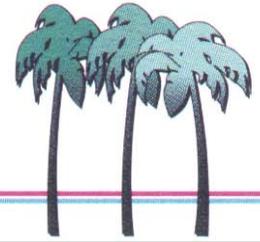




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



April 2011 Volume 3, Issue 4

Monthly Calendar

April 1 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

April 2 - Chowchilla Police Department's 7th Annual K-9 Benefit Dinner. Call 665-8615, ext. 506 for information.

April 6-10 - Chowchilla Western Stampede *(see back)*

April 8 - City Offices Closed

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

April 15 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

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

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

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

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

April 22 - City Offices Closed

April 23 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event *(see article to right)*

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

April 29 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Mark your calendars now:

May 5 - Mayor's Prayer Luncheon - call us for info.

May 18-22 - Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. Visit www.chowchillafair.org for info.

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



Water Use Facts Inside the Home

By giving your home a water efficiency makeover with WaterSense labeled toilets and faucets, you could save more than 11,000 gallons annually - and that's no drop in the bucket.

Get Flush With Savings

- ◆ Consider installing a WaterSense labeled toilet which uses 20 percent less water.
- ◆ Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 15 minutes.

Accessorize Your Faucet

- ◆ Installing a WaterSense labeled aerator is one of the

most cost-effective ways to save water.

- ◆ Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

Clean Up With Savings

- ◆ A full bathtub can require many gallons *(see chart at right)* while taking a 5-minute shower uses much less.
- ◆ Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth can save 8 gallons per day.

Lighten Your Loads

- ◆ Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes or lower the water settings for smaller loads.

How many gallons do we use?

Taking a bath	50-70
Taking a shower	10-40
Watering the lawn	180
Dishwasher	8-13
Washing machine	35-50
Washing the car	50
Brushing your teeth	2-5
Cooking	5-10
Drinking	1/2
Flushing toilet (once)	4-7
Leaking toilet (day)	60

Source: Water Education Foundation

- ◆ Replace your old washing machine with a high-efficiency Energy Star labeled model which uses up to 50 percent less water.

Easter Egg Hunt



The City of Chowchilla and Soroptimist International of Chowchilla's
36th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sports & Leisure Park, 625 N. 15th St.

Egg Hunts for ages up to 12 Face Tattoos
Door Prizes Coloring Contest Awards
Photos w/ Mrs. Bunny Jelly Bean Guessing Contest

Thank you to the following sponsors for helping to sponsor this event for our community:

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla, Camarena Health Center, Castle Distribution Services, Fagundes Dairy, Pistoresi Ambulance, Noain Plumbing, Chowchilla Auto Body, Citibank, DC Cleaners, DeWitt's Drug Store, Eric Haupt Construction, Eye2Eye Photo Studio, KFC/Taco Bell, C & R Stove & Spa Barn, Chowchilla 4-H, S & W Parts, and A & R Refrigeration

NEED HOME REPAIRS? WANT TO BUY A HOME?

The City of Chowchilla in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises will hold a meeting to introduce City Housing Programs.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 13, 2011
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Civic Center
Council Chambers

- 🏠 First Time Home Buyer
- 🏠 Home Repairs
- 🏠 Foreclosure Counseling
- 🏠 Homeownership Education
- 🏠 Build Your Own Self-Help Home

For information, call (559) 651-1000. Espanol available.



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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.



Blind Intersections - Caution!

Chowchilla has many blind intersections in town. Do you know the law when it comes to these uncontrolled intersections? According to the CVC, **the speed limit for a blind intersection is 15 mph.** An intersection is considered "blind" if there are no stop signs at any corner and you cannot see for 100 feet in

either direction during the last 100 feet before crossing. At a blind intersection, **slow down** and be ready to stop. Yield to vehicles already in the intersection or just entering it. Also, yield to the car which arrives first *or* to the car on your right if it reaches the intersection at the same time you do. Drive defensively.

Redfins Swimming

Practices begin April 1

If you are between 5 -18 years of age, enjoy swimming and like competition, then the **Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team** invites you to join their program. Team practices are held Monday - Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (younger swimmers do not practice the full 90 minutes) at the Dower Aquatic

Facility (CUHS pool) beginning April 1. Swimmers will travel to meets in the Merced County Swim League area. Parental involvement is required.

Registration forms are available at the Chowchilla Civic Center or online on the City website at:

www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/parksrec/youth_sports.htm

The Redfins season runs from April 1 - July 31, 2011. The Redfins Swim Team is affiliated with the Chowchilla Athletic Foundation.

For more information, call (559) 706-7178 or email: chowchillaredfins@att.net



The tradition is alive as the **54th Annual Chowchilla Western Stampede** kicks off on Wednesday, April 6. It all begins at 10:00 a.m. with the historic cattle drive. Watch the cowboys and cowgirls run the cattle from the Chowchilla Fairgrounds into town and

Western Stampede

right down the middle of Robertson Boulevard. This is a sight you can't miss! The fairgrounds indoor arena comes alive on Thursday, April 7 when the Norm Dill Memorial Century Roping begins at 9:00 a.m. Barrel racing is also on tap for Thursday. From then on, plenty of

roping continues through Sunday, April 10.

Be sure to catch the world series roping on Saturday, April 9 for some exciting fun. All events are open to the public and free of charge, so bring those little cowpokes out for a good family fun time.

Watering Regulations - Conservation is the key

March was a record setting month for rainfall and yes, the year's totals are above average. That does not, however, erase many years of drought conditions. Watering restrictions are in effect **year-round** regardless of how much rain is received during the year. The state's drought continues so it remains critical to maintain and conserve our precious water resources. Residents

are required to follow these watering rules year-round:

- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an odd number may water on Mon., Wed. and Friday
- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an even number may water on Tues., Thurs., and Saturday
- ◆ Watering is prohibited between 11 a.m. and 6

p.m. on any day
◆ Sunday is a NO WATERING DAY

Administrative citations will be issued for non-compliance of these regulations. The City of Chowchilla appreciates everyone doing their part to conserve! For more information, contact the Public Services Dept. by calling (559) 665-8615, extension 305.

Volunteer Recognition Week April 10-16, 2011

The City salutes all the volunteers in our community that give their time and talent in order to make Chowchilla a better place to live. We thank you!