



Chandler's Special Events!

2012 Mayor's Listening Tours

Please join Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee at the Mayor's Listening Tours.

This open forum provides residents with an opportunity to speak out on the various challenges facing their neighborhoods and community.

2012 Mayor's Listening Tour Dates:

Tuesday, June 12 - 7:00 PM
Navarrete Elem, 6490 S Sun Groves Bl

Tuesday, September 11 - 7:00 PM
Knox Elem, 700 W Orchid Ln

Tuesday, November 13 - 7:00 PM
Kyrene del Pueblo, 360 S Twelve Oaks Bl

Chandler City Council

- Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor
- Jeff Weninger, Vice Mayor
- Trinity Donovan
- Kevin Hartke
- Rick Heumann
- Matt Orlando
- Jack Sellers



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Summer Activities in Chandler!

With summer upon us, there is plenty to do in Chandler – and still stay cool!

Chandler's aquatic centers offer a nice respite from the backyard pools with their slides and other amenities. Our six pools are located conveniently throughout the community and offer entertainment at a great family price (still just a dollar for kids to enter!). The pools have a number of conveniences and all the information including dates and times are located at www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

We also offer a tremendous variety of indoor recreational classes at our community centers for residents of all ages, from toddlers on up. And Chandler's four libraries (including the newly renovated Sunset Library in West Chandler) are

great places to beat the heat and enjoy a good summer read.

Don't forget, my next Neighborhood Listening Tour Stop is Tuesday, June 12 at Navarrete Elementary School, in southeast Chandler. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and I hope to see you there.

Through our many community partnerships, neighborhoods shall remain great places to live and play for generations to come. For more information on my Listening Tour and other initiatives, visit: www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods. You can also follow me on Twitter @jaytibshraeny.

Silk Stocking Neighborhood Historic Marker



Silk Stocking Neighborhood unveiled its Historic Marker on Friday, May 18th. The unveiling took place in front of Dr. Steiner's

Office located at the northeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Detroit Street.

Councilmembers, city staff and neighborhood

residents were present during the unveiling of the Historic Marker.

Silk Stocking residents Mary Lou Perkins and Dorothy Ruoff have dedicated time and effort in making it possible for their neighborhood to be registered as historic.

Silk Stocking is the first neighborhood in Chandler to be officially recognized as historic by the National Register of Historic Places.



SPECIAL EVENTS!

Spring Break Time

The summer Break Time magazine outlining many all-ages recreation classes and special events for June, July and August is available at City facilities, libraries and recreation centers and on-line at

www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime.

For classes, events, registration and more, call 480-782-2727.

Youth & Teen Camps

Tumbleweed and Snedigar Recreation Centers and the Environmental Education Center offer full-day and half-day youth camps for boys and girls from June 4-July 20. There also is a "Teen Adventure Camp" for students entering seventh, eighth and ninth grade with a field trip each week. For more details on activities, schedules and camp fees, see **pages 57 and 58** in the summer Break Time.

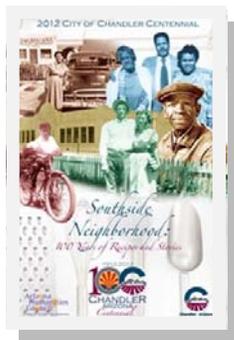
You can register at

www.chandleraz.gov/registration.

Family Night

Join in the fun at Family Night at Tumbleweed Recreation Center every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There is a different activity each week. \$2 Fee (\$3 for non-resident ages 1-12) and \$3 Fee (\$5 for non-residents ages 13-17). For information call, 480-782-2900 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/tumbleweed.

Southside Neighborhood: 100 Years of Recipes & Stories



Southside Neighborhood: 100 Years of Recipes and Stories, released on Friday, May 18th, provides a glimpse into a neighborhood almost as old as the City. The area is bordered by Arizona Avenue and Hidalgo Street to the west and east, and Frye and Pecos Roads to the north and south.

Explore the history of the *Southside* through the eyes of

those who know it best: the families that lived and worked in the neighborhood. Learn how they built a community, established businesses and churches, and shared one thing that binds people from all walks of life together: food. There is a recipe for everyone, from pound cakes to gumbo to Lent favorite, *capirozada*.

Southside has been called many things, including South Chandler, Winn's Addition and NJ Harris-Kesler Neighborhood. Most of all, it's been called home by generations of Chandlerites. Hispanic families began living in the area in the early 1900s. One of the first families to live on Morelos Street

was the Benites Family. They built a home in 1912 and their patriarch, Miguel, ran a hay-hauling business for several years. On Hidalgo Street, called *El Sobaco*, or "the armpit", families lived in adobe houses or tent homes. In the early days, they did farm work and helped build the San Marcos Hotel.

