

THE CHANDLER MESSENGER

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

We invite every resident of the Town of Chandler to attend our public meetings. We would love for you to share your input on any activities and events that occur throughout the year.

Below is a list of all of the town's civic boards and their meeting dates and times. Come see your local government in action and participate in the things that affect your community!

Chandler Town Council – meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

MS4 Storm Water Board – meets the 4th Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

Parks Board – meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Chandler Community Center; meeting dates that fall on a Town Holiday are generally held the following business day.

MS4 STORM WATER ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF “BLUE IS THE NEW GREEN” VIDEO

The Town of Chandler's MS4 Storm Water Department has teamed up with a few other MS4 communities and supporting agencies to create the first of two new videos. “Blue is the New Green” is a 10-minute video review of basic storm water pollution prevention. This video shows what everyone should be implementing in their homes and yards, and when they are out and about in their communities.

Every MS4 Storm Water Community has 6 Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) that the State of Indiana regulates in each MS4 community. The first is Public Education and Outreach; it involves distribution of educational materials and outreach to inform citizens of the impact of polluted storm water runoff discharges on water quality. The second MCM is Public Participation and Involvement; it involves providing opportunities for citizens to participate in program development or any other way to get involved in the Storm Water Program here in Chandler.

This video is an opportunity to meet both of these measures, while helping to improve the quality of storm water in the Town of Chandler. Please take a few moments of your time to watch this short, but quality video.

Click here to view [“Blue is the New Green”](#) or find a link for the video on the [Chandler Storm Water page](#) of the Town website.

Quarterly Storm Water Tip:

Use fertilizers sparingly, and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads

TOWN PICKS UP BAGGED LEAVES

Any residents with leftover leaves from the fall can bag those up and set them near the edge of the road for pick-up by the Town. Please call 812-925-6213 when your bagged leaves are set out. Yard waste is also accepted at the Chandler disposal site, 7188 Gardner Road.



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KEEP DITCHES CLEAR FROM LEAVES AND DEBRIS

Leaves left in ditches have become a problem in the Town of Chandler. When leaves and other debris are not cleared from ditches and drains, it costs the Town its residents thousands of dollars in damages and cleanup efforts.

The Chandler MS4 Storm Water Department is asking every resident to please do your part in helping to eliminate this problem. Leaves that are cleared from ditches can be bagged up and set at the edge of the road for the Street Department to collect; please call 812-925-6213 once the leaves are bagged and ready for collection. Grass clippings and leaves are also accepted free of charge at the Chandler disposal site, 7188 Gardner Road, during normal business hours. Please note that the Town of Chandler provides an annual leaf collection program in the fall; consider participating in this free program to help eliminate residual problems in the spring.

If you fail to clear your ditch of leaves, the Town of Chandler will issue a Violation Notice, which gives you 10 days to clean up the problem area; failure to do so within the given timeframe will result in fines being issued:

\$100 for a first-time offense, \$200 for a second-time offense, and \$500 for third-time and subsequent offenses.

MS4 Storm Water Ordinances are available on the [Chandler Code of Ordinances](#) section of the American Legal Publishing website; reference *Title V: Chapter 50* for General Provisions regarding Drainage. Storm Water Ordinances are available for purchase at the Town Hall for 10 cents per sheet, or \$9.20 for the entire MS4 Storm Water Ordinance.

TOWN OF CHANDLER SUPPORTS WARRICK COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE 2015

The Chandler Town Council will participate in this year's Warrick County Relay for Life event. In more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries, Relay for Life events comprise the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. At Relay for Life events, communities across the globe come together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much.

Relay for Life teams camp out and take turns walking or running around the track. The Warrick County event is 12 hours long, and because cancer never sleeps, each team is asked to have at least one participant on the track at all times. The money raised from this event, more than \$400 million worldwide, is used to invest in groundbreaking research of every type of cancer and provide free information and services to cancer patients and their caregivers.

The Town of Chandler is proud to be a part of this year's event, and is asking all residents to get involved and help support the Warrick County Relay for Life 2015 event. One way to do so is to participate in the Paint the Town Purple campaign. From April 4 through May 9, businesses and organizations can show their support by displaying purple ribbons and other decorations. Participants who make a monetary donation through the Paint the Town Purple campaign will receive a purple decorative bow to display. Other ways to participate in the campaign include putting up purple-themed displays in storefronts, swapping out white light bulbs for purple ones, or selecting a day for everyone to wear purple at work or school.

This year's Warrick County Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Boonville Middle School. For more information about how to get involved in the 2015 event or to sign up for the Paint the Town Purple campaign, please contact Allison Clayton at 812-475-9486 or by [email](#). You can also visit the [Warrick County Relay for Life](#) online.

THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1913

In 1913, the State of Indiana was hit with a rain that started on Easter morning and led to one of the most costly, damaging, and life-taking events to ever hit the United States to date.

I have recently had the pleasure to meet and listen to a lady that gave one of the most interesting sessions at a state meeting that I have ever heard and watched. Her name is Trudy E. Bell, a technology journalist, independent historian, and an outstanding author of many books. I was so wrapped up in her session, I just didn't want it to end.

Recently, through many hours of hard work by many people and agencies, a documentary has been released and it is amazing to watch. It's called "[When Every River Turned Against Us](#)." You can view this documentary on the internet free of charge by clicking on its title in this article.

I would like to send an invitation to all of Chandler to sit down at your computer spend 30 minutes, and please watch it. It is my job as the MS4 Storm Water Coordinator for the Town of Chandler to reach out to the public, get them involved, and educate them the best way I can. I know of no better way to do that than through our history.

If you take the time to sit down and enjoy this documentary, please let me know what you think of it. I promise you that it will not be a waste of your time.

The Great Flood of 1913, or the Great Easter Flood of 1913 (as some people called it), was America's most widespread natural disaster, overshadowing Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hurricane Rita in 2005, and Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Hardest hit was Indiana, and yet, it remains largely forgotten – until now!

Sincerely yours,
Grover Fisher Jr.
MS4 Storm Water Coordinator
Town of Chandler

Quick Facts about the Great Flood of 1913 – “When Every River Turned Against Us”

- Started on Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913 with torrential rains
- Killed more than 1,000 people
- Based on today's value, caused \$115 Billion in damages
- Afflicted 15 states and caused shortages across the nation (due to impaired transportation of goods through the Midwest)
- Was the first widespread response effort by the American Red Cross
- Indiana was the hardest-hit state; in less than 7 days time, every area of the state was affected
- Following the excessive rainfall, temperatures plummeted, causing further death and devastation
- In the first 24 hours of the excessive rainfall, Main Street in Fort Wayne was covered by 4 feet of water
- In Indianapolis, when the White River breached a levee, it sent a wall of water nearly 2 stories high and a half-mile wide into 4 square miles of the city's business district on the north side
- All of the animals in the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, whose winter headquarters was near Peru, Indiana, perished in the flooding of the two rivers surrounding the grounds
- Numerous horses used for transportation, and livestock animals were also killed in the disaster, causing a public health hazard in many areas
- Prisoners of a nearby Indiana correctional facility worked around the clock, one shift at a time, for nearly a week to raise and reinforce the railroad embankment at Jeffersonville, successfully protecting the city from flooding by the Ohio River