



Did You Know:

- Henderson County grew by 7% and Chandler grew by 38% between 2000 and 2010.
- Chandler contains 5.5 square miles or 3,514 acres.
- Chandler was first named Stillwater. In 1880 the Railroad changed the city's name to Chandler after Alphonso Chandler.
- Over 100 varieties of birds have been recorded to frequent the Chandler area.
- Bulky items can be picked up free of charge on any regular trash day. Call City Hall for details.

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Chandler Launches New Website

On Friday January 27th, the City of Chandler officially launched its revised website. It can be found at our old address, www.chandler.tx.com but the webpage has been totally reworked.

The new website is designed to reflect the personality of Chandler while incorporating a host of new and improved features and tools to help residents and visitors quickly locate the information and services they need.

The new homepage is easy to navigate and breaks down information for residents, businesses and visitors. An "I Want To" search feature takes citizens directly to over 30 specific tasks allowing them to complete City business, such as pay water bills and traffic



New Web page at www.chandler.tx.com

citations on-line without ever leaving home. Reporting a code complaint, requesting city action to fix a problem, or submitting a crime tip is easier than ever. Visitors simply click the "Let Us Know" button at the bottom of every page to access a variety of online submission forms.

The website was designed with a focus on improving communication between the city and the citizens of Chandler.

A new "Notify Me" option allows visitors to sign up to receive alerts about special events, public meetings, and a variety of other city activities. Citizens may choose to be notified via email or mobile phone text message.

Other features and functionality of the new City website include maps and a centralized location to view meeting agendas and minutes.

Visit the new site at www.chandler.tx.com.

Finishing Touches Put on New Water Well

Chandler is completing the drilling of its 5th water well. All of the city's water is from wells that pull water from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer.

In December 2011, Chandler had 1,256 water connections. Chandler's

5 wells have a capacity of 1,130 gallons per minute (gpm) which is a surplus capacity of 376 gpm over the State requirements. This will accommodate an additional 627 connections.

The City also has a surplus in our ground storage

and our elevated water storage.

Current water capacity places the city in good standing going into the future; however, additional wells will continue to be developed to ensure Chandler residents have adequate water.

Chandler's Major Accomplishments—2011

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

- * Adopted city vision and Comprehensive Plan
- * Adopted Master Thoroughfare Plan and Future Land Use Map
- * Adopted City Seal to better reflect our image

BUILDING ON OUR HOME TOWN FAMILY VALUES

- * Voted to display National motto "In God We Trust" in Council Chambers
- * Hosted City Fest benefiting Historical Society
- * Hosted Chili Cook off and Holiday in the Park benefiting Keep Chandler Beautiful
- * Hosted Pow Wow Festival and Parade benefiting the Chamber
- * Hosted Memorial Day Celebration and flag display
- * Published Chandler Area Community Services and Organizations Directory
- * Developed new city web page offering new services and tools
- * Began Home Rehabilitation Grant Program

for substandard houses

PROVIDING FOR OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- * Economic assistance to Silverleaf Development for addition of 44 senior housing units
- * Completed Hotel Market and Feasibility Study to be used in search of a developer
- * Negotiated Boundary Agreement with Tyler to ensure adequate land for growth
- * Purchased historic Yarborough house for city museum at McCain Park

ENSURING OUR SUSTAINABILITY

- * Took over operation of County Library and transitioned to State Accredited City Library
- * Began Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project
- * Acquired bucket truck for the city's many maintenance needs
- * Renegotiated city's electric power contract
- * Began drilling Chandler's 5th water well

- * Repaired sewer line and widened 4th street at Hwy 31
- * Improved city's computer back up and technology improvements
- * Relamped baseball fields at Winchester Park
- * Acquired field lighting from Brownsboro High for future ball fields
- * Equipped police cars with computers to improve communication
- * Rebuilt water well #2's booster pumps and replaced well #4 pump
- * Expanded the Chlorination retention system at well #1 to meet new state guidelines
- * Added 6" water supply line on West Main
- * Smoke tested city sewer lines and repaired infiltration faults
- * Began mulching program to provide free mulch to residents and for city use
- * Completed City/County road project on the southern portion of Martin Street
- * Removed 4 substandard houses

