

# **City of Chandler's Major Accomplishments 2014**

## **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. 4 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 January 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 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.

## **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 begun 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.