



May 27, 2015

Thunderbird Park Neighbor,

Please find attached a copy of the Thunderbird Park Neighborhood meeting recap which took place at Hartford Elementary on May 13, 2015. Thank you for all those that attended and thank you to neighborhood leaders – Linda and Sara, for making this meeting possible.

The residents that attended the meeting shared some great ideas that they would like to execute such as a neighborhood clean-up project and a Neighborhood Block Watch.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this packet or would like to get involved in your neighborhood, please feel free to call me at 480-782-4348. You can also view the information on-line by visiting [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighbors in Action'.

Neighborhood Programs staff is looking forward to working with each of you in the betterment of your neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Judy Ramos  
Neighborhood Programs



## **Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015  
Hartford Elementary  
6:00 PM**

1. Introductions & Purpose of Meeting
2. Survey Results
3. Staff Presentations
  - a. Police
  - b. Code Enforcement
  - c. Neighborhood Programs
4. Action Planning
  - a. What is one thing you like about your neighborhood?
  - b. What activity would you like to see in your neighborhood?
5. Moving Forward

## Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Meeting Notes

Hartford Elementary

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

- Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, introduced herself and explained the purpose of the meeting.
- Ramos introduced City staff present: Commander Lunt, Lieutenant Hancock, Senior Code Inspector Don Slomcinsky, Code Inspector Adelita Smith and Neighborhood Programs Assistant Cristabel Dykstra. Ramos also introduced Linda Hotaling and Sara Watkins. Linda and Sara attended the Traditional Neighborhood Academy with the purpose of improving the neighborhood and to learn about the resources the City provides to assist non-HOA neighborhoods.
- Ramos went over the results of the neighborhood survey that was conducted. (*For more information, refer to the survey results attached.*)
- Commander Lunt welcomed everyone and introduced Chandler Police Department staff members present. He reported that this neighborhood area actually has a low crime rate compared to other areas of the City. He encouraged residents to always report suspicious activity including illegal dumping in the alleys. He said if possible, plates and make and model of the vehicle can be taken and provided to police. He said he would have the speeding concerns addressed as much as possible but recommended that residents look into the Traffic Control Program for speed humps for a more permanent solution.
- Lt. Hancock provided crime statistics for the area within the last year. Calls for service included burglaries, stolen vehicles, theft, suspicious activities and drug-related incidents. He said police are aware of a couple problem homes on Shannon St. He said despite the crime statistics he provided, the crime rate for the City of Chandler including this neighborhood area, has been decreasing. He said police is constantly in the area. He also encouraged residents to always report suspicious activity. He added that citizens can now report crime activity by texting police dispatch at 480-782-4130. They can also upload a photo. He also encouraged residents to request Block Watch for their neighborhood.
- Smith presented on the Code Enforcement process. She said Code did an assessment of the neighborhood and staff has driven throughout the neighborhood including alley ways. Violation notices and about half a dozen citations have been issued to homeowners in violation of City code. She also informed residents that the alley weeds are the responsibility of the homeowners to maintain. She encouraged residents to report a code violation, including graffiti and any issues with the apartment complex on Ray Rd, by calling 480-782-4320. She said the area has improved within the last year and the neighborhood is looking good.
- Ramos gave an overview of the services provided by the Neighborhood Programs Office. She also shared the neighborhood street sign designs that were worked on by Linda and Sara through the academy. The sign design surveys will be sent out in August once school resumes and parents are back on their normal school schedule. The signs will help create identification for the neighborhood.

- Ramos completed a Neighborhood Action Plan with the residents to identify ways the neighborhood can work together and improve the livability of the neighborhood (*for more information, refer to Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Action Plan*).
- Ramos thanked residents for attending. She informed residents that staff would be following-up via email with information regarding the meeting including contact information for speed humps and alley conversion. The information will also be posted online at [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) under 'Neighborhoods in Action'.