"We took advantage of the slow development and spent time to focus on planning for the future and ensuring the city is prepared for future growth. Also we worked to ensure our sustainability by improving infrastructure and building on our home town family values"

- Jim Moffeit—City Administrator

Chandler Library Now Has State Accreditation

The Chandler Public Library has recently received notification that it has met state standards and is now part of the Texas State Library System. New services available to the library include membership in TexShare, a consortium of Texas libraries that share print and electronic materials as well as on-line resources. Patrons can ac-

cess the databases on the library computers or at home with a password provided by the librarian. Persons inter-

ested in obtaining a library card need to bring a current driver's license with a Chandler/Brownsboro ad-



dress and a utility bill with that same address.

City Seal and Council Chambers Gets Facelift

What do fishing, wildlife, a historic train, a church, and the gazebo at McCain Park have in common?

They have all been incorporated into the revised City of Chandler Seal. Chandler has long since had a city seal but it was very plain and really did not distinguish Chandler from other cities. The decision was made to design a seal that would better reflect the character of the city. The city hired local resident and graphic artist Deb Davie to redesign the seal. She kept the Texas Star from the original seal design but added 5 graphics around

the star to show some elements of the city for which it is best known.

The new seal will be highlighted in the remodeling of the City Council Chambers at city hall. A four foot mockup of the seal will hang on the front wall of the chambers with the words "In God We Trust" positioned over the seal. Placing the national motto in the council chambers is a national movement in which cities and counties commit to display the phrase which has been the national motto since 1956. Chandler was the first city in Henderson County to make this commitment.



The redesigned council chambers will be completed in time for the City Council meeting on February 14th. Come by and check it out.

Chandler Strives to be a Certified Retirement Community

The Chandler area has a lot to market to the retirement community including a warm, small town feel, regional shopping opportunities, affordable housing, excellent health care, low cost of living, the beauty of East Texas and recreational opportunities. All these things and more

create a city that is a great place to live for people of all ages, including those looking to retire.

Chandler has a goal of being designated a "Certified Retirement Community" by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The certification is part of a statewide program to at-

tract retirees to Texas. There are currently 35 cities and 7 counties which are Certified Retirement Communities in Texas. To earn the certification, Chandler will be completing an application with the help of a new "Retire In Chandler Committee".

To be a part of the new "Retire in Chandler Committee" please call John Taylor at 903-805-4140.

Historic House to be Moved to McCain Park for Museum

The Chandler Historical Society is half way to their \$60,000 goal relocating the Yarborough house. The building, currently located on Old Tyler Road, was purchased in June with a grant from the Economic Development Corporation. In accordance with the seller's request, the house must be relocated to another site. The city offered

McCain Park and the Historical Society accepted. Long range plans include establishing a museum in the house that will showcase items of historical interest and providing a room for genealogy research. The group would also like to relocate other buildings of historical interest to the park as they become available.



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

Mayor's Corner

Happy 2012 to each of you! With the new year comes some new changes for the City of Chandler. In the Community Survey that was completed as part of the city's Comprehensive Master Plan, many of you mentioned that you desired better communication from City Hall. Well... we have listened!

This is the first edition of a quarterly newsletter that will highlight the "happenings" in Chandler. This first edition is being mailed to you but the following editions will be available online, with a few print copies available for pick up at City Hall, Chandler Public Library and

OUR VISION

Chandler is a sustainable, full life cycle city with a balance of past, present and future; priding itself on its home town 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.

Chandler Drug. Our new and more user-friendly website launched on January 27th. Please see the article on page 1 to read



City to Focus on Better Communication

about all of the wonderful features and then spend some time at www.chandlerTX.com to

experience it for yourself. For more news, keep an eye on our electronic message center at City Hall, read The Statesman, join us on Facebook, and watch your water bill, as we will print a line of news on that mail-out as well.

As you read this newsletter, you'll notice that 2011 was quite a busy year for our city. It's exciting to have a "road map" to Chandler's future and I want to thank each of you that served on committees, shared your thoughts and suggestions, and volunteered your time. Our community is very blessed and it is an honor to serve as your Mayor.