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Neighborhood Programs

News for Neighbors

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2013 Mayor's Listening Tour

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

Mayor Tibshraeny's 7th Annual Day of Play

Saturday, October 26
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Spend the morning at Tumbleweed Park as we promote health, wellness, and fitness for kids of all ages. Free activities will get kids playing and their minds active, while parents can explore the various booths on health, wellness, and fitness. Day of Play will feature a variety of fun activities organized by many of the nonprofit organizations, businesses, and municipal divisions serving the community.

For more information, call 480-782-2727.



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DIY Connect

Take the Mystery Out of Home Improvement

Have you been thinking about doing a few projects around the house, but stopped short, wondering what permits might be needed from the City? Maybe you're thinking about re-landscaping the yard but are worried what the costs might be, or how to get rid of the old materials when the work is done.

On Tuesday, November 12, I am presenting Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Connect, a workshop led by a team of City employees to answer all your questions about anything DIY. The event is free and begins at 7 p.m. at the Desert Breeze Police Substation, 251 N. Desert Breeze Boulevard in west Chandler.

Representatives from our Transportation and Development Department will discuss what jobs need permits – and as importantly, those that do not. Neighborhood Resources will discuss Code Enforcement and the most common violations that

homeowners make. Our Water Conservation staff will tell you about rebates that are available from the City as well as tips on desert adaptive plants and drip systems. Solid Waste employees will relay information on how to best dispose of the stuff you no longer need or want, including construction debris.

And members of the Police Department will discuss alarms and provide tips for homeowners on crime prevention.

It should be a great event and I hope to see you there as we continue to keep a strong focus on our neighborhoods. Remember also to follow me on Twitter [@jaytibshraeny](https://twitter.com/jaytibshraeny) and visit the City's award-winning website www.chandleraz.gov for more news on the community.

Chandler Celebrates Back to Back Weekends of Culture

2013 Garibaldi Night

This FREE event will feature Mariachis, Ballet Folklorico dancers, food and art vendors.

AJ Chandler Park-Downtown Chandler
Friday, Oct 4 - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
www.chandleraz.gov/hhm

14th Annual Chandler C3HR Mariachi Festival

Saturday, Oct 5, 2013 - 7 p.m.
Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave.
For tickets, call 480-782-2680



2013 Indian Art Market

Traditional and contemporary works of native art, plus entertainment and educational wisdoms of Arizona Indian tribes.
Admission is free.

AJ Chandler Park - Downtown Chandler

Friday, Oct 11 - 3 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 12 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 13 - Noon to 4 p.m.

www.chandleraz.gov/indianaz

Getting Involved in Your Neighborhood



It's interesting to ask a group of people how many of them have met or regularly talk with their neighbors. People who acknowledge knowing their neighbors' names are few. The numbers are even lower when you ask how many people actually speak with their neighbors. Like anything, this is not true of every neighborhood, but this lack of communication among neighbors is a common attribute of many of today's neighborhoods.

This lack of communication eliminates a core benefit of having neighbors; the ability to ask for help and receive help when needed. There is a Proverb that states "A neighbor who is near is better than a brother who lives far away." This Proverb reminds us that even the dearest relative cannot trump the benefit of an attentive and helpful neighbor. This Proverb also reminds us that proximity means something and our geographical closeness ties us together for a mutual benefit.

Neighbors, who are involved, communicate with each other and look out for one another's issues and concerns. As a result they are strong, vibrant and less impacted by negative influences, like crime, blight and decline. An involved neighbor can help by getting to know his/her neighbors and inviting help. A neighborhood that looks like the neighbors don't care may attract others to come

into the neighborhood that don't care. Send the message of care by engaging with your neighbors and following a few simple steps to help keep your neighborhood strong:

- **Get to know your neighbors-** Introduce yourself to new neighbors, those you have never met and reintroduce yourself to neighbors you know.
- **Ask questions-** Be willing to discuss irregularities or conditions that don't fit your neighborhood.
- **Offer help and ask for help when you need it-** As much as you are capable, offer assistance with maintenance tasks like removing weeds or debris or trimming shrubs/bushes. Be willing to ask your neighbor for a hand if needed.
- **Attend a neighborhood meeting-** Find out if your neighborhood is a Registered Neighborhood with the City and participate in the City's Traditional Neighborhood Academy or HOA Academy.
- **Contact the City's Code Enforcement Office** regarding unmaintained, vacant and/or abandoned properties.

Working together we can ensure that our neighborhoods remain clean and safe and Chandler remains a vibrant City.

*Malcolm Hankins
Neighborhood Preservation Manager*

Animal Issues Within Communities

Often people turn to the HOA looking for a fast solution to animal issues in the community such as feral cats and barking dogs. The HOA can be limited in the actions it can take however there are resources for homeowners that are experiencing these issues.

