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Council picks 4 charter changes to send to voters

By Jason W. Brooks
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Chandler City Council has decided to go to voters this November with four charter amendments — though the decision was not unanimous.

Council decided, by a 6-1 vote, April 23 to place four proposed charter amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Angel Encinas was the lone "no" vote on the ordinances, saying there were elements that were "foundational to Chandler's culture and traditions."

"I thank the (charter review) committee for their time and input," Encinas said. "I probably am in the minority on this, but I'll be voting no."

Encinas didn't specify what he took exception to, within the four measures.

Rick Heumann, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission chair, former council member and steering committee member for the recently passed \$475 million bond exploratory committee, spoke during the April 23 meeting.

He said he's opposed to the one of

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RAISING REVENUE

Chandler city manager wants to improve bottom line without layoffs or raising taxes

By Jason W. Brooks
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

When John Pombier took over as Chandler's city manager last year, he took an active role in putting together the fiscal 2027 city budget.

So much so that he's the vocal spokesperson for the changes going

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City of Chandler employees Luis Orozco, left, and Justin Brown work on crack sealing in a Tumbleweed Park parking lot. New City Manager John Pombier is taking a different budget approach this year, based on what he says is council's direction to him to look for more revenue-generating opportunities. (Independent Newsmedia/Jason W. Brooks)

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BIKES ALIVE

Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke read a proclamation during a March 23 meeting declaring April as Valley Bike Month. From the left are Vice Mayor Angel Encinas, senior transportation planner Jason Crampton, city staff member Nancy Riley and Mayor Hartke. (Jason W. Brooks/Independent Newsmedia)

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The Vision Gallery’s exhibit “Is There Wi-Fi in Heaven? — Grieving in the Digital Age” features seven local artists who use the lens of digital media to explore how the internet has changed the way that humans engage and mourn the dead. The show will be on display at the Vision Gallery at City Hall across the courtyard from Council Chambers through June 6.

Read more at tinyurl.com/2u-66jr45

Help through music is topic at May 17 Jewish Vets meeting

The public is invited to the Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, to learn about a nonprofit veterans organization called Instruments 4 Success. A presentation and meeting is set to take place in the Oakwood Country Club Ballroom, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes, near Chandler.

Read more at tinyurl.com/4hhrya74

Vets fundraiser at Fry’s stores Memorial Day Weekend

Members and volunteers of Jewish War Veterans Copper State Post 619 will collect “Poppy campaign donations May 23-24 at Fry’s supermarkets in south Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa and Ahwatukee. Poppy campaigns, conducted in May and November, are JWV’s major source of fundraising for its own programs and donations to other organizations that help disabled and hospitalized veterans as well as those experiencing homelessness. Donations via Zelle are now available for those without cash.

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ECONOMY

Costs mean more utility hikes likely

By Jason W. Brooks
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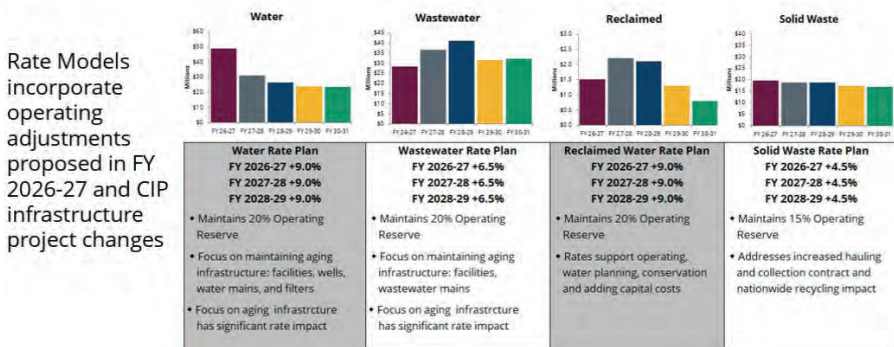
Chandler residents face the potential of more utility rate increase in the future as the cost of projects continues to grow

Many questions and some exclamations were uttered over the total of an estimated \$3 billion in capital needs the city has planned over the next 10 years, along with specific questions about individual projects or the nearly 27% of that 10-year cost that isn’t paid for with bond funds.

But it was mention of possible utility rate increases that really created a somber silence in the

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5-Year Enterprise Fund Balance Projections & Rates



This chart shows how utility rates in Chandler would need to climb in order to cover costs of service and of capital projects, according to city finance staff. A formal process is required when an Arizona entity wants to raise utility rates. (Courtesy of City of Chandler)

CITY COUNCIL

Chandler Council OKs ‘drink-spiking’ ordinance

By Jason W. Brooks
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Chandler is joining several other Valley cities in putting ordinances and penalties behind an effort to stop “drink-spiking.”

Chandler City Council gave unanimous preliminary approval, by approving its April 9 regular meeting consent agenda, to an ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor or crime to spike someone’s drink or food with an intoxicant without knowledge and consent.

Councilmember O.D. Harris said, during an April study session, he brought the ideas to the city manager, legal department and other staff months ago, thanking them for their hard work in helping put the ordinance together.

“I’ve been told that with these types of crimes, there is only about

24 hours to solve it before it just kind of goes away,” Harris said. “We have college campuses and many new residents here in the East Valley. We want to give law enforcement as many tools as it can have.”

Councilmember Jane Poston thanked Harris for staying with the topic and following up and thanked Deputy City Attorney Tawn Kao for reading an overview of the ordinance.

The ordinance includes some definitions, including one for “intoxicants,” which is a list of types of drugs as well as “other chemical agents capable of impairing a person’s mental or physical faculties.”

