



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

Did You Know?

- You can sign up for the Code Red Emergency Alert system online at www.chandler.tx.com.
- The Chandler Community Center is currently under renovations. Construction will be completed by the end of August.
- Garage sales may be advertised online for free on the City of Chandler website. Submit ads online or call City Hall at (903)849-6853.
- The Recycle Center is open on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7-10 a.m. and the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Recycle Center is located on Main St. just behind the Food Pantry and next to Wade's Restaurant.
- You may call Sgt. Adam Estes at (903)570-5272 to report code violations within the city limits.

JOHN TAYLOR RETURNS TO CHANDLER AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City officials have announced that John Taylor, former Assistant City Administrator will be returning to Chandler to accept the position of City Administrator. John will return to start training in his new position on August 5th. Taylor will be leaving Midlothian as their Development Services Director. "We really hated to see John go (when he took the Midlothian job last year). We would like for him to go ahead and start working under Jim Moffeit before Jim retires on October 1st," Mayor Ann Hall said. John oversaw planning and zoning while he was in Chandler and now has

continued that role in Midlothian as well as heading up Parks & Recreation. He has 30 years of experience working with cities.

Although Jim Moffeit is looking forward to retirement, he has agreed to accept a part-time position as Chandler Economic Development Corporation Executive Director for which he will also start on October 1st. Jim will strive to bring new businesses into the community such as the new Ace Hardware project, which he personally walked through from start to finish.



New City Administrator,
John Taylor

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Chandler Police Department is encouraging all residents to form neighborhood watches in their areas to keep our neighborhoods and communities safe. Northcreek subdivision has already organized a watch program and Community Police officer, Carla Moss hopes other neighborhoods will follow their lead. Residents in neighborhood watches look out for each other and report suspicious behavior to the police department. Suspicious activity may include unfamiliar vehicles that are traveling slowly through the neighborhood. Aluminum signs with reflective lettering should be placed at neighborhood entrances. Neighborhoods will need to have one or two people to be in charge of scheduling meetings and contacting neighbors. Officer Moss is available to attend meetings to answer questions and provide helpful information and literature. If you would like more information about the watch program or need to report suspicious activity, call the police department at (903)849-2181.

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Chandler's "About Town"

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Looking for a job? The Texas Workforce Commission will be at the Chandler Chamber of Commerce every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL

City Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Volunteers are needed at the Chandler Public Library on every Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to help with online applications for jobs and college, resumé writing, and to teach internet basics.

CHANDLER LIONS CLUB

The Chandler Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Chandler Community Center (resuming after renovations). Call (903)849-6056 for information on becoming a Lion.

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. Meals on Wheels will meet at First United Methodist church for the month of August while the Community Center is being renovated. Call (903)849-2252 for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP, "TALK IT OUT"

Chandler has an Alzheimer's support group which meets at the Chandler Community Center (resuming after renovations) every 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The August meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church. Call ahead for reservations at (903) 515-0361.

SENIOR CITIZEN DANCE & LUNCH

Enjoy live Country & Western music and dancing every Thursday at the Chandler Community Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (will be at First United Methodist Church for the month of August during renovations). 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.

NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION

BISD new teacher orientation will be held on August 15th & 16th.

CHANDLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chandler Historical Society will meet at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month beginning September 23rd at the Chandler Museum at McCain Park.

CHANDLER POW WOW

The Chandler Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, October 12th at Winchester Park. Call (903)849-6853 if you are interested in being a vendor.

CHANDLER CHALLENGE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The Chandler Challenge Horseshoe Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 21st at the Winchester Park Horseshoe Pits. Call Glenn Kidd for more information at (903)340-1734.

CHANDLER MUSEUM

The grand opening for the Chandler Museum will be on Saturday, October 12th at McCain Park.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPER

The Historical Society will host a supper to benefit the Chandler Museum on Saturday, August 24th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

KEEP CHANDLER BEAUTIFUL

Keep Chandler Beautiful meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center (resuming after renovations).

