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# CityScope

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 9, 2016. The ride starts and ends at the Chandler Park and Ride (2100 S. Hamilton St.).

Look for more information soon on [www.chandleraz.gov/transit](http://www.chandleraz.gov/transit) 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](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and select Boards and Commissions from the Government drop-down menu for more information.

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The City is coordinating its annual "Let's Pull Together" campaign!

Volunteers are organized into weed eradication teams on consecutive Saturdays beginning April 2 through April 23.

Volunteers will provide assistance to individuals who are facing difficult times, seniors or those with disabilities by pulling weeds from yards and alleys and assisting with yard maintenance.

Call 480-782-4354 to sign up, or for more information.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Feb. 1, 2016, is 246,446 (+264 from last month).

## Join the Mayor's Listening Tour on April 12

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny will join Chandler's Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 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 Knox Gifted Academy, which is located at 700 W. Orchid Ln. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354.

## Police promote "If You See Something, Say Something™"

The Chandler Police Department is helping to promote a new initiative from the Department of Homeland Security. "If You See Something, Say Something,™" encourages residents to be observant and report suspicious activities. Informed, alert communities play a critical role in keeping our community safe. Do you know what to do when calling 9-1-1? You should remain calm and answer these basic questions:

### Basic Questions:

WHAT happened?  
WHERE did it happen?  
WHEN did it happen?  
WHO was involved?  
HOW it happened?

### When describing people:

Male/Female  
Race/Ethnicity  
Height/Weight  
Approximate Age  
Hair Color/Facial Hair  
Clothing/Hat  
Scars, Marks, Tattoos,  
Language/Speech or Trait

### Vehicle information:

Type (Sedan, Pickup, etc.)  
Color(s)  
Make/Model/Year  
License/Serial Number  
Features/Markings  
Direction of Travel

Activities that might be considered questionable can include: people going door-to-door, someone loitering around a parked vehicle, abandoned vehicles, high vehicle or pedestrian traffic to and from a residence or location. If you see suspicious activity, you can call or text the Police Non-Emergency line at 480-782-4130, or call the Tipline at 480-782-4440. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1. Visit [chandlerpd.com/safety](http://chandlerpd.com/safety) for more crime prevention tips and information.

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

The Chandler Fire, Health & 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 & Medical Department stop the pain of child drownings.

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or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cityofchandleraz](http://www.facebook.com/cityofchandleraz)

# 2014-15 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary

## Dear Chandler Resident:

This financial report summary provides information concerning the financial condition of the City of Chandler for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. 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, 2014 financial report. A copy of the award is included in the June 2015 CAFR, and the City is proud to have received the award for the 33rd 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 [chandleraz.gov](http://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 2015-16 Annual Budget and 2016-25 Capital Improvement Program are available at the Chandler Public Libraries, on the City's website at [chandleraz.gov/budget](http://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 2014-15 fiscal year, you paid \$12.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes. Of this rate, only \$1.18 or 9.51 percent was levied by the City of Chandler.

In 2015-16, you will pay \$11.76 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes, of which only \$1.18 or 10.03 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 2015-16.

### Distribution of the 2015-16 Property Tax Dollar:

| 0¢               | 19¢  | 71¢  | 10¢              |
|------------------|--|--|------------------|
| State of Arizona | County, Flood Control, and Central Arizona Project | 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

| ASSETS                      | June 30, 2015        |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Cash and Investments        | \$ 587,144,823       |
| Receivables                 | 31,018,070           |
| Inventories                 | 1,153,846            |
| Investment in Joint Venture | 62,611,174           |
| Capital Assets, Net         | 1,472,535,998        |
| Other Assets                | 603,299              |
| Total Assets                | <u>2,155,067,210</u> |

| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES          |            |
|---|------------|
| Deferred Outflows of Pension Plan Items | 38,759,868 |
| Deferred Amounts on Refundings          | 21,652,321 |

| LIABILITIES                      |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Accounts Payable                 | 20,216,619         |
| Accrued Payroll                  | 7,602,541          |
| Trust Liabilities and Deposits   | 13,655,444         |
| Accrued Interest                 | 10,945,536         |
| Compensated Absences             | 10,892,933         |
| Net Pension Liability            | 214,626,425        |
| Other Post Employment Benefits   | 20,484,298         |
| Bonds Payable                    | 593,320,113        |
| Landfill Closure and Postclosure | 4,340,000          |
| Claims and Judgements Payable    | 5,642,383          |
| Other Liabilities                | 743,619            |
| Total Liabilities                | <u>902,469,911</u> |

| NET POSITION               |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Invested in Capital Assets | 947,469,166            |
| Restricted                 | 109,085,069            |
| Unrestricted               | 225,534,195            |
| Total Net Position         | <u>\$1,282,088,430</u> |