The penalties include maximums of six months in jail, a \$2,500 fine

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Chandler Deputy City Attorney Tawn Kao speaks during the City Council’s April 6 study session. Council gave preliminary approval April 9 to an ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor crime to spike someone’s food or drink with an intoxicant. (Courtesy of city of Chandler)

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Revenue

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into the budget for fiscal 2027, which runs from July 1 of this year through June 30, 2027.

And, he says, he's following council's direction to find more revenue-generating opportunities without raising taxes.

"I have a lot of positive energy about what we're doing here in Chandler," Pombier said. "It's a tough balance, because I want the city run like a business, but we can't simply stop doing most things if they're not profitable. It must be run as caring and as compassionately as it can be."

Pombier said the difficult aspect will not be how to get more revenue out of the same residents and businesses. It's more about helping them become more prosperous while growing with new businesses and having city government run efficiently and taking advantage of modern technology, he said.

"It's a paradigm shift," Pombier said. "There are 13.5 positions we have to add based on workload, and there are some we're adding because they will help us generate more revenue," Pombier said.

The total of \$475 million in bonds that passed by huge margins last fall will give the city funds to proceed with several major projects, including long-neglected infrastructure upgrades. A handful of water main breaks and other visible public works breakdowns have highlighted the need for expensive work of the city's underground mains, water and sewer lines, manholes and other out-of-view infrastructure.

Some of this will force the city to dig deep into bond money, such as the \$131 million Pecos Water Treatment Plant improvements planned for fiscal 2027. Pombier said the city is so far behind on upgrading infrastructure built in the 1990s, 1980s or before, expense is no longer the only obstacle.

Recently retired Public Works Director John Knudsen called for working on



Chandler City Manager John Pombier points to a line item on a screen during an April budget work session. The hands-on budget approach by the newly hired city manager involves creation of new positions but also evaluation of all city departments to examine which current positions help the city's bottom line. (Independent Newsmedia/Jason W. Brooks)

at least 20 miles per year in some types of street work.

"Even with unlimited money, 20 miles a year of projects would mean many more streets torn up on a nearly perpetual basis, much more so than what we're seeing right now," Pombier said.

The city manager said in addition to looking for revenue-producing new positions, reorganization of departments is a possibility as well.

"We've already started to organize our Public Works department a little bit," Pombier said. "Every position must fit a core function. But we must also be creative in creating efficiencies."

The Chandler Fire Department is starting its own ambulance service Jan. 1, so hiring drivers and others to support that operation personnel is going to make the overall number of new hires seem bloated in fiscal 2027, Pombier said. That was part of council's decision in 2024 to allow its contract expire with Maricopa Ambu-

lance at the end of 2026.

And in a budget work session, he outlined some new positions in various departments that will initially be a new expense.

One new position Pombier proposes adding is a cybersecurity senior analyst. He said he believes the security and efficiency savings there is an example of a revenue positive effect that might or might not be visible within the first fiscal year.

"In the out years, we're going to see these positions pay us back," he said.

The city manager said he'll be evaluating many types of positions, probably excluding core and union-contracted employees such as police officers, over the weeks and months ahead.

"Council wants me to oversee the same or better customer service, at little or no cost to taxpayers, and I think that's a great message," Pombier said.

Utility

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work session held last month to discuss the budget.

With construction and other supply and labor costs continuing to skyrocket, Chief Financial Officer Dawn Lang read off a page about some utility rate models with increases needed to offset inflation.

The page of the presentation includes proposed increases of 9% in each of the next three years for both water and reclaimed water, along with 6.5% in each of those three years and 4.5% increases each year for solid waste service.

Lang stressed that a full formal process is required before an Arizona entity can raise rates. Chandler went through such a process within the past year before implementing a 15% across-the-board utility rate hike for water and wastewater service and 6% for

solid waste for 2026-27 — both of which went into effect March 2.

“We have a little bit of information of how the projects connect with (proposed) rate changes in this presentation,” Lang said. “But as we start working through the rate analysis and the statutory process needed for changing rates, there will be public hearings and discussions with council, leading into that.”

The city needs \$150 million over 10 years to refurbish its water production facilities alone, Lang said.

Construction costs have risen about 6% within the past 12 months alone, Lang said, and more rise is anticipated.

Council already accepted staff’s informal suggestion to order an overall analysis of utility rates annually, rather than the odd-numbered-year analysis approach it had used for some time leading up to 2025-26.

Ordinance

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and/or three years probation if convicted.

Arizona has a very similarly worded felony crime in code.

Kao explained there are two benefits to having a city misde-

meanor codified: City prosecutors can charge someone with the Chandler misdemeanor if the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office declines to pursue a felony case on the state charge. Also, Chandler would codify an “attempted” drink or food-spiking crime that’s not part of the state’s statute.



YOUNG INNOVATORS

The Feb. 21 Chandler Innovation Fair attracted 174 booths and about 8,000 participants, according to city staff. Above, Bogle Junior High School team was one of the category group winners at the Feb. 21 Chandler Innovation Fair at A.J. Chandler Park. At left, Tharul Abeyweera of Arizona College Prep Middle School was one of the individual winners at the Feb. 21 Chandler Innovation Fair at A.J. Chandler Park. (Courtesy of Chandler USD)