*\*15 residents in attendance*

### **Additional City Resources**

- **Block Watch** - Contact Officer Tina Balsewicz at [tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov](mailto:tina.balsewicz@chandleraz.gov) or call 480-782-4221 to get Block Watch started in your area
- **To Report a Street Light Problem** – Call 480-782-3460, be sure to provide the street light # which is located on the light post
- **To Report a Code Violation** - Call 480-782-4320 or visit [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and click on the residents tab and scroll down to “Contact Us”. Make sure to leave your name telephone number if you want to be contacted on the status of your complaint
- **To Report Graffiti** – Call the Graffiti Hotline at 480-782-4322
- **To Report a Park Issue** – Call the Parks Division at 480-782-2752
- **Request a Traffic Study for Speed Humps** – Call the Traffic Division at 480-782-3450
- **Neighborhood Programs** - Call 480-782-4354 to find out about Neighborhood Grants, the Neighborhood Academy and the Mayor’s Listening Tour. To subscribe to the quarterly News for Neighbors Newsletter follow the link <http://www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx> and to visit the Neighborhood Programs website visit [www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods)
- **Alley to Curbside Conversion for Trash Pick-Up** - Call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to start the process
- **Building / Structures** – Call the Building Division at 480-782-3100



# Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Survey **RESULTS**



**251 Surveys Mailed / 53 Completed / 13 Returned Mail / 185 No Response**

The Thunderbird Park Neighborhood is a Traditional Neighborhood located between Ray Rd and Ivanhoe Pl and Evergreen St and Nebraska St. The majority of homes in the neighborhood were built circa 1960 - 1962. This survey provides an opportunity to take an inventory of existing conditions within the neighborhood. The survey results will help identify the characteristics that make the neighborhood desirable and identify those that negatively impact the neighborhood. The first step in the process is a neighborhood survey.

The City of Chandler Neighborhood Programs Office is assisting neighborhood leaders to initiate this process. To help us understand *your* neighborhood and the issues *you* think are important, please take a moment to give us your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions, please call Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, at (480) 782-4348. Your input is important. Thank you.

Please circle the answer that most accurately describes your neighborhood *today*.

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know
<b>A. Personal Safety</b>					
1. I feel safe walking at night in my neighborhood.	24%	34%	1%	34%	6%
2. The street lighting levels in my neighborhood are good.	51%	19%	7%	19%	4%
3. I feel safe in my home and in my neighborhood.	43%	31%	11%	13%	2%
4. My neighborhood is safe for children to play outside.	36%	25%	19%	13%	7%
<b>B. Neighborhood Vehicles</b>					
5. Cars follow the speed limit in my neighborhood.	2%	24%	19%	51%	4%
6. My neighborhood is free of carports with clutter.	15%	40%	15%	26%	4%
7. Vehicles are improperly parked in front yards, off the driveway or on unimproved surfaces.	19%	24%	13%	38%	6%
8. Is long-term street parking an issue on your street?	13% Yes		87% No		
If Yes, please provide the street name. <b>See Comment Sheet</b>					
<b>C. Police Interaction</b>					
9. My neighborhood is free of crime.	9%	24%	15%	33%	19%
10. My neighborhood is free of drug and gang activity.	9%	13%	17%	27%	34%
11. My neighborhood participates in Block-Watch Program Program.	9% Yes		38% No		53% Don't Know
If No, would you be interested in your neighborhood participating in the Block Watch Program?	42% Yes		13% No		

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know

**D. Property Maintenance**

12. Alleys are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown weeds or dumping of trash)	7%	31%	15%	40%	7%
13. Yards are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown vegetation)	13%	38%	19%	24%	6%
14. Homes are well maintained. (Ex: roofs, paint, fences, outside storage of junk or garbage)	17%	47%	21%	15%	0%
15. Yard sales are a concern in my neighborhood.	4%	11%	21%	47%	17%

**E. Social**

16. I know my immediate neighbors.	47%	33%	9%	7%	4%
17. My neighborhood is a great place to live.	40%	32%	13%	9%	6%
18. Would you like to see activities in your neighborhood such as neighborhood block parties, clean-ups, community garage sales, newsletter, etc.?	34% Yes		30% No		36% Maybe
19. Do you know of, or are you elderly or disabled person in your neighborhood that needs assistance with yard work?	30% Yes		70% No		

If Yes, please contact the Neighborhood Programs Office to provide the address at 480-782-4354.

20. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live?

**See Comment Sheet**

**Other**

21. We will be conducting a meeting in your neighborhood to review the survey results. Would you like to provide us with your contact information so we can notify you of the meeting details? **62% Yes** **38% No**

If "Yes" please provide us with your contact information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(Optional) - See comment sheet**

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| A. How many persons live in your household? _____            |
| B. Do you own or rent your home? Rent _____ Own _____        |
| C. How long have you lived in your current home? Years _____ |

Please place your completed survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope and **return it to us by U.S. Mail by Friday, May 1, 2015.** If you have any questions please contact Judy Ramos at 480-782-4348 or email:

[judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov](mailto:judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov) .

**Thank you for your participation!**

## **Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Survey**

### **Comment Sheet**

#### **Neighborhood Vehicles**

**8. Is long-term street parking an issue in your street? If Yes, please provide the street name.**

- Cheri Lynn Dr., Linda Ln., Ivanhoe St., Iowa St., Shannon St.
- Dublin St x3

#### **Social**

**20. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live.**

- Clean alleys. x2
- Basketball hoops at the park.
- More friendly and social neighbors. x5
- Noise ordinance enforced to help stop loud music at night. x5
- Control number of people living in a residence.
- Speed bumps to slow traffic down on Ivanhoe St and Cheri Lynn. x4
- More Code Enforcement on continual problem properties.
- Get shoes off the electrical wires.
- Speed bumps and caution signs for kids.
- Speeding enforcement/radar. x2
- No HOA.
- Keep dogs on leashes.
- Yards free of weeds and vehicles not parked in yards. x3
- More police patrol. x2
- Speed hump or 4-way stop sign at Ivanhoe & Iowa.
- Improve Navarrete Park.
- No overnight street parking.
- Police enforcement of stop sign at Dublin & Iowa.
- Continue practices that have brought Chandler to the success that it is.
- Enforce gang activity – too much pot smoking. x2
- Apartments on Ray Rd & Jay St need to be updated / removed – they make the neighborhood look unappealing. x2
- Speed bumps on Hartford from Ray Rd to Chandler Blvd. Too many speeders.
- More street lighting. x2

## Optional

A. How many persons live in your household?

1-2: 23      3-4: 10      5-6: 4      7 or more: 0

B. Do you rent or own your home?

Rent: 4      Own: 34

C. How long have you lived in your current home:

0-5 years: 17      6-10 years: 2      11-15 years: 2      16 years or more: 23

# Thunderbird Park Neighborhood Action Plan

What makes the Thunderbird Park Neighborhood a great place to live? This is an older neighborhood with long-term homeowners. It's in close proximity to Downtown Chandler with shopping and amenities nearby, yet it is a quiet neighborhood with great neighbors. The residents take pride in keeping up with the maintenance of their yards and making it a friendly, warm and inviting place to live.

Subject	Concerns	Community Building Activities	Leads
Traffic	Speeding Speed humps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Block Party</li> <li>◆ Santa on Ivanhoe St.</li> <li>◆ Halloween on Street—Hand out candy</li> <li>◆ Hot Dog Party</li> <li>◆ Back to School Party</li>   <li>◆ Neighborhood Clean-Up</li> <li>◆ Nextdoor</li> <li>◆ Block Watch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>Block Watch</u> (Gunter &amp; Jane Breitenfeld) (Pat Maloney) (Beth Summers) (Marcos Valles) (Barbie Vasquez)</li> <li>◆ <u>GAIN</u> (Gunter Breitenfeld) (Barbie Vasquez)</li>   <li>◆ <u>Neighborhood Clean-up</u> (Gunter Breitenfeld) (Barbie Vasquez)</li> <li>◆ <u>Hot Dog Party</u> (Barbie Vasquez)</li> </ul>
Public Safety	Feral cats Roof rats		
Neighborhood Maintenance	Tagging Stagnant pools Trash in the alley		

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