

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month at 7 p.m.

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

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

Parks Board – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## KEEP DITCHES CLEAR OF LEAVES TO AVOID COSTLY REPAIRS AND PENALTIES

As temperatures begin to fall and the trees start displaying the colors of autumn, the Chandler MS4 Storm Water Department reminds residents that leaves left in ditches can become a major problem that costs the Town of Chandler and its residents thousands of dollars.

Every resident must do their part to help eliminate this problem, which leads to clogged or blocked drainage systems, flooding, costly cleanup, and property damages. As leaves fall, keep them raked or mulched to help prevent blockages.

The Town of Chandler has an ordinance that allows the burning of leaves and small limbs under certain conditions. Please check with the Chandler Police Department at 812-925-6898 regarding restrictions and/or to check the status of any burn bans that may be in place.

The Town of Chandler offers a Leaf Pick-up Program every fall, typically in late October, that runs for approximately four weeks. During this collection program, on specified days, residents are asked to rake their leaves into piles at the edge of the road in such a way that leaves do not impede ditches, alleys, driveways, or through traffic. Further information on this program can be found on the [Street Department page](#) of the Town website.

Please note that obstructed ditches are in violation of Storm Water ordinances. The Town of Chandler will issue a Violation Notice if your ditch has leaves in it. You will be given 10 days to correct the situation; failure to clean out the leaves from your ditch will then result in a fine being issued to the property owner. Fines for such a violation are: \$100 for the first offense; \$200 for a second offense; and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense.

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### *Quarterly Storm Water Tip:*

*Direct downspouts away from paved or concrete surfaces.*

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: MS4 STORM WATER RELEASES “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.

## DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD FLAGS PROPERLY

We are a Town of patriotic people. Our residents proudly display and fly the American Flag. We know we are very fortunate to live in this great country where the Red, White, and Blue is so important to us all.

But here is the question: Do you know what to do with your old flags after you replace them with a new one? There are places that have ceremonies honoring these old flags as they lay them to rest. Your local American Legion Post, V.F.W. Post, and similar places, have these types of ceremonies every year.

To help make this easy for you, you can also just drop off your old flags at the Town Hall here in Chandler. I will deliver your retired flag – no matter how bad of shape it may be in – to one of these places so that it can be laid to rest properly.

So, fly ‘em high, fly ‘em proud, just remember to dispose of your old flags properly.

Sincerely yours,  
Grover Fisher Jr.  
Environmental Manager  
Town of Chandler

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ALONG LINCOLN AVENUE THROUGH CHANDLER

Christmas is just around the corner and the light displays will be shining bright along Lincoln Avenue again this year. The Town is looking to expand and have a few more lights and displays this year.

The Town is looking for volunteers who will allow ground displays to be placed in your front yard or in front of your place of business, as close to the highway as possible, and who don't mind covering the electricity costs for the displays. It is estimated that utility costs are no more than \$15 for the holiday season for one display.

Anyone interested in hosting a display this season should contact Grover Fisher, Environmental Manager, at 812-925-7145 or 812-454-1527, or just stop by the Town Hall.

There are already a good display of lights, but there are a few areas that need more coverage, so please consider it. Just give us a call, and let's make our Christmas bigger and brighter!

## FLOCK 99 SERVES CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY

Flock 99 is a mid-week program held on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. for children in grades kindergarten through high school. The program is held at the Chandler Presbyterian Church, located at 388 S. State Street in Chandler.

Flock 99 began in November 2005. The name comes from Matthew 18:14 in talking about the lost sheep: "It is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish."

The program's mission statement is: Flock 99 is committed to the children of our community by providing a positive environment that consists of weekday programs, unconditional love, and food for their spirits and bodies.

Most of the children served by the program live in poverty and are at risk for failing grades. These children spend most of their time on the streets and many have never been in a church. The majority of the children walk to Flock 99, while others are transported by their parents or teachers of the program. The children come because they feel safe, they are hungry, and they are loved unconditionally.

The program consists of three components: a meal, gym time, and a Bible lesson. The opening includes singing and talking about the blessings in their lives that are a result of God's love for them, and the closing is a time for reflection of the day's lessons. The children are divided into four age groups with lessons that are age-appropriate. Usually, one night a month, the children and their families are treated to dinner and a movie. There are sometimes special outings to Skate World or to a pool party. Flock also provides children with school supplies and school clothes. Those services are provided at no cost.

Parents are also encouraged to attend free workshops that offer information on healthy meals and how to budget finances.

Flock 99 has no budget and relies on donations from individuals and organizations from the community. It is governed by a committee that reports to the Church Session. It has been successful because of generous volunteers and contributors who believe in this ministry that serves the children of the community.

For more information on the program and how you can get involved, please contact Gretchen Fleming at 812-925-7560 or the church at 812-925-6175.