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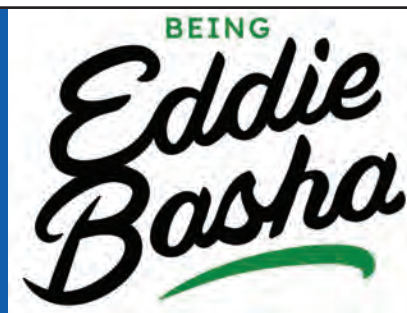
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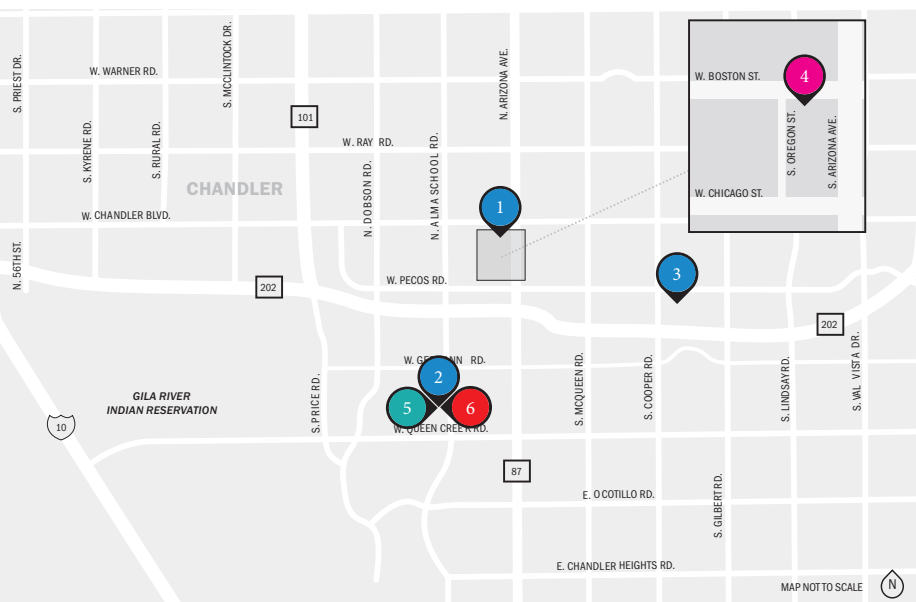


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BUSINESS MOVES



Compiled by Jason Brooks
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

NOW OPEN

1 Moka & Co. is a specialty chain that now has two East Valley locations after recently opening one in downtown Chandler. The coffee shop is in the northwest corner of Buffalo Street and San Marcos Place, next to Craft 64. That's meant to complement its other East Valley location in Mesa. The menu mentions traditional Yemeni and Ethiopian styles and products. It includes several matcha and latte items as well as Jubani coffee, which includes "warm" spices, such as cardamom and ginger. The shop opens at 6 a.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. on weekends. Follow @mokacoffee on Instagram.

2 Useurnoodle is a ramen shop that held a ribbon-cutting April 14 and is now open. Its retail store is in Ocotillo Plaza on the northwest corner of Alma School and Queen Creek roads, near Aldi's, Tom's BBQ and Dollar Tree. Useurnoodle also

offers mobile or catering service. It promotes a variety of spice types and intensities, along with listing Roger Park as its CRO, or "chief ramen officer." The shop opens at 10:30 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays and at 11 a.m. Sundays, closing at 9 p.m. every evening. See useurnoodle.com to learn more.

3 Brighton Dental Health was the site of an April 30 Chandler Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting. The full-service dental practice, which features Dr. Benjamin Truong, is at 2201 E. Pecos Road, No. 2, Chandler, in an office park just east of Cooper Road. Services include restorative procedures like root canals and bridges, as well as preventive and cosmetic measures. Go to brightondentalhealth.com or call 480-630-8610 to learn more.

AWARD

4 Pedal Haus Brewery was one of two Arizona breweries to take home

prizes at the 2026 World Beer Cup, put on by the Brewers Association. Pedal Haus won silver in the international light lager category for its popular Day Drinker Light Lager, a 3.6% alcohol-by-volume beer known for its slightly sweet grain flavor. That beer is available at all Pedal Haus locations, such as the one at Boston and Oregon streets in downtown Chandler, as well as in select Arizona grocery and liquor stores. Learn more at pedalhausbrewery.com.

NEW HIRE

5 Flowers by Renee has been under new ownership for several months. The full-service flower shop is on the northwest corner of Alma School and Queen Creek roads, in a shopping center anchored by Goodwill and the Big Air Trampoline Park. A variety of Teleflora and other products are available for pickup or delivery. Delivery is available for Sun Lakes, Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe and south Mesa. The address is 2820 S. Alma School Road, No. 21, Chandler. Learn more by calling 480-855-0606, at flowersbyrenee.com or on Instagram: @flowersbyreneeaz

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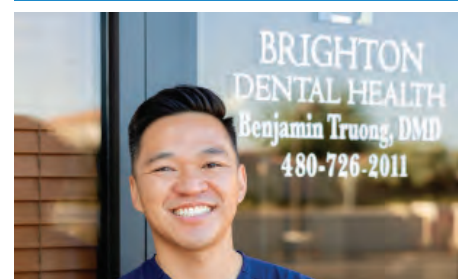
6 Southern Steer plans to open a location soon in the center on the southwest corner of Alma School and Queen Creek roads, near Keegan's Grill and The Casual Pint of Ocotillo. The butcher-and-more store chain has locations in Gilbert and Surprise. Signature boxes for sale include a Wagyu beef option. Classes are taught on site for charcuterie, meal prep and dry aging. Visit the "Southern Steer Chandler" page on Facebook or Instagram or southernsteer.com.



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Council

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the four proposed amendments that loosens restrictions on directors being required to live in the city.

“I believe people should have skin in the game, at that level,” Heumann said. “I think there could be exceptions for folks who worked their way up, and are promoted after being with the city for three years or more and have moved out of town. But directors we bring in anew are paid very well and can afford to live in our city.”

