

TEXAS Chandler

City With a Heart

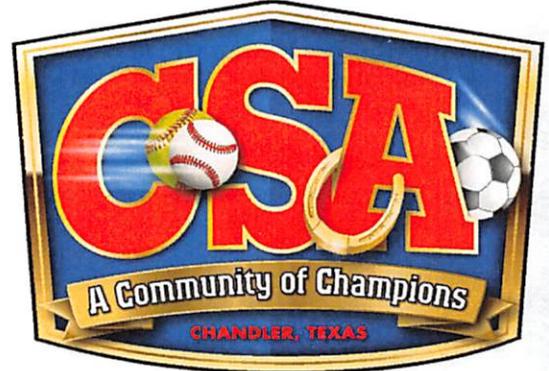


- The Texas Almanac listed stagecoach routes in 1861 that included a two-horse hack route through Chandler.
- You can contact City Hall at (903)849-6853 to advertise your garage sale for free on the city's website at chandlertx.com.
- All pavilions at Winchester Park and McCain Park may be rented. Call City Hall for more information.
- The Library offers 24 hr Wi-Fi along with copy and print services.
- The Macedonia Baptist Church in Chandler was organized in 1900.

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The newly formed Chandler Sports Association (CSA) was recently granted affiliation with both boy's baseball and girl's softball associations. For the 2016 calendar year, the boy's baseball will continue to play under the Texas Teenage Baseball Association while the girl's softball will switch to the Texas Amateur Softball Association (ASA). We are excited to be affiliated with these two fine organizations.



Chandler Sports Association

You can find out about all the different sporting events CSA has to offer on the website at chandlersports.org. Call (903)849-5930 for more information.

and will continue through February 26th. Registration forms are available at both the Chandler and Brownsboro Elementary and Intermediate Schools, as well as at the Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or online at chandlersports.org.

Registration for boy's baseball and girl's softball began on January 11th

CITIZENS ACADEMY COMING IN MARCH!

As a part of the City of Chandler's ongoing effort to communicate information, provide transparency and promote citizen involvement, Mayor Libby Fulgham, former Mayor, Ann Hall and the City Council continue the annual Chandler Citizens Academy. 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. These interactive sessions will be led by our in-house experts from each city department, as well as Mayor Fulgham, Ann Hall and City Administrator, John Taylor.

emy 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 city government by serving on a board, volunteering with one of our departments or local non-profit organizations, or interested in running for City Council or Mayor.

Tuesday, March 15th, 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 12th.

Call City Hall at 903-849-6853 to reserve your spot!

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

The Chandler Citizens Acad-



Chandler's "About Town"

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Looking for a job? The Texas Workforce Commission will be at the Chandler Chamber of Commerce parking lot 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.

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.

CHANDLER ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS (CAPS)

CAPS meets in the Community Center on Tuesdays for games and activities and on Thursdays for Bingo beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call (903)849-2252 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.

CHANDLER LIONS CLUB

The Chandler Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month at San Pedro's restaurant. Come out and meet the Lion's Club and see what they are doing in the community. Call (903)849-6056 for information.

FREE LIMB PICK-UP SERVICE

The City of Chandler offers a free limb pick-up service 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.

LUNCH & LEARN

There will be a "Lunch & Learn" at the Heritage Garden at the Chandler Museum on April 19th from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP DAY

The Great American Clean-Up Day and Project Transformation will be on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. Call City Hall at (903)849-6853 for more information.

CHANDLER MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

Volunteers are needed Wed-Thurs 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.

BINGO

Bingo games are on every Thursday beginning at

10:00 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center. Call (903)849-2252 for more information.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEONS

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

EARTH DAY ART SHOW

This children's art event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Museum. The Earth Day Art Show is sponsored by Keep Chandler Beautiful. Call (903)849-4122 for more information.

CHANDLER HORSESHOE CLUB

The Chandler Horseshoe Club meets every Saturday at the Winchester Park Horseshoe Complex for tournaments or practice pitches. Call Nikole Tyler at (903)570-3595 for more 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.

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 Chandler Sports Association has added the Fit City program to this year's activities. Local residents will be challenged to add more physical exercise to their lifestyle in 2016, as well as a healthy eating challenge. Families or individuals interested in weight loss and becoming healthy are

invited to participate. Anytime Fitness will sponsor a weigh-in periodically until November. This event is free.

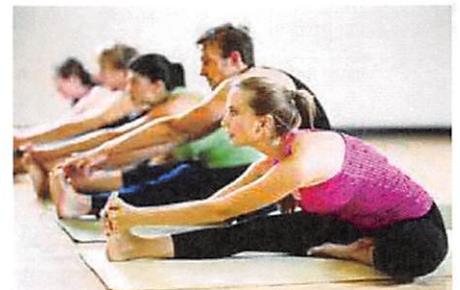
Yoga classes are now being offered at the Chandler Community Center on Tuesday mornings from 7:00-8:00

a.m. The cost is \$10 to participate. Registration forms are available at the Community Center, City Hall and the Library.

