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# CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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## Announcements ...

The City of Chandler is kicking off the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax season!

Volunteers assist with the preparation of income taxes for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, the elderly and individuals with disabilities who cannot prepare their own state and federal income tax returns. Visit [chandleraz.gov/VITA](http://chandleraz.gov/VITA), or call 480-834-2113 (Mesa Unitd Way) for information.

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Receive a 15-percent discount on an aquatics Family Season Pass during the Season Pass Sale March 10-23! You can purchase a season pass for a family of four for only \$95 when you purchase it between March 10 and March 23. Purchase your passes online at [chandleraz.gov/registration](http://chandleraz.gov/registration) or in person at Hamilton or Mesquite Groves Aquatic Centers.

The season pass gives you access to all six aquatic centers through November 2019! Find more information at [chandleraz.gov/aquatics](http://chandleraz.gov/aquatics). Family Season Passes are available to Chandler residents only.

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City offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, for the Presidents Day holiday.

Trash and recycling collection will occur as usual. The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (self-haul facility) will be closed.

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The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Jan. 1, 2019, is 259,095.



## Join Mayor Kevin Hartke for the State of the City

Mayor Kevin Hartke will deliver his first annual State of the City address on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave. The event begins at 5 p.m. with a reception, followed by the Mayor's remarks at approximately 6 p.m.

The theme of this year's State of the City will focus on the experience of living, working and visiting Chandler. It will highlight the talented people who connect our community, new and thriving companies, unique places and Chandler experiences. The Mayor will discuss the City's financial position, capital projects, economic development, neighborhoods, public safety and more.

The event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Free parking is available at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

The Mayor's remarks and City Council interview segments during the reception will be livestreaming on the City's Facebook page at [facebook.com/cityofchandleraz](https://facebook.com/cityofchandleraz). During the reception, attendees also can record videos and express what they love about Chandler. Join us in person at the event or watch it live or on demand.

State of the City  
Address  
Thursday,  
Feb. 21, 2019  
Chandler Center  
for the Arts

## Report stray shopping carts at 1-800-THE-CART

Stray shopping carts are an issue in every city across the country, and the City of Chandler is no exception. Not only do stray shopping carts contribute to visual blight, they can also cause safety concerns for pedestrians and vehicles when left on sidewalks and streets. State law is very specific about who can retrieve stray carts and the manner in which they can be retrieved.

If you spot a stray shopping cart, it should be reported to Arizona Cart Services (ACS). Simply call 1-800-THE-CART (1-800-843-2278), or report it online. Find a link by searching "shopping carts" at [chandleraz.gov/a-to-z](http://chandleraz.gov/a-to-z). ACS works with most major grocery and retail stores for cart retrieval. Carts are generally retrieved within two to four days of being reported.



## Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park

The 31st annual Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 8-10. The popular festival, known throughout the Southwest, is a community event featuring live ostriches and ostrich-themed activities. National, regional and local entertainment will be showcased on several stages, as well as a carnival, kids activities, arts and crafts and much more.

For complete information, including admission prices and parking, visit [ostrichfestival.com](http://ostrichfestival.com), or call the Chandler Chamber of Commerce at 480-963-4571. Tumbleweed Park is located at 2250 S. McQueen Road, near Germann and McQueen roads.

Chandler  
Ostrich Festival  
Friday-Sunday  
Mar. 8-10, 2019  
Tumbleweed Park

## Bulk item collection information

Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can schedule a free curbside recycling and/or trash bulk pick up by calling 480-782-3510. This service cannot be scheduled via e-mail. Here are some common questions and tips to make it easy:

### Bulk Collection Tips:

- Plan ahead and call Solid Waste Services BEFORE you do any work as there are size and material restrictions.
- Make a list of all the materials you need collected.
- Consider donating gently used items to local charities. Many offer curbside collection and offer a tax deduction for your generosity.

### How do I schedule a curbside bulk collection?

- The person listed on the bill must call 480-782-3510, in advance, to schedule a pickup prior to setting items out for collection.
- To authorize someone other than the person listed on the bill, the ratepayer must first call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to make arrangements in advance of scheduling.

### Are there any fees?

- Residents can schedule a free bulk pick up every six weeks. Call 480-782-3510, and Customer Service staff can let you know the next date available for your free bulk collection.
- Additional bulk collections can be scheduled before the next free collection for \$30.
- The cost to collect Freon-bearing items is \$10 per unit. Fees are charged to your Chandler utility bill.

### Can I schedule my collection to be picked up in the alley?

- No. Per City Code, bulk materials shall only be collected if placed along the right-of-way behind the curb, on the property of the covered residence. Bulk materials will not be collected when placed in public or private alleys. The placement of bulk materials must not block alley passages, sidewalks or interfere with container collection and shall be less than four feet from the sidewalk.

### What is considered a bulk item?

- Items too large to fit in a residential curbside or alley trash container.

### What materials are not accepted?

- The most common waste not accepted includes: building and construction materials, such as sheet rock, wood paneling, cinder blocks, bricks and roofing materials. Other unacceptable waste includes: dirt, gravel, propane tanks, tires, auto parts, and liquid, hazardous or medical waste.

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Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. Visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) and submit your comments on the "Contact Us" link.

Tune in to the City's live stream and videos on demand for live coverage, replays of meetings, original programming and more at [chandleraz.gov/video](http://chandleraz.gov/video).

Go to [chandleraz.gov](http://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.

## March calendar highlights

- 2 Public Safety Fair and Car Show, Chandler Police Department parking lot (250 E. Chicago St.), 480-782-4221
- 2 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 2 Senior Olympics Archery Competition, Paseo Vista Archery Range, 480-782-2722
- 2 The 5 Browns, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 3 The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 7, 14 Fit DC, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park Stage Plaza, 480-782-2735
- 8-10 Chandler Ostrich Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 480-963-4571
- 9 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 10-23 Family Swim Pass Sale, Aquatics, 480-782-2749
- 10 La Santa Cecilia, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 10 Let the Good Times Roll, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 11-22 Leaders In Training, 480-782-2730
- 13 Senior Expo, Community Center, 480-782-2722
- 14-16 Dixie's Tupperware Party, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 14, 28 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 16 Vision Kidz, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2697
- 20-21 Spice of Life Senior Variety Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2720
- 21 Sonoran Sunset Series, Veterans Oasis Park, 480-782-2889
- 22 Super Hero Bash, Hamilton Library, 480-782-2800
- 24 Chandler Symphony Classical Series, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 26 FRANK Talks, Downtown Library, 480-782-2800
- 27 East Valley Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, Gilbert Town Hall Lawn, 480-782-2214
- 30 Our Stories, Chandler Museum, 480-782-2800
- 30 Jeanne Robertson, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

Call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735, or go to [chandleraz.gov/events](http://chandleraz.gov/events) for event information.



**Chandler City Council** -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Terry Roe, Mayor Kevin Hartke and Councilmember René Lopez. Back Row, from left: Councilmember Matt Orlando, Councilmember Mark Stewart, Councilmember Jeremy McClymonds and Councilmember Sam Huang.

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