The charter committee of Rene Lopez, Brad Davis, Heather Anguiano, Ursula Gordwin, Sherida McMullan, Lisa Askey, Jim Jurnak, Jennifer Pawlik and Allison Stewart was first appointed in June 2025 after some controversial items were added to the November ballot last year in what some perceived as haste.

Stewart replaced initial committee appointee Terry Locke, who died in July, a few weeks after the committee was chosen.

The committee met several times and submitted a list of proposed charter amendments that council discussed in February and April work sessions.

During an April 8 work session, council winnowed it down to four items that it ended up formally approving April 23 to take to the voters:



Chandler Deputy City Manager Ryan Peters speaks during a recent meeting. The City Council chose four items from among the eight recommended by a charter review committee and will place four charter amendment questions on the Nov. 3 ballot. (Independent Newsmedia/Jason W. Brooks)

- Continues residency requirement for city manager; requires other positions appointed by the city council — currently the city attorney, city clerk and city magistrate — to establish residency within 12 months of appointment, as opposed to the current longstanding requirement of six months. It also eliminates the residency requirement for department heads not directly appointed by council; requires all city employees must live within a “reasonable distance” of the city.

- Clarifying that the vice mayor is selected during the first regular council meeting in January of each year, rather than within a specified number

of days after a new council is seated.

- Brings the charter in line with established practice as well as state law, which deems an incumbent needing to resign to run for another office only when they turn signatures in, rather than when filing a statement of intent, per a state law.

- Eliminates the requirement that council consider an ordinance twice. If passed by voters, only one reading of an ordinance will be required, with an ordinance becoming effective 30 days after its one and only majority approval.

Those four items will be joined on Chandler voters’ Nov. 3 ballots

by a franchise election with Arizona Public Service, local school board elections, state Legislature and Congressional seats and, possibly, a city council runoff.

Councilmember Matt Orlando clarified procedure with the city clerk and attorney. The action to place the four questions and the ballot language for each were approved by a single resolution April 23; the only way to reverse it is for council to schedule a vote to repeal the resolution before it goes to the Maricopa County recorder by a June 8 deadline.

Other recommendations by the charter committee, put on hold by Council consensus, included:

- Gender neutrality, grammar, punctuation, capitalization and elimination of “legalese.”

- Clarifying changes, aligning with state and removing outdated initial-adoption language on contract authority, reimbursement policies, city employment prohibition, petition rights and outdated utility rate references.

- Authorizing the city manager to establish, organize and reorganize all city offices and departments, subject to the review and approval of the city council.

- Adds “gender” and “other protected status” as bases for prohibited discrimination.



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It's time for Chandler to have a conversation about ethics

By Jane Poston
CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL

Every city of Chandler employee is required to follow ethical behavior, and it is commonplace among businesses, boards and nonprofits. And yet, the Chandler City Council operates without one.

I think it's time we talk about that.

I'm not here to point fingers or declare a crisis. I'm here to start a conversation.



Jane Poston

Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, Gilbert, Mesa, Peoria, and Glendale all have formal ethics policies for their mayor and

council, while Chandler is among the few without one.

I believe we owe it to ourselves to ask whether this is a gap worth closing. A well-designed ethics policy isn't about gotcha politics or giving a council majority the power to remove colleagues they disagree with.

Those are legitimate concerns, and they are exactly why structure and independence matter.

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce has raised this issue for seven years. That's a sustained, thoughtful appeal from the business community that helps power our local economy.

Also, the city's own Charter Committee, a citizen body appointed to review possible Charter amendments, explored this topic as well.

When community voices keep arriving at the same question from different directions, elected officials should listen.

One idea worth exploring is an

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independent ethics commission made up of former elected officials and former senior city staff. These are people who understand how city government works, who carry no current political stake, and who could evaluate concerns with fairness and transparency.

But that's just one possibility. I genuinely want to hear what residents think accountability should look like.

What matters most to you? Is it clearer conflict-of-interest rules? More transparency in decision-making? A formal process for raising concerns? All of the above?

Chandler has earned a reputation as one of the best-run cities in America, and I don't take that lightly. Any ethics framework we consider should strengthen the trust between residents and their elected leaders.

This is your city. I'd love to hear from you. Please share your thoughts at jane.poston@chandleraz.gov, because the best place to start building an ethics policy is with the community it's meant to serve.

Reporter shows left-wing bias

In your April 2026 issue of Chandler "Independent", Jason Brooks of "Independent Newsmedia," clearly shows how absolutely biased he is by his "No Kings", full-page article titled "Chandler 'No Kings' brought thousands to park."

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See where to get the cheapest gas in Chandler

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that he is nothing more than a biased, opinionated, left-wing politics supporter.

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—Mike Beals, Chandler

Accountability is essential for public trust

By O.D. Harris

CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL

The events surrounding an off-duty Phoenix Police sergeant who allegedly came to Chandler to provoke conflict at a high school protest demand serious reflection and decisive action.

If the allegations are true, this behavior was not just poor judgment; it was an intentional betrayal of the badge and the public trust that comes with it.

Every sworn peace officer carries a responsibility that transcends their shift schedule. The duty to uphold peace and protect citizens does not turn off when the uniform does.

Accountability must extend both on and off duty, because integrity has no clock.

Our nation's Constitution gives every person the right to speak, assemble and express themselves peacefully. That right is sacred. It is the foundation of our democracy.

When someone entrusted with

law enforcement authority allegedly seeks to manipulate those exercising that right, it undermines both law and liberty. The idea that a peace officer may have attempted to bait young people into committing crimes is disturbing and unacceptable.

That is not preserving public safety; that is abusing public power.

Here in Chandler, our community has long embraced peaceful demonstrations from mental health awareness to movements like Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate. These events showcase democracy at work.



