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Tumbleweed Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 5
Downtown Chandler
Celebrate Chandler's Annual
Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and
Parade of Lights!
Parade begins at 7 p.m.
Tree lighting at 8 p.m.

Mayor's HOA Mini Summit

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Tumbleweed Recreation Center
745 E. Germann Road
7 p.m.

State of the City Address

Thursday, Feb. 18
Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St.
6 p.m.

Winter Neighborhood News



This winter brings plenty of good news for neighbors throughout the community.

Our Neighborhood Listening Tour

finished up another great year in November with our third annual Do-It-Yourself Connect. This month we are dedicating Citrus Vista Park and also celebrating a number of enhancements to Folley Memorial Park. Did you know Folley Park was named after Zora Folley, a former City Councilmember and professional boxer? He even fought Muhammad Ali back in the 1960s.

My annual State of the City address will be Thursday, Feb. 18, in the City Council Chambers. I hope you can attend to hear about what other great opportunities lay ahead for us.

While this is a time of year to spend celebrating with friends and family, remember also that there are those in the community who continue to struggle for various reasons. If you can, please donate some time or contribute to one of the many nonprofit agencies in Chandler who help those in need now and throughout the year. A good place to find information is at forourcity.org/Chandler.html.

And, of course, remember to "Shop Chandler" for your holiday gifts, as those tax dollars are critical to

maintain City services. These tax revenues support a quality of life enhanced by parks, sports fields, trails, pools and recreation programs. And they also help support City services such as road improvements, neighborhoods, fire, health and medical services and police protection.

It has been a very tough couple of years for our public safety personnel here in Chandler and across the country. Unfortunately, they have come under attack too many times simply for being our protectors. This is a tough profession. Please take a moment to thank a Police Officer in the coming year for the work they do. They have our backs, Chandler – we can certainly look after theirs.

Finally, if your neighborhood group or HOA is having a spring event, we would be happy to share with you and your neighbors what is happening in Chandler, as well as what lies ahead for the community. Just call our office at 480-782-2206 to schedule a date and time. I honestly believe that neighborhoods are our community's greatest asset, and through these community partnerships, they shall remain that way for decades to come.

Please follow me on Twitter at twitter.com/jaytibshraeny and visit the City's award-winning website chandleraz.gov for more news on the community. Here is to a very joyful New Year for all Chandler neighbors!

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Winter Break Time

The winter Break Time magazine outlining all-ages recreation classes, youth camps and special events for December, January and February is available at City offices, libraries, recreation and aquatic centers and online. For more information, call 480-782-2727 or visit chandleraz.gov/breaktime

Santa's House

Thursday, Dec. 10
5 - 7 p.m.
Downtown Chandler

Saturday, Dec. 12 & 19
Noon - 5 p.m.
Downtown Chandler

There is plenty of fun for little boys and girls and their families to enjoy during the holidays. Did you hear Santa is coming to Chandler? You can meet him and get your picture taken with him. Join us at this FREE event! For more information, call 480-782-2669.

Community Night in the Courtyard

Thursday, Dec. 17
Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This event will be centered around the Christmas Holiday Season. There will be crafts, holiday card making and cookie decorating. There will also be an opportunity for pictures with Santa. Join us at this FREE event! For more information, call 480-782-2746.

Draining Pools the Right Way

The City of Chandler requires that all swimming pool and spa waters be maintained on private property or disposed of into the sanitary sewer clean-out, which is usually located in the front yard of your home.

Discharges associated with swimming pools and spas may consist of chemicals and pollutants such as chlorine, bromine, algaecides, biocides, oils, bacteria and sediment.

Did you know that the storm drain system is completely separate from the sanitary sewer system? The sanitary sewer system delivers wastewater from our sinks, showers, toilets and washing machines to a wastewater treatment facility where the wastewater is treated and either reused for landscape irrigation or recharged into the ground for future use. Whereas, street runoff collected in storm drains does not receive any treatment before it is discharged directly into the nearest retention basin, greenbelt area, park, playground or community lake within your neighborhood.

