



2013 Mayor's Listening Tour

Tuesday, September 10 - 7:00 PM
Humphrey Elementary
125 S. 132nd St



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Continuing Strong Focus on Neighborhoods

The hot weather is here and the Mayor's Listening Tour is on summer break. We will reconvene on Tuesday, September 10, at Humphrey Elementary School, 125 S. 132nd Street. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Our April meeting at Galveston Elementary was a great success with nearly 60 residents on hand. If you have not attended a Listening Tour stop, they provide an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns with members of the City Council and City staff.

And in November, we will introduce Do-It-Yourself Connect. This is the latest addition to the Listening

Tour 2.0 where we add some different types of events to our regular schedule of meetings. Do-It-Yourself Connect will give Chandler homeowners a chance to talk with City staff about resources, building permits, rebates and other vital information to be aware of when doing a new home project. More details will be posted in the next issue of "News for Neighbors."

We continue to keep a strong focus on our neighborhoods, and I appreciate your support. Remember also to follow me on Twitter @jaytibshraeny and visit the City's award-winning website www.chandleraz.gov for more news on the community.

Chandler City Council

Jay Tibshraeny, Mayor
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Rick Heumann
Jeff Weninger

Operation Back to School Chandler



Chandler, For Our Students!

This drive will culminate in a Saturday, July 20 event where students and families can come to one location to pick up supplies, receive information on FREE after school programs, discounted school lunch programs and much more.

In order to make this event a success, we need YOUR help collecting items for Title 1 elementary, junior high, high school, and charter students in Chandler.

This is your invitation to participate in the biggest Back-to-School Donation Drive in Chandler - Operation Back to School

Items needed include: backpacks, school supplies, uniforms, shoes, socks and underwear.

Many volunteers are needed to sort items in the weeks leading up to the July 20th event, in addition to helping on the event day itself.

For more information on donating items or volunteering for this event, call 480-782-2214 or visit www.forourcity.org/Back_to_School_Drive.html.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Summer Break Time

Break Time is a quarterly publication produced by the Community Services Department outlining the upcoming recreation classes, activities and special events. The summer (June, July & August) Break Time is available at City Recreation Centers, Libraries and Aquatic Centers. Registration is now open for residents and non-residents.

For more information, call 480-782-2727 or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime

4th of July Celebration

Make plans to commemorate our nation's independence by coming to our 4th of July

Fireworks Spectacular at Tumbleweed Park, 745 E. Germann Rd. This year's celebration is a fireworks-only event, with the park opening at 7:00 PM and fireworks starting at 9:00 PM. A limited number of food vendors will be selling snacks and drinks. Food and beverages can be brought into the park, however, no grilling or alcohol will be permitted. Admission is free, and parking is \$5 per vehicle. For more information, call 480-782-2735, or visit

www.chandleraz.gov/special-events.

Aquatic Centers

All six aquatic centers will be open for the summer! Please note that the Chandler Aquatic staff establishes operational hours for each facility to coincide with the school district calendar. Be on the look out for a change in summer hours at some of the aquatic centers. For a list of summer hours, admission and location for each of the aquatic centers, call 480-782-2733 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

Don't Get Hosed: Savvy Ways to Save Money & Water



Last year Chandler water audit participants saved over 10 million gallons of water after following advice from Water Conservation staff. That's a lot of water and it also means hundreds of dollars

saved by residents.

A water audit is simply a free on-site evaluation of water-using fixtures, hardware, equipment, landscaping, and management practices to determine the efficiency of your home's water use.

Once you request an audit a Water Conservation Specialist will tour your property to show how you can locate leaks and learn practical ways to repair them. We'll even give you money-saving rebate and incentive information. Best of all, your appointment can be conveniently scheduled

Monday—Friday between 6:30 am and 3:00 pm. This City-wide program is offered free-of-charge to Chandler water customers. A separate program for HOA's and commercial properties is also available and includes preparation of a water budget to help determine landscape water efficiency. Eight Chandler HOA's saved 7,963,000 gallons in 2012.

For more information or to schedule a water audit, call the Water Conservation Office at 480-782-3583, or email us at conserve@chandleraz.gov.

If you would rather perform the in-home residential Water Audit yourself, visit the "[How to Check for a Water Leak](#)" page or simply take the On Line Water Challenge at www.wateruseitwisely.com.

Cathy Rymer
Water Conservation Specialist

HOA and Traditional Neighborhoods

The City of Chandler is very interactive with both Homeowner Associations (HOA) and traditional neighborhoods. HOAs have a set structure which includes an HOA Board and usually a management company. The Board oversees anything that pertains to the livability of the association. Traditional Neighborhoods are not required to have any specific type of structure. Instead, many traditional neighborhoods have residents that step forward as neighborhood leaders to work within their neighborhood.



information and resources to assist them with neighborhood challenges. Some of these resources include educational classes such as the HOA and Traditional Neighborhood Academies, and Grants for neighborhood improvements and beautification.

