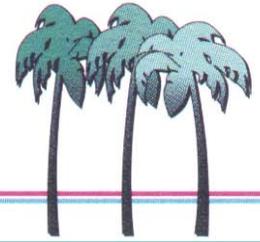




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Upcoming Schedule

Nov 5 - City Offices Closed

Nov 6 - Senior Center's 7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Senior Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Nov 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back (See back)

Nov 8 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov 9 - CAF Youth Basketball Last Chance Registration, Sports Center/Wilson Gym, 6 - 9 p.m. (See article to right)

Nov 11 - Veterans Day, City Offices Closed in Observance

Nov 11 - Annual Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11 am

Nov 12 - Furlough Day, City Offices Closed

Nov 17 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov 19 - City Offices Closed

Nov 22 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov 24 - Furlough Day, City Offices Closed

Nov 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving Holidays, City Offices Closed

Mark your calendars now:

Dec 4 - Lions Club 43rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Robertson Blvd. & Front Street, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas, minutes and details on events are available on the City's website at

www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us



Veterans Commemoration Ceremony

Chowchilla's Annual Veterans Ceremony honoring all veterans

who have served the United States as a member of the Armed Forces will be held on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park.

The **Veterans Commemoration Ceremony** is co-sponsored by the City of Chowchilla, Chowchilla American Legion Post #148 and VFW Post #9896 with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

The entire community is encouraged to attend this event to gain a stronger appreciation for the men

and women who strive to protect us and to honor our local retired veterans who have unselfishly served our country.

For further information on this ceremony, call the City's Public Information Office at (559) 665-8615, extension 110. The City thanks our veterans!

Youth Basketball Program

Chowchilla Athletic Foundation (CAF) will be taking the reins of this fun recreational league for boys and girls in first through eighth grades. (Registrations and teams are determined by grade level for the 2010-2011 school year.)

The cost is \$30 for the first child and \$25 each for additional siblings in the same family. Fees do not include the picture package; information on that will be provided at a later date from team coaches. Fees are payable to the Chowchilla

Athletic Foundation. A parent or legal guardian must fully sign the registration form.

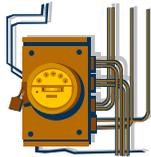
The last day to register is Tuesday, November 9, 2010 between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym during the Mandatory Player Evaluations for fifth through eighth grade students. This evaluation will take approximately ten minutes per player.

Registrations can be picked up and turned in at the following places and times:

Sat., October 30th and Sat., November 6th @ Chowchilla Youth Soccer games at the Sports & Leisure Park (at Kites Street - 9am to 1pm)

Tuesday, November 9th @ the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym (6-9pm)

After November 9, applicants will be put on a waiting list and no payment will be required until the applicant is added to a team. For more information, call (559) 904-8122 or email cafyouthbasketball@yahoo.com



Please be sure to read the important water meter information enclosed with this month's newsletter.

Holiday Closures

City of Chowchilla offices will be closed November 24-26, 2010 during the Thanksgiving holiday week due to furloughs and holiday observances.

The City of Chowchilla wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving!





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Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*
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Jay Varney, *Acting City Administrator*
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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
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

Direct Numbers

CATX	665-8655
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.



PG&E Gas Pipeline Info Available

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide transparent information to customers, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is making information about the utility's natural gas pipelines available online.

For those who want to learn more about PG&E's gas transmission pipeline system, PG&E 'My Account' customers may obtain personalized gas transmission pipeline information through a secure login available online at www.pge.com.

Customers can see whether any of PG&E's gas transmission lines are in close proximity to their home, and if so, where those lines are located. Maps include gas transmission pipeline segments that have been identified for engineering analysis and future work as part of PG&E's ongoing preventive maintenance process.

A link to this login for PG&E 'My Account' customers has also been placed on PG&E's pipeline information page at: www.pge.com/pipelineplanning.

Customers without Internet access or who would like

live support from a PG&E customer service representative should call 1-888-743-7431.

PG&E has a comprehensive inspection and monitoring program to ensure the safety and integrity of its 6,438 miles of gas transmission and 42,141 miles of gas distribution lines. PG&E monitors system status in real time on a 24/7 basis and regularly conducts leak inspections, surveys and patrols for its natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines. Any public safety concerns identified during these inspections are immediately addressed.

Natural gas is odorless and colorless. As a safety precaution, PG&E adds a sulfur-like odor to natural gas to help people identify gas leaks.

Gas Safety Tips:

- ☞ Keep a flashlight handy to investigate minor gas odors. Never use matches or candles to look for gas leaks, and never turn any electric switches on or off if you suspect a gas leak.
- ☞ Check pilot lights to see if they are lit. If the pilot light is out, shut the gas off at the appliances gas

shutoff valve. Always wait five minutes to let gas disperse before trying to relight an appliance pilot light.

- ☞ If the smell of gas continues, or if you have any doubts, open windows and doors and get everyone out of the building. Using a phone away from the building, call 9-1-1 and PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.
- ☞ DO NOT rely on your sense of smell alone to detect the presence of natural gas.

- ☞ In addition to the distinctive odor added to natural gas, the following signs may indicate the presence of a gas leak: a hissing, whistling or roaring sound near a gas appliance or pipeline, a damaged connection to a gas appliance, dead or dying vegetation in an area over or near a pipeline, dirt or water being thrown in the air, a fire or explosion near a pipeline, or an exposed pipeline after an earthquake, fire, flood or other disaster.

To learn more about gas and electric safety, please visit www.pge.com/myhome/edusafety/gaselectricsafety.



Daylight Saving Time

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, America will be back to standard time after changing the Daylight Saving Time (and not Daylight Savings Time with an "s").



On November 7, clocks in America will be adjusted and turned back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time 2010. The adjustment of clocks

according to Daylight Saving Time is not just a random crazy law; it is a deliberate attempt to save energy by taking maximum advantage of the sunlight during a period of eight months, which is from March through October.

The practice of adjusting clocks according to Daylight Saving Time began back during World War I as an effort to save and utilize energy for the War time period. The

Energy Policy Act set the official time and dates for Daylight Saving Time in 2005.

Each year at 2:00 a.m., the clocks are set forward ("spring forward") one hour on the second Sunday of March that is known as Daylight Saving Time. On the first Sunday of November at 2:00 a.m., clocks are then adjusted to standard time one hour back ("fall back"). Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!