Backwashing or draining a pool into a City street, storm drain, alley or other City right of way is

prohibited by City code. Avoid draining or backwashing a pool or spa onto areas of your yard that may encourage erosion or create a nuisance to adjacent properties. If you are unsure of where your sewer clean-out is located, you can contact a plumber for assistance in locating it.

Visit chandleraz.gov and search "pool drainage" for more information on how to properly drain your pool or spa. Please call 480-782-3503 to report a discharge entering the street or storm drain system. Remember, "**Only Rain in the Storm Drain!**"



Wrong



Right

*Dave Verhelst
Stormwater Programs Coordinator*

Looking for Extra Cash for the Winter?



If you have installed low water use landscaping (Xeriscape), a weather-based irrigation controller or converted your lawn to desert-adapted

plants, you may qualify for a Landscape Rebate through Chandler's Water Conservation Office.

The City offers rebates for installing "smart" weather-based irrigation controllers, which make daily adjustments to your landscape water scheduling. The rebate amount covers one-half the cost of the controller (excluding installation costs and taxes) up to \$250 per unit.

Landscape installed at a new residence may be eligible for a \$200 rebate. The entire front and back yards must be landscaped. The total landscaped area must exceed 1,000 square feet. After installation, a minimum of 50 percent of the landscaped area must be non-grass with inorganic or organic top dressing and the primary accent

plants.

The City also offers rebates on removing turf (grass) areas to encourage the installation of low-water-use, drought-tolerant plants (Xeriscape). At least 1,000 square feet of turf must be removed. After installation, a minimum of 50 percent of the landscaped area must be non-grass with inorganic or organic top dressing and the primary accent plants need to be drought-resistant. A rebate of \$200 per 1,000 square feet of grass removed is available.

Contact the Water Conservation Office at conserve@chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-3583 to request an inspection for the landscape or irrigation controller rebate.

The Water Conservation Office also has a great selection of FREE landscaping resources including brochures on landscape design, plant choices and irrigation. Visit chandleraz.gov/water for more information!

*Cathy Rymer
Water Conservation Coordinator*

Code Enforcement on Light Trespass

Unwanted lighting can be extremely unpleasant and make it difficult for neighbors to get a good night's rest. When lighting spills over from the originating property it can cause unwelcomed lighting on another property. This is called light trespass. Light trespass is often caused by unshielded or poorly shielded lights or lights improperly directed. Lighting also may be excessive or too bright for the intended purposes and can create a negative impact as light glare makes its way inside the rooms of neighboring homes. Below are a few suggested good neighbor lighting practices to implement.

First, assess your exterior lighting to determine if any portion of the lighting extends beyond your property. Even with motion activated lighting, it is important to ensure that the lighting is not trespassing onto others' properties. Be sure to also check the wattage of your light bulbs.

Next, direct downward and shield exterior lighting with readily available hardware. Even at an extended distance, light can travel from the fixture and often through your distant neighbor's windows. Shielding the light fixture is one of the

best methods to ensure your lighting remains on your property. You can visit parshield.com to find proper light shields or you can also search your

favorite web search engine with the key words "light trespass shields".

Finally, obstructive lighting impacting a considerable number of persons also can violate City of Chandler nuisance ordinances. Consider asking your immediate neighbors for their

feedback on your lighting. Keep in mind that unobstructed light travels in straight lines, so your

lighting might impact neighbors from a distance you might not have considered. If you have a neighbor with offensive lighting, keep the conversation positive. It is likely that the neighbor has no idea that their lights are bothersome. Recommend light shielding and work

together to find a solution that works for all parties.

For more information, contact Code Enforcement at 480-782-4320 or visit chandleraz.gov/code.

*Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood preservation Manager*



Thank you to Our Neighborhood Academy Sponsors

The Neighborhood Programs Office would like to thank Walmart Neighborhood Market and Whole Foods Market for sponsoring the 2015 Traditional Neighborhood Academy! Your sponsorship helped the Traditional Neighborhood Academy be fun, successful and tasty!