For more information on the resources available contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.

Bob Kampfe
Neighborhood Advisory Committee Member

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) meets every second Tuesday of the month with the exception of July. For more information contact Neighborhood Programs at 480-782-4354.

Both types of neighborhoods are important to the overall strength of the City of Chandler and are supported by the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC). The NAC is always available to assist neighborhoods and provide residents with

2013 Summer Speaker Series - Precious Water



Water. Here in the Arizona desert, it's our most precious resource.

A new series, "Precious Water," provides a roundtable discussion featuring Arizona Museum of Natural History's Curator of Anthropology Dr. Jerry Howard, long-time Chandler farmers Bill Shraeder and Norman Knox, and Salt River Project Historical Analyst Dr. Dan Killoren.

Join us with your own questions and stories as we explore the past, present and future of our Valley's water. You can also explore the new exhibit "Choosing a Future With Water: Lessons from the

Hohokam," at the Chandler Museum, located at 300 S. Chandler Village Drive. Exhibit runs through July 27.

This Summer Speaker Series is brought to you by the Chandler Historical Society, Chandler Public Library and Chandler Museum.

Watch for our Summer Speaker programs at www.chandlerlibrary.org or contact Jean Reynolds at 480-782-2751 or jean.reynolds@chandleraz.gov.



Code Enforcement on Green Swimming Pools



As summer approaches we are reminded of the importance of swimming pool safety. For drowning prevention, adults are reminded to use eye to eye supervision with children who are in and around bodies of water. Property owners are reminded to ensure pools are properly

enclosed and equipped with proper self-closing and latching hardware. Failure to take these and other safety measures can sadly result in tragic outcomes.

Another seasonal threat posed by swimming pools is unmaintained green pools. These pools are often found at abandoned properties and can pose several health and safety risks. One such risk is the West Nile Virus; a mosquito borne disease which according to the Maricopa County Vector Control's website "can cause encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, and meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord." According to Maricopa County Vector Control, last year there were 79 reported cases of the West Nile Virus in Maricopa County. A contributing factor to these cases is the availability of breeding areas for the mosquitoes that carry the disease. Green swimming pools and other bodies of stagnant water contribute to the problem by providing breeding areas for the mosquitoes that carry and transfer the virus.



If you own a swimming pool be sure to maintain the pool in a healthy and safe manner such that the water does not become stagnant. Make sure the pool equipment including the pump is

functioning properly in order to effectively circulate pool water.

- Remove clutter and collections of items from outdoor locations.
- Remove bottles, cans, toys, auto parts and equipment, pet dishes etc. from outdoor locations. Even the smallest of items can capture and hold water and very small pockets of water can provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Drain or remove standing water from outdoor areas.
- Report known green pool locations and any noticeable increases in mosquito activity in your area to the Maricopa County Vector Control office at 602-506-6616 or via the online complaint process at www.maricopa.gov/ENVSVC/Complaints/Forms/ComplaintInput.aspx. Immediately report the presence of dead birds in your area as this can be a first indication that the virus may be in the area.

Contact Chandler Code Enforcement to report abandoned and poorly maintained properties. When filing reports be sure to specifically report whether the abandoned property is known to have a swimming pool or water feature.

For more information on City efforts including the City's collaboration with Maricopa County to address green pool issues please contact the Code Enforcement Office at 480-782-4320 or visit us online at www.chandleraz.gov/code.

*Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood Preservation Manager*

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

Guard Start & Junior Guard

Registration is now open for the return of the Guard Start and Junior Guard programs! Geared toward 9-10 year olds, the Guard Starters will be introduced to water safety skills and learn water safety habits. The Junior Guard program, geared towards 11-15 year olds, will teach water safety and introduce participants to the duties and responsibilities of a lifeguard.

Both programs will be offered at Arrowhead, Hamilton, Mesquite Groves and Nazomi Aquatic Centers. For more information call 480-782-2733 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

Aqua Fit Classes

Aqua Fit classes are back! Classes offered include Aqua Fit Shallow, Deep and Latin. All classes are 50 minutes long, twice a week. Resident fee is \$35 and \$48 for non-resident. For more information or to register call 480-782-2635 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

Arizona Luau

June 10 from Noon - 3:00 PM
Desert Oasis Aquatic Center
1400 W. Summit PI
Summer is here! Kick off your shoes and put on the swim gear. There will be water balloon toss, scavenger hunt and limbo contest. For more information call 782-1062 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

End of Summer Bash

July 17 from 8:00 - 10:00 PM
Folley Pool - 600 E. Fairview
Let's say farewell to the pool and hello to school! Activities will include a water balloon toss, relay race and contests. For more information call 480-732-1063 or visit www.chandler.gov/aquatics.

