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## Neighborhood Excellence Award winners selected

The votes are in for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Neighborhood Excellence Awards. The four winners were recognized last night during the Mayor's Listening Tour at Knox Gifted Academy.

The winners are:

### ***Neighborhood Leader of the Year – David Wolff, Dobson Estates III***

David epitomizes all that we love about our neighborhood leaders. He graduated from the City's Traditional Neighborhood Academy and used the tools he learned there to organize a number of activities from weed-pulling events to G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) and Block Watch parties. He also coordinated street topper signs for his Dobson Estate III neighborhood as well as new Block Watch signs. He's a tremendous asset to the neighborhood and was described this way in the awards application; "His energy, passion and welcoming personality are the keys to bringing a neighborhood together and keeping it a great place to live."

### ***Best Neighborhood Event – Southwest Shawnee Park***

When a couple from the Southwest Shawnee Park Neighborhood attended the Traditional Neighborhood Academy, they learned all about the many G.A.I.N. events taking place throughout the City of Chandler. G.A.I.N. is fall citywide event and they made the most out of their first G.A.I.N. event, held last year. With the help of Nextdoor.com, fliers and word of mouth, the event was a huge success. They had a record turnout from the neighborhood, including City Councilmembers and Police's Mobile Command truck. It was a great way to get to know each other in a relaxed manner and in the safety of a neighborhood. They even drew new friends from surrounding neighborhoods who were curious about all of the activities.

### ***Best Revitalization Story – Pepperwood Neighborhood***

With the help of Chandler's Neighborhood Resources Office and a survey in 2015, the residents realized how disconnected and disengaged they were from one another. After their first community meeting, the Pepperwood development came together quickly and is now fully engaged in keeping their prized neighborhood energized. They started a community newsletter to keep everyone informed and set up a Nextdoor.com profile for everyone to stay connected. They utilize the PublicStuff app to report issues to the City and are reestablishing a Block Watch and gathering street captains. The Pepperwood Neighborhood has transformed into one of the most dynamic neighborhoods in the City.

### ***Most Active/Engaged Neighborhood – The Springs HOA***

With an active and engaging HOA Board, it seems like there is always something happening in the Springs. Through great communication, constant community upgrades and a tremendous newsletter, residents of the Springs HOA enjoy a great community atmosphere and is a model for other Chandler HOAs. Now in its third year, the Neighborhood Excellence Awards recognizes and thanks neighborhoods and their residents for their efforts and dedication to improving and maintaining involvement in community associations.

For more information about the awards program or how to become a registered neighborhood, contact Chandler's Neighborhood Programs Office at 480-782-4354 or visit [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods).