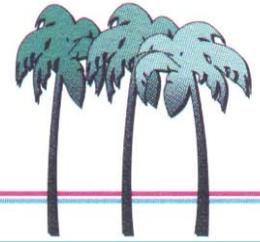




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

Oct 1 - Furlough Day,
City Offices Closed

Oct 3-9 - Fire Prevention Week,
(See article to right)

Oct 5 - High Speed Rail Public
Info Meeting, Merced Senior
Center, 4-7 p.m.

Oct 8 - City Offices Closed
(Tentative)

Oct 8 - Chowchilla Senior
Center Prize Bingo Night,
Senior Citizen Center, 6 p.m.

Oct 11 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 15 - Furlough Day,
City Offices Closed

Oct 18 - Airport Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 19 - Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting,
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 20 - Planning Commission
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 21 - Heritage Preservation
Commission Meeting,
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 22 - City Offices Closed
(Tentative)

Oct 25 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Oct 29 - Furlough Day,
City Offices Closed

Mark your calendars now:

Nov 11 - Veterans Day
Commemoration Ceremony,
Veterans Memorial Park, 11 a.m.

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

Fire Prevention Week - Oct. 3-9, 2010

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half.

≥ Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms.

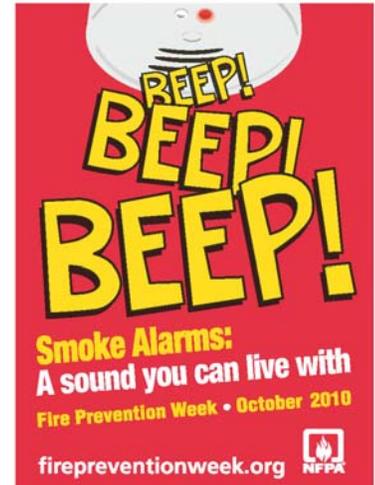
≥ Interconnection of smoke alarms is highly recommended; when one smoke alarm sounds, they all do. This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals. A licensed electrician can install hard-wired multiple-station alarms. Wireless alarms, which manufacturers

have more recently begun producing, can be installed by the homeowner.

≥ There are two types of smoke alarm technologies – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms that take advantage of both technologies.

≥ Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

≥ All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, should be



replaced when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead.

≥ **Never remove or disable a smoke alarm!**

This information is provided to you by NFPA and the Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department.



Household Hazardous Waste

The September curbside clean-up was beneficial to many as loads of waste were hauled away and disposed of. Household hazardous waste is an area that is excluded from that cleanup, but did you know you can get rid of that HHW waste Monday through Saturday at no cost?

The Madera County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (located at the Fairmead Landfill - 21739 Road 19) will accept household hazardous waste items that include:

- ✓ **GARAGE:** motor oil, grease, batteries, fluorescent lamps and tubes
- ✓ **GARDEN:** weed killers, pesticides, pool chemicals
- ✓ **HOUSE:** cleaners, aerosol cans, moth balls, batteries
- ✓ **WORKSHOP:** solvents, art supplies, paint & remover, photographic chemicals
- ✓ **ELECTRONICS:** televisions, computers, VCRs & accessories, monitors
- ✓ **NEEDLES & SHARPS:** household needles, lancets, syringes

Medical waste, radioactive material, and large compressed gas cylinders are NOT accepted.

Quantities are limited to 15 gallons liquids or 125 pounds solids per trip. Businesses need to call the county for an appointment at (805) 481-9213. This collection program is funded in part by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

For specific hours or further information on this program, call (559) 665-3099.



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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
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Human Resources ext. 705
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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
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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: Flu Shots

Ask the City is a feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or phone.

I missed the flu shot clinic in Chowchilla. Are there other locations nearby I can go for free shots?

B.R., Chowchilla

Yes, there are other Madera County Public Health Clinics scheduled throughout the county during October. These

FREE flu shot clinics are for county residents ages 12 and older. Here are some dates and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 5th @ Madera Fairgrounds, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 7th @ Liberty High School in Madera Ranchos, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 9th @ Madera Fairgrounds, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 12th @ Pan American Senior Center, Madera, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

For more county locations or further information, call MCPHD at (559) 675-7893 or (800) 427-6897.



Adult Recreational Volleyball

Monday nights this fall offer great recreational fun for adults through the City of Chowchilla. The **Open Recreational Volleyball Program** is not a league - rather an opportunity for individuals to come together, form teams each week, and play volleyball just for FUN!

The fall program, held at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym, runs through November 29, 2010. The cost is \$3 per person per night and the time runs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Monday night (*cancellations may occur due to holidays or special events*).

You may sign up any Monday night at the gym; all participants must sign a Program Registration Liability Waiver Form and a Player's Code of Conduct Form prior to playing.

For further information, call us at (559) 665-8615, extension 110.

Energy Partners Program

PG&E Breathe Easy Solutions offers numerous services including their Energy Partners Program. This free service helps reduce your energy usage. Energy Partners Program offers income-qualified customers who own or rent a home free energy education, weatherization measures, and energy-efficient appliances to income-qualified households.

These may include:

- ▶ Refrigerator replacement
- ▶ Door replacement and weather-stripping
- ▶ Attic insulation
- ▶ Compact fluorescent lighting

Customers who qualify for a monthly discount through CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) provides a monthly discount on

energy bills for income-qualified households. Call (866) 743-2273 for info on the CARE program) may also be eligible for the Energy Partners Program.

For information on this program, you can visit www.pge.com/energypartners or call them at (800) 989-9744. Then you can breathe a little easier!

Temporary Parking Only

Are you aware there is a time limit for parking on lawns and yards?

Per Chowchilla Municipal Code 10.28.155: No motor vehicle, motorcycle, tractor, trailer, camper or other mode of transportation, whether or not motorized or operational, shall be parked or stored on required front yard or side



yard, lawn, grass or landscaped areas except on a permanent

driveway or parking place specifically and properly designed for the purpose of parking vehicles and constructed of asphalt blacktop, concrete, cement, blocks or other approved all-weather surface.

It is a violation of this ordinance when said parking exceeds four (4) hours.

This ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 2006 in order to meet a goal of maintaining residential neighborhoods with a focus on safety and cleanliness. For more info, call (559) 665-8615.