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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Reminders...

Please see inside, pages 2-3, for the City's Annual Financial Report Summary.

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The annual Chandler Family Bike Ride is back! The 7.4 mile ride is free and will be held Sat., April 25, 2015. The ride starts and ends at the Chandler Park and Ride (2100 S. Hamilton St.).

Look for more information soon on www.chandleraz.gov, or call 480-782-3442.

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Did you know, the City has more than two dozen boards and commissions that residents can serve on?

Visit www.chandleraz.gov and select Boards and Commissions from the Government drop-down menu for more information.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Feb. 1, 2015, is 246,446 (+264 from last month).

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Learn about healthy living tips and tools at Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Health Connect Expo

On Saturday, April 18, the Tumbleweed Recreation Center (TRC) will host Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Health Connect Expo. This free, family-friendly event takes a true multi-generational approach to health and wellness. It will feature dozens of health conscious vendors, fitness and cooking demonstrations, speakers, free giveaways and more. The event runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the Center, located at Tumbleweed Park, 745 E. Germann Road (just west of McQueen Road). The event is co-sponsored by Dignity Health. For more information, go to www.chandleraz.gov/connect.

Join the Mayor's Listening Tour on April 14

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny will join Chandler's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in hosting a neighborhood meeting as part of a "Mayor's Listening Tour." The tour is designed to engage residents in conversations about the challenges they face within their neighborhoods and provide them with information on City resources and services available to them. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Frye Elementary, which is located at 801 E Frye Rd. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354.

Academies provide tools for neighborhoods

Two new neighborhood academies will take place this Spring, one for HOA neighborhoods and one for traditional neighborhoods. The new HOA Academy will be launching this March and the Traditional Academy begins in April. The academies will be held on Wednesday evenings and will run for four weeks. The academies are aimed to provide residents with tools and information to assist them in improving livability standards in neighborhoods. For more information and to register, contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354. Information is also available at: www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

HOA Academy
Chandler City Hall - Training Rooms A & B
175 S. Arizona Ave.
March 11 - April 1, 2015 (Wednesdays only)
6 to 8 p.m.

Traditional Neighborhood Academy
Chandler City Hall - Training Room A
175 S. Arizona Ave.
April 8 - April 29, 2015 (Wednesdays only)
6 to 8 p.m.

Chandler Fire reminds "Eye-to-Eye to Supervise"

The Chandler Fire, Health and Medical Department reminds residents to never leave a child unattended in or near any pool, tub or other body of water. Remember "Eye-to-Eye to Supervise." You can prevent a water tragedy by being or designating a "Water Watcher." Always have eye-to-eye contact with anyone you are watching in or around any kind of water, and don't allow anything to distract you.

Your home also should use effective barriers, such as a pool fence, plus self-closing, self-latching and locking mechanisms on gates and doors. You should know how to swim and teach age-appropriate children to swim. Everyone should learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The fact is drownings are preventable. Please help the Chandler Fire, Health and Medical Department stop the pain of child drownings.

2013-14 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary

Dear Chandler Citizen:

This financial report summary provides information concerning the financial condition of the City of Chandler for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This information is principally extracted from Chandler's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), upon which our auditor, Heinfeld, Meech & Co., has issued its audit report.

In addition, I am pleased to inform you that Chandler again has received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for our June 30, 2013 financial report. A copy of the award is included in the June 2014 CAFR, and the City is proud to have received the award for the 32nd consecutive year. The award is reflective of the City's commitment to provide citizens with a complete and fair presentation of our financial affairs. Copies of Chandler's CAFR can be obtained from the Management Services Department, 175 S. Arizona Ave. The report also can be reviewed at either the City Clerk's Office, the Downtown Chandler Public Library or on the Web at www.chandleraz.gov.

Also included in this financial report summary is information concerning Chandler's operating and capital budgets for the past and current fiscal year. Chandler's budgeted programs and services represent our commitment of allocating City resources to maintain citizens' quality of life and prosperity in our community. Budget resources are programmed to meet the day-to-day requirements of the City, as well as to facilitate progress toward our long-range goals and programs. We will continue to provide our community with essential citizen services and fiscally conservative management of our finances.

Jay Tibshraeny
Mayor

The Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Budget and 2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program are available at the Chandler Public Libraries, on the City's website at www.chandleraz.gov/budget and at the Chandler Budget Office, located at 175 S. Arizona Ave. Call 480-782-2252 for more information.

