

Chandler police aid Tempe force at Safe & Sober event at ASU

The Chandler Police Department's Traffic Unit was in Tempe recently on the campus of ASU as a law-enforcement participant in the annual Safe & Sober back to school campaign sponsored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Chandler officers teamed up with other East Valley agencies to conduct saturation patrols on and around the campus with the goal of detecting impaired drivers. The Tempe Police Department hosted the

GOHS-funded event.

The goal of the campaign was to remove impaired drivers from the road before the damaging, and often tragic, consequences that result from a poor decision to operate a vehicle under the influence. Participating Chandler officers were specially trained in the detection of roadway impairment from excessive alcohol consumption or the use of illicit or excessive prescription drugs.



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ICAN celebrates 25th anniversary with coin drive in September

In partnership with the Chandler Police Department and Big Two Toyota, ICAN's Positive Programs for Youth is inviting the community to commemorate its 25th anniversary this year by participating in a community-wide coin drive during the month of September.

Community members can host a coin drive at their home or office, bring donated change donated to ICAN, or donate "virtual change" at icanz.org/coindrive.

Residents can also help ICAN's message go viral with the #give5 message and by creating "high five" videos or sharing the videos on ICAN's Facebook page at facebook.com/icanz.

ICAN also recently received a \$25,000 grant from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation to support the organization's Healthy Lifestyles program, which serves over 100,000 free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth each year. Over the last fiscal year, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation donated \$28.4 million in cash and in-kind donations to charitable organizations throughout Arizona.

ICAN is a free, family-centered youth service in the East Valley that provides programs to equip youth to achieve personal and academic success by tackling substance abuse, gang involvement and juvenile delinquency. Info: 480-821-4207 or icanz.org.

Crowdfunding sought for demonstration-garden project at Oasis Park

The National Recreation and Park Association, which represents 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, has offered to include a demonstration garden at the city's Veterans Oasis Park on its Fund Your Park crowdfunding site for 30 days. The Chandler Recreation Division has set aside land and developed a design, but is seeking \$9,000 in donations to purchase and install a quality, powder-coated galvanized steel fence to surround the garden.

"We are thrilled to be chosen by NRPA to be part of their Fund Your Park campaign," said Ariane Francis, a recreation coordinator with the City and organizer of the Demonstration Garden and fundraising effort. "They will bring greater visibility to our project and provide an easy online process to accept donations."

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the internet. Park and recreation agencies are beginning to incorporate crowdfunding efforts alongside traditional fundraising strategies. Agencies that list a Fund Your Park




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project pay fees to the NRPA totaling about 5% of funds raised, which covers credit card processing and the service provider's fee for the crowdfunding platform. The remaining 95% of funds raised will go toward the purchase of the fence.


"This garden will provide a variety of demonstration opportunities where City staff will coordinate educational programs associated with environmentally appropriate gardening activities," Francis said. "These programs include those offered during field trips, camps, workshops, exhibits, volunteer service projects, live demonstrations and various signature events."

To make a tax deductible donation, visit fundyourpark.org/campaign/detail/4715.



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