Feral cats can be a nuisance because they exhibit behavior such as marking their territory, howling at night, fighting, and destroying property. Because feral cats are not usually spayed or neutered they reproduce at an alarming rate, which results in more cat problems and public health concerns. There are several animal welfare groups that sponsor programs to help control the population of feral cats. Amongst these are Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, Arizona Humane Society and the Spay Neuter Hotline. The Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program facilitates humanely trapping cats and taking them to a veterinarian to be neutered or spayed and vaccinated. After recovery, the cats are returned to their outdoor home. This program does not dissolve the current cat population but it offers a reduction in population over time with no new litters being born and helps with behavioral issues.



dogs, others are sensitive to the disturbance. If you find yourself in a situation with a neighbor that has a dog that barks excessively, there are steps that you can take to try and alleviate the disruption. The first step is to communicate directly with the neighbor. All too often the neighbor is unaware and a simple conversation can go a long way. If you have tried to communicate and you don't feel that you are getting results you can make a report with Maricopa County Animal Care & Control. They will come out to investigate and issue a warning or fine if it continues to be an issue.

Animal concerns will always be a part of living in a community but if homeowners are willing to help in finding solutions, these problems can be minimized significantly.

Pam Rottner, Vision Community Management

**Vision Community Management will be offering a Contract Negotiations Class for HOAs September 5, 2013. For more information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods.*

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS!

Fall Speaker Series

Chandler Museum, Chandler Historical Society and Chandler Library present the Fall Speakers Series. Uncover stories from the past with first-hand accounts of local experts in free programs highlighting the community's history and culture.

Saturday, September 21

Downtown Library, 10 AM-Noon
Conversations on Chandler and a Sustainable Future

Saturday, October 19

Sunset Library, 10 AM- Noon
A River's Journey: Story of the Gila River

Saturday, November 23

Downtown Library, 10 AM-Noon
100 Years of Chandler's Historic San Marcos Hotel

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

Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Coalition

Coalition members are seeking opportunities to do a presentation to HOAs or community groups in Chandler on child abuse prevention and reporting child abuse.

To schedule a presentation contact:

Al Moore at amoore@mpsaz.org or
Joe Favazzo at (480) 782-4108 or email joseph.favazzo@chandleraz.gov.

To learn more, visit:

www.preventchildabuse.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Fall Break Time

The fall Break Time magazine outlining all-ages recreation classes, youth camps and special events for September, October & November is available at City offices, libraries, recreation and aquatic centers and online. Registration is now open for residents and non-residents. For information, call 480-782-2727 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/breaktime.

Stay Connected with Chandler Recreation

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter at [@ChandlerRec](https://www.instagram.com/ChandlerRec) and on Facebook and YouTube at Chandler Recreation for the latest news. You can sign up for our monthly newsletter at www.chandleraz.gov/listserv.html. For more information, call 480-782-2727.

C-Town Suitcase Club

Chores, Lores, and S'mores!
Travel through time and explore everyday objects from the past! This event is FREE and is designed for ages 3-5.

Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 15
Tuesday, November 19
10 – 11 AM
Chandler Museum
300 S. Chandler Village Dr.

Science Saturdays

Saturday, October 12
10 AM – 2 PM
Tumbleweed Ranch
2250 S. McQueen Rd
Bring the family for FREE science fun!
For information, call 480-782-4354 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/museum.

Fall Landscape Workshops



People all over the City are thinking about being more "green" these days. Even the smallest efforts can make a big difference in water savings, green waste reduction, and energy efficiency. To help, Chandler's Water Conservation Office has a full line up of FREE classes for fall. Whether you want to grow your own vegetables and herbs, looking for great information about installing and maintaining irrigation systems, want to save water indoors or need help pruning your plants,

there is a class for you.

Take advantage of these timely workshops to get your landscape growing in our unique desert environment. Classes are taught by local experts and are free to Chandler utility customers, but you must register by visiting the Water Conservation website at www.chandleraz.gov/water or by calling 480-782-3580. Space is limited. Complete details and class descriptions are available on the water conservation website. Be sure to also follow us on Facebook!

Cathy Rymer, Water Conservation Specialist

Dobson Estates III Neighborhood

Dobson Estates III neighbors have been working together to create positive change in their community. This past spring the residents were busy with a neighborhood Block Watch party and a neighborhood weed pulling event. The block party brought participation by Councilmember Hartke, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee and Police staff who displayed the SWAT vehicle. The neighbors had a barbeque and each family brought a delicious homemade dish to share. The party was a success and it fulfilled one of the two activities needed to maintain an active Block Watch. The neighbors also utilized this opportunity to discuss the annual Let's Pull Together Initiative. The neighbors expressed a desire to get together to pull weeds from their alleys and agreed to

volunteer their time for this neighborhood activity.



The weed pulling cleanup took place one hot early morning in May. Several neighbors, students from various high schools and City staff from Fire, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Programs gathered to assist the neighbors in their cleanup efforts.