PROPERTY TAX

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, you paid \$11.64 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes. Of this rate, only \$1.27 or 12.13 percent was levied by the City of Chandler.

In 2014-15, you will pay \$12.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes, of which only \$1.18 or 9.51 percent is levied by the City of Chandler.

In other words, only 10 cents of each property tax dollar will be for City purposes in fiscal year 2014-15.

Distribution of the 2013-14 Property Tax Dollar:

0¢	23¢	65¢	12¢
State of Arizona	County, Flood Control, and CAP	Chandler Unified School District & Maricopa Community College District	City of Chandler

For information on districts other than Chandler, call 480-782-2333.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
Cash and Investments	\$ 566,457,134
Receivables	32,442,357
Inventories	1,223,706
Investment in Joint Venture	65,904,530
Capital Assets, Net	1,477,446,564
Other Assets	339,998
Total Assets	2,143,814,289
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Amounts on Refundings	995,149
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	20,247,234
Accrued Payroll	6,815,757
Accrued Interest	11,902,411
Compensated Absences	10,357,006
Other Post Employment Benefits	16,409,817
Issuance Premiums	16,775,370
Bonds Payable	592,030,000
Landfill Closure and Postclosure	4,340,000
Claims and Judgements Payable	4,602,971
Other Liabilities	14,360,983
Total Liabilities	697,841,549
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets	951,870,947
Restricted	105,723,768
Unrestricted	389,373,174
Total Net Position	\$1,446,967,889

GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
Land	\$ 83,306,168	\$ 83,306,168
Infrastructure and Streets	643,021,337	618,391,513
Buildings and Improvements	363,644,414	363,103,080
Machinery and Equipment	72,134,700	68,660,587
Construction in Progress	57,907,490	55,620,346
	<u>\$1,220,014,109</u>	<u>\$1,189,081,694</u>

SUMMARY OF GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
General Government	\$ 126,657,112	\$ 1,155,854	\$ (27,409)	\$ 127,785,557
Public Safety	110,909,314	3,643,293	(1,550,281)	113,002,326
Community Services	234,519,509	431,196	(17,640)	234,933,065
Transportation & Devel.	661,375,413	25,122,199	(111,941)	686,385,671
Construction in Progress	55,620,346	23,214,818	(20,927,674)	57,907,490
	<u>\$1,189,081,694</u>	<u>\$ 53,567,360</u>	<u>\$(22,634,945)</u>	<u>\$ 1,220,014,109</u>

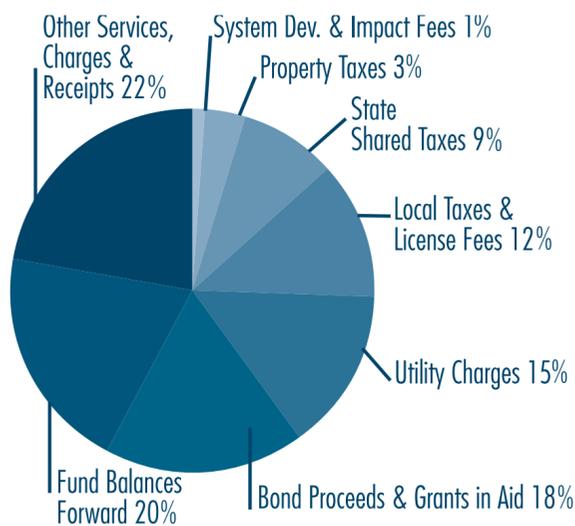
2013-14 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary (cont.)

City of Chandler Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Where the Money Comes From:

Local Taxes & License Fees	\$97,234,200
State Shared Taxes	68,821,700
Utility Charges	117,030,763
System Dev. & Impact Fees	8,605,600
Other Services, Charges & Receipts ⁽¹⁾	179,583,740
Property Taxes	28,046,000
Bond Proceeds & Grants in Aid	143,433,496
Fund Balances Forward	161,176,287

