

## Ray Ranch Estates HOA June 2022 Newsletter

### Homeless "campers" along the canal.

Many of you, our neighbors who walk, run and bike on the canal beside our green belt have noticed homeless "campers" starting around May 25. The City of Chandler Police Department have visited and shared the following information:

- SRP owns the canal area and they allow the homeless about 2 weeks to "camp" on their property. We believe this includes the railroad area as well. They do not consider this trespassing. However, if the homeless want to camp in our greenbelt or yards, that is trespassing. SRP and other city services are sending their trucks frequently along the canal.
- The police have been to visit these campers several times. They do not want to avail themselves of the shelters or services offered to them by the City of Chandler but were aware they were allowed 2 weeks to be there.
- The police advised not to engage them as often times the homeless could have blunt weapons. They could be a bit unhinged or on drugs. It's best to leave them alone.

By the time you receive this letter, the two-week grace period should be over for these "campers" and let's hope they will have moved along. We wanted you to be aware of the situation. And to let you know the authorities are also aware. A good number to have in your contacts.

Chandler Police non-emergency number **(480) 782-4130**.

Look for updates on the situation on our website: [rayranchestates.org](http://rayranchestates.org).

### Neighborhood Cleanup accomplished.

Wow! Mission accomplished!! Three dumpsters filled to the brim! **Thank you** to the group of 15 or so that came out on a hot Saturday morning to clean up the railroad tracks! The area looks amazing. We so appreciate all of you and your willingness to volunteer and serve your community! A big THANK YOU to John Warren, HOA Board Vice President for organizing this event through the City of Chandler. How encouraging to live in a neighborhood where so many take pride in their homes by spring cleaning AND helping their neighbors by cleaning up common areas! What a great place to live! We're looking forward to our next event in the fall!