O.D. Harris

The young people who speak out during protests are not threats to be managed. They are voices to be heard.

To be clear, demanding accountability is not anti-police. It is pro-professionalism and pro-community. Our Chandler Police officers exemplified restraint and service in how they handled this public protest.

Their work stands as a model of calm, disciplined law enforcement. That's what public safety should look like: protecting rights, not provoking reactions.

Law enforcement professionals are granted immense authority, and with that comes immense responsibility.

When someone abuses that trust, it diminishes faith in all the honorable officers who wear the badge with pride. If an officer's off-duty actions betray public trust, consequences are not harsh, they are necessary.

A peace officer's oath is to keep the peace, not manufacture conflict. Accountability is not optional. It is the cornerstone of public trust. And that trust is what keeps our communities strong, safe and united.

Be a Civility Advocate!



Civility Checklist

How to engage in respectful, honest & civil dialogue about public issues

- ☐ **Take the high road.** Respond to the topic — not the person. Refrain from demonizing others for their opinions. Assume those you disagree with are, like you, genuinely interested in improving the community.
- ☐ **Be respectful.** Bullying, public humiliation, insults, name-calling, harassment, and threats directed at another person — or that person's race, gender, religion, ethnicity, etc. — have no place in civil discussions. Find ways to respectfully disagree without questioning someone's character or motives.
- ☐ **Be truthful.** Base your opinions/arguments on facts. Value honesty. Make only accurate statements when making your point and avoid exaggeration and stereotypes. When appropriate, cite your sources of information that others may question.
- ☐ **Don't misrepresent.** Always identify your opinions as opinions (not stating opinions as facts). Never misrepresent the views of others or falsely claim your opinions represent someone else. If quoting the words of others, identify and credit the source.
- ☐ **Listen & learn.** It's both polite and respectful to listen to those we disagree with (as well as those we support) and be genuine in our attempts to understand their point of view. Expand your mind by thoughtfully seeking out views that don't agree with your own.
- ☐ **Look for common ground.** When disagreeing with others, look for even small areas of agreement — which can be the gateway to working together for the greater good.
- ☐ **Respect privacy.** Keep private things private — whether it involves your own information or those with whom you disagree. Revealing private information about someone else is rude, unethical, potentially harmful and, in many cases, illegal.
- ☐ **Set a good example.** Practice civil behavior online as well as in public and in your interaction with others. Encourage others to practice these civil behaviors. And it's OK to challenge disrespectful behavior — but be courteous, respectful and helpful in your approach.



Now that you've read the checklist, take the Civility Pledge at yourvalley.net/civility-pledge.

Former governor on Chandler tech firm board

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A professional services consulting firm in Chandler has announced the formation of an advisory board. The newly formed Keenstack board includes former Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, David Rutchik, and Deanna Wise, a news release states.

The board is intended to support Keenstack's next phase of growth, and plans to work with leadership to help drive enterprise relationships in key industries and support future growth initiatives, the release states.

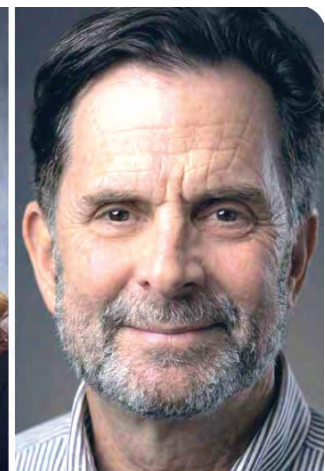
Thiru Thangarathinam, founder and CEO of Keenstack, stated the three additions are meant to be a reflection of where the company is going and the company it's build-

ing.

"We were intentional about bringing on leaders who each expand our reach in different ways," Thangarathinam stated. "Doug brings deep public sector relationships, Deanna brings credibility and access across health care systems, and David brings experience across enterprise deals and private equity."

Ducey, before his government roles, was the CEO of Cold Stone Creamery. Wise was the chief information officer for Banner Health. Rutchik, is the managing partner of The Dorzac Group.

The release also states Keenstack is now a ServiceNow consulting and implementation Premier Part-



Former Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, left, is one of the newer advisory board members for the Chandler tech consulting firm Keenstack. In the center is Deanna Wise; on the right is David Rutchik. (Courtesy of Keenstack)

ner and has achieved more than 800 ServiceNow certifications, posi-

tioning the company to reach "Elite Partner" status by the end of 2026.



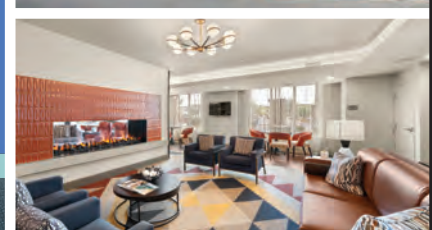
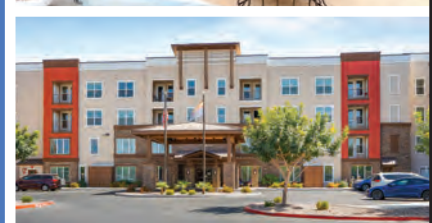
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Chandler director's tap documentary can be streamed

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A newly released tap-dance documentary available on streaming is directed by a Chandler resident.

"The Tapping" was directed by Kenny Jezek and is available to be viewed on Amazon Prime.

Jezek followed dancer Sarah Reich internationally, focusing on the demands, pitfalls and ups and downs of a modern traveling performer.

The 2-hour, 9-minute documentary is the second work directed by Jezek, according to his IMDB.com profile. The other piece listed is "Gene Kelly Newspaper Dance Tribute Featuring Cole Newburg" in 2021.

Jezek, like many directors, has done some acting. His was

primarily in the 1980s, when he landed the role of Lars Englund on Days of Our Lives that he played in 85 episodes.

