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Nominations now being accepted for Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Chandler neighborhood watch groups who hosted a community Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) event last year are encouraged to submit a nomination for the Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards. Nominations are now open through Friday, July 26, and may be completed online at chandleraz.gov/MNEA.

The annual awards recognize Chandler neighborhoods for their participation in G.A.I.N. and those neighborhood leaders who continuously work to improve their community and inspire others to be more active and involved. Prizes for the winners will be applied towards this fall's G.A.I.N. events.

There are two award categories available: Mayor's Choice Award and the People's Choice Award. Mayor Hartke will select the winner for the Mayor's Choice Award. Online voting for the People's Choice Award will start Monday, July 29, and will continue through 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at chandleraz.gov/MNEA.

The winners will be announced during the G.A.I.N. kickoff event from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Chandler Police Main Station community room located at 250 E. Chicago St.

For questions about the awards program, contact Neighborhood Programs staff at 480-782-4348, or email neighborhood.programs@chandleraz.gov. For information or questions about the G.A.I.N. event on Saturday, Oct. 19, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Blanca Quezada at 480-782-4960 or blanca.quezada@chandleraz.gov.