

# TEXAS Chandler

*City With a Heart*

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

**Did You Know?**

- Meal on Wheels operates Mon-Thurs at the Community Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Extensive renovations have been completed at the Chandler Community Center and the beautiful facilities are now available to rent.
- Garage sales do not require a permit and may be advertised online for free on the City of Chandler website. Submit ads online or call City Hall at (903)849-6853.
- The Horseshoe Courts at Winchester Park are available for use anytime without a reservation. Take advantage of the new 64 space parking lot that can be accessed from the Martin St entrance.
- The Chandler Public Library offers free wi-fi and ebooks are available for download.

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## CHANDLER MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER COMING SOON!

The Chandler Historical Society and volunteers are still faithfully working on the former Sen. Ralph Yarborough home which will serve as a museum and visitor's center once renovations are complete. The home is located at McCain Park and is the gateway to our city on the west side. The visitor's center will be able to provide helpful information to visitors in our area and will also be supported by the Chandler Area Economic Development Corporation.

Although the restoration is going well, there is still much to be done before opening day. Work on the outside of the home is expected to be completed in about a month. Painting

and the replacement of rotten wood is ongoing. Stanley McCurley and Acme Brick will be donating and installing the brick skirting. An alarm system and insulation have been installed. There are still plans for a permanent sign and a larger parking lot to accommodate visitors. Previous donations have included roof repair from David Lamky, windows replaced by Independent Glass, air conditioning installation by Air Chandler, a handicapped back entrance door by Jim Hughes and East Texas Door Company, curtains and drapes design by Lifestyle Designs, plus hundreds of volunteer hours.

Several rooms have been adopted by CHS members. Jim and Ann Powell have adopted the sun room on the back side of the house and it will have a café motif. Nancy Bertholf has moved the Yarborough display from the library to its new location in the "girls" sleep-



erated to those who have served our country. The kitchen is being renovated by Women's Unity Fellowship. Don and Martha Copeland have adopted the large room on the west side that was originally part of the "boys" sleeping room and will display business and school history. Charles and Juanita Price have sponsored the front parlor/library room which will include a gallery of arts and crafts. Mary Stewart has adopted the front reception room which will also serve as the office for the visitor's center.

For more information about the museum and visitor's center, contact Nancy Bertholf at (903)849-4122.



## Winchester Pond Gets Stocked With Fish

Texas Parks and Wildlife recently released 613 channel catfish with an average length of 10.5 inches into Winchester Pond. Additional stockings will occur in 2014. The program is part of the small pond stocking research. Since the pond is stocked by Texas Parks and Wildlife, it will follow the same fishing guidelines as other public waters. Fishing is by pole and line only. Anglers may use up to two poles. Youth under the age of 17 do not need a fishing license, but all others will require a state fishing license. The daily bag limit for catfish is 5. There is no minimum length. No fish cleaning will be allowed at the park, and no swimming or boating is allowed. A "Kid Fish Day" is in the planning stages for this summer, and is sure to be lots of fun for the whole family. Enjoy the fishing!

## 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. at City Hall and all citizens are invited to attend

### CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Volunteers are needed at the Chandler Public Library each 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. 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. Call (903) 849-2252 for more information.

### ALZHEIMER'S GROUP, "TALK IT OUT"

Chandler has an Alzheimer's support group which meets at Chandler Methodist Church every 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Call ahead for reservations at (903)515-0361.

### 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.

### CHANDLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chandler Historical Society meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month at the Chandler Museum at McCain Park.

### KEEP CHANDLER BEAUTIFUL

Keep Chandler Beautiful meets every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center.

### CHANDLER/BROWNSBORO ART GROUP

The Chandler/Brownsboro Art Group meets every Tuesday at the Chandler Community Center from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call Lou Griffin at (903)849-3238 or Linda Harris at (903)852-3816 for more information.

### CHANDLER ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS (CAPS)

CAPS meets every Monday through Thursday beginning at 10:30. The program offers Lunch & Learn presentations, games, exercise classes, bingo, flower arranging, painting, crafts and more. Call (903)849-2252 for more information.