2013 Fall HOA & Traditional Neighborhood Academies

Fall HOA Academy

Join us for our Fall HOA Academy! This Academy is for residents that live in an HOA or serve on an HOA Board. Classes fill up fast so you must register by July 5!

Classes will run every Thursday from August 8 - September 5
Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room A & B
175 S. Arizona Ave
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

Fall Traditional Neighborhood Academy

Join us for the Fall Traditional Neighborhood Academy! This Academy is for residents living in a non-HOA neighborhood and who want to make a difference in their neighborhood. You must register by August 2!

Workshops will run every Thursday from September 5-26
Chandler City Hall, Second Floor—Training Room A
175 S. Arizona Avenue
6:00 - 8:00 PM

For registration information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Summer Reading Program

Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, July 27
The Chandler Public Library invites the community to participate in the 2013 Summer Reading Program! The purpose of the program is to motivate families, pre-readers, children, and teens to read for pleasure, develop positive attitudes about reading books, maintain children's reading skills during the summer, and encourage regular use and visits to the library. This FREE program covers four age groups: Pre-readers (birth - 5 years old), Kids (5 - 11 years old), Teens (12 - 18 years old), and Adults (18 and older). Residents can register online or at one of the four Chandler Public Libraries. For more information and for locations call 480-782-2800 or visit www.chandlerlibrary.org

Online Courses Available at the Chandler Public Library

The Chandler Public Library is now providing hundreds of courses for adult and career education, college readiness, and personal development programs through Ed2Go, a new service that brings turnkey online training and education solutions to any library cardholder. Courses range from health and wellness to digital photography, computer programming to GED test preparation and much more. Ed2Go courses are developed by expert instructors, many currently working at universities around the country, and can be accessed through the library's website. For more information contact the Chandler Public Library at 480-782-2800 or visit www.chandlerlibrary.org

Notice, Check and Ask the Right Questions



In light of recent events, it goes without saying that the eyes and ears of our community are essential to a successful partnership in crime fighting and quality of life issues. As we approach summer we need our

residents to be vigilant and attentive to their surroundings and neighborhoods. Whether it is a crime that you see or an emerging issue that needs some attention we ask that our residents do their part. If you see something suspicious or unusual let someone know.

More specifically, there are things you can do when you are home and around your neighborhood to enhance the security of our community. In recent contacts with citizens, several questions have been raised about our approach to alarms and solicitors, and generally people out knocking on the doors and hanging out in the neighborhoods for no apparent reason. In one case an alarm company tried to tell a neighbor that she needed to change alarms because the police do not respond to alarms. Not true. The Chandler Police Department responds to alarms whether they are home or business alarms unless we receive a valid cancellation notice prior to the arrival of the officer. The point is that if anyone tries to solicit your business with misinformation make sure

you ask the right questions, confirm their identity and business affiliation, and double check if in doubt. And, to that point, you can help us by talking to your alarm company and making sure they have current contact information for you and your responsible parties. This can help minimize the false alarms calls.

When it comes to other folks knocking on your door or soliciting your business there are other regulations you should be aware of. While these are not all inclusive, it is required by our code that if you are going to peddle or solicit door to door or as a transient merchant you need to have a permit issued by the City. There are a few exemptions in the code, but as a rule if you have anyone showing up at your door step selling goods they need to have a permit and identification. If someone does show up at the door and they have not been asked to be there, and they have no valid reason or identification, then do not let them in your house or give them information until you can verify their reason for being there.

All of these things are infrequent and seem little, but the gateway to crime and fraud is typically access. Where we can limit access is by noticing the environment around us and asking the right questions when it counts.

*Commander Gregg Jacquin,
Chandler Police Department*



CERT



ALERT! Chandler Fire CERT is pleased to provide our community with advance notice of timely and interesting classes that will be offered in June of 2013. The below-listed sessions are free and open to all East Valley community members.

June 13

Identify and understand the dangers of desert insects, snakes and other Arizona environmental "critters". This class will be held at the Veterans Oasis Complex and will be a wonderful opportunity to both see and learn!

June 27

Learn the basics of being prepared for unexpected emergencies, natural disasters and general service disruptions. This class will concentrate on a 3-day scenario and will provide you with options for what you should know and have on hand.

CERT will advise all interested attendees of the exact location and times of the classes as we determine the numbers and confirm our instructors. To indicate your interest and to reserve a seat for each class, you will need to contact CERTAdmin@chandleraz.gov.

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