



*The City with a Heart -
Preserving Our Past -
Claiming Our Future*

Did You Know?

- The Chandler Public Library offers free wi-fi inside the library and outside on the front porch after hours.
- The Recycle Center is located on Main St behind God's Open Hands Food Pantry and is open on the 1st and 3rd Wed of each month from 7:00-10:00 a.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Sat of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- The Chandler Water Department provides water to approximately 1140 homes within the city limits.
- The City of Chandler employs 19 full-time employees.

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION PASSES

PROPOSITIONS #1 & 2

The election is over, the campaign ads have stopped and the results are in. With Chandler's beer/wine propositions being addressed at the polls along with the national election, a record number of Chandler's citizens voted and overwhelmingly approved two alcohol propositions according to Tuesday's results.

Unofficial results for Proposition 1 for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption received 586 votes, or 58.13 percent, in favor and 422 votes, or 41.87 percent, opposed. Proposition 2 for the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants passed with 613 votes, or 60.57 percent, in favor and 399 votes, or 39.43 percent, opposed.

The City Council will meet on Nov 15th for a special meeting to canvass the votes. Once the votes are canvassed and the results stand, the election will become official and beer and wine can be legally sold in Chandler. Stores like Brookshire's and Kidd Jones and local restaurants can immediately

turn in their applications for permits to the City and the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. According to TABC it usually takes 40-45 days for the paperwork to be approved and could take longer with the number of elections recently held, so it is very likely that it will be the early part of 2013 before beer and wine can be purchased in Chandler.

The Chandler City Council has already approved ordinances that will restrict the location of beer and wine sales, prevent "beer barns" and drive-thru locations, and prevent any beer and wine signage being visible from the street. According to Mayor Ann Hall, the Council's commitment is to keep the community safe and clean. "My hope is that no one will be aware that beer and wine is sold in this community, unless you

happen to go down that aisle in Brookshire's or look in the cooler at one of our convenience stores. There will not be signs on the outside of the buildings or stand-alone beer/wine stores. The City will expect those businesses with alcohol on their premises to be diligent in their monitoring of sales to only those of legal age. Folks will have the right to purchase these beverages for consumption in their homes or in the local restaurants, but with this right comes personal responsibility. Since these beverage sales will be a part of our community now, I look forward to Chandler serving as an example to other cities that we can continue to be a safe, clean, wonderful small town that has a great love for our neighbors, God and country."

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Chandler's "About Town"

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Holiday in the Park will be held on Saturday, December 1st at Winchester Park from 5:00-9:00 p.m. See story below for details.

COPS CRUISER STUFFER DAY/ TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots and the Chandler Police Dept will hold Cops Cruiser Stuffer Day in conjunction with Holiday in the Park this year on Saturday, December 1st from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Winchester Park.

BLUE RIBBON DAY & OPEN HOUSE

Honor Chandler Elementary on December 6th for being recognized as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School and tour the new school addition at an open house from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

DISCOVER COMPUTERS

The Chandler Public Library and the Texas State Library will sponsor free computer classes at the Chandler Community Center on December 3rd (2:00-4:00 p.m. Computer Basics, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Job Search) and on December 4th(9:30-11:30 a.m. Internet, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Microsoft Word).

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Women's Unity Fellowship will host their annual Christmas Tour of Homes on December 10th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Chandler Drug and the Chandler Public Library.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels in Chandler is in need of volunteer drivers. Meals are available Mondays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center. Call Eva at (903)849-2252 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP, "TALK IT OUT"

Chandler now has an Alzheimer's support group which meets at the Chandler Community Center every second Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Call ahead for reservations at (903)515-0361.

SENIOR CITIZEN DANCE & LUNCH

Live Country & Western band and dancing every Thursday at the Chandler Community Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lunch may be purchased through Meals on Wheels.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH

Faith Baptist Church is sponsoring a senior citizens luncheon every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are welcome!

CHANDLER POLICE EXPLORERS

The Chandler Police Explorers meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at City Hall. Those interested in the program are encouraged to attend or apply at the Chandler Police Department. Applicants must be between 14-20 years of age. Call (903)849-2181 for more information.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host their monthly luncheon on December 13th at Los Dos Potrillos. All are invited to attend!

CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

There will be a Chamber of Commerce After Hours event on Saturday, December 17th at Forget-me-not Flower beginning at 5:00 p.m.

COPS CRUISER STUFFER DAY

Toys for Tots and the Chandler Police Dept will hold Cops Cruiser Stuffer Day in conjunction with Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 1st from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Winchester Park. Help Chief Reeves fill his police cruiser with toys for needy children in our community.



MORE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars for Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 1st at Winchester Park from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss Santa Claus at his workshop along with wonderful holiday music and special entertainment, Christmas lights, storytelling, the gingerbread house workshop, and face painting. This year will feature "Trees on Par-

rade". All businesses, classrooms, churches, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate in the Christmas tree decorating contest. The grand prize will be \$100 and a trophy! There are no entrance fees but donations will be gladly accepted. All proceeds benefit Keep Chandler Beautiful. Tree entry forms are available at City Hall and the Chandler Public Library. Entry forms

may also be downloaded at www.chandler.tx.com.

Toys for Tots and the Chandler Police Department will also be hosting their Cops Cruiser Stuffer for needy children.

Don't forget the lawn chairs and blankets!

