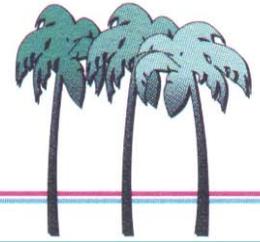


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

May 2 - Special City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 6 p.m.

May 5 - Annual Mayor's Prayer Luncheon. Call 665-8615, ext. 110 for information.

May 6 - City Offices Closed

May 9 - Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, Police Station, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

May 9 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 13 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

May 13 - Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, call 665-5603 for information.

May 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 18-22 - Chowchilla-Madera County Fair (see right)

May 20 - City Offices Closed

May 21 - Spring Festival Parade and Deep Pit BBQ, beginning at 10 a.m.

May 23 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

May 27 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

May 30 - Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

May 30 - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Chowchilla Cemetery, 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars now:

June 11 & 12 - Chowchilla's Relay for Life event, call 209-617-8378 for information.

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

www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us

May is Fair Time



Chowchilla Madera County Fair May 18-22, 2011 New Beginnings

The **2011 Chowchilla Madera County Fair** will begin Wednesday, May 18 and run through Sunday, May 22. Entertainment this year includes comedian legend Gallagher on Friday night with his sledge-o-matic show, country singers Curtis & Luckey, Chowchilla Speedway auto racing, 4x4 Truck & Tractor Pulls, and Pro Wrestling Revolution Lucha Libre.

Daily entertainment will include the Super Science Experiments, Circus

Imagination, Petting Zoo, All Alaskan Racing Pigs, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pulls, Hypnotist Michael Mezmer and Magician Frank Thurston.

All entertainment is free with paid admission. Admission to the Fair this year is \$8 for adults, seniors are \$5, and children ages 6-12 are \$4. Children 5 & under are free. Adult season passes may be purchased for \$20, a Child season pass is \$12 and new this year is the Family pass. The Family pass is a one-day admission pass that can be purchased for \$20 and includes admission of two adults and 2 children (ages 6-12). The Family pass is a pre-sale item only and will not be available at the gates. Additional admission specials include \$4 Wednesday,

admission from noon - 5 p.m. is just \$3 on Thursday, and Friday is Kid's Day where kids 12 and under are free until 5 p.m.

Pre-sale carnival coupons can be purchased now until 5 p.m. on May 18. You can give back to the community by purchasing your coupons through the Alview-Dairyland 4-H, Chowchilla Youth Basketball or Chowchilla Youth Cheer. Coupons may also be purchased from Evans Feed, SaveMart, Citibank, Tri Counties Bank, Dewitt's Drugstore, Chowchilla Do It Best Hardware, and Corsaro's Family Pizza. For more info on the Fair, visit: www.chowchillafair.org or call the Fair office at 665-3728. See you at the Fair!

Volunteers are Priceless

At a recent City Council meeting, City volunteers were recognized for their service in 2010.

The City appreciates all its volunteers! Those recognized were: David Alexander, Pat Ayers, Wes Borba, Joyce Costa, Brian Decker, Ashlie Delgado, Pat DeWall, Fred Fagundes, Lloyd Fagundes, Clay Haynes, Mike Hedberg, John Henson, Alicia Jackson, Emma Jackson, Isaac Jackson, Sophia Jackson, Nancy Jacobi, Debbie Law, Jason Lucero, Tony Machado, Mormon Helping Hands volunteers, Ann-Marie Padilla, Catherine Padilla, Wayne Padilla Jr., Diana Palmer, Jeff Palmer, Nicholas Palmer, Tyler Palmer, Alex Pittz, Brian Powell, Josh Ringeisen, Shirt Shak, Amy Varney, Richard Walker, Aaron Walters, and Jami Walters.



L to R: Richard Walker, Jason Lucero, Debbie Law, Nancy Jacobi, Joyce Costa, Chief Jay Varney



L to R: Pat Ayers with Assistant City Administrator Wayne Padilla



L to R: Richard Moore with Parks Supervisor Joe Roman



L to R: Alicia Jackson, Emma Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem Isaac Jackson, Sophia Jackson, Jeff Palmer, Diana Palmer, Mayor David Alexander



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Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*
Janan Hebert, *Council Member*
Jim Kopshever, *Council Member*

Mark Lewis, *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.



Ask the City: Park Shelter Rentals

Ask the City is a feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or phone. Readers may send in their questions to the addresses listed in the left column.

Is it possible to reserve one of the park shelters? What do I need to do?

G.M., Chowchilla

Our beautiful Chowchilla city parks have picnic shelters available to rent for fun family picnics, parties and other events. Rentals are available for half day and full day periods. A new "as-is"



reduced fee is also available. Electricity is available for all shelters at an additional charge.

To reserve a shelter, you must come in to the Civic Center to check availability. If the shelter is available on the date of your choosing, you must fill out a reservation form and pay the fees. Shelters may not be held for reservation without paid fees. For more info, call the City at (559) 665-8615, ext. 110.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

May 9, 2011

10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Chowchilla PD Station

The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive is a competition between the Chowchilla Police Department and the Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department where donors can donate on behalf of the agency of their choice. There will be a free commemorative t-shirt and reward coupons for all donors. For more info, call the Central California Blood Center at (559) 288-6319.

Money Available for Electric Mowers

Trade in your old gas mower



The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control

District is making clean, electric lawn mowers available to more Valley residents through their Clean, Green Yard Machine program. The lawn mower trade-in program replaces old, polluting, gas-powered mowers with clean, electric Neuton mowers for just \$50 (14" cutting blade) or \$100 (19" cutting blade), including shipping, with the trade-in of an older, gas-powered mower.

To receive a voucher request, Madera County residents can call 559-230-6185. Vouchers MUST be requested by phone in advance and will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are exhausted. The limit is one per household or three per business.

After receiving a voucher, the applicant must turn in a working, gas-powered mower at an authorized recycler in their county (a list of recyclers is available at www.valleyair.org). Next, they can phone Neuton at a toll-free number and

order their new, cordless, electric lawn mower, which will be delivered right to their door.

Trading in a gas-powered mower for an electric mower is one way to reduce personal emissions and clean up the Valley's air. Emissions from using a gas-powered mower for one hour are equivalent to driving 40 late-model cars for the same length of time.

For complete details on this program, visit: www.valleyair.org or call 559-230-6000.

Chowchilla Area Waste Tire Amnesty

Waste Tire Amnesty Day Event Coming May 26 & 27, 2011!

Tire amnesty days offer residents a time, place, and a no-cost opportunity to dispose of any tires collected around the household. This event also allows the city and county to receive and haul away to recycling centers old tires turned in at these events and provide neighborhoods with educational information on the benefits of proper tire handling.

Requirements: You must make reservations - NO out of county tires - proof of residency required

Limit: 20 Tires with or without rims will be accepted

Restrictions: No tractor/diesel tires or larger will be ACCEPTED

To make reservations, call:
Madera County Code Enforcement
(559) 675-7821

You may also email for your reservation:
wastetire@co.madera.ca.gov



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