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Holiday in the Park will be on Saturday, December 7th at Winchester Park from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Activities include live holiday music, Mr. & Mrs. Santa, a gingerbread house workshop, face painting, homemade chili with all the "fixins", "Trees on Parade" and more. Contact City Hall at (903)849-6853 for more information.

### TOUR OF HOMES

The Tour of Homes sponsored by Women's Unity Fellowship will be on Monday, December 9th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call (903)849-6442 for more information.

### CASINO NIGHT

"Puttin' on the Ritz" Casino Night sponsored by the Chandler Historical Society will be on January 18th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Stone Oak Ranch in Murchison. Tickets are available for purchase at City Hall, the library, and Chandler Drug.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on February 20th at Rock Hill Baptist Church. The silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. and the banquet begins at 7:00 p.m. Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

### CHANDLER HORSESHOE CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The Chandler Classic Horseshoe Tournament will be held on April 5th at Winchester Park Horseshoe Courts. Call club president, Glenn Kidd at (903)340-1734 for more information.

## 2013 Major City Accomplishments

- \* Grant acquired for River Park to include an under highway walkway, boat ramp, and parking lot. Parking lot with fishing access complete.
- \* Citizens Academy established and first class held
- \* Winchester Pond completed and stocked with fish
- \* Hosted Girls 6U State T-ball tournament
- \* New Ace Hardware, Kidd Jones, Whataburger, and Old Main Street Market Ice House completed
- \* Neighborhood Watch Program established
- \* E-books made available at the Library
- \* Community Center renovated. New floor buffer, chairs, and television purchased
- \* Removed six substandard homes with owners consent
- \* Built new teen baseball field in Winchester Park
- \* Hosted Chandler Pow Wow at Winchester Park
- \* Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce offices renovated
- \* Issued building permits for 26 new residential homes and 5 new commercial buildings
- \* New lighting installed at the Winchester Horseshoe Courts
- \* Construction of two new homes completed for the Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) Home Program
- \* The Chandler Activity Program for Seniors (CAPS) held in the Community Center was established
- \* Hosted C.A.S.I. Chili Cook-off benefitting the Chandler Historical Society at Winchester Park
- \* New Kubota tractor purchased for Maintenance Department
- \* West Hwy 31 Exxon remodel and new parking lot completed, Creekside Sports remodel complete
- \* Street repairs made on Hall St and Allison Ln
- \* Parking lot repaired at God's Open Hands
- \* Constructed new 64 space parking lot at Winchester Park
- \* Hosted Holiday in the Park to benefit Keep Chandler Beautiful
- \* Library received new hand rails and bookcases

# CHANDLER ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS (CAPS) REACHES OUT TO AREA RESIDENTS

The City of Chandler is proud to be able to sponsor the Chandler Activity Program for Seniors (CAPS) for area residents in the newly renovated Community Center.

The creation of CAPS supports the notion expressed by Robert A. Greenleaf, in which he stated, "Caring for persons, the more able and the less able, serving each other, is the rock

upon which a good society is built."

Activities include game tables every day, set for dominoes, cards and other games as desired. Exercise activities are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday through a partnership with the Silver Sneakers program.

Arts and crafts programs will be scheduled every Tuesday and may include activities such as flower arranging, painting and other crafts as scheduled.

Bingo will be held every Thursday with prizes for the winners. Lunch and Learn programs that provide information

relevant to seniors will be scheduled periodically.

Lunch will be available Monday through Thursday in cooperation with the Meals on Wheels Program. Participants wishing to participate in lunch will need to contact Brita Wright one week prior to the meal at (903)849-2252.

Activities will be posted on the calendar of the city's website at [www.chandler.tx.com](http://www.chandler.tx.com). All activities will be held at the Chandler Community Center located at 811 Hwy 31 East.

Seniors do not need to be Chandler residents to participate.