Jezek, a northern California native, has been married to Karen Kelly Jezek since 1989. They have two daughters, Savanna and Shiloh.

Kelly has acted in some well-known films, including "Hardbodies" in the 1980s. Kenny had a role in the 2009 film "Karla Faye Tucker: Forevermore" in which Kelly played the title role of the death-row inmate.

Jezek has worked as a dance and martial arts instructor in the Valley. He's also listed as a tap and jazz dance instructor at South Mountain Performing Arts in Laveen.



"The Tapping" was directed by Kenny Jezek and is available to be viewed on Amazon Prime. It follows dancer Sarah Reich in her international travels in the dance world. (Courtesy of Sarah Reich)



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BUSINESS



TOCALO Co. Ltd., a Japan-based manufacturer and service provider supporting the semiconductor supply chain, has leased 32,045 square feet of industrial space at 400 N. 56th Street in west Chandler. (Courtesy of city of Chandler)

Japanese firm: Semiconductor support deal for west Chandler

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

TOCALO Co. Ltd., a Japan-based service provider supporting the semiconductor supply chain, has leased 32,045 square feet of industrial space at 400 N. 56th Street in west Chandler.

The new Chandler facility will support the company's expansion in the U.S., a news release states, and strengthen its ability to serve semiconductor equipment manufacturers and other advanced semiconductor manufacturing customers.

Chandler's established innovation ecosystem, highly skilled workforce, and proximity to major transportation and technology corridors were key factors in the company's site selection decision, the release states.

"We found Chandler's environment and property to be perfectly aligned with our operational vision," Yasuki Nakahira, TOCALO's vice president, global business develop-

ment headquarters, stated in the release.

Sandra Watson, president and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority, and Christine Mackay, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, also praised the move as helping further semiconductor growth in the Valley.

Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke is quoted in the news release, too.

"TOCALO's advanced surface-treatment and thermal-spray technologies are integral to leading semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and the company's decision to locate in west Chandler is an investment that will strengthen the semiconductor supply chain and create high-quality jobs," Hartke stated.

The Chandler facility will further integrate TOCALO into the regional semiconductor supply chain, supporting high-precision manufacturing processes, the release states.



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NEIGHBORS

Chandler author releases new children's adventure book

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Chandler resident George D. Rose Sr. has released a new children's adventure book, "Mill Race: The Race of His Life Begins," according to a news release.

The story is inspired by Rose's childhood exploration of the woods and waterways of upstate New York, the release states.

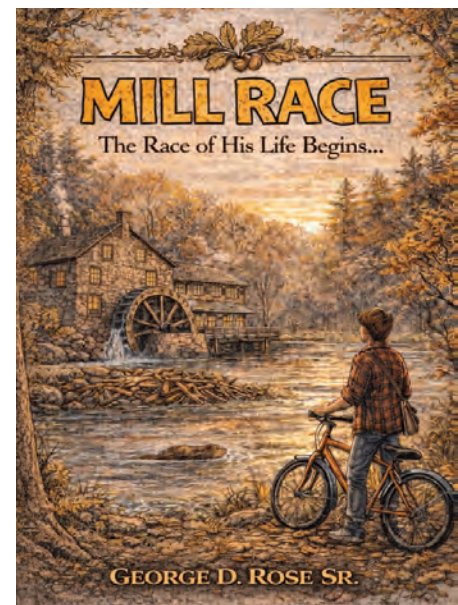
The story follows a young boy who discovers that a long-dormant mill has mysteriously begun turning again, only to learn that a family of beavers has rebuilt a dam that set everything in motion.

When a hunter threatens the animals, the boy must act quickly to protect them.

Rose, a U.S. Air Force veteran who holds a public relations degree from Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, lives in Chandler, but draws on his early experiences along Oatka Creek in New York, to bring authenticity to his stories, the release states.

The book highlights themes of conservation, courage, and community and is written for readers ages 6-15.

Rose, born in Rochester, New York, was an aeromedical specialist in the Air Force. He was a columnist for "The State Press," wrote a number of op-ed pieces for local papers and was a regular contributor for "The Trumpet" magazine.



Chandler resident George D. Rose Sr. has released a new children's adventure book, "Mill Race: The Race of His Life Begins." This and other works by Rose are available on Amazon. (Courtesy of George D. Rose)

Rose has traveled extensively within the continental U.S., from coast to coast and border to border. He has observed nature up close and personal and been in awe of it all.

These experiences provide the tapestry against which many of his stories are written.

Rose has 19 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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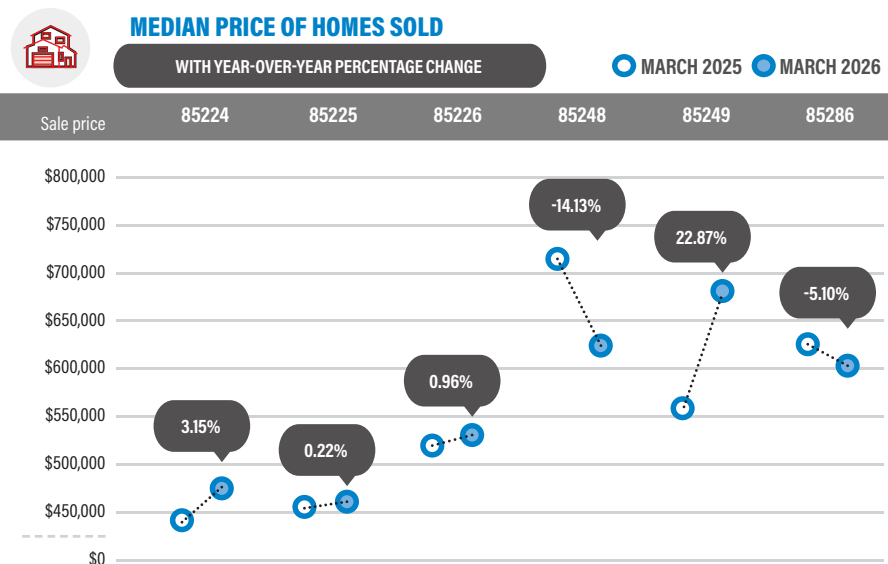
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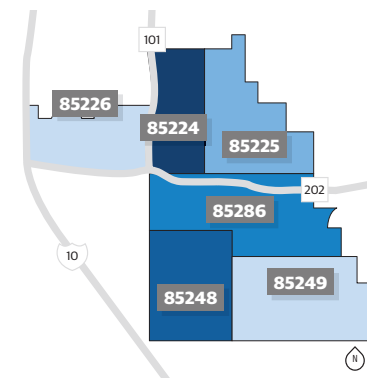
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INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Aurora Archer is an author and an award-winner.

