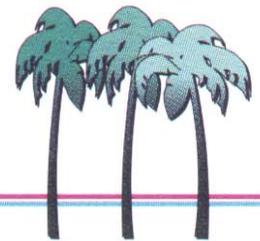


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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Upcoming Events

April 6 - Animal Care Network Meeting - 5 p.m., Civic Center Public Training Room

April 8 - Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Civic Center, 12 p.m.

April 8 - Chowchilla Western Stampede Cattle Drive 10 a.m. - Robertson Blvd.

April 8-12 - Chowchilla Western Stampede activities Chowchilla Fairgrounds

April 11 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Activities - 10 a.m. Sports & Leisure Park

April 13 & 27 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 16 - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 21 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 25-26 - American Cancer Society Relay For Life, CUHS Football Field, 9 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Mark your calendars now:
Chowchilla-Madera County Fair - May 14-17
www.chowchillafair.org

Chowchilla Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony - May 14 10 a.m. @ Veterans Park

Meeting agendas, minutes and details on events are available on the City's website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us



Stampede Is Coming

The tradition is alive as the **52nd Annual Chowchilla Western Stampede** kicks off on Wednesday, April 8. It all begins at 10:00 a.m. with the historic cattle drive. Watch the cowboys and cowgirls run the cattle from the Chowchilla Fairgrounds into town and right down the middle of Robertson Boulevard. This is a sight you just can't miss!

The fairgrounds indoor arena comes alive on Thursday,

April 9 when the Norm Dill Memorial Century Roping begins at 9:00 a.m. From then on, plenty of roping continues through Sunday, April 12.

Be sure to catch the barrel racing on Saturday, April 11 for some exciting fun. All events are open to the public and free of charge, so bring those little cowpokes out for good family fun. For more information, call 559-288-4086 or 209-604-3765.

THANK A VOLUNTEER

National Volunteer Week April 2009 "Celebrating People in Action," presents an opportunity for individuals, families, and organizations alike to celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through their service. Due to budget cuts, the City will not be holding a ceremony this year, however, all those who rely on local volunteers are encouraged to pay tribute and honor those special people during April 19-25. The City is thankful for all of our community volunteers!

Easter Egg Hunt

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Activities**, sponsored by the City Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The fun takes place at the Sports & Leisure Park, 625 N. 15th Street. There will be fun for the entire family with door

prizes, contests, games and races, pictures, and much, much more. The event culminates with the egg hunts for children through age 12.

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla will once again sponsor the Easter Coloring Page Contest. Kids 12 years and younger can enter to win

some great prizes.

Visit the City website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us to download a copy of the 2009 contest application with contest rules and coloring page. For more information, call us at 559-665-8640.



Redfins Swim Team Seeks Swimmers

If you are between 5 -18 years of age, enjoy swimming and like competition, then the **Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team** invites you to join their program. Team practices are

held Monday - Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (younger swimmers do not practice the full 90 minutes) at the Dower Aquatic Facility (CUHS pool) beginning April 1.

Registration forms are available at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services office and can be downloaded from the City's website at www.chowchilla.ca.us.

Fire Department Trading Cards



The **Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department** firefighters now have their very own trading cards. The Chowchilla Police Department first started this program as a way to make a connection with the youth and it was a big hit.

This trading card program was sponsored by many businesses and individuals in the community. To get your Fire Department trading cards, contact any volunteer firefighter or watch for news on an upcoming open house.



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Nancy Red, *City Administrator*

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center. The agenda is posted on the City website.

Call Us

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 105
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 105
RDA/CDBG	ext. 107
Public Information	ext. 110
Human Resources	ext. 154
Planning	ext. 402
Inspections	ext. 406
Building	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 412
Fire	ext. 600
Utilities	ext. 783
Finance	ext. 784
Parks & Recreation	ext. 788
Public Services	ext. 789
Operator	ext. 0

Direct Numbers

Police	665-8600
Fire	665-8626
Parks & Recreation	665-8640

Emergency - Call 911

Contacting Us

To contact the newsletter editor, send email or mail to addresses listed above or call the Public Information Office at (559) 665-8615, extension 110.

Visa and MasterCard credit cards are now accepted for in-person payments at the Finance Department. The City will soon offer an online utility payment option.



Ask the City: Hazardous Waste

Ask the City is a new feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or telephone. Readers may send in their questions to the addresses listed in the left column.

What can I do with the hazardous waste around our household?

Mary, Chowchilla

City residents are able to dispose of their household

hazardous waste at the Madera County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Fairmead Landfill located at 21739 Road 19 in Chowchilla.

The facility is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is FREE for all Madera County residents. Auto fluids, batteries, pesticides, pool

chemicals, cleaners, aerosol cans, solvents, paint, and grease are just some of the items allowed. Quantities are limited to 15 gallons of liquids or 125 pounds of solids per trip.

For more information, call Madera Disposal at 559-665-3099. This program is funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



Adult Open Recreational Volleyball

Recreational drop-in adult volleyball is played at the Chowchilla Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym on Monday nights through May 18. A \$2 per person fee is collected each night. New players may register

on-site or at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services office. This is NOT a league. Teams are formed each week for those wishing to play volleyball just for FUN. All participants must sign a

Liability Release & Waiver Form and Code of Conduct prior to playing in this program. *Please note:* Children cannot be brought to the program because no supervision is provided at the gym.

Watering Citations

Beginning April 1, 2009, the City's Administrative Citation Program will be enforced. One of the high priority issues that will be a focus is water conservation and the compliance of the City's watering rules and

regulations. California has issued a State of Emergency because of continuing drought conditions, therefore established penalties and fines will be strictly enforced by City staff.

Fines start at \$100 and get higher with subsequent offenses, so please do your part and follow the City rules. Visit the City website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us to view the rules or call us at 559-665-8615.

New Services in the City

Commercial buildings like the Trinity Building on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Fourth Street bring new businesses and services to our city. Just recently, Madera County Behavioral Health moved their Chowchilla office to 215 S. Fourth. A variety of

mental health services are offered to the youth and adults living in Madera County. Also opening was the Trinity Pregnancy Resource Center located at 209 S. Fourth. Watch for the upcoming opening of the Madera Co. First Five building nearby on Trinity.

Legislative Brief

You've heard all about the Stimulus Package, but what does it mean for us locally? City of Chowchilla officials and staff are actively pursuing funds from the federal package to help with various street, water, and wastewater projects.

Other City projects that could potentially be funded with federal stimulus dollars are street resurfacing, sidewalk, curb and gutter repair, alley resurfacing, a water storage tank, public safety positions, building projects, and more. Watch for later updates!

ANIMAL CARE NETWORK

Are you concerned about stray dogs and cats and want to do something about it?

Come to a mission statement meeting to help form a core local volunteer network to help care for our community animals that are in need. Voluntary support is also in great need to assist at our local animal shelter.

The meeting will take place on Monday, April 6 at 5 p.m. in the Public Training Room at the Civic Center (Third St. & alleyway entrance). R.S.V.P. to 665-8615 x 112



Coordinated through the City's Animal Control and Administrative Services Depts.