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|                            | June 30, 2015          | June 30, 2014          |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Land                       | \$ 85,355,474          | \$ 83,306,168          |
| Infrastructure and Streets | 657,725,995            | 643,021,337            |
| Buildings and Improvements | 381,607,870            | 363,644,414            |
| Machinery and Equipment    | 78,538,352             | 72,134,700             |
| Construction in Progress   | 61,541,490             | 57,907,490             |
|                            | <u>\$1,264,769,181</u> | <u>\$1,220,014,109</u> |

## SUMMARY OF GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

|                          | June 30, 2014          | Additions            | Deletions             | June 30, 2015           |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| General Government       | \$ 127,785,557         | \$ 8,712,600         | \$ (45,737)           | \$ 136,452,420          |
| Public Safety            | 113,002,326            | 4,466,409            | (582,786)             | 116,885,949             |
| Community Services       | 234,933,065            | 13,069,291           | -                     | 248,002,356             |
| Transportation & Devel.  | 686,385,671            | 15,615,007           | (113,712)             | 701,886,966             |
| Construction in Progress | 57,907,490             | 35,362,810           | (31,728,810)          | 61,541,490              |
|                          | <u>\$1,220,014,109</u> | <u>\$ 77,226,117</u> | <u>\$(32,471,045)</u> | <u>\$ 1,264,769,181</u> |

# 2014-15 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary (cont.)

## City of Chandler Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15

### Where the Money Comes From:

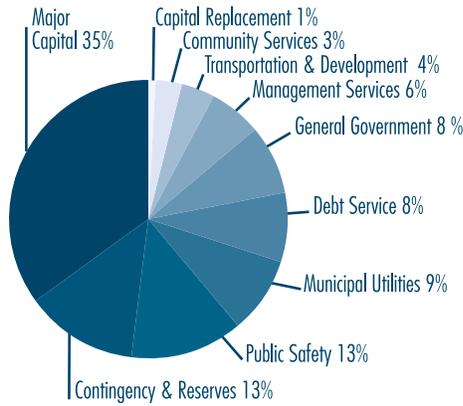
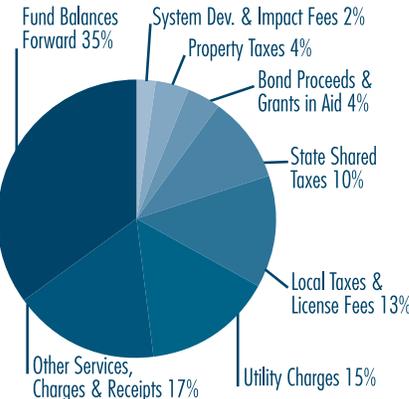
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| Local Taxes & License Fees                        | \$101,610,700 |
| State Shared Taxes                                | 77,117,477    |
| Utility Charges                                   | 118,354,783   |
| System Dev. & Impact Fees                         | 17,001,170    |
| Other Services, Charges & Receipts <sup>(1)</sup> | 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



## City of Chandler Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16

### Where the Money Comes From:

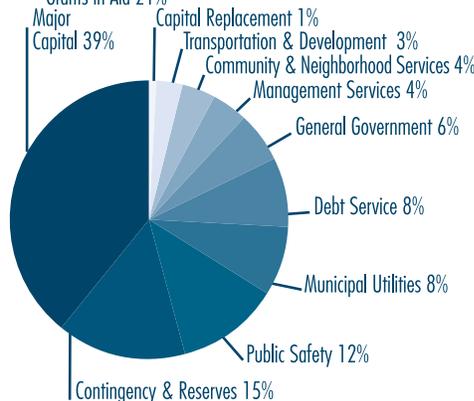
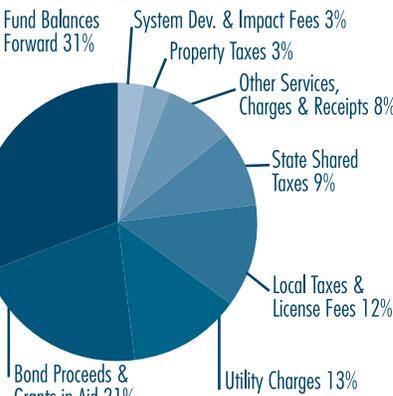
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|---|---------------|
| Local Taxes & License Fees                        | \$106,733,550 |
| State Shared Taxes                                | 77,236,793    |
| Utility Charges                                   | 121,302,249   |
| System Dev. & Impact Fees                         | 25,638,500    |
| Other Services, Charges & Receipts <sup>(1)</sup> | 71,832,435    |
| Property Taxes                                    | 28,420,000    |
| Bond Proceeds & Grants in Aid                     | 193,378,722   |
| Fund Balances Forward                             | 286,071,768   |