The CAPS program is



Area seniors enjoy Bingo Thursday!

looking for donations or gift cards which can be used as bingo prizes.

The program is also in need of 1 and 2 lb hand weights which can be used for senior exercise.

Anyone wishing to donate or to sponsor and lead a craft class or a Lunch and Learn class, please contact Brita Wright at (903)849-2252.



**GO TEXAN.**



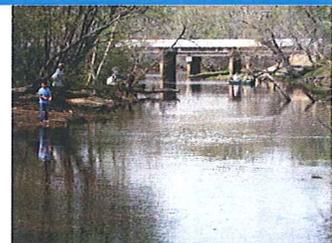
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

## RiverFest & New River Park Projects Planned

Rick Ford, Chandler Chamber of Commerce President, has announced that the Chandler Chamber of Commerce is proud to be sponsoring the first annual RiverFest at River Park on May 17th. For the past several months, Rick and the Board of Directors have been working on a way for our community to benefit from and celebrate Chandler's River Park.

Plans are underway for a Mud Bug Boil and 5K Mud Run. The river festival will include entertainment by the Steve Carpenter Band, a fishing tournament sponsored by Creekside Sports, vendors for outdoor enthusiasts, a motorcycle show, and hotdogs & hamburgers along with the crawfish boil. The City of Chandler currently has plans to begin construction

soon on a walk-way to go underneath State Hwy 31. The City of Chandler, along with help from Texas Parks & Wildlife and Henderson County officials recently completed a new parking area for anglers with river access. The new parking lot along with the walk-way will help keep our fishermen safe from the busy highway. There is still a need for restrooms and a portion



of the proceeds will go towards this goal. It is sure to be a fun time for the whole family. Bring your lawn chairs and fishing poles!

## Under Construction

Construction for an expanded Brookshire's store, new fuel station, and new street is scheduled to begin in February 2014. Chandler's Economic Development corporation has allocated up to \$145,000 for the construction of utilities, road, and the purchase of land required to offset the needed right-of-way. The new street will be the beginning of a planned north/south corridor for the City of Chandler which is part of the city's Master Thoroughfare Plan. The new street will be constructed between Brookshire's and their fuel station. It will eventually cross Hwy 31 near the Valero Kidd Jones station and be a signaled intersection.

The new fuel station will have 4 pump areas and 8 lanes. The new store expansion will increase the square footage from 29,990 to 40,305. Approximately 15-20 new employees are



expected to be needed for a total of approximately 95 store employees. Once the expansion/remodel is complete, the store will feature a new service office, new check stands, a new bakery & deli with seating area, expanded beer & wine, reworked produce & market cases, new dairy cases, expanded grocery freezer & cooler, new pharmacy with remote drive-thru kiosk, new restrooms, and much more!

## Mayor's Corner

2013 has been another whirlwind year for the City of Chandler. As you can see from the partial list that is featured in this newsletter, a wide range of projects have been completed. I want to thank the many individuals, organizations, and business owners that have worked so diligently to bring these mere ideas to fruition, this resulting in some great accomplishments for our community.

It takes not only our outstanding city staff, but many volunteer members of Chandler's non-profit organizations to keep this commu-

nity moving forward, and yet grounded with our hometown family values. So to everyone that participates, I want to say a big THANK YOU.

As 2013 draws to a close and you consider your year-end charitable giving, please consider keeping those dollars close to home. There are so many non-profit organizations in Chandler that can use your help, and most of them are listed in the Chandler's "About Town" section of this newsletter.

One organization that is not listed that I would like to

### 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.

bring to your attention is our Chandler Volunteer Fire Department. The City makes a large donation to the department each year but they are still in need of some new equipment totaling about \$14,000. These volunteers and their families are the true heroes of our community. Please consider helping them with a donation or joining their team, and let them know how much we appreciate their commitment.

Blessing to each of you~

Ann Hall, Mayor

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Be sure and visit the official website for the City of Chandler at [www.chandler.tx.com](http://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 be paid online!