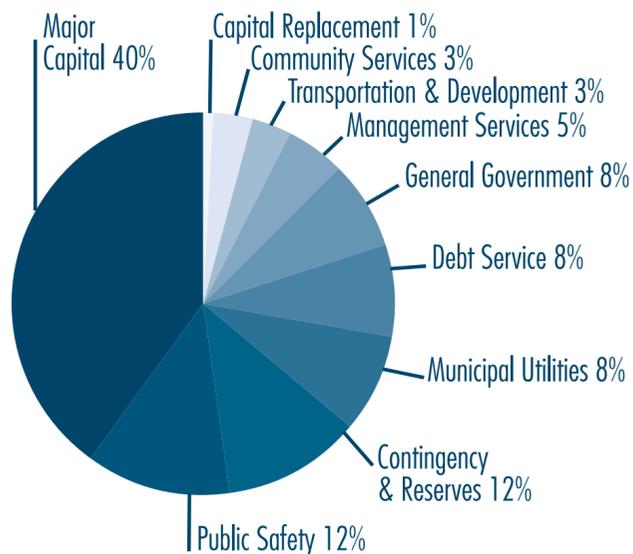
Total \$ 803,931,786



Where the Money Goes:

General Government	\$ 60,249,408
Management Services	40,538,986
Community Services	24,769,487
Public Safety	98,145,829
Transportation & Development	27,842,740
Municipal Utilities	67,638,374
Capital Replacement	8,677,845
Debt Service	61,641,699
Contingency & Reserves	93,918,827
Capital - Major	320,508,591

Total \$ 803,931,786

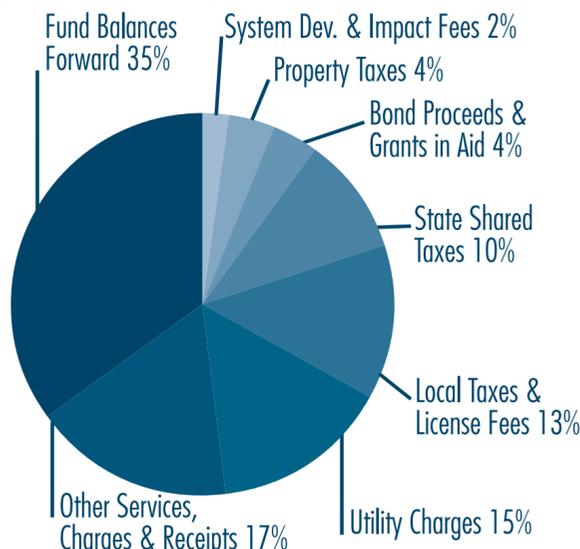


City of Chandler Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Where the Money Comes From:

Local Taxes & License Fees	\$101,610,700
State Shared Taxes	77,117,477
Utility Charges	118,354,783
System Dev. & Impact Fees	17,001,170
Other Services, Charges & Receipts ⁽¹⁾	136,129,439
Property Taxes	28,221,900
Bond Proceeds & Grants in Aid	31,785,923
Fund Balances Forward	273,253,255

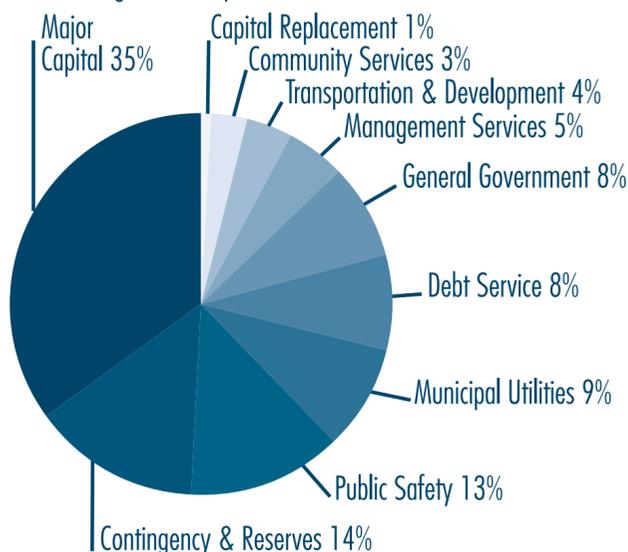
Total \$ 783,474,647



Where the Money Goes:

General Government	\$ 60,909,424
Management Services	43,235,422
Community Services	25,309,590
Public Safety	100,086,174
Transportation & Development	28,849,214
Municipal Utilities	68,191,906
Capital Replacement	10,190,061
Debt Service	64,891,189
Contingency & Reserves	105,097,565
Capital - Major	276,714,102

