

TEXAS Chandler

City With a Heart

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

Did You Know?

- You can advertise your garage sale for free on the City's website and the Library's weekly garage sale flyer.
- The Chandler Police Department accepts toys for needy children all year long!
- The Chandler Pow Wow will be on October 12th and Holiday in the Park will be on December 7th. Mark your calendars!
- House numbers are required so that emergency services may find your home as quickly as possible. Call Sgt. Estes at (903)570-5272 for more information.
- The City of Chandler has a Facebook page. "Like" us to receive city news and information.

LIBRARY NEWS



EBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Librarian Nancy Bertholf, has announced the availability of Ebooks now at the Chandler Public Library. OverDrive is a digital lending library. Apps will be available for every major device and users can find titles and download in easy steps. Library patrons will use their

card number and telephone number to access their account. The library will be offering classes to familiarize patrons with the new system.

The library has also recently added new shelving and moved the public access com-

puters to the Non-Fiction Section. More shelves will be added to that area as well as another table for laptop/Wi-Fi users. The library logs an average of 300 sign-ins for the public access computers each month. The Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

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The Chandler Library summer-time reading program begins on Friday, June 7, at the Chandler Community Center. Each story-time will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The popularity of last year's event made it necessary to move to a larger venue. The library will open at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays to accommodate patrons needing to check-in and check-out books prior to story-time. The library is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. New patrons will need a driver's

License with a Chandler/Eastern Henderson County address and most recent utility bill/insurance card with matching address. Come early!

June 7-Miss Maria returns to open the Texas Reading Club.

June 14-Nancy Burks digs into "Reading with Puppets and Ventriloquism."

June 21-Creature Teacher will let you know "What's

Dig Into Reading...at the Library!

Digging in Your Backyard?"

June 28-Master Gardeners show "How to Dig a Children's Garden"(Follow-up on Saturday, June 29 at McCain Park at 9:00 a.m.).

July 5-Historical Society members present "Digging in My Grandmother's Trunk".

July 12-C.J. Hughes presents "Flowers From My Garden".

Chandler's "About Town"

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Looking for a job? The Texas Workforce Commission will be at the Chandler Chamber of Commerce on April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL

City Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

ELECTIONS

Early voting for the city election will be held at City Hall from April 29th to May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on May 6th and 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election Day will be on May 11th and will be held at the Chandler Community Center.

CHANDLER LIONS CLUB

The Chandler Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Chandler Community Center. Call (903)849-6056 for more information.

CHANDLER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be held on April 19th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Oak Hurst Golf Course located in Bullard. Call Mike Wilson at (903)849-3663 or Derrick Crosby at (903)849-2542 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

CRUISE NIGHTS

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce "Cruise Nights" are held on the first Thursday of the month from March through October at Wade's Place beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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.

CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Volunteers will be at the library on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to help with online applications for jobs and college, resume writing, and to teach internet basics.

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 CITIZENS 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.

KEEP CHANDLER BEAUTIFUL

Keep Chandler Beautiful meets every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a car show at Winchester Park on May 25th. Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

BMC BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

The BMC Spring Blast Tournament will be as follows:

April 4th thru 6th - 14U Boys, 8U Boys, and 15U Girls

April 11th thru 13th - 12U Boys & Girls, 10U Boys & Girls

April 18th thru 20th - 8U Girls, 6U Boys & Girls
Contact Michelle Brimingham for more information at mbrimingham@gmail.com or (941)302-0925.

CHANDLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chandler Historical Society meets at the Chandler Museum located at McCain Park on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP DAY

The Great American Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 6th at Winchester Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring your large unwanted items. Electronics will also be accepted. Help with unloading will be provided. Call (903)849-6853 for more information.

CHANDLER CLASSIC HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The Chandler Classic Horseshoe Tournament will be held at Winchester Park on April 20th. Call Glenn Kidd at (903)340-1734 for more information.

CITY BUILDS NEW LAKE & RIVER PARKING LOT

Anglers are now enjoying the new 100 space parking lot on the north side of River Park. Patrons no longer have to park along busy Hwy 31. The new parking lot was a result of collaboration between the City of Chandler, Texas Parks & Wildlife, East Texas Woods & Waters Foundation and Henderson County.

