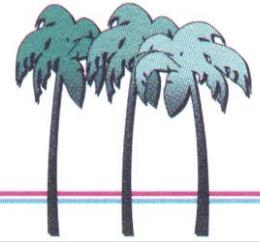




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## Upcoming Schedule

**Aug 6** - Furlough Day -  
City Offices Closed

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

**Aug 11** - Lions Club Blood  
Drive, Little Theater, 4:30 p.m.

**Aug 13** - City Offices Closed

**Aug 13** - Community-Wide  
Block Party, Sports & Leisure  
Park, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

**Aug 13-16** - Vietnam Moving  
Wall, Veterans Memorial Park,  
(See article on back)

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

**Aug 20** - Furlough Day -  
City Offices Closed

**Aug 21** - Community Volunteer  
Cleanup Day, meet at Veterans  
Memorial Park, 8:30 a.m.

**Aug 21** - Chowchilla Fair-  
grounds Electronics Recycling  
Event, 9 a.m. to noon

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

**Aug 27** - City Offices Closed

### Mark your calendars now:

**Sept 18** - City Residential  
Curbside Cleanup Day

**Sept 18** - Chamber of  
Commerce Car Show, Veterans  
Memorial Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Sept 25** - Annual Rabies Clinic,  
Chowchilla Police Department,  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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)

# Community-Wide Block Party

**Friday, August 13, 2010**

**5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Sports & Leisure Park, 625 N. 15th Street**



**Food,  
Crafts,  
Music,  
Games,  
and more.  
Come on out  
and have  
some fun!**



## City Closures Continue

As part of the 90-day interim budget adopted by City Council at their June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, furloughs and closures will continue. City offices, with the exception of Public Safety, will be closed **every Friday** through September. These furloughs and closures may continue in this fiscal year once a permanent budget has been adopted.

The mandated employee furloughs have been instituted every other Friday since last year. Many residents have become aware of these closures therefore most Fridays have

shown a reduced amount of foot traffic. This created an opportunity to close on days that residents would be least inconvenienced and City staff could be more productive.

Although offices will be closed on Fridays, telephone calls will be received and most City operations will continue as normal on non-furlough closure days. CATX services will not be affected by the additional non-furlough closures; they may be reached at 665-8655. A few important items to remember during closure dates are as follows: for any Public

Services emergencies such as water main breaks, street concerns, or other safety issues, call 559-665-8615, extension 305 during regular business hours. For furlough days and after-hour assistance, contact the Chowchilla Police Department at 122 Trinity Avenue or call 559-665-8600. Garbage services will not be affected and schedules will continue as normal. Utility payments can be deposited in the drop box slot located at the right side of the front of the Civic Center – payments will not be penalized due to these Friday closures.

## Berenda Reservoir



**Berenda Reservoir** is open Thursday through Sunday each week from 9:00 a.m. to dusk for boating, jet skiing, swimming, and picnicking. The typical season lasts into August however the closing

date is determined by water availability, so dates are subject to change. Thanks to the Boy Scout Troup and now to the Chowchilla Lions for their efforts in maintaining the reservoir area for public use.

Do you use the reservoir and wish to help with operating costs? Donations (suggested amount is a \$30 season pass fee) are being accepted at the Civic Center or the Chowchilla Police Department.



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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. 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: Whooping Cough

*Ask the City answers questions submitted to us by email, mail or telephone. Readers can send in their questions to the addresses listed in the left column.*

**I've been hearing a lot lately about Whooping Cough - what do we need to know?**

L.S., Chowchilla

The Madera County Public Health Department has been distributing information on **Whooping Cough**, also known as Pertussis. We have fliers here at the Civic Center and available

on our website. Here is a brief overview:

Whooping Cough causes coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. It spreads easily and can kill young babies. Early symptoms start mild and are similar to the common cold. After 1-2 weeks, symptoms can get worse quickly and last for months. They include coughing attacks that may lead to vomiting, difficulty breathing, red or blue face, extreme fatigue, a "whoop" sound, and/or sweating spells. However, symptoms

in infants are different. Infants younger than 6 months old often do not have a typical cough. In the early stages, infants may gasp or gag, get very tired, stop breathing, or have seizures.

If you or a family member has any symptoms of Whooping Cough, see a doctor right away. Also, stay up-to-date on your immunization shots and check to see if you may need a booster shot. For further information, call MCPHD at 559-675-7893.

## Vietnam Moving Wall in Chowchilla



**The Chowchilla American Legion Post 148 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896 are proud to announce that the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial Display is coming to Chowchilla August 13-16, 2010.**

The wall will arrive with a motorcycle escort on August 12th and set up will begin in Veterans Memorial Park on August 13th. The memorial wall will be open to the public for viewing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 14th. An opening ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. that day. The wall will remain on display until Monday, August 16th with a closing ceremony taking place at 3:00 p.m.

The community is invited to come and visit this memorial honoring those men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country. Security personnel will be on duty at all hours to provide info as needed.

Chowchilla has a long tradition of supporting its veterans and is glad to be the site for many visitors wishing to come see a piece of history. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with this project may call John at 559-665-5470.

## Let's Keep Chowchilla Beautiful



Due to the City and State's ongoing budget shortfalls, layoffs and furloughs have occurred causing a lack of routine maintenance along Robertson Boulevard. Funding that had provided state prison crews to perform routine maintenance along Robertson Blvd. in the past has been cut and City staff has been drastically reduced not allowing time to continue with all the upkeep needed.

This is a time when businesses and residents can pitch in to help! If you are a resident or business along Robertson Blvd. and would

like to see the City remain looking nice, please pitch in by sweeping your sidewalks or picking up trash in front of your home or business. City staff will trim landscaping as time and funds allow.

Also, if any groups or organizations are interested in taking on any area of the City, such as a park or neighborhood, as a volunteer project providing maintenance/clean-up, please contact us at (559) 665-8615, extension 110.

There is an ongoing Community Volunteer Project

taking place monthly that is open to all volunteers. On a Saturday during the past two months, these youth and adult volunteers have cleaned up many areas in the City and just recently hauled off 83 bags of weeds from along Santa Cruz Boulevard. **The next scheduled cleanup day is Saturday, August 21st.**

Interested volunteers should show up at Veterans Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m. prepared to work. This will take a concerted effort as a community during these tough times. Be a part of the solution!