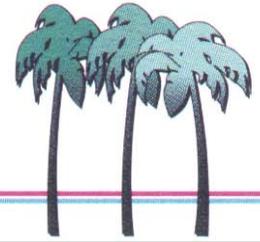




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

June 1 - Chowchilla Adult Education Graduation, 7 p.m.

June 2 - Dairyland School Graduation, 7 p.m.

June 3 - Wilson Middle School Graduation, 7:30 p.m.

June 4 - Chowchilla Union High School Graduation, 8 pm

June 4 - Closure Day - City Offices Closed

June 11 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

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

June 14 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 16 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 18 - Closure Day - City Offices Closed

June 25 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

June 28 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now:

July 4 - Community "Worship in the Park" Service, Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

August 13 - City-Wide Block Party, Sports & Leisure Park, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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

Summer Changes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE.

- Public Safety offices will remain open
- Utility payments will NOT be penalized on these Fridays; customers are encouraged to use the payment drop box on the front of the Civic Center (right side)
- Garbage service will NOT be affected
- CATX services will continue on the non-furlough Fridays: June 4th & 18th

For more information, check out the Press Release page on our City website at: www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Due to the City's current fiscal condition, we will not be able to offer our Summer Aquatics or Summer Chillin' Programs this year. This was a painful but necessary decision that had to be made because of the current state of the City. Although these programs will not be offered this summer they will not be gone forever, just suspended at this time. We will do our best to give you information on any other activities or programs going on in the area. Please see below for the latest information.

Local Activities, Programs & Sports



Here are a few ideas for the summer:

⚙️ Swim lessons and open swim are being offered by the Parks & Community Services Departments of the Cities of Madera and Merced. For information, visit their websites at: www.cityofmadera.org www.cityofmerced.org

⚙️ Registration is still being accepted through June 12 for the Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team. This program is for children ages 5-18. For information, call (559) 665-5983 or visit their website at: www.chowchillaredfins.org

⚙️ The Chowchilla Youth Soccer League is now accepting registrations for their 2010 fall season. Their website has all the info you need. Just visit www.chowchillasoccer.com or call (559) 479-7942.

⚙️ Speaking of soccer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California will be hosting a **FREE** Madera County Youth Soccer Clinic on Saturday, June 5th. Registration kicks off at 8 a.m. at Sunrise Rotary Park in Madera and the clinic runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All children ages 8-15 are welcome to come for the free t-shirt, free lunch, and free ice cream. For more info, contact Ren Hallett at (559) 673-0436 or sign up online at: www.bigs.org

⚙️ Chowchilla PAL (Police Activities League) has a great Boxing Program for youth ages 8-18 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-7 p.m. The cost is only \$2 for the PAL membership and \$1 for the supplies. For more information, call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

⚙️ "Make A Splash" is the Summer Reading Program offered by the Chowchilla Library which will run June 21st through July 21st. To get the full scoop, call them at (559) 665-2630.

⚙️ Join scouting in Chowchilla! There is a Scout Troop for boys in 1st through 11th grades - for information, call (559) 706-5021. For Girl Scout info, call (559) 291-5078.

For more information on other local activities, pick up your free copy of Central California Parent Magazine at the Civic Center. It's loaded with many ideas for your summer fun.

Also, be sure to check the City website's Calendar of Events for information on news of any upcoming events or activities this summer.



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Dennis Haworth, Council Member
Justin White, Council Member

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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

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| 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

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| 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: Homebuyer Assistance Program

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.

Does the City have a program for first-time homebuyers?

B.D., Chowchilla

The City of Chowchilla's Homebuyer Assistance Program offers affordable secondary mortgage

financing to first-time homebuyers. The program is designed to provide the additional financing needed to keep a first mortgage payment affordable.

Homes may be new construction or existing single family homes and they must be located in the city limits of Chowchilla. There are loan, property and eligibility requirements. Participants must also

complete a free homebuyer education course.

The Homebuyer Assistance Program is funded by the State Department of Housing and Community Development Grant Programs. Self-Help Enterprises contracts with the City of Chowchilla to determine eligibility. For more information, contact Maria Gonzalez with Self-Help at (559) 802-1643.

Helping Hands

Helpful volunteers from the Mormon Helping Hands



Project lent their hands last month to help beautify Chowchilla's Sports & Leisure Park. Approx. 40 volunteers of all ages spent a Saturday planting new trees, removing dead trees, weeding the parking lot and playground areas, painting fencing and applying new bark to the playground surface. The statewide program in May



provided volunteer service to communities at a time when economic challenges have affected local governments dealing with budget and staffing shortfalls.

Census 2010

It's not too late to be counted!

If you did not return your Census questionnaire, did not receive one, or believe you were left off the form that someone else answered, you may call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Line (1-866-872-6868 in English, 1-866-928-2010 in Spanish) to have a confidential Census taker complete your form by telephone.

If you still have a questionnaire, you should complete it and return it immediately. If you did not return one or if the form is incomplete, the Census Bureau will send enumerators to visit those households.

If a Census taker knocks on your door, be sure to ask for their official Census Bureau identification. Ask

to see their badge before you give this person any information; you may also ask to see an additional item of personal identification. If you're still unsure, you can call the Regional Census Center at 1-818-717-6700.

All information you provide is completely confidential & protected by federal law.

Free Meals for Kids



All children under age 18 can receive a **FREE** breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday beginning June 8. This program offers free nutritious breakfasts between 8 and 9 a.m. at the cafeterias at Fuller and

Wilson Schools. Lunches are served at the same locations between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Adult meals are also available at a cost of \$3.00 per person.

This program is offered by the Chowchilla Elementary

School District and is open to any child in need of a meal - no income verification is required. The meals will continue through July 2, 2010. For more information, call the District's Food Services Coordinator at (559) 351-2764.