“Aurora is a role model,” said Jaime Fernandez, senior director of the Chandler Compadres Club.

Fernandez made this comment after Archer was announced March 7 as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley’s Youth of the Year for 2026 during the “Today’s Kids, Tomorrow’s Stars” gala.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America runs the Keystone Club program to help teens develop leadership skills. Archer is serving her second term as the president of the Chandler Compadres Boys & Girls Club Keystone — just one of many ways she’s of service to her community, Fernandez said.

• See **Honor** on page 26



Aurora Archer speaks at the “Today’s Kids, Tomorrow’s Stars” gala March 7 in Phoenix. Archer, a published novelist and president of a Chandler Compadres Boys & Girls Club youth leadership club president, was chosen as 2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley. (Courtesy of Noble Media)



Aurora Archer — third from the left, wearing a skirt — waits for another speaker to finish during the “Today’s Kids, Tomorrow’s Stars” gala March 7 in Phoenix. Archer, a published novelist and president of a Chandler Compadres Boys & Girls Club youth leadership club president, was chosen as 2026 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley. (Courtesy of Noble Media)

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DEVELOPMENT



The firms HCW and Spike Lawrence Ventures have announced the completion and unveiling of one of the most exhaustive and visible expansions in downtown Chandler. The Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Chandler project includes the addition of 68 new guest rooms, more conference space and additional hotel amenities. (Jaron Quach/Courtesy of Ampersand PR)

Downtown Chandler Hilton Garden Inn expansion ends

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The firms HCW and Spike Lawrence Ventures announced the completion and unveiling of one of the most exhaustive and visible expansions in downtown Chandler.

The Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Chandler project includes the addition of 68 new guest rooms, more conference space and additional hotel amenities, according to a news release.

After opening in the summer of 2020, the hotel's expansion increases the hotel's total room count to 177 and adds 3,200 square feet of flexible meeting and event space with pre-function areas, "service stations," and dedicated restrooms, as well as a 2,140-square-foot outdoor event patio, the release states.

There's also an expanded 1,225-square-foot fitness center and

a 325-square-foot bridal suite. The new bridal suite features a champagne lounge, dedicated bridal salon and private king bedroom.

A late-March unveiling and ribbon cutting event brought together community leaders, partners, and local businesses.

Speakers included Rick Huffman, president and CEO of HCW; Spike Lawrence of Spike Lawrence Ventures; Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke; Terri Kimble, president and CEO of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce; and Jess Walrath, CEO and executive director of the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.

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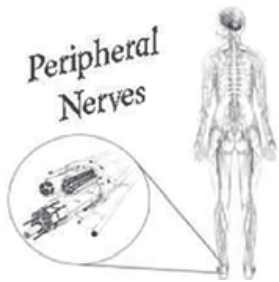


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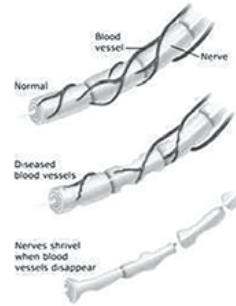
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As you can see in Figure 2, as the blood vessels that surround the nerves become diseased they shrivel up which causes the nerves to not get the nutrients to continue to survive. When these nerves begin to "die" they cause you to have balance problems, pain, numbness, tingling, burning, and many additional symptoms. The main problem is that your doctor has told you



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(See the special neuropathy severity examination at the end of this article) In order to effectively treat your neuropathy three factors must be determined.

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Chandler High School gets culinary, cafeteria upgrades

By Jason W. Brooks
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Chandler High School's culinary operations and cafeteria will be getting an upgrade in the coming year.

The Chandler Unified School District governing board last month unanimously approved a \$3.65 million contract with McCarthy Building Cos. for work on the high school's career and technical education culinary arts and a few cafeteria renovations.

CUSD Assistant Superintendent Tom Dunn said while the CHS cafeteria and the culinary arts classroom are in different buildings, it makes sense to have one general contractor oversee both sets of renovations, which will be McCarthy.

The contract covers McCarthy overseeing remodel of nearly all the interior space CHS devotes to culinary arts. A long list of improvements will specialize and create state-of-the-art quality for students, a staff report states.

"The CTE culinary arts classroom was constructed in the early 2000s and needs updating to meet current industry standards," the report states. "These renovations will include

updating the current back of house cooking facilities and converting a classroom to an industry standard in front of the house that will allow instruction to address current CTE technical standards for culinary arts."

In February, the board approved a contract to make \$750,000 in culinary classroom upgrades at Basha High School and \$770,000 for the same at Casteel High School.

