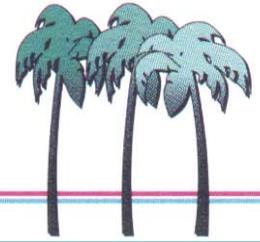




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## Upcoming Schedule

**March 5** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

**March 8** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**March 13** - Little League Opening Ceremonies, RC Wisener Park

**March 14** - Daylight Saving Time Begins

**March 15** - Airport Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

**March 17** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**March 18** - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**March 19** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

**March 20** - Girls Softball Opening Ceremonies, Sports & Leisure Park

**March 22** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**March 27** - Spring Rabies Clinic, Police Department  
*(see article to right)*

### Mark your calendars now:

**April 3** - City's Easter Egg Hunt Event *(see article to right)*

**April 7-11** - Chowchilla Western Stampede

**April 10** - Chowchilla Police Department's K-9 Benefit Dinner. Call 665-8615, ext. 506 for information.

Meeting agendas, minutes and details on events are available on the City's website at [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us)

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic Get Your Dog Licensed Too

The Chowchilla Police Department holds two rabies clinics every year in the spring and fall. The upcoming Spring **Rabies Clinic** will be held at the Police Station located at 122 Trinity Avenue on **Saturday, March 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please note: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is only for seniors or residents with special needs. The general public hours are 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The cost is \$6 per shot. This year, the seven in one puppy shot will also be available for

\$20, not including the rabies vaccination. Three types of cat vaccines will be offered at \$10 per shot. All cats must be in carriers. The next rabies clinic will be held in September 2010 (date TBA).



City residents are reminded that all dogs living within the City limits are required to be licensed and vaccinated for rabies once over the age of four months. Proof of current

rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. Dog licenses are valid for the year in which they are issued and expire on December 31 of that year. Licenses issued after March 31 will require a \$20 late fee with the exception of puppies that reach four months of age after that date.

There are license fee discounts for seniors and for owners of spayed or neutered dogs. For more information on the clinic, contact the Chowchilla Police Dept. at (559) 665-8600.

## City Phone System Changes

The City of Chowchilla's phone options have changed. When you now call our main line at 665-8615, you will have menu options to select the department you wish to speak to. For example, option #1 will take you directly to Utilities and Finance where you can get assistance with your utility bills.

Based on staffing shortages, each department will have their own voice mail system set up to handle excess calls. If other calls are ahead of yours, you will have the option to stay on hold or go to a voice mail box to leave a message. Messages will be checked and returned as often as possible. Please be

aware that staffing reductions may cause a delay in service. As always, if you know your party's direct extension, you may enter it right away. For a list of department contact extensions, see the back of this newsletter or for a complete list of staff contacts, visit our website at: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us)

## Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to the support of local service organizations and business people, the City's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, co-sponsored by Soroptimist International of Chowchilla and the City of Chowchilla, will go on! The event will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The event takes place at the Sports & Leisure Park located at 625 N. 15th Street. There will be fun for the entire family

with door prizes, contests, and of course, egg hunts for children through age 12.

The Soroptimist Easter Coloring Contest is the kick-off prior to the event. Children may receive an entry form at school. If not, these forms are available online, at the Chowchilla Library, or the Civic Center. For more information on the upcoming event or to volunteer to help, call (559) 665-8615, extension 110.

**COLORING CONTEST**

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla is sponsoring the Easter Coloring/Decorating Contest. Kids 12 years and younger can enter to win some great prizes. Visit the City website at [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us) to download a copy of the 2010 contest entry form and rules. The deadline is March 18 so enter soon!



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### Chowchilla City Council

Jim Kopshever, Mayor  
David Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem  
John Chavez, Council Member  
Dennis Haworth, Council Member  
Justin White, Council Member

Jay Varney, Acting City Administrator  
Wayne Padilla, Asst. 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
RDA/CDBG	ext. 101
City Clerk	ext. 105
Human Resources	ext. 105
Public Information	ext. 110
Airport Contact	ext. 322
Planning	ext. 405
Inspections	ext. 406
Building	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 412
Fire	ext. 600
Utilities	ext. 783
Finance	ext. 784
Parks & Recreation	ext. 110
Public Services	ext. 789
Operator	ext. 0

### Direct Numbers

Police	665-8600
Anonymous Tip Line	665-8624
Fire	665-8626

### 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.



## Ask the City: Conserve Water .....ALL the time!

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

### Since this has been a heavy rain season, are the watering restrictions still in effect?

B.M., Chowchilla

Watering restrictions are in effect year-round regardless of how much rain is received during winter

months. California's drought continues so it remains critical to maintain and conserve our precious water resources. Residents are required to follow these watering rules year-round:

- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an odd number may water on Mon., Wed. and Friday
- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an even number may water on Tues.,

- Thurs., and Saturday
- ◆ Watering is prohibited between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day
- ◆ Sunday is a NO WATERING DAY

Administrative citations will be issued for non-compliance of these regulations. The City of Chowchilla appreciates everyone doing their part to conserve! For more info, contact the Public Services Dept. by calling (559) 665-8615, extension 305.

## The Census is Coming

### Every single count is worth \$1,000 to our community



We're already at Step #2: The form arrives. More than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a census form in March by mail.

You're probably asking...is this something that important? How does it affect me and my family? Just answer these questions:

#### Would life in my community be better if:

- ⇒ I had access to enhanced health care services for ill or aging family members?
- ⇒ My children could learn in new or improved schools or child-care centers?
- ⇒ My commute to work was safer and less

congested thanks to better roads or expanded public transportation options?

- ⇒ My local emergency services providers had up-to-date maps to ensure faster response in a crisis?
- ⇒ My local markets could better deliver goods and services to my community?

By your participation in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

The federal government distributes more than \$400 billion annually to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. One of the shortest

census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks only 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

During the latter part of March, Census workers will set up Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) around Chowchilla including one here at the Chowchilla Civic Center. These walk-in centers will be available, at no cost, to help people - especially those with little or non English speaking ability - complete their census questionnaires. To see when a QAC will be available at City Hall, call (559) 665-8615, extension 110.



## Adult Open Recreational Volleyball

Beginning March 8th, recreational open gym drop-in adult volleyball is played from 7-9 p.m. at the Chowchilla Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym on Monday nights through May 24. A \$3 per person fee is collected each night. New players may show up

at the gym and register on-site. 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:* Participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Children cannot be brought to the program because no supervision is provided at the gym. No exceptions!** For more information, call us at (559) 665-8615, extension 110.