



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

## CHANDLER CITIZENS ACADEMY COMING THIS SPRING

### Did You Know?

- Texas Parks & Wildlife will stock Winchester Pond with bass in March. The pond is already stocked with catfish and bluegill and the fishing is great!
- Over 100 varieties of birds frequent the Chandler area.
- The Chandler Museum also includes a Visitor Center.
- There are 5 ft wide walking trails at River Park for public use.
- The Chandler Activity Program for seniors (CAPS) offers games, exercise classes, bingo, arts & crafts, dominoes and a Meals on Wheels lunch provided for a small fee at the Chandler Community Center
- Construction on a new pavilion with a concession area and restrooms will begin soon at Winchester Park.

Applications for the upcoming spring **Chandler Citizens Academy** are now being accepted. The classes will be from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning on April 15th and continue through May 13th.

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 established the Chandler Citizens Academy last year. This program is 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. The 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 inter-

ested in learning more about municipal government and how the City of Chandler operates. Members will learn about challenges to city government, budget limitations, 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 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 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 applying for Citizens Academy may contact City Hall at (903)849-6853.

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## Great American Clean-Up Day

The Great American Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 5th at Winchester Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents in our area may bring their unwanted large items, old electronics, and papers that need to be shredded at no charge. The limit for boxes of paper is 4. There will also be help on-hand for unloading heavy items. Televisions, refrigerators with freon still in them, tires, paint and liquids will not be accepted.

**KEEP AMERICA  
BEAUTIFUL**  
**GREAT AMERICAN  
CLEANUP**

## 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.

### 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 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.

### KICKAPOO LITERARY SOCIETY & BOOK CLUB

The Kickapoo Literary Society & Book Club meets every 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Chandler Public Library. Exceptions will be the 1st Tuesday in September and 1st Saturday in December.

### 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.

### COMPASSIONATE HOSPICE

Compassionate Hospice Care of Chandler hosts a monthly support group on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Visit [compassionatehospicecare-inc.com](http://compassionatehospicecare-inc.com) for more information.

### MASONIC LODGE

The Chandler Masonic Lodge No. 993 meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 734 Hwy 315 N.

## Tree Limb Chipping Service Offered by City

The City of Chandler is expanding its services to include tree/bush limb waste removal.

Trimming trees and bushes is a task in itself. It gets worse with the added requirement that the limbs must be bundled, tied and stacked in order for the trash service to pick them up.

City Administrator, John Taylor, hopes to ease that burden by offering a curbside tree limb removal or chipping service. The city purchased a wood chipper five years ago through a grant but never had a way to bring the service to the residents of Chandler. Now that the city has a newly purchased cover for the dump truck to contain the chippings, they can offer the helpful curbside service.

Program details are as follows:

- \* The curbside limb chipping service will be on the first Monday of every month. In the case of inclement weather, limbs will be picked up later that week.
- \* Requests for service must be called into the City Hall at (903)849-6853 one week prior to the first Monday of the month.
- \* Tree limbs between 3 and 10 ft in length will be picked up.

Limbs must not be larger than 8" in diameter.

- \* Limbs should be stacked as neatly as possible at the curb. Limbs will not be collected if not at the street.
- \* You may call City Hall at (903)849-6853 regarding the availability of free mulch.



This service is only for the pick-up of large tree limbs. The regular trash service will continue to collect leaves, grass clippings and small limbs. The trash company's restrictions for regular pickup are as follows:

- \* Leaf bags may not weigh more than 50 lbs.
- \* In addition to the polycart, only 10 bags will be collected per trash day.
- \* Small limbs will be collected by the regular trash service if they are no longer than 4 ft and no larger than 6" in diameter. They must be bundled and not weigh more than 50 lbs.

## Chandler Museum & Visitor Center Hold Grand Opening



After years of planning and hard work by tireless volunteers, the beautifully restored Chandler Museum & Visitor Center held their Grand Opening on March 1st. "This museum is important to the community because it shows our roots; where we came

from and how Chandler citizens were involved in the development of our town," said Chandler Historical Society President Jim Powell. Everyone can now enjoy the museum and be proud to have such a jewel in our city. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please call (903)849-2243 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

The museum and visitor

center has begun a new fundraising program. They will be selling engraved bricks in honor or in memorial to individuals. The bricks will be \$50 for a 4 x 8 brick and \$100 for an 8 x 8 brick. The money raised will be used for much needed projects at McCain Park. The most pressing need is for a new parking lot and freestanding ADA restrooms. The brick will line the new sidewalk going to the front door of the museum.



