

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.

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.

Quarterly Storm Water Tip:

Vegetate bare spots in your yard.

TOWN PICKS UP BAGGED LEAVES

Chandler's fall leaf pick-up program has concluded. If you still have leaves on the ground, you 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 leaves are set out. Yard waste is also accepted at the Chandler disposal site, located at 7188 Gardner Road.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2015

We did it again! The Christmas Lights are up and running, and looking good. We have 12 displays up in the air and Santa Claus on the ground at the stoplight. We also have a new star hanging on the Town Hall with garland wrapped around the front porch posts. We have plans for more lights next year.

We are looking at adding a wreath at the Community Center and maybe something for the Maintenance Garage. We have had a lot of help from people this year with the donations of labor, materials, and of course, money. I would like to thank the following companies, groups, and people for all their support of the Town of Chandler's 2015 Christmas Lights Project:

This newsletter sponsored by:

Chandler Storm Water Department

417 E. Jefferson Avenue
Chandler, IN 47610

812-925-7145

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Evans Tree Service – Robert Evans and all of his crew

Grover & Linda Fisher

The 2015 Christmas Light Project would not have been possible without the above companies, groups, and individuals. The Town of Chandler thanks all the above for their contributions and wishes everyone the best for 2016.

If you would like to donate to the 2016 Christmas Lights Project, you may do so by mailing your donation to: Town of Chandler; c/o Christmas Lights 2016; 417 E. Jefferson Avenue; Chandler, IN 47610. You may also call 812-925-7145 or 812-454-1527 to assist with the project.

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

ATTENTION PET OWNERS

We pet owners love our animals. We care for them daily by providing food, water, treats, and lots of play time. We treat them like family! Many of us have a daily regimen of walking our dogs near homes and at our local parks, or letting cats outside to roll in the grass or chase birds. It's crucial that we manage pet waste with the same amount of care.

Pet waste can make humans and other pets sick when it enters the environment, especially through storm water runoff. Pet waste left on the ground, especially near streets and sidewalks, gets washed into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow to your local waterway – without treatment! Bacteria, parasites, and viruses found in pet waste can be harmful to water quality and human health.

SCOOP THE POOP

Not only is picking up after your pet the neighborly thing to do, it's a healthy thing to do – for you and the environment! Always carry pet waste baggies while taking your dog for a walk. Clean up after your cat if it chooses the outdoors as its litter box. Properly dispose of pet waste in a trash receptacle. Always provide clean, fresh water for your pet to avoid the transfer of bacteria, parasites, and viruses.

Remember, clean water starts with you. ALSO REMEMBER – “ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN.”

DID YOU KNOW... GRASS CLIPPINGS AND LEAF LITTER ARE STORM WATER POLLUTANTS?

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material, like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of storm water pollution. When you blow your lawn waste into the street, it can and does clog storm drains, which in turn, causes drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment facility, so there is no treatment to remove debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, creeks, or the Ohio River.

Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful? As this waste breaks down in local waterways, it adds excess nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, to the water. This leads to unwanted and uncontrolled algae and invasive aquatic weeds.

What is so bad about algae? Algae will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to an imbalance and high levels of algae. Apart from looking unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block out sunlight and deplete the oxygen level in the water, which can lead to fish kills.

What can you do to protect water quality while keeping your yard maintained? Mow your lawn often enough so no more than one-third the length of grass is removed. Taller grass has deeper roots, which prevents soil loss and helps the rain soak into the ground. Leave the clippings on the lawn or compost them. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn. Intentionally blowing or placing lawn waste in the street is illegal and you could receive a citation and a fine. Fertilize only when necessary, or not at all if it might rain in the next day or two. In the fall, place leaves for municipal collection at the edge of the street, never in the street and never in the ditch! Clean up after your pets by scooping up pet waste and putting it in the trash. Only use dry cleanup methods (broom and dustpan or absorbent material) for spills of chemicals or fuels; never hose a spill into the ditch or a storm drain!

Directing your roof drains to a rain garden can significantly reduce the storm water runoff from your property.

If we all do our small part, it will make a big difference!

Wishing our residents a wonderful holiday season!

From all of the employees of the Town of Chandler, we want to wish our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to serving you and working together to make Chandler a clean and safe place to live and raise a family!