



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

NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED

- Did You Know?**
- You may sign up for the City of Chandler's CodeRed emergency message system online at www.chandler.tx.com or by calling City Hall at (903)849-6853.
 - The city offers free limb pick-up on the first Monday of every month. Call City Hall at (903)849-6853 to schedule a pick-up.
 - East Texas Council of Governments offers GoBus transportation within Henderson County Monday through Friday. They will even pick you up at home. Call (800)590-3371 to book your trip.
 - Garage Sale signs may not be put up in the street right-of-way or on telephone poles and you must have permission from the property owner in order to put out signs on their property. Call City Hall to have your garage sale advertised for free on the city's website and at the library.

In light of the recent retirement of Chandler's long-time Water Superintendent, Stanley McCurley, City Council recently voted to establish a new Public Works Department. This new department will bring together the functions of Utilities, Maintenance, Parks, Roads and Animal Control. Bringing these responsibilities together under one roof will improve services to the citizens of Chandler

similar to Chandler's and while in that position, he managed all the same functions that he will be over in Chandler. All in all, he has over 16 years in the water and public works business.



It was important to find the right person for the new Public Works position, so a state-wide search was made, with numerous candidates being interviewed. In the end, City Council voted to offer the position to a native East Texan from Mt. Pleasant, Jon Hall. Hall served as the Chief Operator over Water Treatment for the City of Mt. Pleasant for the last 3 1/2 years. Prior to that, Hall worked for the City of Troup as their Public Works Director. Troup's Wastewater Treatment Plant is very

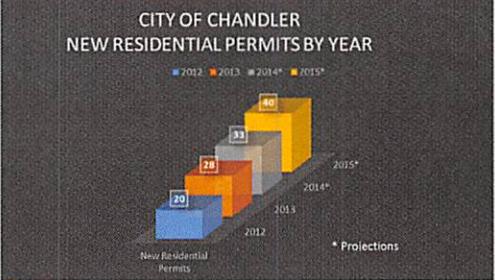
With the start-up of a new department comes the need for new equipment. City Council approved using the remainder of the 2010 utility bond totaling \$85,835 for equipment purchases. Some of the items listed to be purchased include a utility vehicle with trailer, zero-turn mower, required safety equipment for each well site, pickup truck and chain link fence that will surround the maintenance building at Winchester Park.

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Slow And Steady Residential Growth

The City of Chandler has experienced a slow but steady growth in residential development since 2012. As of July 2014, the city has issued 23 residential permits and is expecting to see 33 by the end of the year. City staff is projecting at least 40 houses to be completed by the end of 2015.



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. KCB is reaching out for new members. Call Joe Cantrell at (903)849-7190 for information.

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 a.m. 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 MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

The Museum is in need of locally created hand-crafted items or collections to be on loan for 3-6 months for the Gallery room. Please contact Juanita Price at (903)714-5315 or e-mail juanitaprice@earthlink.net. Museum Hours of Operation are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:00—4:00 p.m.

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. Contact Ronny Lawrence at (903)477-3053 for more information.

River Park Phase II Nears Completion

The City of Chandler was recently awarded a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. for \$90,150 to use for pedestrian, vehicle and boating access improvements to River Park. The city's portion of this project was \$60,000. The improvements will include a new and improved boat ramp and new parking lot and drive on the south side of the park. This new drive will line up with the parking lot drive on the north side. The new crossing installed by Texas Dept. of Transportation allows vehicles to go directly from one side of the park to the other. The other access improvement includes an ADA compliant concrete sidewalk that goes under the bridge and connects the parking lot on the north side to the boat ramp and parking lot on the south side of the park. All these access improvements add to the great potential of this hidden jewel.

River Park is a 16 acre nature park which is a regional destination for river access fishing. The park now has over two miles of nature trails that wind up and down the Neches River. This park is home to many different types of wildlife and adds to the diversity offered in Chandler's Park system.



TO MOW OR NOT TO MOW...

The City of Chandler would like to remind property owners about an ordinance that was adopted in 2001 regarding right-of-way and drainage easement maintenance. Property owners are responsible for ensuring that grass, brush and weeds are not taller than 12 inches between their property line and the street. Specifically, the area to be maintained is the area between the property line and the curb. If there is not a curb, you are responsible for 10 ft. outside your property line toward the street. This is true for any portion of your lot that abuts a street, even if that is the rear of your property.

This has been an ordinance for many years but in some cases, city staff has taken responsibility for the maintenance of these areas.

