

# CityScope

*a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler*

July – August 2016

Reminders ...

Remember, Chandler-area schools are back in session soon. Observe all speed limits, and use extra care in school zones.

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Chandler's Water Conservation Division offers everything from advice on water-saving fixtures, to tips on installing a water-efficient landscape. Visit [chandleraz.gov/water](http://chandleraz.gov/water) for more information.

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Ground-level ozone forms when emissions from vehicles, gasoline and diesel equipment, industrial and chemical processes and other everyday activities, react to sunlight.

One way to cut down on ozone is by refueling your car after the sun goes down. Kick start the weekend with a clean conscience and commit to 'Fuel After Dark Friday.' Maricopa County Air Quality Department is asking all residents to help reduce ground-level ozone by refueling their vehicles once the sun sets, in the cooler evening hours.

This one simple act will have a positive impact in improving air quality during the summer months.

More tips are available at [cleanairmakemore.com](http://cleanairmakemore.com).

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of June 1, 2016, is 247,555 (+227 from previous month) .

Primary Election set for Aug. 30, 2016

The City of Chandler will hold a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, for the purpose of electing three City Council members and voting on a local proposition. Proposition 493 asks voters to ratify the City Council's adoption of the Chandler General Plan 2016. The General Plan is a comprehensive plan with broad policies that will be used to guide growth and development in the City of Chandler during the next 10 years.

Participation in the August Primary Election is important as Chandler City Council candidates have the ability to be elected at the Primary Election if they receive a majority of the votes cast.

Residents must be registered to vote on or before Monday, August 1, to be eligible to vote.

Voters who have signed up to receive an early ballot and are registered as “independent” or “party not designated” WILL NOT automatically receive an early ballot for the Primary Election. Please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511 to request your ballot.

Early voting will be available at Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Avenue, Monday through Friday, August 8 through August 26.

More information can be found on the City's website at [chandleraz.gov/elections](http://chandleraz.gov/elections), or by calling the Chandler City Clerk at 480-782-2181.

### Chandler Police to teach how to prevent distracted driving

The Chandler Police Department has developed a free, four-hour educational class geared to educate young drivers on distracted driving, traffic laws and the importance of traffic safety. The class is offered from 8 a.m. to noon, Aug. 27, 2016, at the South Substation, located at 4040 E. Chandler Heights Rd. Members of the Chandler Traffic Unit will provide a presentation about the dangers of distracted driving while using a mobile device. The second portion of the class will cover information about Arizona Traffic Laws. This class is free of charge and is designed for the brand new driver, seasoned drivers and new residents who want to better understand Arizona traffic laws. To register, email [robin.atwood@chandleraz.gov](mailto:robin.atwood@chandleraz.gov), or call 480-782-4962.

### Help prevent trash/recycling “hot loads”

What is a hot load? A truckload of recyclables or trash that catches fire, smolders, spontaneously combusts or becomes toxic as a result of incompatible waste mixing inside a collection truck. A hot load can occur in neighborhoods while collecting recycling and trash or on public roadways, and can damage personal property and collection vehicles.

What causes a hot load? Improper disposal of material in a recycling or trash container that is incompatible and reacts when mixed with other waste in a collection vehicle. The combination of incompatible chemicals, such as household bleach and ammonia, can be lethal. Depending on the types of household chemicals, the results can injure workers, family members, neighbors, pets, cause damage to personal property and the environment.

When trash is collected, it is compacted to make more room. The process makes it possible for incompatible materials to mix together. Household chemicals should be used to the last drop. Leftover products should be labeled and stored for recycling or disposal at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

DO NOT place the following in your recycling or trash containers:

- Hot ashes (cigarette paraphernalia, hot coals and/or wood)
- Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, kerosene
- Paint, varnish, pesticides or other household chemicals

- Auto batteries, rechargeable NiCad or Lithium batteries
- Cooking oil from fryers
- No liquid waste of any kind

#### Monsoon safety tips and reminders

June 15 through September 30 is the official Arizona monsoon -- a season known for high temperatures, winds and heavy moisture. The following tips are provided to help keep you safe:

- Heat advisories are common. Drink plenty of fluids, and avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol. Stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day. Take frequent breaks and wear protective sunscreen if you must work outdoors and use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. You should NEVER leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles.
- Thunderstorms and dust storms can damage property and power lines. If you are home when a storm approaches, secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage. Avoid using a corded telephone or any electrical appliances. Unplug appliances that are not necessary. Do not take a bath or shower during a storm. In case of power outages, contact your utility company (SRP 602-236-8811 or APS 855-OUTAGES).
- For those caught outdoors during a storm, find shelter in a building or car. If you are unable to find shelter, go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles or metal objects, and make yourself as small a target as possible. Get out of swimming pools, boats and away from all water. If flooding is possible, go to higher ground.
- If, while you are driving, you approach a storm of any kind, reduce speed and turn on your headlights. In a thunderstorm, drivers should pull safely onto the shoulder, stay in the car and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rains subside. Always obey traffic warning signs and avoid flooded roadways.
- If you see a dust storm while driving, pull into a safe place off the roadway. If the dust storm comes on suddenly, check traffic immediately around your vehicle and slow down. If you cannot see more than 300 ft. (length of a football field), it is time to get off the road. If traveling on a highway or freeway, exit at an exit ramp if possible and never stop in a travel lane. If no exit ramp is near, look for a safe place to pull completely off the paved portion of the roadway. Stop the vehicle in a position ensuring it is a safe distance from the main roadway and away from where other vehicles may travel. Turn off driving lights, and all vehicle lights, including your emergency flashers, set your emergency brake and keep your foot off the brake pedal. Stay in the vehicle with your seatbelts buckled and wait for the storm to pass.
- Visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) for links to more information, tips and a list of suggested items you should have on hand in case of emergency.

#### August calendar highlights

5 Free Summer Concert Series, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

- 6, 27 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 6 Verano Sano (Safe Summer), Arrowhead Pool, 480-782-2749
- 8, 11 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 14 U.S. Navy Band - The Cruisers, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 19 Tres Guitarras, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
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Call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) for event information.

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