Chandler will be competing with other area FitCity organizations to see which has shown the most progress in healthy living through-

out the year. Other possible activities include healthy cooking classes, fun run/walk activities, kayaking, fishing, cross-training, sand volleyball and pickleball.

For more information, call Linda Crocker at (903)513-3490.



City Announces 2015 Major Accomplishments

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

Third Citizens Academy held.
 Zoning Ordinance Use Chart updated.
 Keep Chandler Beautiful Organization revived with new membership.
 Oncor Electric substation completed on FM 2010.
 New electronically read water meter replacement program funded to be implemented in early 2016.
 Upgrades made to the software and hardware used in the police patrol cars.
 Purchased property for the future realignment of Main Street at Hwy 31.
 Accepted land in Griffin Estates Phase 1 along Adams St for improved drainage and future use.
 Accepted land along drainage channel behind Taco Bell, Family Dollar and O'Reilly's for utilities and future use.
 Library began new program, "1000 Books before Kindergarten", with 24 preschool children participating.
 New IT vendor hired to provide concentrated efforts to improve technology and provide better security of information at City Hall.



ENHANCING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

River Park canoe and kayak rental concession established with dedicated kayak launch area.
 Second "Kid Fish Day" program held at Winchester Park Pond.
 The city participated in first winter Rainbow Trout program at Winchester Pond.
 Improvements made to River Park kayak launch area and repairs made to boat ramp.
 Began new "Movies in the Park" program at the Grand Pavilion in Winchester Park with 3 movies.
 Began the new Chandler Sports Association (CSA) to bring more recreational programming to the city. www.chandlersports.org
 Added security lighting to north side of River Park.
 Independent Baseball and Softball Tournaments added to recreational programming at Winchester Park.
 Infill residential street lights added to Cade Addition.
 Heritage garden added to McCain Park.
 Circus held at Winchester Park.
 City sponsored "Fit City Chandler" program to encourage a healthy life style for its residents.

PROVIDING FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Family Dollar constructed and opened a new store.
 Brookshire's 10,000 sq. ft. expansion opened.
 Taco Bell rebuilt store.
 Second RiverFest/Mud Run held to promote tourism.
 Tax Increment Finance District created to fund infrastructure for future commercial development.
 Promotional video produced and funded by EDC to highlight the City of Chandler.

ENSURING OUR SUSTAINABILITY

Neighborhood Watch Program continued with 10 neighborhoods participating.
 "National Night Out" celebrated with 10 neighborhoods hosting neighborhood events.
 Issued building permits for 19 residential homes and 1 commercial building.
 Chandler Police Department added tasers to its non-lethal enforcement options.
 Security measures added to City Hall.
 Added over an acre of land to McCain Park for future parking lot and historic building relocations and walking trails.
 Comprehensive Street Repair Program adopted.
 City participated in a chip seal coat program and a rejuvenating oil treatment program for select city streets.
 5 substandard residential structures were removed.
 City hall made façade improvements.
 Walnut/Broad Street intersection improvements made.
 Replaced all stop signs and street name signs north of Hwy 31 with new highly reflective signs following consistent standards.
 Adopted landscape ordinance to improve livability of the city, enhance appearance and customer attraction of commercial areas.

ENSURING QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE

Police Department reconfigured organizational structure.
 Public Works Crew Leader position added to Department.
 Began providing video recording of City Council, Planning Commission meetings available at www.chandler.tx.com.
 Developed new City Employee Personnel Policy Handbook.
 Built Public Works office space at existing Winchester Park maintenance building.
 City employees provided with picture IDs for clear identification of city staff.
 New financial software program acquired to provide better accountability to financial reporting.
 More secure drop box provided at City Hall for after-hours payments.
 Added monthly check registers and monthly budget watch to web page for further financial transparency.
 Retired American flag disposal drop box added to Library parking lot.
 Changed Merchant Processing provider for credit card purchases to lower interest rates and provide better customer service.

Recorded Meetings Now Available On Website

City Council, Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning meetings are now video recorded and may be viewed on the city's website at www.chandler.tx.com. Just choose "City Council & Board Meetings" from the middle of the home page. From there, you can choose "Upcoming" or "Recorded" meetings.

Regular City Council meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. However, video may not be streamed and are available by the end of the following day.



New Radio Read Water Meters & Utility Payment Options Available

The City of Chandler is excited to announce the implementation of new radio read water meters to calculate water consumption. The new meters have begun being installed city-wide and will replace outdated meters, allowing staff to do drive-by readings which will provide increased water accountability and management. Marshall Meter Services is expected to begin installing the new meters on January 25th and should be completed in 4-6 weeks. Please note that as they are replacing your meter, they will have to turn off your water. On average, the job will only take ten minutes. However, if difficulties arise, it may take up to 45 minutes. They will be working Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Effective March 1st, office staff will be implementing new billing benefits for utility

customers. The Utility department will offer a wide variety of convenient payment options for our customers. Simply choose the option that best suits your needs.

