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# CityScope

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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

## Reminders ...

The City Code requires all businesses located in Chandler, or completing jobs in Chandler, to obtain a license. Although many service-based businesses may not be subject to paying a Privilege Tax (or Sales Tax), all businesses with a physical presence in the City are required to maintain a Privilege Tax license. Information regarding Chandler's Tax and License Code can be found online at [www.chandleraz.gov/tax](http://www.chandleraz.gov/tax) or by calling 480-782-2280.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on Chandler's draft General Plan Update on March 9 at Tumbleweed Recreation Center, and March 16 in the City Council Chambers. A draft of the plan is available for review online at [chandleraz.gov/GPupdate](http://chandleraz.gov/GPupdate). Call 480-782-3059 for details.

The Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department is once again inviting the community to participate in its "Eye to Eye to Supervise" drowning prevention campaign.

During the annual Water Safety Walk on Saturday, Apr. 2, 2016, firefighters and community volunteers will walk door-to-door delivering water safety information to Chandler households. To volunteer, call 480-782-2124, or email [chandlerfire@chandleraz.gov](mailto:chandlerfire@chandleraz.gov).

City offices will be closed: **Monday, Feb. 15, 2016**, for the **Presidents Day** holiday.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of Jan. 1, 2016, is 249,497, up 215 from last month.

## Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park

The Chandler Ostrich Festival returns to Tumbleweed Park March 11-13. The popular festival, known throughout the Southwest, is a community family event featuring live ostrich races and ostrich-themed activities. National, regional and local entertainment will be showcased on several stages, as well as a carnival, kids activities, arts and crafts and much more.

The Mayor's Ostrich Festival Fun Run takes place Sat., March 5, at 8 a.m. It will begin at Boston Street and Arizona Avenue and will travel north on Arizona Avenue to Ray Road, and then, back south to Boston Street.

After the Fun Run, join the Ostrich Festival Parade at 10 a.m. on Sat., March 5. It will begin at Ray Road and Arizona Avenue and will travel south on Arizona Avenue to Frye Road.

For complete information, including admission prices and parking, contact the Chandler Chamber of Commerce at 480-963-4571, or go to [www.ostrichfestival.com](http://www.ostrichfestival.com). Tumbleweed Park is located at 2250 S. McQueen Road, near Germann and McQueen roads.

## February is Go Red for Women® Month

The City of Chandler has partnered with the American Heart Association to proclaim that February is Go Red for Women Month. Here are some facts you need to know:

- ♥ Heart disease is the number one killer of women, causing one in every three deaths.
- ♥ In Arizona, more than 27 women die every day from heart disease.
- ♥ Women have a higher lifetime risk of stroke than men and fewer survive their first heart attack.

But lives can be saved - 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Learn more about heart disease and take small steps toward making healthy lifestyle choices to reduce the risk. Look for events and information throughout the City during the month to help you move more and eat healthy.

## VITA volunteers offer free tax preparation services

The City is providing free tax preparation services at six Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites to help low- and moderate-income residents claim their maximum refunds. In 2015, Chandler's 63 VITA volunteers assisted with the filing of 1,841 personal tax returns and claimed more than \$1.95 million in refunds. More than \$729,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), \$367,000 in Child Tax Credit and almost \$58,000 in Education Tax Credits were claimed by families. Each tax season, Chandler families miss out on thousands of dollars in tax refunds because they are unaware of these credits. For more information about Chandler's VITA program, visit [www.chandleraz.gov/VITA](http://www.chandleraz.gov/VITA) or call 480-782-4358. The 2016 VITA locations, and their days and hours of operations, include:

### First Credit Union

25 N. Arizona Place  
Tuesday - 3 to 8 p.m.  
Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### The Chandler CARE Center

777 E. Galveston St.  
Wednesday - Noon to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday - Noon to 4 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. to Noon

### Chandler Christian Community Center

345 S. California Street  
Tuesday - Noon to 6 p.m.

### Sun Lakes Country Club

25601 N. Sun Lakes Blvd.  
Monday - 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

2145 W. Elliot Rd.  
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Hamilton Library

(Located at Hamilton High School)  
3700 S. Arizona Avenue  
Monday - 4 to 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Bulk item collection information

Residents paying for City-provided solid waste services can schedule a free recycling and/or trash bulk pick up at their front curb by calling 480-782-3510. This service cannot be scheduled via e-mail. Here are some of the most common questions and tips to make bulk collection easy:

### Bulk Collection Tips:

- o Plan ahead and call Solid Waste Services BEFORE you do any work as there are size and material restrictions.
- o Make a list of all the materials you need collected.
- o Consider donating gently used items to local charities. Many offer curbside collection and offer a tax deduction for your generosity.

### How do I schedule a curbside bulk collection?

- o The person listed on the bill must call 480-782-3510, in advance, to schedule a pickup prior to setting items out for collection.
- o To authorize someone other than the person listed on the bill, the ratepayer must first call Solid Waste at 480-782-3510 to make arrangements in advance of scheduling.

### Are there any fees?

- o Residents can schedule a free bulk pick up every six weeks. Call 480-782-3510, and Customer Service staff can let you know the next date available for your free bulk collection.
- o Additional bulk collections can be scheduled before the next free collection for \$30.
- o The cost to collect Freon-bearing items is \$10 per unit. Fees are charged to your Chandler Utility Bill.

### Can I schedule a bulk collection to be picked up in the alley?

- o No, bulks are not collected in the alley. Per City Code, "Bulk materials shall only be collected if placed along the right-of-way behind the curb, on the property of the covered residence. Bulk material shall not be collected when placed in public or private alleys."

### What is considered a bulk item?

- o Items too large to fit in a residential curbside or alley trash container

### What materials are not accepted?

- o The most common waste not accepted includes: building and construction materials, such as sheet rock, wood paneling, cinder blocks, bricks and roofing materials. Other unacceptable waste includes: dirt, gravel, propane tanks, tires, auto parts, and liquid, hazardous or medical waste.

For more information about bulk collection, call 480-782-3510.

## March calendar highlights

- 4 The Second City - Fully Loaded, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 5 Our Stories: Chandler's Latino Heritage, Downtown Library, 480-782-2751
- 5 Vicki Lawrence & Mama: A Two Woman Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 5 Mayor's Fun Run, Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571  
Chandler Ostrich Festival Parade, Downtown Chandler, 480-963-4571
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Vision Kidz Workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-782-2695
- 8-13 Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 11-13 Chandler Ostrich Festival, Tumbleweed Park, 480-963-4571
- 16-17 Senior Talent Show, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2741
- 17, 31 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 18 Rita Rudner, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 18 Downtown Art Walk, Downtown Chandler, 480-855-3539
- 19 Mayor's Health Expo, Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 480-782-2900
- 20 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 23 Spring HOA Academy begins, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-4320
- 25 Flamenco Kings starring Los Vivancos, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 26 Family Easter Celebration, Snedigar Sportsplex, 480-782-2735
- 29 Teen Town Hall, City Hall, 480-782-2710

## Aquatics Annual Season Pass Sale

Receive a 15-percent discount on a Family Season Pass for a family of four when you purchase the Season Pass March 5 through March 20. Purchase the pass for only \$95, by visiting Hamilton or Mesquite Groves Aquatic Centers. The season pass gives you access to all six aquatic centers from March through November 2016! Family Season Passes are available to Chandler residents only.

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Go to [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) for current meeting information.

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**Chandler City Council** -- Front row, from left: Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Rick Heumann. Back row, from left: Councilmember Nora Ellen, Councilmember Kevin Hartke, Councilmember Terry Roe and Councilmember René Lopez.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.