The Traditional Neighborhood Academy is for residents living in non-HOA neighborhoods who want to take a leadership role and make a difference in their neighborhoods.

SAVE THE DATE:

2016 Traditional Neighborhood Academy
April 14 - May 5 (Thursdays)
6 - 8 p.m.
Chandler City Hall - 175 S. Arizona Ave.

For more information on our Traditional Neighborhood Academy, contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354 or visit chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.



MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

12th Annual Teen Talent Show

Friday, Jan. 8
Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave.
6 - 9 p.m.

If you sing, rap, dance, play an instrument or are in a band, come register for a chance to win cash prizes for the first place runner-up in each category. Show is \$30 per act and \$5 for admission. For more information, call 480-782-2746.

Celebration of Unity

Black Violin

Friday, Jan. 15
Center for the Arts
250 N. Arizona Ave.
7:30 p.m.

Virtuoso violinists Wil B and Kev Marcus meld highbrow and pop culture through a fusion of classical, jazz, hip-hop, blues and R&B. For ticket information, call 480-782-2680.

21st Annual Multicultural Festival

Saturday, Jan. 16
Chandler Fashion Center
3111 W. Chandler Blvd.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This is a FREE event that highlights the diversity of our community through music, dance and art. There will be performances and multiple cultural interactive sports areas. For more information, visit

chandleraz.gov/diversity

Special Events!

Madden Night in the Courtyard

Thursday, Jan. 21
Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be an Xbox 360 NFL Madden Football Tournament for teens at this event and there will be a GAMETRUCK to host the tournament. Cost is \$3 residents and \$5 non-residents. For more information, call 480-782-2746.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, Feb. 5
Snedigar Recreation Center
4500 S. Basha Road
6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6
Community Center
125 E. Commonwealth Ave.
6 p.m.

Fathers and their daughters (ages 4 -10) are invited to attend the City's Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance. There will be music, dancing, contests, crafts and dinner. Cost is \$25 per resident and \$34 non-resident. For more information, call 480-782-4640.

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Be Safe, Be Aware and Take Control



The weather is cooler, visitors are back and the holidays will be in full swing as the winter activities increase. Along with these activities comes the responsibility for all of us to be aware and mindful of our own surroundings.

This time of year brings a number of reminders for our neighbors. 'Tis the season to be jolly, but not too jolly, as Chandler police officers will once again be on the roads to ensure that our streets are safe and nobody gets hurt. You will see an increase on patrol for impaired drivers, so have fun, but be responsible as you do. Also, as you are out and about, be conscientious of your surroundings and protective of your belongings. This applies to cyber space as well. Whether online, in a store or restaurant, watch your credit cards and make sure you authorized the transactions. Never be afraid to ask questions when unsure about a specific transaction. And, because of the time of year, please be aware of deliveries to your home. This is the time of year that we start to see more thefts from the doorsteps of homes when packages are left. If possible, arrange for a scheduled delivery or drop off so the package is not sitting there. This extra step certainly increases prevention.



We also see a lot of scams this time of year. As a rule of thumb, if you do not invite the service, request the product or initiate the contact, be wary. If someone is asking you for personal information or money, be particularly careful. Legitimate businesses and organizations typically do not do this without some prior relationship with you. The same rule applies with charities. The gift of kindness is always encouraged and special, but never let your heart get in the way of making good sense of how you spend your money and who you give it to. So please ask questions and take the time to be in charge of your activities so others do not take charge of them for you. As always, we would like you to remain diligent in the effort to lock up your cars and valuables. Also, when you are done around the house and garage don't forget to lock them up.

Be safe and make the business of your neighborhood the business of our partnership.

For more information and safety tips, visit chandlerpd.com.

*Commander Gregg Jacquin
Chandler Police Department*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Receive free e-mail updates about current Chandler news and events! Register today at chandleraz.gov/listserv.aspx



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 Office can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

