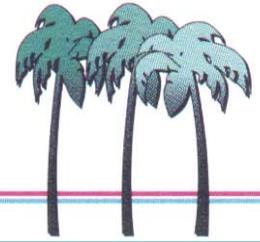


City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

June 1 - Dairyland School Graduation, 7 p.m.

June 2 - Wilson Middle School Graduation, 7:30 p.m.

June 3 - Chowchilla Union High School Graduation, 8 pm

June 3 - City Offices Closed

June 4 - Community Volunteer Cleanup Day *(see article on back)*

June 9 - Lions Club BBQ Ribs Dinner Drive-Thru, 4-7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

June 10 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

June 11-12 - Chowchilla's American Cancer Society Relay For Life, 9 a.m.-9 a.m. *(See information on back)*

June 13 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 17 - City Offices Closed

June 24 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

June 27 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars now:

July 2 - Lions Club Fireworks Display, Berenda Reservoir, activities start early - TBA

July 3 - Community "Worship in the Park" Service, Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

August 12 - City-Wide Block Party, Sports & Leisure Park, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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

Summer in the City



Berenda Reservoir is open **Thursday through Sunday** each week from 9:00 a.m. to dusk for boating, jet skiing, swimming, and picnicking. The typical season lasts into August but dates are always

subject to change. Many thanks to the Chowchilla Lions Club for their time and effort in operating and maintaining the reservoir area for public use again this season. Do you use the reservoir and wish to help with operating

costs? Donations (suggested amount is a \$30 season pass fee) are being accepted at the Chowchilla Civic Center or the Chowchilla Police Department. Call 665-8615, extension 110 for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Due to the City's continuing fiscal crisis, we are not able to offer our Summer Aquatics or Summer Chillin' Programs this year. Although these programs will not be offered this summer they will not be gone forever, just suspended at this time.

We will do our best to bring you information on any other activities or programs going on in the local area. Check our website or Facebook page for the latest news. Please see below for current information.

Local Activities, Programs & Sports



Here are a few ideas for the summer:

⚙️ Swim lessons and open swim are being offered by the Parks & Community Services Departments of the Cities of Madera and Merced. For information, visit their websites at: www.cityofmadera.org www.cityofmerced.org

⚙️ Registration is still being accepted through June 11 for the Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team. This program is for children ages 5-18. For information, call (559) 706-7178 or find them on Facebook.

⚙️ The Chowchilla Youth Soccer League is now accepting registrations for their 2011 fall season. Their website has all the info you need. Just visit www.chowchillasoccer.com or call (559) 479-7942.

⚙️ Merced College's "College for Kids" offers classes and programs for area children that include Summer Youth Theater, Children's Choir, aquatics, arts, sports and athletics, martial arts, robotics, cooking, math and science, movie making, and more. College for Kids is for students going into the 4th grade through 8th grade. