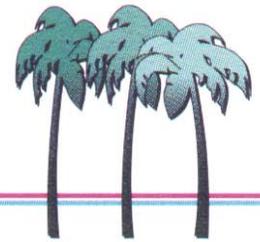


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Time to "Fall Back"

Nov. 7 - Chowchilla Seniors' Craft Fair, Chowchilla Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 9 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day - City Offices Closed

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Commemoration Ceremony
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Nov. 13 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Nov. 16 - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

Nov. 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Nov. 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices Closed

Mark your calendars now:

Saturday, December 5 - Lions Club 42nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Watch for NEW location and other details next month or visit the City website for up-to-date information.

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

Veterans Commemoration Ceremony 11/11/11



Chowchilla's **Veterans Commemoration Ceremony** honoring all veterans who have served the

United States as a member of the Armed Forces will be held on Veterans' Day, Wednes-

day, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park. The annual ceremony is co-sponsored by the City of Chowchilla Parks & Recreation Department, Chowchilla American Legion Post #148 and VFW Post #9896 with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The entire commu-

nity is encouraged to attend this event to gain a stronger appreciation for the men and women who strive to protect us and to honor our local retired veterans who unselfishly served our country. For further information, call the Parks & Recreation Dept. at (559) 665-8640.

Administrative Citations Enforced

Efforts are being stepped up to enforce the City of Chowchilla's **Administrative Citation** Program and citations with fines are now being issued to violators.

Chapter 1.10 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code was adopted to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Chowchilla and to provide a method to penalize responsible parties who fail or refuse

to comply with certain provisions of the City of Chowchilla Municipal Code; to minimize the expense and delay of enforcement of the Municipal Code by criminal citation; and to allow the City to recover costs associated with the enforcement process, while continuing to give persons who have been issued citations due process.

City staff has begun issuing citations for various violations

with the primary focus targeting water waste or non-compliance of watering regulations, dangerous animals or animals at large, graffiti, and ongoing code violations. Fines for code violations will range between \$50 to \$100 for the first violation with fines increasing for subsequent violations.

For more information, contact the Community Development Dept. at 665-8615, ext. 787.

City Furloughs Continue City Offices Closed Every Other Friday

The City of Chowchilla has re-instituted employee furlough days for all City offices with the exception of Public Safety. City offices **will be closed every other Friday** (furloughs will fall on one Wednesday in November and December due to the holidays). Upcoming furlough closure dates for 2009 are:

Nov. 13 & 25 (holiday closures on 26 & 27)
Dec. 11 & 23 (holiday closures on 24 & 25)

Furloughs will then continue every other Friday in 2010 beginning January 8 through June 25.

Please note the following important information:

➤ Utility payments will NOT be penalized on the affected Friday furlough days. Payments may be placed in the payment drop box located on the front of the Civic Center. Garbage service will not be affected. The City apologizes for any inconvenience.



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John Chavez, *Council Member*
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*

Jay Varney, *Acting 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
Asst. City Administrator	ext. 101
City Clerk	ext. 105
RDA/CDBG	ext. 107
Public Information	ext. 110
Human Resources	ext. 154
Airport Contact	ext. 322
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: H1N1 Virus...Get the facts.

Ask the City is a feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or phone.

What's the latest info on the H1N1 virus?

C.F., Chowchilla

There is so much being said about the H1N1 (swine flu) virus, it's hard to know what's fact or fiction.

The Madera County Public Health Department is keeping up with the latest news and has plenty of information on their website. A Home Care Guide featuring information on preparing your home, providing care at home, home care supplies, and fact sheets is available.

You can also find info on H1N1 fraudulent products, county statistics, vaccine updates, and other helpful resource links.

Their website address is: www.madera-county.com/publichealth. To reach them by telephone, call (559) 675-7893.

Youth Basketball Program



Registrations are being accepted for the 2010 **Youth Basketball**

Program for boys and girls in 1st through 8th grades. A player fee of \$30 is payable at the time of registration and there are discounts for three or more members of the same family. The application deadline is November 10. Practices for the fun recreational league begin the week of Nov. 30 and basketball games begin the week of January 4, 2010. The registration

materials are available at the Parks & Recreation office or on the City website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

Youth Basketball Coaches and Sponsors Needed

To ensure a successful program, the Parks & Recreation Department needs volunteer coaches and team sponsors. There are four basketball divisions determined by age groups and coaches are needed for all team

divisions. A coaches meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chowchilla Senior Center. In addition, the Department is seeking team sponsors. The sponsorship cost is \$150. Your selected team will wear game t-shirts with your sponsorship logo printed on them. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 665-8640 or send an e-mail to: parksrec@ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

Committee Member Needed

The City of Chowchilla's **Business Loan Committee** is seeking a member of the business community to fill the vacant member position.

This business loan program administers funds that provide low interest loans in "gap" financing

situations. The program is funded by the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program's economic development allocation. All applicants must be a business owner, available to attend monthly meetings, and have experience with the review

of business loan applications. In order to apply for the position, please submit resumes to Angel Johnstone, Community Economic Development Specialist, at: ajohnstone@ci.chowchilla.ca.us by December 1, 2009. For more information, call (559) 665-8615, extension 107.

2010 Census Is Different



Goodbye Long Form.

In the past, most households received a short-form questionnaire, while one household in six received a long form that contained additional questions and provided more detailed socioeconomic information about the population.

The 2010 Census will be a **short-form only** census and will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure - taking just minutes to complete. The more detailed information is now collected through the

American Community Survey. The survey provides current data about communities every year, rather than once every 10 years. It is sent to a small percentage of the population on a rotating basis throughout the decade. No household will receive the survey more often than once every five years.