

## Community News

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Tempe Chamber head to depart

Mary Ann Miller, the longtime president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, will step down at the end of August.

Asked what's next, Miller said she wasn't certain. "It just seemed a good opportunity to step back and figure out what 'next' actually is."

Miller joined the Tempe Chamber as public affairs director in 1995 and was named president four years later.

She has been politically active, developing the first-ever statewide legislative agenda for local chambers. She spoke on policy development at state, regional and national conferences and served on the Board of Arizona Chamber Executives. The Arizona Chamber named her Local Chamber Executive of the Year in 2008.

Miller said her departure comes at the right time, as the chamber will move to new offices in August. The exact location is undisclosed until a lease is hammered out.

"In August, the Tempe Chamber will be moving into a new location, new offices with literally a new point of view," Miller said. "As we end our time at this location, it seemed a fitting opportunity for me to guide us to our new home, and then set the chamber off on its own."

Brian Wood, the chamber's chair-elect, will head the search committee. He praised Miller for supporting small businesses during the recession and helping to grow key industries in Tempe.

"She has tirelessly advocated on behalf of our members and entire business community at City Hall, the state Legislature and in Washington," Wood said.

#### Public meeting on drug smuggling

The Chandler Coalition on Youth Substance Abuse will host a free public meeting on drug smuggling from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, at the Chandler Police Department, 250 E. Chicago St.

Operation Detour is program of the Casa Grande Border Patrol Station that uses videos and pictures to show the horrors and tragedies that can befall individuals and their families who become involved with drug smuggling and the narco-terrorism underworld.

The presentation aims to create awareness for students, young adults and community residents about the consequences of becoming involved in drug smuggling.

The Chandler Coalition of Youth Substance Abuse is a program of ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth.

#### Free teeth cleaning

Carrington College will offer free teeth cleanings, X-rays, exams and fluoride treatments for children ages 3-17 at their Dental Clinic, 1300 S. Country Club Drive, Mesa.

All work will be done by students, supervised by the clinic dentist and registered dental hygiene instructors. Appointments will be offered from Monday-Friday in August through Nov. 11.

Adults who haven't been to a dentist for at least three years can also receive a free teeth cleaning.

Make an appointment at 480-717-3510.

#### Mesa collects bottled water

The 10th annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign is underway with a goal of collecting 500,000 bottles of water to help people in need during the extreme summer heat.

"The campaign is a life saver for the less fortunate during the hot summer months. Our residents have been extremely generous in donating bottles of water in previous years and I know they are ready to do so again this year," Mesa Vice Mayor Dennis Kavanaugh said.

Last year, a record 836,154 bottles of water were collected for the campaign, surpassing the 400,000 goal.

Residents can donate water at various drop-off locations throughout the city. Customers donating at Fiesta Mall Guest Services will receive a merchandise gift at the time of drop-off. Collections continue through Sept. 16.

The Mesa Chamber of Commerce is also encouraging businesses and community groups to organize campaigns to collect water for the campaign.

The campaign kickoff event included a donation of 17 pallets, or 24,480 bottles of water from Walmart and a donation of two pallets, or 3,744 bottles of water from Jackson White law firm of Mesa.

Details: [www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa](http://www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa).

#### Documentary film series returns

Chandler's Downtown Public Library will present its free Get Reel film series this summer from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays through July 12.

The documentaries will be screened in the Copper Room on the second floor of the Downtown Library, 22 S. Delaware St.

Details: [chandlerlibrary.org/get-reel](http://chandlerlibrary.org/get-reel).

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