This selective mowing by city staff has not been consistent and does not treat all property owners the same.

In an effort to have a consistent policy regarding right-of-way mowing and in an effort to treat all properties the same, City Council decided to begin going by and enforcing the 2001 ordinance mentioned above. The city staff will still mow one mower pass along city streets but will no longer mow to the property lines.

Drainage easements that are on private property are also the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. The only deviation to this rule is if the drainage easement has a concrete struc-

ture in it. If that is the case, the city will continue to maintain it.

Failure to maintain your property or the right-of-way mentioned above will result in code violations and possible citations. If you have questions as to whether you are required to mow an area, call Jon Hall at (903)849-6853.

City Council would also like to remind you that blowing grass clippings into the street is inconsiderate and harmful to storm water. Grass clippings are an eye sore and also clog storm drains and cause the growth of algae, bacteria, insects and aquatic weeds. Let's all work together to keep Chandler looking beautiful.

New Pavilion at Winchester Park

Over the past few months, the City of Chandler and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have been involved in the construction of a new 7,500 sq. ft. pavilion and concession at Winchester Park. The building will also have two restrooms which the park was in great need of.

The pavilion, which was a joint project between the City of Chandler and the EDC, will open the doors to a great many possibilities for community events and activities. One of the many ideas that are being discussed includes a Spring Music Series where families can come out and enjoy free music and concession food. The pavilion will also be equipped for showing "Movies in the Park". These will be free movies geared toward families. The first of these events will be on October 25th with a family Halloween movie and Glow Run sponsored by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce. Other movie events will be scheduled throughout the year.

The pavilion will also be available to rent for parties and events beginning the first of 2015. The details of the rental process will have to be established by City Council.

The pavilion will offer a second concession at the park, which will be bigger and will facilitate a much wider assortment of concession offerings. Both concession stands will be managed by the Parks Board with revenue benefiting future parks projects and improvements. The Parks Board will partner with other local non-profits in the staffing of the concession throughout the year as fundraisers for those organizations.



Under Construction

Family Dollar has made application for a building permit to build a new store next to Taco Bell on Hwy 31. 3D Development is the developer and has purchased 3 acres to the east of Taco Bell. Upon completion, the existing Family Dollar will relocate from their current location on the west side of town. The construction has an estimated value of \$350,000 and is expected to begin on August 25th. It is estimated to be completed sometime in December.

Although the store will only be changing locations, the city is excited to see more new commercial development on Hwy 31. The newer

and larger store is expected to bring with it increased sales and offerings to Chandler residents. One of the unexpected by-products of the new store will be a gift of 2

acres to the City of Chandler. The Family Dollar Corporation does not want any excess land and they are having to purchase a larger tract than they require for the new store. As a result, they are gifting 2 acres to the city. Some of this land is in a flood plain but all of it is on a proposed linear park that follows a creek.

The relocation of the Family Dollar will open up the building next to Ace Hardware for redevelopment and/or lease. Family Dollar does not own the



building and future plans for the property are not known at this time.

Although the recent rain has delayed construction, the new Brookshire's gas station is progressing well and should be completed sometime in September. Construction has also now begun on the remodel and expansion of the grocery store. Brookshire's officials say that while the growing process will be inconvenient at times, the final result will be well worth it!

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

Can you believe this weather? Temperatures in the 70's and rain in August. Our yards and the city parks are beautiful and green, and Lake Palestine is full, so go out and enjoy!

We received a call at City Hall this week. The gentleman said that he and his family were from out of town and recently spent most of the weekend out at Winchester Park. He was very complimentary about the beauty and diversity of the park and thought that Chandler should receive an award for having such a nice facility. It's always nice to hear from visitors that they enjoy our parks, but I really hope that YOU are mak-

ing use of our park system.

There is something for everyone: River Park for those that love to fish, kayak, walk nature trails; Winchester Park for playing baseball/softball, throwing horseshoes, fishing the pond or enjoying the playground; and McCain Park with the Yarrowborough House and Visitors Museum for those that want to learn more about our community's heritage. There is definitely something for everyone!

The community survey that was taken several years ago showed that Chandler's citizens wanted more activities to do in their own town, so

we hope these parks and improvements will help meet that need. I look forward to us gathering as a community to enjoy our first of many movies at the new pavilion. Remember... there is a new parking lot near the pavilion that can be accessed from Martin Street.

Before I close I just have to say how proud we are of the great job so many of our baseball and softball teams did this year. You represented Chandler well!

Blessings~

Ann Hall, Mayor