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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Announcements

Have you renewed your Break Time subscription in ACTIVENet? All Break Time subscription holders need to "renew" their Break Time subscription within the new registration software, ACTIVENet at:
www.chandleraz.gov/registration

For customers creating a new account within ACTIVENet, select "Break Time Subscriptions" under the "Email and Subscription Lists" tab.

Customers who fail to take this action will no longer receive a print copy of Break Time by mail.

For customers with an existing City of Chandler account in ACTIVENet, turn on the subscription by navigating to "Change Account Address" or "Personal Information" and selecting "Break Time Subscription" under "Email and Subscription Lists."

Those who do not subscribe can pick up a copy at your neighborhood library, community center, or other City facilities, or read it online at www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime.

Summer class registration for Chandler residents begins May 2, 2015, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, May 8, 2015, at 10 a.m. for non-residents.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Mar. 1, 2015, is 246,677 (+231 from last month).

What do you see in Chandler's future? We want to know!



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
a vision refined

Do you want to be involved in updating Chandler's General Plan and helping refine Chandler's vision for the future? The City is kicking off the effort with a series of Planning Labs to involve the public.

Stop by our Planning Lab the first Friday of every month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the McCullough-Price House, located near the Chandler Fashion Center at 300 S. Chandler Village Drive. Learn about the project, ask questions of staff and consultants, or simply observe. Your input and opinions will play an important role in the General Plan update process! Follow our progress and stay informed of opportunities to get involved at www.chandleraz.gov/GPupdate.

As weather heats up, pools to open

Chandler has six pools and aquatic centers opening in May! And Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center already opened for the season on March 7 and has daily operational hours. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics for opening schedules and hours of operation. Admission fees are: Children (2-17 years) \$1; Adult (18-54 years) \$2.25; Senior (55 years & older) \$1.25; Punch and season passes are available (Chandler residents only).

Call the Pool Information Line 480-782-2733, visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics, or call 480-782-2750 for more information.

Learn how to respond in an emergency

The Chandler Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be offering a FEMA Basic Class on May 2, 9 and 16. In this training, you'll learn the basic responses to an emergency or disaster including: how to provide leadership and assistance until first responders can arrive, how to secure your home and family, and how to implement the options that you will be taught during the training class. The free, 21-hour, hands-on and lecture class is taught by specially certified Chandler Firefighters. Focus areas will include Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue and Disaster Preparedness. The minimum age for attendance is 16. Upon completion of the course, you will take part in a disaster drill simulation, and will receive a nationally-recognized Certificate of Completion. Classes fill up quickly; register by sending an email to CERTAdmin@chandleraz.gov.

Maintain your lawns and alleyways

With the changing of the seasons, many types of vegetation are growing quickly in lawns, alleyways and empty lots in neighborhoods all over the City. That means Chandler residents and property owners need to be ready to clean up areas that they are responsible for maintaining.

A Chandler ordinance states that property owners or persons in control of any private premises are responsible for maintaining their entire premises, ensuring it is free from weeds, overheight grass and uncontrolled vegetation grown. This includes any abutting right-of-way up to the curb or street (or the edge of the pavement where curbs are not present). Owners are also responsible for maintenance to the center of their alleys. These areas should be free of any and all weeds and grass in excess of six inches in height, and any litter, trash or debris.

Also, keep in mind that landscaping should not obstruct public rights-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, signs, fire hydrants and traffic signals. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed back to avoid these situations. To report a violation or obtain more information, go to www.chandlercode.com, use the City's mobile phone app, or call 480-782-4320.

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Spring cleaning tips

Earth Day is April 22, but residents should think about protecting our environment every day. With the changing weather, many residents are taking time to clean their homes, garages, sheds and yards. The City provides many safe and convenient ways to dispose of items properly.

- For green cleaning tips to clean your home, visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle
- Leftover paint, pesticides, oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals and other household chemicals should be disposed of properly. DO NOT place these items down the drain, in the street, alley, or in your recycling or trash can. Residents may schedule an appointment to bring these items to the Household Hazardous Collection Center by calling 480-782-3510.
- If you have items that are too large to fit in a curbside or alley trash container, you may need a bulk materials pick up. Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can receive one free curbside bulk pick up every six weeks. Call 480-782-3510 to schedule your collection.
- The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center, located at 955 East Queen Creek Road, is available to residents paying for City-provided solid waste services. The Center is open Thursday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for large items, including yard waste. Residents must self-haul and unload the material. Disposal charges apply to some items, please contact Solid Waste Services for details.
- Businesses, County island residents and residents living in multi-family housing may only use the Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center for recycling. Recyclables can also be deposited at 16 drop-off recycling sites throughout the City. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle for a map of locations and materials accepted at each site.

If you have any questions about recycling or trash service, please call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/recycle.

Residents with smart phones or tablets can use the "My Waste" app as a way to get information and set reminders on recycling and trash collection. The search feature will tell you if the item is recyclable or how to dispose of the material.

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Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. Visit www.chandleraz.gov and submit your comments on the "Contact Us" link.



Tune in to Cable Channel 11 for live coverage and replays of meetings, bulletin board announcements, original programming and more.

Go to www.chandleraz.gov for current meeting information.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this publication can be made available in an alternative format, if requested. It can also be made available in Spanish.

Si desea esta información en español, por favor llame al teléfono 480-782-2000.

Bee safety reminders

To prevent bees from settling in your house or yard, keep all holes and openings in trees or outside walls covered. Cover the hole of water meter boxes with a rock and check it regularly. Remove any trash or debris that might serve as a shelter for bees, such as overturned clay pots.

The Chandler Fire, Health and Medical Department advises residents to leave the bees alone, and they'll leave you alone. Bees are sensitive to noise such as power equipment and barking dogs and may attack pets or people in the area. Generally, a swarm of bees will only stay in a location for an average of 24 hours. Take the necessary precautions to prevent disturbing them, and contact a bee exterminator if they appear to be staying longer.

If bees have made their home in the City-owned water meter, City-owned water valve boxes or around a fire hydrant, the City will take responsibility for their removal. This is the only instance in which the City will remove bees on private property. To determine if the City should be involved, contact Water Distribution at 480-782-3706.

Bees must be taken seriously. Stings can be life threatening. If you or a family member have been stung, immediately contact Poison Control at 602-253-3334 to determine whether the sting can be managed at home or needs medical attention.

May calendar highlights

- 2 Cinco de Mayo/Chihuahua Races, Downtown Library Courtyard, 480-812-1693
- 2, 16 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 14, 28 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 15 DCCP Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-855-3539
- 16 Yen Li Chen, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 22 Chandler Symphony Orchestra, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 25 Memorial Day holiday, City offices closed
- 30 Chandler Chill Out, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-855-3539

Call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to www.chandleraz.gov for event information.



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.