Public Library read over 111,000 books. This year's program, sponsored by the Maricopa County Library District, using the slogan "Fizz, Boom, Read!" complements the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curriculum adopted by many schools.

The program is open to everyone and participants can earn points by reading, attending events, or participating in "community experiences." The community experiences, listed on the program's website, give participants an opportunity to connect with their community in a meaningful way, as well as providing kids with experiential knowledge that is a key component of literacy.

The program begins May 29 and runs through July 26. Participants can register online, or at any one of the four Chandler Public Library locations.

For more information about the program and events, call 480-782-2800 or visit <http://chandlerlibrary.org/go2/summer-reading-program.cfm>

Chandler Fall Neighborhood Academies

Traditional Neighborhood Academy

This Academy is for residents living in a non-HOA neighborhood and who want to make a difference in their neighborhood. You must register by October 3!

Workshops will run every Tuesday
from October 14 - November 4

Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room B
175 S. Arizona Avenue
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

HOA Academy

This Academy is for residents living in a Homeowner Association (HOA) and want to learn more about HOA laws. You must register by September 5!

Classes will run every Tuesday
from September 16 - October 7
Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room A & B
175 S. Arizona Avenue
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

Summer Safety Tip!

Watch Children Around Water

As summer heats up, the Chandler Fire Department reminds parents and caregivers to **please watch your children around water**. Drownings are preventable, yet they continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental childhood death in Arizona.

Please remember to:

- (1) **SECURE** pools by installing barriers such as pool fencing with self-closing, self-latching, and locking mechanisms on gates and doors;
- (2) **SUPERVISE** - *Never* leave a child unattended in or near *any* body of water;
- (3) **TRAIN** - Learn to swim and teach children how to swim at the appropriate age.

Learning how to perform cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is also an important step adults can take to better prepare themselves for any medical emergency. Please do your part to ensure that all of our children have a safe and happy summer this year! Additional

water safety tips can be found at

www.chandleraz.gov/fire and

www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics



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Did I Make It Easier?



Burglars and Burglaries. This may sound like an unusual question, but now is the time to ask yourself, "Have I created an opportunity for a burglar or thief to steal something from my house or car?" Sounds strange, but many of these crimes are simply preventable.

Now that I have you thinking, let me start by saying Chandler police will remain vigilant in your neighborhood and do all that we can to make your neighborhood safer and prevent crime. However, when looking at the problem of burglaries we find some interesting facts about why thieves may be tempted, and ultimately getting away with a crime. By far, most of our burglaries are residential as opposed to commercial properties. There appears to be a fairly even split between day time and night time occurrences. What is troubling is the fact that many of these crimes appear to be preventable. However, the most encouraging point of all of this is that we can make a difference with your help.

Burglary and theft remain crimes of opportunity and the fact is that we can lessen the opportunity with a few simple safeguards. For example, one of the things we have found is there are certain months when more than a quarter of all of the burglaries in the City of Chandler stem from open garage doors. Simply shutting the garage door or keeping an eye out when it is open removes most chances that an "opportunity" will exist for someone to grab the tools, toys, bike or golf clubs that are sitting in the garage. Likewise, the door from the garage leading into the house should be locked when you're away even if the garage door is closed.

And, when you do park the car, whether it is in the driveway, garage, or at work, think about what is sitting on the seat in plain sight or in the glove box. Do you have a backpack or electronics, or receipts and personal identifying information easily available? Are the doors locked? We want to make it as hard as possible for a criminal to grab something and be gone in seconds. Simple things

like lighting and locking your yard gates, putting stuff away and locking houses and cars are also helpful in making the opportunity go away. We not only want to eliminate people from stealing your items, but your identity and privacy are just as important. Think about removing personal documents, ID cards, bank receipts and any item that could compromise your privacy.

The most important ingredient to the solution is you and your neighbors. We have talked many times about making the business of your neighborhood the business of our partnership. Your eyes and ears are the best tool we have. Do not put yourself at risk. If you can grab the plate number of a car or a brief description of the individuals and call us when you see unusual activity it can make a difference. Also, as always, if you need information or want to look up your area you may go to Chandlerpd.com and look under the My Neighborhood heading and find information about your neighborhood as well as resources and contact information. You are also welcome to call 480-782-4000 for assistance in directing you to the right place.

Commander Gregg Jacquin
Chandler Police Department



Chandler City Council - Front Row from left: Councilmember Trinity Donovan, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Nora Ellen. Back row from left: Councilmember Jeff Weninger, Councilmember Jack Sellers, Councilmember Kevin Hartke and Vice Mayor Rick Heumann.

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

