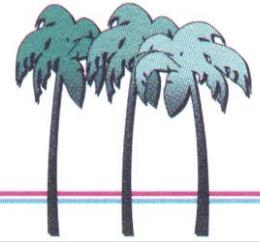




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

May 4 - Annual Mayor's Prayer Luncheon - Call 665-8615, ext. 110 for information.

May 10 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 13-16 - Chowchilla-Madera County Fair
(see article to right)

May 14 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

May 15 - Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade and BBQ. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Call 665-4501 for information.

May 19 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 24 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 28 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

May 28 - Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament - Call 665-5603 for information.

May 31 - Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

May 31 - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Chowchilla Cemetery, 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars now:

June 1-4 - Graduation Week

June 12-13 - Chowchilla's American Cancer Society Relay For Life, 9 a.m.-9 a.m. Call 665-5110 for information.

July 4 - Community "Worship in the Park" Service. Details TBA.

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

It's Fair Time

The **2010** Chowchilla-Madera County Fair will be held on May 13-16. Entertainment this year will be Pro-Modified 4x4 Truck Pulls on Thursday, the Bomshel concert on Friday, Chowchilla Speedway Racing on Saturday and Sunday's Destruction Derby.

Daily entertainment will include the Super Science Experiments, Rockin' Idol Contest, Imagination Circus and Kid's Tractor Pulls. Live contests are the Ultimate Cowboy contest on Thursday, The Great Vegetable Race on Friday, a scavenger hunt on Friday & Saturday, and a live homemade ice cream making contest on Sunday.

Admission to the Fair this year is \$8 for adults, seniors

Where The Wild Things Grow May 13-16, 2010



are \$5, and children 6-12 are \$4. An Adult Season Pass may be purchased for \$18. New this year will be \$3 Thursday. Admission for everyone is just \$3. Sunday will be Community Day. Admission is free for everyone that day until 5:00 p.m. Parking is FREE all 4 days.

Pre-sale carnival coupons may be purchased now until May 13 at 5:00 p.m. You can give back to the community by purchasing your coupons from the Chowchilla Redfins, CUHS Band Boosters or Alview-Dairyland 4-H.

New to the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair is the Fair Survivor contest. Six contestants will be competing

for \$500 and the title of Fair Survivor. Contestants must stay at the fair the entire run of the fair, eat only fair food, compete in several competitions daily and will not be allowed to have any money or electronic devices during the contest.

For more information about the 2010 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair, visit them online at www.chowchillafair.org or call the Fair office at (559) 665-3728.

While you're out at the Fair, be sure to come by Eastman Hall and visit the City of Chowchilla booth. We'll have information on current programs and the latest City news. We'll be happy to visit with you!

City Volunteer Program



Hard economic times have meant staffing cuts at the City which means some services have been eliminated or reduced. Staff is working hard to cover many areas however extra help is always a good thing. As much as the City

appreciates our residents lending a helping hand on their own, there are certain laws and safety regulations that have to be followed by a municipality. Therefore, we want you to be aware we have established a City

Volunteer Program for those individuals who would like to volunteer their time or talents to help during these tough times. For more information or to learn what volunteer opportunities are available, contact us at 665-8615, x110.



Arbor Day Celebrated

Planting for the future - that's just what this group did as a collaborative effort. Pacific Gas & Electric, along with the City of Chowchilla and the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair dedicated a plaque at the fairgrounds on April 15, 2010 in celebration of Arbor Day. Following the presentation of the plaque, representatives from PG&E, the City, and the fairgrounds planted many new trees along the Road 16 entrance into the fairgrounds. Trees....a joy forever!



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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: Water Violation Fees

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.

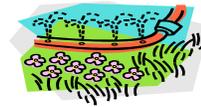
What are these citations for water violations all about?

R.R., Chowchilla

Administrative citations will be issued to those residents that violate the

watering rules and regulations which went into effect **year-round** in 2008. The first offense is a written warning, the 2nd offense is a \$100 fine, the 3rd offense is a \$200 fine, the 4th offense is a \$500 fine and the fine is \$500 for subsequent offenses. Residents are reminded of the watering schedule:

- ◆ 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

Preparing for an Earthquake

With all the earthquakes as of late, it never hurts to brush up on a few preparedness tips. When preparing for an earthquake, plan on having enough supplies to get you and your family through at least the first 72 hours. After a major quake, there's a good chance that traditional emergency response teams will be too busy to take care of you and your family.

HAVE A PLAN

- ☑ Stock up on at least a three-day supply of food, water, clothes, medical

supplies, and other necessary equipment for everyone in your family.

- ☑ Conduct earthquake "Duck, Cover & Hold" drills every six months.
- ☑ Locate shutoff valves for water, gas, and electricity and learn how to shut them off before a quake.
- ☑ Make copies of vital records and keep them in a safe deposit box in another city or state.
- ☑ Keep an extra set of eyeglasses and house and car keys on hand. You should also keep extra cash and change

on hand. If electricity is out, you will not be able to use an ATM machine.

GENERAL TIPS

- ☑ Stay away from heavy furniture, glass panes, large masonry, brick or plaster areas, or shelves.
- ☑ Keep your hallway clear. It is usually one of the safest places to be during a quake.
- ☑ Stay away from kitchens and garages, which tend to be the most dangerous places due to the many items kept there.

Census 2010

By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form. If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit a home up to three times and attempt to reach the household by phone three times. The census worker will leave a double-sided (English and Spanish) NOTICE of VISIT in the doorway that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment. The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form. Remember, Chowchilla is counting on YOU!



Self-Help Enterprises

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Need home repairs?

The City of Chowchilla may be able to help!

The City of Chowchilla in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises is offering assistance with housing repair and renovation to qualified families living in Chowchilla.

To see if you qualify call:
(559) 802-1583



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