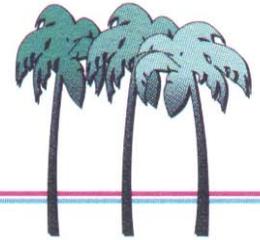




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

April 2 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

April 3 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event (see article to right)

April 7-11 - Chowchilla Western Stampede (see article bottom right)

April 10 - Chowchilla Police Department's 6th Annual K-9 Benefit Dinner. Call 665-8615, ext. 506 for information.

April 12 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

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

April 16 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

April 19 - Airport Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

April 20 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 21 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 26 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

April 30 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Mark your calendars now:

May 4 - Mayor's Prayer Luncheon - Details TBA

May 13-16 - Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. Visit www.chowchillafair.org for info.

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



Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the youngsters out for EGG-citing fun!

The City of Chowchilla and Soroptimist International of Chowchilla present the

35th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sports & Leisure Park, 625 N. 15th St.

Egg Hunts for ages up to 12

Door Prize Giveaways
Coloring Contest Awards

* Jelly Bean Guessing Contest

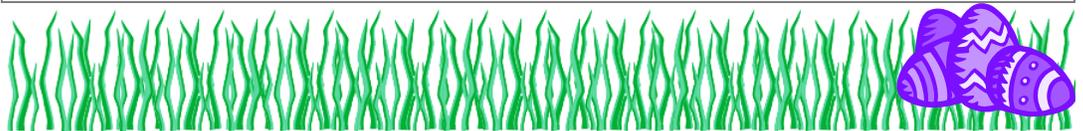
* Photos with Mrs. Bunny

* Face Tattoos

* nominal fee required

Thank you to the following sponsors for helping us continue this event for our community:

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla, Fagundes Dairy, Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club, Pistoressi Ambulance, Wal-Mart of Madera, Almond Tree Huller, Chowchilla Auto Body, Citibank, DeWitt's Drug Store, Eric Haupt Construction, Stahley Lawn Care, KFC/Taco Bell, DC Cleaners, Eye2Eye Photo Studio, C & R Stove & Spa Barn, S & W Parts, A & R Refrigeration, Chowchilla 4-H, McDonald's



The Stampede is Coming

The tradition is alive as the **53rd Annual Chowchilla Western Stampede** kicks off on Wednesday, April 7. 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 8 when the Norm Dill Memorial Century Roping begins at 9:00 a.m. Barrel racing is also on tap for Thursday. From then on, plenty of roping continues through Sunday, April 11.

Be sure to catch the world series roping on Saturday,

April 10 for some exciting fun. All events are open to the public and free of charge, so bring those little cowpokes out for a good family time.

For more information, call 559-288-4086 or 559-479-1032.





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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. 705
City Administrator	ext. 100
Asst. City Administrator	ext. 101
RDA/CDBG	ext. 101
City Clerk	ext. 705
Human Resources	ext. 705
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: Weed Abatement

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.

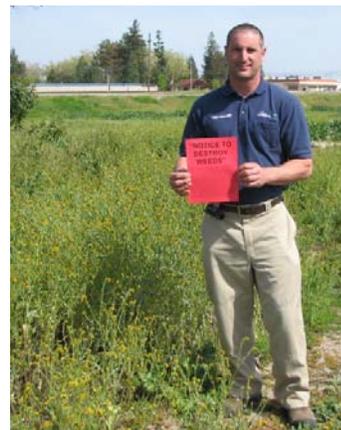
What is the City doing about the growth of weeds in empty lots?

R.P., Chowchilla

The Chowchilla City Council passed a **Weed Abatement** Resolution on March 22, 2010. The resolution was posted in the Chowchilla News on March 31 and will again be posted on April 7. Violation notices from the

Community Development Code Enforcement Division will be mailed out on April 9 to property owners. Properties that are still in violation after that time will have notices posted at those locations on May 3. Property owners will then have two weeks to comply with abatement before the City will remove the weeds and lien the property for the cost of abatement.

As a reminder, weed abatement is year-round with an increased focus during the fire hazard season. After the initial



abatement process is completed, administrative citations will be issued for recurring violations. For information, contact Code Enforcement at (559) 665-8615, ext. 412 or 410.

Redfins Swimming

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 soon. Swimmers will travel to meets in the Merced County Swim League area. Parental involvement is required.

Registration forms are available at the Chowchilla Redfins official website at

www.chowchillaredfins.org or at the Chowchilla Civic Center. The Redfins Swim Team is affiliated with the Chowchilla Athletic Foundation.

For more information, call (559) 665-5983 or email: redfins.swimming@gmail.com



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census 2010

No moving forward until you mail it back

Last month, **Census 2010** forms were delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. Your census form contains 10 short questions and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. A postage paid envelope is provided for your convenience. If you don't mail the form back, you may

receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions from the form you received.

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual form.

A QAC (Questionnaire Assistance Center) is set up at the Chowchilla Civic Center to assist residents with questions or concerns with their census forms. The bilingual Census representative is available in the Civic Center lobby Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through April 15.

City Website News

The City of Chowchilla's official website - www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us - has plenty of great information including a Calendar of Events covering many of the activities in and around Chowchilla. Details, contact information, and website links are posted to keep you informed!

A new addition to the website is the City Standard Specifications Book. It can be found on the Building page under the Community Development Department section.