Total \$ 783,474,647



SUMMARY OF 2014-15 BUDGETED MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

General Government	\$ 14,307,172
Community Services	
Parks/Recreation	4,357,000
Library	0
Public Safety	
Police	440,090
Fire	750,000
Transportation & Development	
Streets/Traffic	27,744,017
Municipal Utilities	
Water	32,939,040
Wastewater	19,190,000
Solid Waste	250,000
Total	<u><u>\$99,977,319</u></u>



Why is it important to Shop Chandler? Sales taxes from the money you spend in Chandler help support City services, such as Police and Fire, road improvements and neighborhoods. These taxes also support a quality of life enhanced by parks, sports fields, trails, pools and recreation programs.

And it's more important than ever to support local businesses. Whether it's a large purchase, or a quick stop in the grocery store, where you choose to shop makes a difference. Chandler residents enjoy a wide variety of shopping, but those businesses rely on your support.

Shopping in Chandler also helps support many local non-profit groups. Many youth organizations, food banks and social service agencies rely on the support of the City of Chandler and donations from business owners. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/shop.

(1) In FY2013-14, the Other Services, Charges & Receipts includes reimbursement revenue of \$119,654,897 (Water Fund \$3,543,744 & Wastewater Fund \$116,111,153) for the Intel Plant Expansion. Intel will reimburse the City for the utility infrastructure costs initially paid by the City. In FY2014-15, this same category includes reimbursement revenue of \$70,092,518 (Water Fund \$10,148,174 & Wastewater Fund \$59,944,344) for the same project.

Get your yards ready for spring

Warmer weather is here and it's time to get Chandler yards ready for spring. There are three options for residents to dispose of green waste.

One option is to place yard waste in the black trash container for pick up. You must bag and tie all items, including leaves and grass, and some items are prohibited.

Another option is curbside collection. Chandler residents are entitled to a free bulk collection once every six weeks. There are specific size and bundling requirements, and rules for where items are allowed to be placed. Call to schedule your pick-up before setting items out for collection.

Another option for Chandler residents is to drop off yard waste at the Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (RSWCC), located at 955 E. Queen Creek Rd. The facility is open Thursday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and holidays. A picture I.D. is required, as well as a current City of Chandler utility bill showing City-provided solid waste services. Residents must haul and unload the waste, and only trash from the Chandler residence may be brought to this facility.

Contractors and/or persons performing work for Chandler residents are not allowed to use the RSWCC, even if they are escorted by the resident. The only exception is for residents with a physical limitation who are accommodated by an Administrative policy.

Currently some yard waste is being diverted to a mulching facility. When dropping off yard waste, please load your truck or trailer so that the following yard waste is separate: cactus, palm fronds/husks, tree trunks over 12 inches, grass and bagged yard waste.

Call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 for a list of prohibited items, to schedule a bulk pick up, to learn about backyard composting, and for more details about any of these options.

Spring time events

Spring officially begins March 20 -- a time when Arizona residents usually head outdoors before summer returns and temperatures escalate. Here in Chandler, there are many outdoor opportunities to enjoy springtime events:

You don't want to miss the Chandler Jazz Festival, March 27-28. The popular event attracts some of the best national and local Jazz performers to Downtown Chandler. The festival will be held at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Downtown Chandler is located south of Chandler Blvd. and west of Arizona Ave.

The annual Family Easter Celebration takes place at Snedigar Recreation Center (4500 S. Basha Rd.) from 9 a.m. to noon, Sat., April 4, 2015. This egg-citing event is fun for every age with egg scrambles, face painting, candy, games and more.

Mark your calendar now! The annual Cinco de Mayo celebration returns to Chandler, Sat., May 2, 2015. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event featuring Chihuahua races and the crowning of the King and Queen ... Chihuahua, that is. Check the City's website for all the details.

April calendar highlights

- 2 Teen Town Hall Forum, Council Chambers, 480-782-2710
- 4 Family Easter Celebration, Snedigar Park, 480-782-2735
- 4, 11, 18 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 11 Chandler Symphony Orchestra, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 14 Mayor's Listening Tour, 480-782-4354
- 16, 30 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 17 DCCP Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-855-3539
- 18 Health Connect Expo, Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 480-782-2200
- 21 Holocaust Remembrance Event, Center for the Arts, 480-897-0588
- 25, 26 Ballet Etudes Cinderella, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

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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.

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