1. **On-Line Bill Payments:** Customers will have the convenience of paying their bill on-line. There will be a fee charged by the processing company of \$2.95 or 3% for each payment, whichever is greater.
2. **Payment by Mail:** If paying by check or money order through the mail, please send all payments with your payment coupon. Utility payments are due on the 10th of every month.
3. **Automatic Bank Draft:** This is a worry-free way to pay your utility bill. The amount of your monthly bill is automatically deducted from your bank account and

credited to your utility account. There is no set-up fee or charge associated with this method of payment. To set up an automated bank draft, simply download and fill out the Automatic Bank Draft form available on-line (www.chandler.tx.com) located in the "I Want To..." section of the website. You can then drop it off at City Hall or mail it to our office, along with a voided check.

4. **Payment Drop Off Location:** You may pay your bill in person at our office address. We accept cash, credit cards, checks or money orders. You may also use our convenient Night Drop Box that is located at the front of the City Hall building.
5. **Payment Through Financial Institution On-Line Bill Pay:** Many financial institutions such as major banks offer their customers the ability to pay their bills via an on-line payment service (through

your bank's website). Normally, these services debit the customer's checking or savings account to pay the bill. Depending on the financial institution, they may or may not charge a fee for the service. Payments may take up to 7-10 business days to post to the customer's account, depending on the mail service. Please consult with your bank for more information.

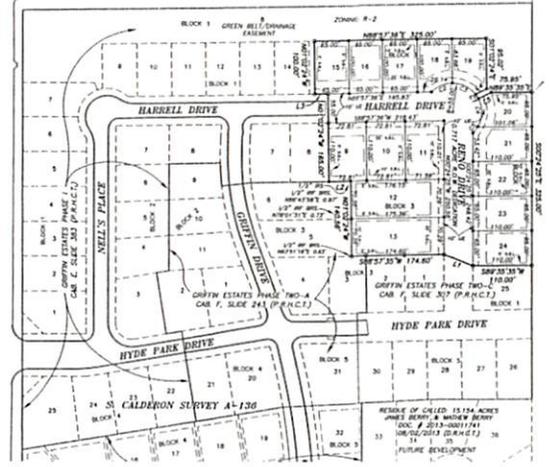
In addition to these five payment options, the new system will also provide the city with the capability of sending your utility bill directly to the customer's e-mail box through a password-protected PDF secure e-bill if you choose to do so. Remember, these options should be available on March 1st. Please call City Hall at (903)849-6853 with any questions.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

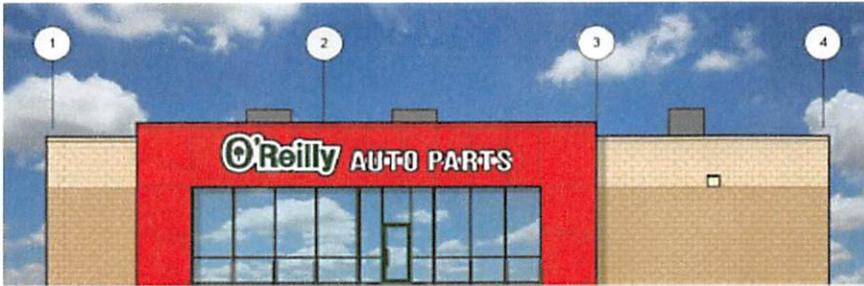
O'Reilly Auto Parts is coming to Chandler! The site plans were approved in January for the development of a new 7,453 sq. ft. O'Reilly Auto Parts retail store. The new store will be built in Chandler adjacent to the new Family Dollar store on the south side of Hwy 31.

The property's access will be through the shared drive from the Family Dollar store and a shared drive out to Hwy 31, to be shared with the future development to the east.

Construction is expected to begin this Spring. This is the first commercial project that was required to conform to the city's newly adopted landscape ordinance.



Griffin Estates Phase Two



On the residential side of things, James and Matthew Berry with Neches Construction are continuing the development of the 15 acre Griffin Estates Phase Two with its third and fourth installment of an additional 23 lots. The infrastructure for these lots is currently being installed.

Mayor's Corner

Welcome everyone to 2016. We saw much growth over this past year and look forward to so many new adventures this year. With the implementation of Chandler Sports Association (CSA), Fit City, River Park, Movies in the Park, along with the revamping of Keep Chandler Beautiful (KCB) just to mention a few, this looks to be a banner year for the Chandler area. We are also just around the corner for the fourth Citizens Academy. As you can see, there is something for everyone.

When you have all the things that make you the talk of the county and greater area, you can expect growth. We have experienced new businesses, remodeled businesses, and will see several new businesses coming this year so do your part and Shop Chandler

First.

I am so privileged and blessed to serve as your Mayor. It is an opportunity that only a few get to experience and I truly thank you for your support. It is with this that I urge you to do your part with the upcoming elections and cast your vote. There are three City Council and several county positions on the ballot. Let Your Voice Be Heard!

In closing, I just want to say that Chandler is such a wonderful city to call home mainly because of its people. Please continue to volunteer and God bless.

Sincerely,
Libby Fulgham, Mayor

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.