Pow Wow & Chili Cookoff Set For October 12th

Mark your calendars for the 32nd Annual Chandler Pow Wow & CASI Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 12th at Winchester Park. There will be a parade, arts & crafts booths, local entertainment, a "Howl-o-Ween" Pet Costume Contest, delicious food, bounce houses, kids train, dunking booth, face painting and lots of fun to be had by all.

Most vendors will be open by 9:00 a.m. or earlier. Some food vendors will be open for breakfast. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the pet costume contest will begin at 12:00

p.m. Chili Cookoff judging begins at 1:00 p.m.

Food vendors will be serving a variety of food this year such as hamburgers, BBQ, grilled avocado, mac & cheese, quesadillas, tacos, chicken wraps, turkey legs, Mexican food, sausage-on-a-stick, egg rolls, nachos, hot dogs, snow cones & fruit sorbets, funnel cakes and fried pickles. Jump-In Inflatables will be on-hand again this year for children to enjoy. Other vendor booths this year so far include 1st Assembly of God, First United Methodist Church, Advocate, Celebrations

Flowers & Gifts, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Chandler Historical Society & Museum, Rock Hill Baptist Church, Chandler Lion's Club, Chandler Nursing Center, Chandler Police Explorers, Class of 2017, Creekside Sports, ETMC, Eve's Garden Designs, Faith Baptist Church, Farmer's Insurance, Glitzy Wreaths, ICANN Moving Co., It Works! Skinnywrap, JuJubilee's Face Painting, National Tax Service, Northland Communications, PDQ Signs, R&D Magnetic Signs & T-Shirts, Scentsy, St. Boniface Catholic Church, Sunrise Assembly of God, Texas Best Kitchen, 31 Gifts, Vietnam Veterans,

and Westlake Baptist Church.

For more information regarding vendor booths or the Chili Cookoff, call City Hall at (903)849-6853. or the Chamber of Commerce at (903)849-5930. Vendor applications are also available online at chandlertx.com.



TX DEPT OF AGRICULTURE RECOGNIZES CHANDLER AS CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples recently honored the City of Chandler as a GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community. The program helps communities attract retirees to make their homes in Texas.

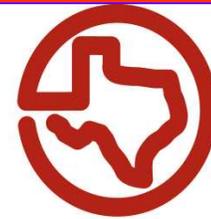
In order to become a certified retirement community, each community must complete a rigorous application process, including a retiree desirability assessment. There are only 45 communities in Texas with the Certified Retirement Community status. The City of Chandler offers residents a bal-

ance of past, present and future-priding itself on hometown family values. Our residents enjoy a friendly, faith-centered environment with caring and committed community leadership, exemplary schools, and a superior police and volunteer fire department. Lake Palestine and the Neches River offer great fishing and recreational opportunities. In addition, outstanding medical facilities in nearby Tyler are just minutes away. Whether raising a family, growing a business or enjoying retirement, Chandler is a great place to call home.

"We are proud to recog-

nize the City of Chandler as a GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community," Commissioner Staples said. "Not only do retirees have a significant economic impact on the regions in which they reside, but they also bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to community service, employment and business."

Mayor Ann Hall said, "For many years, retirees have been drawn to our city by the natural beauty of East Texas, our small town atmosphere with the conveniences of city services, our affordable housing, great medical care, and many opportunities to volunteer and get involved in the community. Chandler has



GO TEXAN.



RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

wonderful citizens, and we hope this designation will help spread awareness of our premier living community for retirees".

For more information about the City of Chandler or the GO TEXAN program, visit www.RetireInTexas.org.

2013 T-BALL 6 & U GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT

Multiple thunderstorms and delays didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 227 girls that recently converged on Chandler with their families and friends for the 2013 TTAS T-Ball 6 & Under Girls State Tournament. 14 teams from across the state, including 2 teams from Chandler and 1 team from Brownsville participated in the 5-day event held at Winchester Park from July 14-18.

