

# TEXAS Chandler

City With a Heart

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

**Did You Know?**

- The McCain Park Gazebo and the Grand Pavilion and Pocket Pavilion at Winchester Park may be rented and reserved for private events.
- Concord Baptist Church was organized in 1872 with 22 charter members, and is the oldest church in the Chandler area.
- If you "Like Us" on Facebook, you will receive information on upcoming events and available city services.
- BMC baseball and softball registration forms will be available at City Hall from February 1st through February 27th.
- Modern-day government with a mayor and city council began in Chandler in 1960. Herman Cade was the first mayor and he served in that position until 1970.

## CITIZENS HONORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Awards for Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Police Explorer of the Year, Business of the Year, Teacher of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award were given out at the recent annual Chandler Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The banquet was held at Rock Hill Baptist Church and was attended by a crowd of more than 200. The event was emceed by KornPop the Clown and included a silent auction and dinner catered by San Pedro's. The guest speaker was Pastor Stan Copeland of Lover's Lane Methodist Church in Dallas.

**Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Pollard** received the Lifetime Achievement award for their years of faithful service to our community. The award was presented by their son, Sam Pollard.

**Brandon Smith** was named Fire Fighter of the Year. Fire Chief Robert York accepted the award on his behalf since he was working out of town.

Chamber Chairman, Rick Ford, presented the Business of the Year Award to **Allen**



S.A. & Edith B. Pollard, Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

**Samuels East Texas Dodge.** Allen Samuels East Texas Dodge has been a sponsor for every event and activity that the Chamber of Commerce has been a part of this past year. Ford expressed his sincere appreciation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Superintendent, Dr. Chris Moran, awarded Co-Teachers of the Year to Chandler Elementary School teacher, **Eileen Reed** and Brownsboro Elementary School teacher, **Michelle Wood**.

Police officers **Sgt. Chris Stanbery**, **Officer Carla Moss**, **Asst. Police Chief James Lehman**, **Officer Arther McKenzie** and **Officer David Patterson** were awarded a group Police Officer of the Year award by Police Chief Ron Reeves. Officer David Patterson presented the Police Explorer of the Year award to **Jerry Satterfield**.

**Pat Martin** of God's Open Hands received the Citizen of the Year award for her many years of service and hard work. Mrs. Martin and her volunteers provide help for approximately 1000 needy people each month at both the thrift store and food pantry.



Citizen of the Year, Pat Martin

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# City of Chandler's 2014 Major Accomplishments

## PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

- Second Citizens Academy was held.
- First section of second major north/south collector (Sawmill Rd.) was constructed at Hwy 31.
- Animal shelter was improved and expanded to three holding areas.
- Utility operations were brought under City staff. Four new staff positions were created and necessary equipment purchased.
- Public Works Department was added to city staff structure, combining maintenance staff and utility staff under one director for more efficiency.
- Public Works office space was constructed in existing maintenance building at Winchester Park.
- Created a comprehensive set of job descriptions and associated salary ranges for all city positions.
- 2010 bonds were refinanced to lower interest rates, thus saving the city money.
- Second phase of Griffin Estates residential neighborhood was started.
- Council communications were expanded to include weekly status reports and monthly budget watches.
- A new City Personnel Policy Handbook was drafted for adoption in Spring of 2015.
- Completed another year of the Police Explorer program.

## ENHANCING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

- River Park nature trails were established.
- River Park boat ramp and south side parking lot and access was improved.
- River Park pedestrian connection was made between the north and south side of park under Hwy 31. Vehicular connection was made between two sides of park with median break across Hwy 31.
- Grand Pavilion construction was completed with concession, restrooms and parking lot at Winchester Park.
- Bingo was added to Chandler Activity Program for Senior Citizens (CAPS) in the Community Center.
- Chandler Museum & Visitor Center opened March 1, 2014 and has hosted approximately 1,200 visitors during the ten months.
- Fifth baseball field was opened for play at Winchester Park.
- Process was started to add an acre of land to McCain Park in order to have room for a future expanded parking lot and freestanding restrooms.
- Chandler Public Library began offering a free mobile computer lab for computer lessons.
- First "Kid Fish Day" program was held at Winchester Park Pond. The city also participated in its first winter trout program with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.
- A new east entrance to Winchester Park was added off of Martin Street.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show was held at Winchester Park.
- Annual "Chandler Pow Wow" and "Holiday in the Park" were held at Winchester Park.
- First "Concert in the Park" was held at the Grand Pavilion in Winchester Park.
- Pre-Halloween Glow Run was held at Winchester Park.

