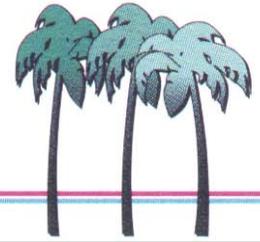




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

Sep 3 - Furlough Day,
City Offices Closed

Sep 6 - Labor Day Holiday,
City Offices Closed

Sep 10 - City Offices Closed

Sep 13 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Sep 15 - Planning
Commission Meeting,
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Sep 17 - Furlough Day,
City Offices Closed

Sep 18 - Annual Residential
Community Curbside Clean-Up
Day (see enclosed flier for details)

Sep 18 - Chamber of
Commerce Car Show, Veterans
Memorial Park (see article on
back)

Sep 24 - City Offices Closed

Sep 25 - Fall Rabies Clinic,
Chowchilla Police Department,
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (see article at
right)

Sep 27 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now:

Oct 4-8 - National Fire
Prevention Week - Watch for
Chowchilla Volunteer Fire
Dept. members (& Sparky!)
at local school assemblies

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

City Curbside Clean-Up

This is a **FREE** annual curb-
side service on **September
18** for City of Chowchilla solid
waste customers of single-
family
resi-
dences only.



For apartment or condomin-
ium residents, please contact
your landlord to arrange for
special disposal issues. For
gated community residents,
please contact your
Homeowners Association for
disposal information.
Residences with bin service

on Robertson Boulevard or
Defender Street will be
contacted with special
instructions. For special
questions, **see the enclosed
flier** or call the City Public
Services Department at (559)
665-8615, extension 305.

Rabies Clinic & More

The Animal Control Division
of the Chowchilla Police
Department will hold their
annual **Fall Rabies Clinic** on
Saturday, September 25,
2010 at the police station
located at 122 Trinity Avenue.

The clinic runs from 9:00 a.m.
to 10:00 a.m. for senior
citizens and people with
special needs. From 10:00
a.m. to 12:00 noon, the clinic
is open to the general public.
Please make sure all animals
are on leashes or in carriers.
The cost is \$6.00 per shot.
The 7 in 1 puppy shot will

also be available for \$20
which does not include the
rabies vaccination. Three
types of cat vaccines will be
offered. For more information,
contact the Chowchilla Police
Department's Animal Control
Division at (559) 665-8600,
extension 535.

Looking to adopt a pet?
Adopting a shelter animal can
save a life! The Madera
County Animal Shelter has an
Adoption Center open from
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday and
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

on Saturdays. They are
located at 14269 Road 28 in
Madera.

Adoption fees include spay or
neuter services, up-to-date
vaccinations, a county
license, and for an additional
minimal fee, you can get a
microchip ID. To view some
of these adoptable pets
online, go to www.petfinder.com.
For more information, call
them at (559) 675-7891. You
can also ask about their low
cost spay & neuter programs
and their low cost monthly
vaccination clinics.

FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER OPENING

The **Fossil Discovery Center of Madera
County** is busy working on exhibits and
getting ready for their opening on August
31st. They are located at 19450 Avenue
21 1/2 in Fairmead. Open hours are from
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through
Sunday. They are planning a big grand
opening celebration the week of October
12-17, 2010 for children and families with
special events and activities planned for
the entire week.

FDC is also looking for volunteers and
partnerships with schools and businesses.
For more information, give them a call at
(559) 665-7107 or visit their website at
www.maderamammoths.org. You can also
get information on their Facebook page.



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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. 406
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.



Reducing Solid Waste



With September comes the fall cleanup giving many residents a chance to get rid of unwanted waste. Did you know every year, Californians generate 6.6 million tons of solid waste? A third of that is packaging.

One way to reduce this waste and save energy is to "precycle." Precycling means shopping for items that don't have a lot of disposable packaging. It takes energy to make that packaging, and it takes more energy to cart away the extra garbage you're left

with after you unwrap it. By buying products with less packaging, you can reduce carbon dioxide production.

How to be an Energy Saver:

- ☺ Use the precycling test - always think about how much packaging you'll have to throw away before you select an item.
- ☺ Think about buying food in bulk which uses less packaging.
- ☺ Use rechargeable batteries. Substitute them for batteries you use in everything from

- cell phones to toys.
- ☺ Stop the junk mail you receive and then throw away. Contact the Mail Preference Service at www.recycleplease.org/lessmail.shtml#how to get yourself off national mailing lists.
- ☺ Next time you buy something, carry it in your hands or your own recyclable bag instead of using store bags.

This information and more energy saving tips can be found at www.pge.com/foryourhome



Classic Car Show

The Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual **Classic Car Show** will be held on September 18, 2010 at Veterans Memorial Park located at 600 W. Robertson Boulevard. It is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Along with classic and pony class cars, there will be great music, good food, and assorted vendors.

There will also be an opportunity for community members to vote on their favorite car to receive the Community Choice Award. Over twenty-five

awards will be given away including awards to cars chosen by local businesses. Come enjoy a relaxing day in the park viewing beautiful cars and learning about the cars' histories. For more information or to enter a car, call the Chamber at (559) 665-5603.

Affordable Auto Insurance

The California Department of Insurance wants you to know the State of California offers an affordable insurance program so all qualified motorists can drive with confidence.

Currently, eighteen percent of California motorists are uninsured. That number is expected to increase as unemployment rises. Many drivers can afford California's Low Cost Auto Insurance program - a state sponsored program for struggling Californians who have a good driving record - and payment options are available. In many areas of California, the program costs around \$400 a year, making it even more affordable.

And it's easy to qualify. The eligibility requirements include:

- ☞ An applicant must be a "good driver" - no more than one at-fault property damage only accident, or one point for a moving violation in the past three years.
- ☞ Applicant must be at least 19 years of age or older and a continuously licensed driver for the past three years.
- ☞ No at-fault accident involving bodily injury or death in the past three years and no felony or misdemeanor conviction for a violation of the Vehicle Code.
- ☞ Family meets income eligibility limits of \$27,075 for a single

person, \$36,425 for two persons and \$55,125 for a family of four.

- ☞ The value of an insured vehicle must not exceed \$20,000.

While the economic benefits are substantial and more drivers are eligible, the CDI also wants to remind drivers that they need insurance; **it's the law**. Driving without insurance can lead to actions such as a suspended license, an impounded car or a fine.

To learn if you qualify for California's Low Cost Automobile Insurance Program, visit: www.insurance.ca.gov/lowcost, or call (866) 60-AUTO-1 (866-602-8861).