In the 1930s, African-American families such as the Paynes came to the neighborhood from Eloy, arriving to pick cotton for the Dobsons, Bogles and other farmers. There were several businesses in the neighborhood: grocery stores, cafes, taverns and churches.

While many of the early families have moved out and the face of the neighborhood has changed, the spirit of the community is alive and well in those who shared their stories and recipes. Copies of the book are available at Chandler's museums and libraries.

For questions on this book, please contact Jean Reynolds, Public History/ Centennial Coordinator, at (480) 782-2751 or via email at Jean.Reynolds@chandleraz.gov.

Melanie Hartman, Project Coordinator

Save Money After Water Audits!



When the Water Conservation Office recommends a water audit, some folks envision an IRS type examiner scrutinizing their water use.

Really though, a water audit is simply a free on-site evaluation of water-using fixtures, hardware, equipment, landscaping and management practices to determine the efficiency of your home's water use. Last year residents saved up to **40%** on their water bill after following water conservation advice.

As part of this program, a Chandler Water Conservation Specialist will tour your property to show how you can easily conserve water and save money. We'll even give you money-saving rebate and incentive information. Best of all, your appointment can be conveniently scheduled Monday-Friday between 6:30 am and 3:00 pm.

During the water audit, the water conservation specialist will:

- Check your water meter for accuracy and demonstrate how to use it to monitor water use.
- Check for signs of leaks.

- Provide useful conservation tips specific to your property to help manage water use.
- Inspect irrigation stations and provide a checklist of suggested improvements.
- Provide scheduling information to assist with programming your irrigation timer.
- Provide useful tips on interior water use.
- Provide high-efficiency showerheads and kitchen faucet aerators (for home built prior to 1992).
- Provide free how-to brochures and flyers.

This City-wide program is offered free of charge to Chandler water customers. A separate program for HOA's and commercial properties is also available.

For more information, or to schedule a water audit, call the City of Chandler Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3583, or email us at conserve@chandleraz.gov.

If you would rather perform the in-home residential Water Audit yourself, simply take the On Line Water Challenge at www.wateruseitwisely.com.

Cathy Rymer, Water Conservation Specialist

NAC Corner — Five Tips on Improving Communication With Your Neighbors

As the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Chair, I often hear from Chandler residents about problems in their neighborhoods. Since I also happen to be a school counselor, I decided to share five of my favorite tips on improving communication. They can be used in all areas of our lives, but especially for building stronger neighborhoods and connections between people.

Being Present: It sounds simple, but actually requires focus and attention to what is being said. Often we are multi-tasking and in the process, do not devote our full attention to communication. Sometimes we are thinking about what we will have for dinner, instead of what our neighbors, family or friends are saying. So instead, try focusing on what is being said both verbally and nonverbally.

Reflective Listening: This is when I reframe or restate what the person is saying to me. It is not mocking, but rather a way to make sure that you are correctly hearing what the other person is saying. An example would be, "So what you are saying is....."

Use I-Language. This is a very powerful way to state what you would like in a manner that is effective and non-confrontational. The formula for "I language" is "I feel _____, when _____. I would like _____. In the first blank, you supply a feeling. It could be hurt, happy, sad, angry, upset, or any other appropriate feeling word. The second blank is where you describe what causes the feeling, or what the person is doing. The third blank is for you to supply a possible reasonable solution.

Here are a few examples:

"I feel happy, when I see the holiday decorations you display. **I would like** you to continue sharing holiday joy with us!"

"I feel unsafe, when people speed in our neighborhood. **I would appreciate it** if you could ease off on the speeding."

"I feel really tired at work, **when** dogs bark throughout the night. **It would help me** if you let the poor little doggy in out of the cold night."

Use Humor and Breath. Laughter is healthy! It reduces tension and builds relationships. Sometimes even a deep breath in a tense situation can provide that second of time for people to calm down.

Avoid Sarcasm. As a naturally sarcastic person, I know it can be a challenge to avoid using sarcasm. However, sarcasm can easily be misunderstood and is often harmful.

Remember, when making changes, we have to practice change or new habits for awhile before they become natural.

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.

Juniper Dery-Chaffin, NAC Chair

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

Chandler Aquatics

All six City of Chandler aquatic centers are open for the summer season! Enjoy public swim hours at Arrowhead and Folley Pool, Desert Oasis Aquatic, Hamilton, Mesquite Groves and Nozomi Aquatic Centers. Admission for public swim is \$1 for children, \$2.25 for adults and \$1.25 for seniors (except for Folley Pool; admission rates are \$0.75 for children, \$2 for adults, and \$1 for seniors). Be on the lookout for \$1 family swim times offered at each facility – admission during limited times is only \$1 for the entire family! Free swim hours also vary depending on location – free admission during limited times. Check online at www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

Enjoy a variety of special events hosted at each facility throughout the summer. Activities for each event can be found online at www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics or on the Facebook events page at www.facebook.com/chandleraquatics

Swimming Lessons

Registration is currently underway for Summer Session 1 & 2 at all six facilities. Register online at www.chandleraz.gov/registration. Registration for Summer Session 3, 4 & 5 begins for Chandler residents on June 11.