In addition to these activities, the neighbors also developed a Neighborhood Action Plan with the assistance of Neighborhood Programs staff and have applied for a Signage Grant to install neighborhood identification signs at the major entry points of their neighborhood.

Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

Communication & Social Media

Here's the secret to bringing our City, our communities and our neighbors closer together: communication. It is remarkable how something so small as a neighborly wave can snowball into folks coming together discussing ideas, concerns and most importantly – coming up with solutions. Each neighborhood in Chandler is unique but we all intertwine and build off one another to craft this wonderful City we live in.

Fortunately the tools of communication are right at our fingertips and the best part is they're FREE! From that simple conversation with your surrounding neighbors to establishing a neighborhood Block Watch with the help of the City; getting to know our community has never been easier. Some area neighborhoods have detailed email databases to communicate with their residents about suspicious activity, lost pets (a lost turtle was found via email once) or

questions about how to access City resources. Others have neighborhood Facebook pages with the same purpose and more – showing off community photos of Block Watch events, neighborhood clean-ups and more.



It all starts with you, but you're not alone. Neighborhood leaders have been sharing their best ideas and practices and the City is here to help. For more information on the variety of services and education the City

provides, reach out to the Neighborhood Programs Office.

Marc Young, Neighborhood Advisory Committee

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

3rd Annual For Our City Day in Celebration of Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 26

6:30 — 9:00 AM

Chandler is seeking volunteer groups and individuals to join us in making a difference in the community.

For event details and to register, visit
www.fourcity.org/Chandler.html.

4th Annual Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off

A unique culinary competition combines the sounds, smells, and tastes of the Old West. Teams work from authentic 1880s chuck wagons to compete in five courses:

bread, beans, meat, entertainment
highlighting history, cooking and local
foods. Free event admission.

Friday, November 8- 9 AM to 8 PM

Saturday, November 9— 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, November 10— 9 AM to 5 PM

Tumbleweed Ranch
2250 S. McQueen Rd

For information, visit
www.chandleraz.gov/chuckwagon.

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We find ourselves at the start of another school year and the summer coming to a close. With this, we will see an influx of traffic, people, visitors, shopping and all the things that go with the fall season and hustle and bustle. You only need to look as far as Downtown Chandler to see the excitement of growth and activities growing with our community. This is good, and exciting, but let's not let our guard down. Our quest to fight crime and make the community safer for all of us is found no less in zeal to maintain our quality of life.

Recently, the Business Insider ranked the City of Chandler as the ninth safest city in the nation. We were only one of two cities in the state to get this designation. This was based on their study criteria of which all studies use different characteristics, but the fact remains that when we look at our actual numbers for the City of Chandler we have seen a reduction in crime for the last five years. In fact, our crime rate has decreased 14.4% in the last five years. The key to this is in large part because of the community we serve. Sure, we are always figuring out ways to impact crime and gain as much visibility as possible, but our partners in the community and the ones we work with everyday are key. To that end, my plea to you is to stay vigilant and make it a point to know what is going on in your neighborhood.



You just never know what someone is doing even if you think it looks alright. In one of the latest trends among criminals, we had a subject stealing spare tires right off the back of the vehicles. It is this type of activity that turns into a whirlwind of thefts usually done by one or two individuals that create the issues we see in Chandler. As always, if it does not look right then let us know. You might just be the answer we need.

I also want to say a word about quality of life issues as we often refer to them. When we think about the police officers role on any given day we are more than happy to fight crime and chase the bad guys, but we also recognize the importance of these everyday quality issues that impact our neighbors. We still respond to many events that some agencies do not. As we look at issues of parking, noise and things like neighborhood disputes we ask that you help us with encouraging neighbors talk with neighbors and think about the things that would bother you if you had to live with it every day. If you had to sit in class with a kid that annoyed you all day and made your life difficult it wouldn't be much fun. Well, that is what we often see when we respond to a call and we deal with a parking issue or other preventable issues in the neighborhoods. We are always willing to help, but as we start this season we ask that you look around you and help us help you.

Commander Gregg Jacquin, Chandler PD

CERT



The month of September is designated as the FEMA National Preparedness month, and Chandler Fire CERT is pleased to announce the availability of a Speaker's Bureau to present local and national preparedness information to all Chandler community service organizations and HOA's. Specially trained CERT members and Chandler Fire personnel are available throughout the month of September.

The next FEMA Basic class will be in October. This free, 21-hour FEMA based class, is taught by certified Chandler Firefighters, with specific instruction in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Search & Rescue, and Incident Command.

To register for the Speaker's Bureau, FEMA Basic class, and other CERT classes, email certadmin@chandleraz.gov. For more information, visit www.chandlercert.org.



Chandler City Council - Front Row from left: Councilmember Trinity Donovan, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Nora Ellen. Back row from left: Councilmember Jeff Weninger, Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Councilmember Kevin Hartke and Councilmember Rick Heumann.

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

