

City of Chandler's Major Accomplishments 2015

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

-) Third Citizens Academy was held.
-) Zoning Ordinance Use Chart had its first update since 2001.
-) Keep Chandler Beautiful Organization was revived with new membership and new direction.
-) Oncor Electric substation was completed on FM 2010.
-) New electronically read water meter replacement program was funded to be implemented in early 2016.
-) Upgrades were 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 gift of land in Griffin Estates Phase 1 along Adams St for improved drainage and future use.
-) Accepted gifts of 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. The national program encourages family reading and early childhood education.
-) 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 was held at Winchester Park Pond.
-) The city participated in its first winter Rainbow Trout program at Winchester Pond with Texas Parks & Wildlife.
-) Improvements made to kayak launch area and repairs made to boat ramp through a Texas Parks & Wildlife grant.
-) Began a 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 and hired a 3rd party coordinator to run the program. Baseball/softball programming to begin in 2016. www.chandlersports.org
-) Added security lighting to north side of River Park.
-) Independent Baseball and Softball Tournaments added to the 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 a "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 new 10,000 sq. ft. expansion opened.

-) Taco Bell rebuilt a new store.
-) Second RiverFest/Mud Run was held to promote tourism.
-) A Tax Increment Finance District created to fund infrastructure for future commercial development in the area of Sawmill Road and Hwy 31. Henderson County voted to participate at 95%.
-) Promotional video was produced and funded by EDC to highlight the City of Chandler.

ENSURING OUR SUSTAINABILITY

-) Neighborhood Watch Program was continued with 10 neighborhoods participating.
-) "National Night Out" was celebrated with 10 neighborhoods coming together to host neighborhood events.
-) Issued building permits for 19 new residential homes and 1 new commercial building.
-) Chandler Police Department added tasers to its non-lethal enforcement options.
-) Security measures were added to City Hall.
-) Added over an acre of land to McCain Park for a future parking lot and additional space for historic building relocations and walking trails.
-) Comprehensive Street Repair Program adopted and as part of it, the City participated in a chip seal coat program and a rejuvenating oil treatment program for select streets in the city.
-) 5 substandard residential structures were removed.
-) City hall received 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 a landscape ordinance to improve the livability of the city, enhance the appearance and customer attraction of commercial areas, increase property values, improve the compatibility of adjacent uses, and screening of undesirable views.

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 & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings available for viewing 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 our 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 made available through donations.
-) Changed Merchant Processing provider for credit card purchases to lower interest rates and provide better customer service.