POW WOW RAISES \$8000 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Record crowds and vendors enjoyed the recent Pow Wow at Winchester Park sponsored by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chandler. Pow Wow fun included a parade honoring Wounded Warriors, approximately 90 vendors, delicious food, a CASI sanctioned chili cook-off, live music, children's activities, horseshoe tournament, quilt show and more! Thank you to everyone

who volunteered and participated this year to make it better than ever. The Chandler Chamber of Commerce was able to raise over \$6000 for future projects and expenses. The City of Chandler sponsored the Chili Cookoff which raised approximately \$1800. All Chili Cookoff proceeds benefit the Chandler Historical Society and will be used to renovate the Senator Ralph Yarborough home at McCain Park.



THE CHANDLER CHALLENGE



City Administrator, Jim Moffeit, with Chandler Challenge winner, Paul McCreery

Chandler hosted its first-ever horseshoe tournament, the Chandler Challenge, on September 22nd at Winchester Park. Thirty-eight contestants from all over Texas came to compete in the tournament which was sanctioned by the Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association (THPA). Murchison resident Paul McCreery took the honors in the A-30 division and Jeff Ratcliff won the A-40 division. Over \$900 was raised at the tournament for the newly formed Chandler Horseshoe Club. Upcoming tournaments in 2013 include the Chandler Classic on April 20th, the Heart of Chandler Tournament on July 27th, the Chandler Challenge on September 21st and the Pow Wow Tournament on October 12th. Anyone interested in joining the Chandler Horseshoe Club can call Glenn Kidd at (903)340-1734 for more information.

RIVER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed the new parking lot on the north side of River Park. The new parking lot is nearing completion and will provide a safer place for fishermen to park, especially this spring when the white bass (sandies) are spawning. Currently anglers park on



both sides of the busy 4-lane Hwy 31 and cross back and forth loaded with tackle. The parking lot is the result of a combined effort from the City of Chandler, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot), Henderson County and the East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation.

The City of Chandler recently submitted a

Boating Access Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. If the city receives the grant, it will be used to enhance the existing roadside park and boat ramp, and build a walkway to connect the north and south side. The facility will be used to promote recreational and fishing opportunities for the citizens of Chandler and Henderson County. The Neches River is gov-

erned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. A new kiosk has been built to give visitors information about the Neches River and also will include park rules. Our thanks to Neches Construction for the donation of the kiosk.

A grand opening for the new parking lot will be held soon.

GARAGE SALES

There have been many recent inquiries regarding garage sale regulations. Hopefully the following information will help clear up any questions you might have.

Signs shall be located on private property and sign located away from the sale site shall have permission from proper owner (Note: the property owner of the vacant lot at the southwest corner of FM 315 and Hwy 31 does not allow any garage sale signs and has asked the city to remove any signs posted there).

Signs are not allowed on utility poles, in easements, on public fences or buildings, or any public or private right-of-way. In order to ensure signs are out of the right-of-way, they should be placed a minimum of 10 feet off curb or pavement.

All garage and yard sale signs must have the time, date, and place of the sale written on the sign.

Garage and yard sale signs shall be posted no earlier than 7:00 a.m. on the day prior to the sale and must be removed by 8:00 p.m. the day the sale ends. Signs may be posted no longer than 3 consecutive days.

Signs should be no larger than ordinary poster paper, 24" x 26".

If the sign is posted without the required information, property owner permission, during other time periods or larger than 24" x 36", the sign may be subject to removal and disposal by the City.

In an effort to help our citizens get the word out about their sales, the city will publish garage sale information on the city website at www.chandler.tx.com. Also, local garage sales are published in a flyer which may be obtained at the Chandler Public Library. Garage sale information must be turned in by the Wednesday afternoon before the sale. For more information, call the Chandler Public Library at (903)849-4122 or City Hall at (903)849-6853.



OUR VISION

Chandler is a sustainable, full life cycle city with a balance of past, present and future; priding itself on its hometown family values. Whether raising a family, growing a business or spending your retirement years in Chandler, the community works together to provide opportunities and a dynamic future for generations to come.

WWW.CHANDLERTX.COM

Be sure and visit the new official website for the City of Chandler at www.chandler.tx.com. New and improved features and tools will help residents and visitors quickly locate information and services they need. Special requests, complaints, suggestions, compliments and other forms are only a click away. Water bills and traffic payments can also now be paid online!

Mayor's Corner

Well, Fall is here and Chandler has a lot going on! Our community hosted another successful Pow Wow and Chili Cook-off, thousands of children and their parents enjoyed Rock Hill Baptist's Fall Festival at Winchester Park, the elections are over, and our busy lives move on.

With all of the many happenings in our city, one of the constants I want to recognize is our school district. Our local students are mentored by a great superintendent, school board, faculty and staff that work hard to give them a well-rounded education full of learning in the classroom, on the field/court/stage, or in the band hall.

As I read the Statesman each week, I am amazed at the number of awards and recognitions that these teams as well as individual students receive. I know that I speak for our whole community when I say that we are so very proud of your hard work and diligence.

The City of Chandler will be declaring December 6th as Blue Ribbon Day in honor of Chandler Elementary for their recent recognition by U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as one of only 269 schools in the nation to be declared a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School based on their overall academic excellence. CES was previously recognized with the award in 2004 and is one of 18

schools, elementary through high school, in Texas to earn the 2012 recognition. Congratulations to all of the students and faculty for a job well done! Your city is very proud of you!

Please join me on December 6th in displaying blue ribbons at your home and place of business, and then plan on attending an Open House for the whole community to tour the new and improved Chandler Elementary campus. A great school system is vital to a wonderful and growing community, so we are very blessed.

Mayor Ann Hall