## Accomplishments, cont.

### PROVIDING FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Main Street Market opened with a farmer's market and sandwich shop.
- Family Dollar began construction on new store.
- First RiverFest/Mud Run was held to promote tourism.
- New Brookshire's gas station was opened In November.
- Chandler Feed & Seed Country Store was expanded.
- New "Welcome to Chandler" banners were purchased and installed.
- Brookshire's new 10,000 sq. ft. expansion is well underway and will be completed in early 2015.

### ENSURING OUR SUSTAINABILITY

- Neighborhood Watch Program was expanded to cover 11 neighborhoods.
- "National Night Out" was celebrated with 10 neighborhoods coming together to host neighborhood events.
- Street Condition Inventory was completed.
- Planted 250 trees at Winchester Park.
- Removed 5 substandard homes.
- Construction of 1 new home completed for the Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) Home Program.
- New zero turn mower purchased.
- Remaining portion of the lagoon at the wastewater treatment plant closed per TCEQ guidelines.
- Bonds were acquired for the drilling of the city's 7<sup>th</sup> water well with test well completed and work begun on well production.
- Issued building permits for 40 new residential homes and 4 new commercial buildings.
- New traffic and street sign replacement program was started to replace old and damaged signs along with faded stop bars.
- Chandler Police Department added 2 police bikes to facilitate park and special event patrols.
- Upgrades were made to area lift stations and wells ensuring conformance with TCEQ guidelines.
- Water and sewer tap fees were evaluated and increased in order to cover costs.
- Monthly curb side limb chipping program was started.
- Secured lower power rates for city operations.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPT HAS NEW OFFICES

The City of Chandler created a new Public Works Department last year. The department consists of the Public Works Director, Jon Hall, two Utility Operators and five Maintenance Technicians. Since the creation of the department, they have been borrowing space, including that of

the Mayor's office. Beginning the first of February, they officially have their own office space located in the Maintenance Building at Winchester Park. Access to the building is off of Martin Street.



## Citizens Academy Coming Soon!

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 free 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 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 one of our departments or 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. Classes start Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and will meet each Tuesday from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for 5 consecutive weeks at City Hall. The setting will be casual and comfortable. A light dinner will be provided each week and the program will conclude with a graduation ceremony at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Applications are available at City Hall and the Chandler Public Library. Call (903)849-6853 for more information.

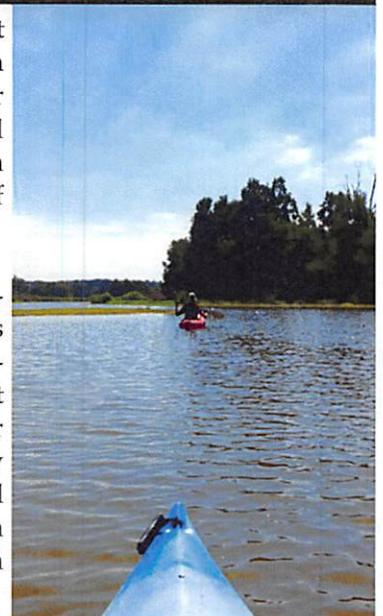
## River Park to Offer Canoe & Kayak Rentals/Concessions

The City of Chandler is working to make it easier for you to get out on the Neches River and enjoy the nature at River Park. Late last year, the city made an application with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. to have River Park designated as a trail head for the Upper Neches River Paddle Trail, above Lake Palestine. In January, the City signed a concession agreement with local business, Creekside Sports, to begin offering canoes and kayaks for rental. This spring, the City and Creekside Sports will be improving an area of the shoreline to provide for easy access for paddlers.

The boats will be available for rent during regular business hours from Creekside Sports at 501 Hwy 31 W.

throughout the year. However, as part of the agreement, Creekside will locate a concession building at the park to offer on-site rentals, as well as bait, tackle and some food and drinks. The concession will be manned during peak use times of the park.

Creekside has canoes and kayaks available for rent now with some of the kayaks designed for fishing. Rentals will include paddles and life jackets. The cost for rentals is expected to be \$13 per hr with additional 1/2 hrs at \$7.50. They also will be available for 1/2 day rental and full day rental. The concession building is expected to be at the park in mid to late February.



# 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 MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

Volunteers are needed Wednesday through Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Chandler Museum & Visitor Center to help with light housekeeping, guided tours and assisting with display set-ups. Call Nancy Bertholf at (903)849-4122 for more information.