## LIBRARY NEWS

The Chandler Public Library will celebrate **National Library Week** from April 12-19th. There will be a special story time for children in pre-school through the second grade, Amnesty Day, Patron Appreciation Day, Intellectual Freedom Day, Teen Read Day, Volunteer Day and a Friends of the Library Book Sale.

The library also now offers help with getting your GED. The library has access to Learning Express which provides GED review, practice and preparation for tests. The site also includes other on-line classes free of charge. To access, go to the library catalog at

<https://chandlertx.bliblionix.com/atoz/catalog> or call the library at (903)849-4122 for more information.

The Northcreek Subdivision will soon enjoy their own "Free Little Library". Northcreek resident, Wendell Chapman will be building the library with donated materials. Anyone will be able to check out books at no charge. Chandler residents can also share books. What a wonderful reading opportunity for residents!

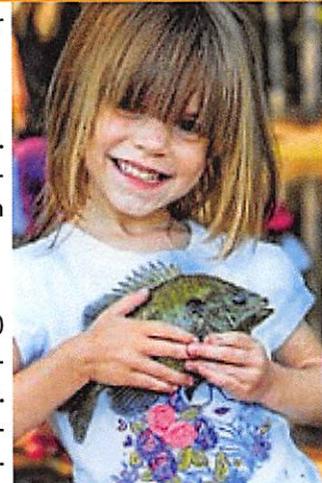
Don't forget about the **Summer Reading Program** for children! See the library page at [www.chandlertx.com](http://www.chandlertx.com) for a complete schedule.

## RIVERFEST & KID FISH DAY COMING SOON

The first annual Riverfest festival at River Park and Kid Fish Day at Winchester Pond, located in Winchester Park are coming soon.

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host Riverfest on May 17th at River Park. Plans include a Mud Bug Boil, 5K Mud Run, live entertainment, hot dogs and hamburgers and fishing/sports themed vendors will be on-hand. It is sure to be a fun time for the whole family. Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

The City of Chandler's Kid Fish Day will be held on June 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Winchester Pond. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the fun-filled day of fishing, games, presentations, door prizes and a picnic lunch provided at no charge. Fishing poles and bait will be provided. Sponsors include Faith Baptist Church, Oncor and Stan's Backhoe Service. Call City Hall at (903)849-6853 for more information or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer.

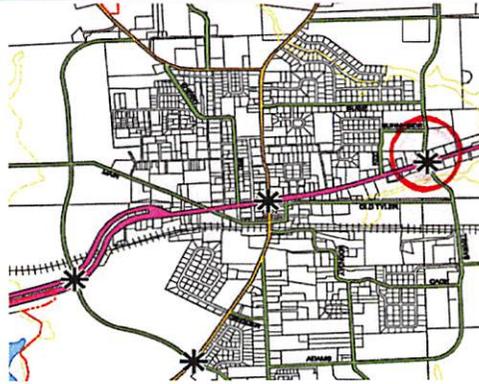


## Under Construction

Construction of a new intersection on the north side Hwy 31 at Brookshire's will begin in March. The road will not appear to be much when it is first built but it is destined to become Chandler's second signalized intersection and second major railroad crossing.

One of Chandler's major weaknesses is the lack of north/south access and only having one major railroad crossing. When the railroad crossing at FM 315 (Broad St) is closed, all north/south access in Chandler stops. This issue is made worse since our fire station and EMS are located on the south side of this rail line.

The City of Chandler's Master Thoroughfare Plan attempts to resolve this problem and shows Sawmill Rd intersecting Hwy 31 just west of the Kidd Jones Valero station and going north through the new Brookshire's property.



With the pending expansion of Brookshire's, it was important for the city to establish this future intersection.

The new road will initially be approximately 300 ft long and will stop at the rear of the Brookshire's property line. On the south side of SH 31, only the approach will be constructed. Future expansion of this road will occur as the property to the north and south develops.

### 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](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!

Welcome Spring! It's my favorite season of the year. We've had a pretty long winter, so I'm anxious for the birds to chirp and the flowers to bloom. As you are trimming your trees and getting your yard freshened up, I hope you will take advantage of the new chipper/shredder service that the city is now providing.

Along with the better weather comes a very busy schedule for the City of Chandler. Please find a place to "plug in" to your

community...it will truly make it feel more like "home". Volunteers are needed for the many events and organizations that are mentioned throughout this newsletter. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated, and I promise you will be blessed.

Winchester Park will be hopping as ball season is about to begin. Even if you don't have a child or grandchild playing, please consider supporting the children by cheering them on

during their games and enjoying some good food from the concession stand that supports the baseball/softball foundation. What a great way to spend a wonderful spring evening...listening to the crack of a bat, hearing the cheer of the crowd and seeing big smiles on those sweet little faces.

Blessings~

Ann Hall, Mayor