"Come Out & Play" Chandler Show

The summer episode of the "Come Out & Play Chandler!" show is now airing on Channel 11 and at www.chandleraz.gov. You can also watch the show and other parks, recreation and aquatics videos at www.youtube.com/ChandlerRecreation

Chandler is 2012 Best Neighborhood Program Finalist!



The City of Chandler was a finalist for the 2012 Best Neighborhood Program Award and a Silver Medal Award winner for the 2012 Neighborhood Newsletter at the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference!

NUSA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. The award for Best Neighborhood Program recognizes outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity, business or corporation. The Neighborhood Newsletter Award acknowledges excellence in neighborhood newsletters. Awards were given at the annual NUSA Conference which took place this year in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Councilmember Kevin Hartke and Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, Judy Ramos were there to represent the City of Chandler at the NUSA Conference. They presented on the Let's Pull Together program. Let's Pull Together is a program that pulls people and resources together to make a positive change in the community.

The 2011 Spring and Fall Edition of the News for Neighbors Newsletter was also presented at the conference and features a headline story by Mayor Tibshraeny in both issues. The News for Neighbors newsletter is produced quarterly and is available to the general public through the City's website at www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

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SPECIAL EVENTS!

Backyard Composting Workshop

Residents interested in learning about backyard composting are invited to register for a free workshop to be held

Saturday, June 9, 2012
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Chandler City Hall-East Lobby Entrance
175 S. Arizona Avenue

The workshop is open to Chandler residents receiving City provided trash and recycling services.

Participants must pre-register by calling (480) 782-3510.

Free C.E.R.T. Class for Chandler Residents

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) offers a great opportunity to give back to the community. The program is intended to increase the preparedness levels of residents for emergencies or disasters. Participants receive training in first aid and emergency skills, disaster relief and community safety.

The next training class will be held June 22 - 24th. These classes are free to the public.

For more information and to register for upcoming classes, please call

480-782-2116 or e-mail

CERTadmin@chandleraz.gov



Pipes, Valves & Pool Vacuums - Don't be a Victim



We ask again for the public's help in being the eyes and ears for the police. If you have never noticed those pipes and valves sticking out of the ground around your house or along the side of the street or business now is the time to do so.

Those pipes and valves sometimes resembling upside down U's, coming from the ground, are irrigation and back flow valves. They are located in parks, business malls, neighborhood greenbelts and even in your own yard. They are also a hot target for thieves. The thieves will break them, saw them, use pipe cutters or rip them out of the ground just to try and get money for them as recycled metals and copper. When they do this they may or may not turn the water off during the theft causing even greater damage.

We ask you to start taking notice of these back flow valves and pipes in and around businesses, parks, homes and anywhere where irrigation or water is used. Some will have metal cages built over the top of them and some will be left without protection. There is very little need for anyone to spend

much time around these valves and if you see people around them or tampering with them please call the police, especially if it does not look like legitimate workers, and if it is anytime at night or weekends.

In order to deter some of the thefts, some businesses and companies have started marking the pipes with paint, logos or other spray materials to discourage the thefts and deter any metal recycling companies from taking the items if they are not in their original state. If you see individuals with saws or tools around these valves and pipes there is a good chance they may be getting ready to take one.



Backflow Valves

The theft is one thing, but the cost to the homeowner or business to repair these pipes is significant, not to mention the loss of water. Likewise, if you see a vehicle out of place in the neighborhood that has these types of random parts on board then you might take a second look and ask yourself if they have a need to have them. These are not parts or equipment that are often changed out or repaired under normal circumstances.

The second item we ask you to take note of is your pool vacuum. Yes, your pool vacuums! Chandler, as with all valley cities, have had a rash of thefts of pool vacuums that have been taken from yards, whether the vacuum is in the pool, out of the pool, off or on. These items are also being sold for parts or as complete vacuums on internet sales sites.

Oftentimes people buy their pool and the vacuum comes with it and they never look again, but we encourage you to note the serial number on the vacuum or the box and mark it in some fashion if you can. Just like your home, you need to make it as difficult as possible for people to enter your yard or pool area where thefts can take place.

Once again, we ask that you make it a point to be observant and take notice of your surroundings. If we catch just one person doing this, the odds of that person doing other crimes is very high. If you have any questions or concern you can always contact the police department and ask to speak to your district lieutenant or sergeant. As always, you can also find us on www.chandlerpd.com.

Commander Gregg Jacquin, Chandler Police

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