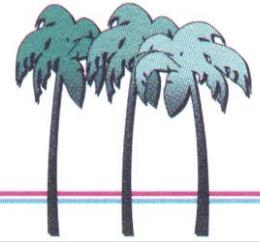




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## Monthly Calendar

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Jan 3-7** - Christmas Tree Roundup (see article below right)

**Jan 7** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

**Jan 8** - Little League Registration Begins (see article on back)

**Jan 10** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Jan 14** - City Offices Closed

**Jan 15** - Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner, Little Theater, 6 p.m., Call 665-5603 for tickets or more information.

**Jan 17** - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - City Offices Closed

**Jan 18** - Airport Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

**Jan 18** - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Jan 19** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Jan 20** - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Jan 21** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

**Jan 24** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Jan 28** - City Offices Closed

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)

## Meet Your City Council

### Alexander named Mayor; Jackson is Pro Tem

At the December 13, 2010 Chowchilla City Council meeting, the newest council members were sworn in. Janan Hebert and Isaac Jackson joined David Alexander, Dennis Haworth, and Jim Kopshever to comprise Chowchilla's City Council.

Janan Hebert was raised in Chowchilla and graduated from Chowchilla Union High School. Janan has worked for local manufacturer Brake Parts Inc. since 1992 and has been active in Soroptimist International of Chowchilla for many years.

Isaac Jackson and his family moved to Chowchilla in 2006 after he accepted a Senior IT Business Systems Analyst position with Foster Farms. Although only in Chowchilla for a few years, Isaac has become very active in the community by volunteering his time with youth sports and cleanup programs.



Seated left to right: Janan Hebert, Dennis Haworth, David Alexander, Jim Kopshever, Isaac Jackson

Dennis Haworth, a police officer for UC Merced, is beginning his third year of a four-year term.

Jim Kopshever, a businessman and past mayor, has been serving on the City Council since 2007.

David Alexander is in the insurance business and recently founded the Community Volunteer Cleanup Program. His term expires in 2012.

During the annual reorganization of the Council, members appointed David Alexander as Mayor and new Council Member Isaac Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem. They will serve in these positions for one year.

Outgoing Council Members John Chavez and Justin White, whose terms had expired, were recognized and received plaques for their years of service to the City of Chowchilla.

## Prevent Costly Sewer Back-ups

Food scraps, fats and oils washed down the kitchen sink can result in clogged sewer lines and expensive plumbing bills, so the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department is issuing tips to help residents avoid costly problems. The City encourages residents to keep their pipes clean by remembering the following tips for properly disposing of food waste and cooking products:

- Pour fat drippings and kitchen greases into sealable containers and dispose of them in your black garbage container.

- Avoid putting leftover food down the garbage disposal whenever possible.
- Any waste that can be thrown in the garbage should *always* be put in the garbage. **Remember, "Scrape It; Don't Grind It."** Even the smallest amount of fat, oil, or grease will solidify and stick to sewer pipes. The residue then catches food and other solids that are washed down sinks and other drains in the home. Over time, the debris builds up and eventually causes a complete blockage of the sewer pipe.



### Christmas Tree Roundup

If you would like your Christmas tree taken away for free, please have your tree at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick up day during the week of **January 3 - 7, 2011**. Please remember - all trees over six feet tall must be cut in half and all trees must be free of any decorations.



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### Chowchilla City Council

David Alexander, *Mayor*  
Isaac Jackson, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*  
Janan Hebert, *Council Member*  
Jim Kopshever, *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

### 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 address 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.



# Do Your Part to Help



**LEAVES  
CLOG  
DRAINS!**  
Leaves should NOT be

raked into piles in the street. All leaves should be placed in your GREEN waste container and put

out for your regular trash pickup service.

Due to budget cuts, street sweeping services are very limited for leaves that naturally fall in the street, so picking up any extra leaves in front of your residence is greatly appreciated!

### SPRINKLERS STILL ON?

Time to check your automated sprinkler system to make sure your timer is off. With all this recent rain, it's a great time to save water by turning off your automatic sprinklers. The City thanks you for conserving and doing your part!

# Board Vacancies - Get Involved!

YOU can get involved in your community. The City of Chowchilla is **seeking applicants** for three of its City commissions and committees (*Planning Commission, Airport Committee, and Heritage Preservation Commission*).

Members serve a term of four years from January 1st of the year of appointment,

or until their successors are appointed. Additional information and an application can be downloaded from the City's website at: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us).

Click on the "Commissions and Committees" heading then click on "Vacancies," or call Administrative Services at 665-8615, extension 110. You can

also stop by the Civic Center at 130 S. Second Street at Trinity Avenue to pick up the information.

The deadline to submit an application is January 5, 2011 or until a sufficient number of applications are received. Applications must be returned to the Administrative Services Dept. in the Civic Center.

# Time to License Your Dog

Licenses expire December 31st every year



Chowchilla Municipal Code 6.04.250 states all dogs residing within the City of Chowchilla limits that are **over the age of four months** must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed through the Chowchilla Police Department every year.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a dog license. You must also show proof of

dog's alteration in order to receive licensing discounts.

To obtain or renew a license, visit the Chowchilla Police Department during regular business hours (call for hours). Renewals only in the form of check or money order payable to the City of Chowchilla may be mailed in to the department at 122 Trinity Avenue. Proof of current rabies vaccination must also be

included if not already on file or if it has expired.

The fee is \$9.00 for altered dogs and \$18.00 for unaltered dogs. The Senior discount is \$4.50 for altered dogs and \$9.00 for unaltered dogs. *Note: A \$20 late fee will be added to all fees after April 1.*

For further information, call the Chowchilla Police Dept. at 665-8600.

# Little League/Tee Ball Registration

Little League registrations will be held at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym during youth basketball games in January.

On January 8, 15, 22, & 29, parents can sign up their children between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Registrations will also be accepted at Shirt Shak and Small

Wonders Day Care. Tee ball sign-ups will be taken at the same time since Little League now runs the Tee Ball Program.

The cost is \$30 for tee ball, \$50 for baseball, and \$25 for each additional child in the same family. The price includes the player's jersey and the basic team photo

package.

**Please note:** parents must bring a copy of the player's birth certificate at time of registration. For more information, check out their website at: [www.eteamz.com/chowchillalittleleague](http://www.eteamz.com/chowchillalittleleague) or call (559) 975-9206.