## 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.

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The City of Chandler and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host a concert series at the Grand Pavilion in Winchester Park every Saturday, beginning April 11th and ending on April 25th. The concerts will feature gospel, bluegrass and country music. Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

## KID FISH DAY

The City of Chandler will host the Second Annual Kid Fish Day on Saturday, May 2nd. Lunch, fishing poles and fishing supplies are provided at no charge. Come out and enjoy a great day of family fun. Call (903)849-6853 for more information.

## CITIZENS ACADEMY

Area residents interested in learning about municipal government and how a city works may attend the Spring 2015 Citizens Academy. The 5 week course will begin on March 17th at 5:30 p.m. and continue every Tuesday through April 14th. Applications are available at City Hall and the library. Call (903)849-6853 for more information.

## CHANDLER POLICE EXPLORERS

The Chandler Police Explorers meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be held on April 24 at the Pine Springs Golf Course in Tyler. Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. and t-off time is 1:00 p.m. Call the Chamber office at (903)849-5930 for more information.

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

The City of Chandler and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host "Movies in the Park" beginning on Saturday, May 23rd, and every fourth Saturday of the month through July 25th. The theme will be "Star Wars" and attendees are encouraged to dress in costume! Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEONS

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce hosts their monthly luncheon on the second Thursday of every month. Call the Chamber office at (903)849-5930 for more information.

## CHANDLER MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

The Museum is in need of local handcrafted 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 [juanitacprice@earthlink.net](mailto:juanitacprice@earthlink.net). Museum Hours of Operation are Wednesday-Saturday 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.

## CITY OF CHANDLER GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting for the City of Chandler General Election will begin on April 27th and continue through May 5th at City Hall. Election Day will be May 9th at the Chandler Community Center.

## FREE LIMB PICK-UP SERVICE

The City of Chandler offers free limb pick-up for residents on the first Monday of every month. Please call City Hall at (903)849-6853 if you would like to take advantage of this service.

## RIVERFEST

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce will host their Second Annual Riverfest on May 16th at Riverpark. Call (903)849-5930 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!

## 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 Saturday in December. Visitors are always welcome!

## 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.



The City of Chandler and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce will be hosting "Concerts in the Park" this Spring. There will be a free concert at the Grand Pavilion in Winchester Park on the last three Saturdays of April beginning at 6:00 p.m.. Bring the whole family out for great Christian, Country and Bluegrass music!

# NEW WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

After a successful test well was completed on FM 2010 at the city limit line, the City of Chandler has begun the production of our 7th water well. This well provides the city with something none of the other city wells offer—Deep Water.

## CITY OF CHANDLER WATER WELL CAPACITIES

Well ID	Location	Depth	Gallons per Minute	Gallons per Day *
Water Well No. 1	303 Cherry St	400' - 500'	150	216,000
Water Well No. 2	324 Martin St	400' - 500'	228	328,320
Water Well No. 3	151 1/2 Nooday Rd	400' - 500'	180	259,200
Water Well No. 4	1200 Hwy 31 E	400' - 500'	450	648,000
Water Well No. 5	22178 Sportsman's Dr	400' - 500'	Not in Production	Not in Production
Water Well No. 6	810 Martin St	700'	74	106,560
Water Well No. 7	12791 FM 2010	1,174'	220 (est. likely higher)	316,800
Total Well Capacity			1,302	1,874,880

\*1,440 minutes in a day

The reason it is important to get water at a deeper level is the aquifer that the City of Chandler gets its water from has dropped in elevation over the decades. The availability of deeper water ensures access to water for future generations.

## Mayor's Corner

### 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.

We have almost survived winter, and spring is just around the corner as you can see from the many activities listed in this newsletter. Please mark your calendar and join us for some of these exciting events.

After 14 years of serving on the City Council and now as Mayor, I have decided not to throw my hat in the ring for this election. It has been an honor to serve, but it is time for me to encourage the younger people in Chandler to step up, get involved, and be the next generation of leaders in our community. If you are interested in running for Mayor or City Council, you may pick up an election packet from the City Secretary. The deadline for signing up is February 27<sup>th</sup> and Election Day is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you do sign up to be a candidate in the upcoming election, or you are just interested in learning more about Chandler, please join us at the Citizens Academy. We'll take "field trips" to our parks, library, museum, water tower sites and the wastewater treatment plant. We'll watch demonstrations by our police department and the fire department. We promise to feed you, give you plenty of information and make your time with us worthwhile. The class is free and applications are available at City Hall and also online at [www.chandler.tx.com](http://www.chandler.tx.com).

I encourage you to be a participant in your community, you'll be glad you did!

Blessings~  
Ann Hall, Mayor