Sunday's opening ceremonies drew a large crowd and included a welcome by Mayor Ann Hall. "Goody" bags provided by the Chandler Eco-

nomic Development Corporation were presented to each player. Teams included the Chandler Bad News Babes, Chandler Sweet Peas, Brownsville Stingers, Rogers Mustangs, Jarrell Rockstars, Axtell Wild Things, Groesbeck Sassy Sluggers, Alba-Golden Alba-Golden Causin' Chaos, Whitehouse Mustangs, Van Lady Longhorns, Hillsboro Pink Panthers, West Texas Land Bank, and the Blooming Grove Pink Kittens.

The Rogers Mustangs were able to take home the championship title with a final 11-4

win over the Van Lady Longhorns.

It took a community-wide effort to make the tournament a huge success as volunteers from the BMC league, Economic Development Board, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Rock Hill Baptist Church, and more pitched in to make sure the tournament ran smoothly. League president, Tony Reeves and former president, Kyle Edwards surprised city administrator, Jim Moffeit by presenting him a plaque and gift certificate to show their appreciation for his support of the BMC Youth Foundation.



Tony Reeves, Jim Moffeit, Kyle Edwards

This was the second state tournament that BMC has hosted. Last year's TTAS 8 & Under Baseball Tournament was also a big success.



Under Construction

There are signs of growth and construction everywhere you look these days. The new Ace Hardware just opened their doors this month. Chandler area citizens will have the additional shopping choices. Farooq Ahmad's Exxon convenience store and gas station on the west side of town was recently remodeled and has a newly paved parking lot. Progress on the new Kidd Jones Exxon convenience store and Whataburger at the corner of Hwy 31 W and FM 315 is progressing amazingly fast. Construction on the 8600 sq ft facility is expected to be completed by October and will be open 24 hrs a day. The North Tenneha Church of Christ has begun construction of a fellowship building on their new church camp on Martin St. Creekside Sports near Los Dos Potrillos just finished a major remodeling and is now open for business. The new business sells live bait and all your hunting and fishing needs. Stop by and check them out!

The City of Chandler also has several projects underway. The Community Center is currently undergoing an extensive renovation. Construction is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Patrons will



enjoy the newly remodeled, much-needed ADA compliant facility. The new baseball field at Winchester Park is also nearing completion. Sophomore and freshman boys and girls are expected to be able to play ball on the new 250 ft. field. Construction on the new 7500 sq. ft. pavilion at Winchester Park is scheduled to begin soon. Approximately 1500 sq. ft. of the pavilion will house a new concession stand, restrooms and storage. The open pavilion will be able to host concerts, movies, family events, and provide additional shade during all the ongoing activities at Winchester Park.

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

What a pleasure it was to witness Chandler at its best during the state softball tournament hosted by the BMC Youth Foundation at Winchester Park. Through rain storms, high winds, heat and constant changing of the schedule to adapt to the daily change in the weather, folks in our community stepped up to volunteer (even if they didn't have a child or grandchild playing ball). People took off work during the day or headed to the park after work to see what they could do to help get water off of the fields, work the parking gates, serve food in the concession stand or sell t-shirts at the information booth. All

of these great volunteers showed our out-of-town visitors why the city of Chandler's motto is "City With A Heart".

As I visited with several team moms during the tournament, they were all very grateful for the hard work that kept the games going in a timely manner, and the hospitality that was shown to their families. One mother from West said, "This was a week we will never forget. Getting away to this tournament has been so good for our girls". I assured her that their community had been in our thoughts and prayers. We have much to be thankful for!

As you read on the front page of this newsletter, Jim Moffeit is retiring as our City Administrator after 8 years of outstanding service to the Chandler community. Jim has been an advocate for our city as he has participated in many regional and statewide meetings over the years. In his role as Administrator, Mr. Moffeit has guided us through tremendous growth and has helped us prepare for the future. It has been an honor to work alongside him and a greater honor to call him "friend".

Blessings~

Ann Hall

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!