**Total** \$ 910,614,017

### Where the Money Goes:

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| General Government             | \$ 53,976,561 |
| Management Services            | 41,131,677    |
| Community & Neighborhood Svcs. | 36,759,329    |
| Public Safety                  | 111,361,986   |
| Transportation & Development   | 28,100,582    |
| Municipal Utilities            | 71,458,996    |
| Capital Replacement            | 8,826,220     |
| Debt Service                   | 71,430,443    |
| Contingency & Reserves         | 133,868,146   |
| Capital - Major                | 353,700,077   |

**Total** \$ 910,614,017



### SUMMARY OF 2015-16 BUDGETED MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| General Government                | \$ 4,788,499 |
| Airport                           | 5,848,400    |
| Library                           | 0            |
| Community & Neighborhood Services |              |
| Parks/Recreation                  | 5,129,450    |
| Public Safety                     |              |
| Police                            | 800,090      |
| Fire                              | 4,780,000    |
| Transportation & Development      |              |
| Streets/Traffic                   | 27,616,592   |
| Municipal Utilities               |              |
| Water                             | 19,635,000   |
| Wastewater                        | 118,007,000  |
| Solid Waste                       | 750,000      |

**\$187,355,031**



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 [chandleraz.gov/shop](http://chandleraz.gov/shop).

(1) In FY2014-15, the Other Services, Charges & Receipts includes reimbursement revenue of \$70,092,518 (Water Fund \$10,148,174 & Wastewater Fund \$59,944,344) for the Intel Plant Expansion. Intel will reimburse the City for the utility infrastructure costs initially paid by the City. In FY2015-16, this same category includes reimbursement revenue of \$9,071,921 (Wastewater Fund) 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 pickup. You must bag and tie all items, including leaves and grass, and some items are prohibited.

Another option is curbside collection. Chandler residents can receive 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 pickup before setting items out for collection.

The third 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 (within 60 days) 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:

The annual Family Easter Celebration takes place at Snedigar Recreation Center (4500 S. Basha Rd.) from 9 a.m. to noon, Sat., Mar. 26, 2016. This egg-citing event is fun for every age with egg scrambles, face painting, candy, games and more.

You don't want to miss the Chandler Jazz Festival, April 1-2, 2016. The popular event attracts some of the best national and local Jazz performers to Downtown Chandler. The festival will be held at the Downtown Chandler Plaza (178 E. Commonwealth Ave.), so bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Downtown Chandler is located south of Chandler Blvd. and east of Arizona Ave.

## April calendar highlights

- 1 The von Trapps, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 1, 2 Chandler Jazz Festival, Downtown Chandler, 480-782-2735
- 2, 9, 16, 23 Let's Pull Together, Various Locations, 480-782-4354
- 2, 9, 23, 30 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 9 Chandler Track & Field Meet, Chandler High School, 480-782-2704
- 9 Chandler Family Bike Ride, Chandler Park & Ride, 480-782-3442
- 11, 14 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 12 Mayor's Listening Tour, Knox Gifted Academy, 480-782-4320
- 14 Traditional Neighborhood Academy begins, City Hall, 480-782-4320
- 15 Downtown Art Walk, Downtown Chandler, 480-855-3539
- 23 Earth Day Celebration, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2890
- 23 Ballet Etudes' Cinderella, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

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Go to [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) for current meeting information.

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



**Chandler City Council** -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Councilmember Nora Ellen, Councilmember Kevin Hartke, Councilmember Terry Roe and Councilmember René Lopez.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

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