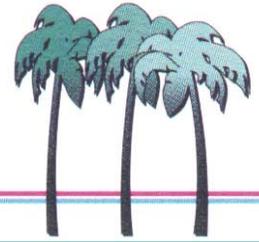




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



March 2011 Volume 3, Issue 3

Monthly Calendar

March 4 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

March 5 - Spring Rabies Clinic, P.D. parking lot, (see right)

March 11 - City Offices Closed

March 12 - Little League Opening Ceremonies, RC Wisener Park

March 13 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 16 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 18 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

March 19 - CAF Girls Softball Opening Ceremonies, Sports & Leisure Park

March 19 - Soroptimist Prize Bingo, O'Loughlin Hall, 3:30 pm

March 25 - City Offices Closed

March 26 - Community Volunteer Clean-up Day (see article on back)

March 28 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now:

April 2 - Chowchilla Police Department's K-9 Benefit Dinner. Call 665-8600 for info.

April 6-10 - Chowchilla Western Stampede

April 23 - City's Easter Egg Hunt Event (contest news at right)

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

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Get Your Dog Licensed Too



The Chowchilla Police Department

holds two rabies clinics every year in the spring and fall. The upcoming Spring Rabies Clinic will be held at the Police Station located at 122 Trinity Avenue on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please note: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is only for seniors or residents with special needs. The general public hours are 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The cost is \$6 per shot. The seven-in-one puppy shot will

also be available for \$20, not including the rabies vaccination. Three types of cat vaccines will be offered at \$10 per shot. All cats must be in carriers. The next rabies clinic will be held in September 2011 (date TBA).

FMAS Chowchilla Chapter will be offering low cost spay/neuter certificates during the clinic at a cost of \$20 for dogs and \$15 for cats.

City residents are reminded that all dogs living within the City limits are required to be licensed and vaccinated for rabies once over the age of

four months. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. Dog licenses are valid for the year in which they are issued and expire on December 31 of that year. Licenses issued after March 31 will require a \$20 late fee with the exception of puppies that reach four months of age after that date.

There are license fee discounts for seniors and for owners of spayed or neutered dogs. For more information on the clinic, contact the Chowchilla Police Dept. at (559) 665-8600.

Water Efficiency Savings

The City of Chowchilla encourages you to look into ways to conserve water which helps preserve precious resources AND can save you money on your water bill. Last month, water meter billing began for residents with operating water meters. We offered tips and resources, such as checking for leaks and installing water efficient products, to help you save money on your bill. Some of our local businesses that offer these services and products are willing to offer a discount

in order to make your residence water efficient. These businesses include plumbers, sprinkler companies, and hardware stores. Contact a local professional and ask if they are a participating business.

If your operational water meter is leaking, or if you question the integrity of the meter, please contact our Public Services Dept. by calling 665-8615, ext. 305 or 328 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

COLORING CONTEST

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla is sponsoring the Easter Coloring/Decorating Contest. Kids 12 years and younger can enter to win some great prizes. Visit the City website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us to download a copy of the 2011 contest entry form and rules or pick one up at the Civic Center (available March 7). The deadline is April 8, so enter before then!



Water Meters - How many gallons do you use?

If you have an operable water meter, you now see a usage number on your utility bill. This number represents your water usage in cubic feet. In order to know the gallon equivalent, simply multiply

the usage amount by 7.48 to obtain the number of gallons that were used. *Example: usage number: 3020 X 7.48 = 22,590 gallons used.* The current monthly flat rate of \$23.31 is for consumption

under 27,000 gallons. If you exceed that, the rate increase is approx. 1¢ per every 7 gallons. This formula can help you keep track of water usage thereby encouraging water conservation practices.



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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.



Community Volunteer Clean-Up

When times are tough, the tough get going... and clean up the City! Last year, a **Community Volunteer Clean-Up Project** began due to the City staffing cutbacks. The seasonal monthly program was a success thanks to the handful of volunteers that spent many hours mowing, weeding, and cleaning

up properties around Chowchilla. Ages of volunteers ranged from nine to sixty.

The group desires to continue this project in 2011 on a monthly basis but really needs more volunteer help. The next Volunteer Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 26.



If you're interested, come to Veterans Memorial Park (600 W. Robertson) at 8:30 a.m. prepared to work and help make your community a nicer place to live. For more information, follow our Facebook page.



Adopt-A-Park Program

Take Pride in Chowchilla

The City of Chowchilla is pleased to announce The Full Gospel Truth Church has signed up for our **Adopt-A-Park Program**. This worthwhile program has been around for some time and a few projects have taken place over the years, but the need is so much greater now with all the City staffing cuts.

Adopt-A-Park is a volunteer program for organizations, churches, businesses and other groups looking to contribute in their own community. Volunteers essentially "adopt" a park and watch over it assisting with litter, sweeping, weeding, and other general maintenance. As a perk, those signing up for the

program get their name mentioned in news articles and other areas. If the group satisfactorily assists at the park for a minimum period of six months, a sign can be placed at the park site as recognition. For more information or to sign up, call us at 665-8615, ext. 110. And thank you to Full Gospel Truth Church!

Adult Open Rec Volleyball



Beginning March 7, recreational open gym **drop-in adult volleyball** is played from 7-9 p.m. at the Chowchilla Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym on Monday nights through May 23. A \$3 per person fee is collected each night. New players may show up

at the gym and register on-site. This is NOT a league. Teams are formed each week for those wishing to play volleyball just for FUN. All participants must sign a Liability Release & Waiver Form and Code of Conduct prior to playing in this recreational program.

Please note: Participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Children cannot be brought to the program because no supervision is provided at the gym. No exceptions!** For more information, call us at 665-8615, extension 110.

Police Explorers - Now Recruiting!

Chowchilla Police Explorers Post 599 is now currently recruiting.

Explorers receive training in a wide range of police procedures such as traffic control, crime prevention, investigative techniques, ride-alongs, and court procedures. They also participate in law enforcement skill competitions with other law enforcement explorer posts.

If you are 14 to 20 years of age, reside in Chowchilla, maintain a "C" grade average in school, are of good moral character, and do not have a criminal history, YOU could be a Police Explorer.

For more information, contact CSO Denny at 665-8600, or pick up an application at the Chowchilla Police Department located at 122 Trinity Avenue.



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on March 13! Daylight Saving Time Begins.