Many of you may have noticed the construction equipment and dirt work recently at Winchester Park. The finishing touches are now being put on the new two acre catch and release lake. Once filled, Texas Parks & Wildlife will stock the lake with blue catfish fingerlings along with red-ear bream. The lake will feature a center fountain.



WEST SIDE RECEIVES MUCH-NEEDED REVITALIZATION

Ace Hardware has begun construction on their new hardware store on Hwy 31 West. The project is being undertaken by Dan Langen, owner of Noonday Hardware on Hwy 155, south of Tyler. The new store is anticipated to create eight to ten jobs. The building is estimated to cost \$450,000.00. Langen's investment is projected to total approximately \$750,000.00. The 15,000 sq ft store is to be built on 3 1/2 acres of land. It will contain about 10,000 sq ft of retail space and a 5,000 sq ft warehouse. "It's going to be a nice-looking store", said City Administrator Jim Moffeit. "It is a new structure on the west end of town in an area that we have been trying to revitalize". Several older,

uninhabitable houses have also been recently demolished in that area. City officials are pleased to have the new store and hope it will spur growth on the west end of town. Sales of \$1 million are expected in the first year of business and then \$1.5 million annually or more. The city expects the new store will add between \$3,500 and \$5,000 to the city's ad valorem tax rolls. Langen expects to be open for business by early June. Hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City Council recently approved the Economic Development Corporation's \$19,000 allocation to Super Food Mart #7 for business improvements.



Ace Hardware construction on Hwy 31 West

The EDC funds will help fund business related improvements. Owner Farooq Ahmad, recently invested a considerable amount to improve his Exxon convenience station by building a new exterior façade, removing

the windows, replacing store fixtures and stocking an assortment of merchandise. Once the projects are complete, Ahmad plans to extend business hours and hire new employees.

CHANDLER CITIZENS ACADEMY

As a part of the City of Chandler's ongoing effort to communicate information, provide transparency and promote citizen involvement, Mayor Ann Hall and the City Council have established the Chandler Citizens Academy. This program will be a fun, hands-on, interactive learning experience about city services, programs and responsibilities. The course will consist of informative presentations and interesting tours that focus on city departments

and functions. These interactive sessions will be led by our in-house experts from each city department, as well as the Mayor, City Administrator and Council members.

The Chandler Citizens Academy is tailored to individuals who are interested in learning more about municipal government and how the City of Chandler operates. Members will learn about challenges to city government, budget limita-

tions, day-to-day operations and volunteer opportunities in the community. Ideal candidates are those looking to get involved with the City of Chandler by serving on a board, volunteering with one of departments, local non-profit organizations, or running for City Council or Mayor.

Applicants for the Academy must be at least 18 years old. The optimum class size is 10 people. Priority will be given to those citizens that



live within the city limits of Chandler. The classes meet for five consecutive weeks at City Hall. The setting is casual and comfortable. A light dinner will be provided each week and the Program will conclude with a graduation ceremony. Anyone interested in future Citizens Academies may contact City Hall at (903)849-6853.

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 signs located away from the sale site shall have permission from the property 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.

Mayor's Corner

WWW.CHANDLERTX.COM

Be sure and visit the 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!

Hello Spring! I think we're all glad to see some warmer weather, the landscape turning green and longer daylight hours. The birds are chirping, the bees are buzzing, the sand bass are running, and the City of Chandler is hopping.

In the "About Town" section of this newsletter, a number of events and non-profit organizations are mentioned. I want to encourage you to be a participant in your community and not just an observer. Chandler is a great place to call

"home", with many opportunities to lend a helping hand and make a difference in the lives of others. Please consider volunteering at the library, delivering Meals On Wheels, contributing to God's Open Hands food bank, joining the Lions Club or one of our other organizations.

Spring brings the hope of new beginnings, so take this time to consider stepping out of your comfort zone and doing or learning something brand new. I appreciate the ten people that have committed five

Tuesday nights to be a part of our first Chandler Citizens Academy. They are anxious to learn more about their city government and volunteer opportunities. I hope that you will consider being a part of our next Academy class.

Blessings to each of yours~

Ann Hall, Mayor