While the Chandler High cafeteria design is underway, reports state, the culinary arts design and construction documents are complete and staff would like to begin construction this summer.

McCarthy will use a long list of subcontractors on the culinary arts phase, as the highly specialized classroom will require everything from acoustical ceilings and treatments to fireproofing.

Dunn explained there will be three McCarthy contracts working off of a 2025 bond-fund budget of \$8 million.

The contract includes the \$75,000 purchase of an elevator for the cafeteria renovations, with an apparent long lead time in the industry now for elevator orders.



Chandler High School culinary students show off part of large preparation in July 2024. The Chandler Unified Governing Board approved a \$3.65 million contract for Chandler High School career and technical education culinary arts classroom and some cafeteria renovations at its April 22 meeting. (Courtesy of CUSD Career & Technical Education)



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10 years of property tax rate cuts likely to end in Chandler

By Jason W. Brooks
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

City of Chandler leaders have been able to reduce its primary property tax rate 10 consecutive years.

That run appears to be coming to an end.

While council doesn't formally vote until June on its primary property tax rate for fiscal 2027, which starts July 1 of this year, staff-presented options and council consensus seem pointed toward leaving the rate flat at \$0.2118 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

And unlike several previous years, when city finance staff presented an option of leaving the rate flat or reducing it by one cent, a reduction wasn't even presented as an option to Council this year.

Budget Director Matt Dunbar explained to council that also means

Impact to Median Value Homeowner

FY 2026-27 Rates	2026	2027	% Increase
Full Cash Value (FCV) still estimated	\$440,300	\$453,509	3.00%
Limited Property Value (LPV)	\$256,421	\$269,242	5.00%
Assessed Limited Cash Value (10%)	\$25,642	\$26,924	5.00%
Primary (\$0.2118/\$100 Assessed)	\$54.31	\$57.03	5.00%
Secondary (\$0.87/\$100 Assessed) (Total rate \$1.0818)	\$223.09	\$234.24	5.00%
Total City Property Tax Bill	\$277.40	\$291.27	5.00%
Annual Increase		\$13.87 \$1.16/month	



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FY 2026-27 budget draft assumes primary tax rate remains flat, allowing for capture of ongoing revenue which will require a Truth-in-Taxation process
Notes: FY 2009-10 was last time Truth-in-Taxation process was required. There have been 10 consecutive years of primary rate reductions.

A chart shows how much more the median-value Chandler land owner would pay if the City Council decides to leave its primary property tax rate flat for fiscal 2027, as opposed to raising it. (Courtesy of city of Chandler)

the city likely will need to go through the state's Truth in Taxation process, which involves advance newspaper publication notice and a special hear-

ing — even if the city's keeping the rate the same in the year ahead.

The consensus council gave to Dunbar was to keep it flat, rather

than raise it by one cent. Each penny change in the rate is a difference of a projected \$427,000 in city tax revenue, he explained.

"We are moving forward with keeping the tax rate flat in the budget," Dunbar said. "But council has until (preliminary budget adoption on) June 11 and final levy adoption on June 25 to alter the adopted rates."

Dunbar said the secondary rate for Chandler owners is only used to pay down debt, such as voter-approved bonds. And leaving the primary rate flat means the total dollar amount most residents pay will still increase, because properties are still appreciating.

"If we leave the primary tax rate flat, we will need to do a Truth in Taxation publication and hearing."

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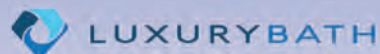
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Hartford Encinas Elementary English language development teacher Mari Aguirre-Acedo looks over the symbolic \$5,000 check she was presented with April 9. Chicanos Por La Causa presented the check as part of an Esperanza award Aguirre-Acedo was chosen to win this year. (Courtesy of Chicanos Por La Causa)

Honor

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“As our Keystone president, she is welcoming to other members, especially those who are new to the club, and she has big ideas on how to make our work even more meaningful in the community,” Fernandez said.

Archer was chosen as Youth of the Year from among 10 finalists from around the Valley. But life wasn’t always falling into place for the Perry High School junior.

During her freshman year at Perry, Archer had what she describes as some mental health struggles.

She said her parents brought her to the Boys & Girls Club, where in working on programs that involve anti-bullying, inclusion and other goals, she eventually became a leader among her peers.

She said an internship she found via the clubs’ AZYouthforce program helped her get her first job.

Combined with her work as Keystone president, her confidence and self-awareness took her back into something she’d loved since she was younger: reading.

That reading led to the writing of her first novel. Blood Moon Rising is now available for Kindle and as an e-book through a website Archer set up that can be found here: tinyurl.com/27e43yur

She points out that a Youth of the Year award is a valuable honor to put on a resume or application for employment or higher-education opportunities, such as scholarships. Community service is a great thing to add to such applications as well.

Archer plans to pursue a career in law. She says it requires a lot of support for a young person to succeed.

“I’m so grateful for people at the (Compadres) Club, at my school and among my friends,” she said. “They all help with my confidence.”



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Property Tax

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Dunbar said. “Our primary tax rate would need to go down to \$0.2059 from \$0.2118 — a reduction of \$0.0059 — to not require a truth in taxation posting.”

Dunbar said leaving the rate flat will lead to an estimated increase of about \$14 per year — going from \$277 to \$291 — in a combined city property tax bill for the median-value landowner whose property had

a \$440,000 full cash value in fiscal 2026.

Dunbar said property around the city went up by 3.77% this year in valuation.

He said a complex state-mandated formula means flat rates generate an increase because new construction in the city — however small that might be — adds value.

“A Truth in Taxation notice has to be published, as the total assessment net of new construction will increase,” Dunbar said.

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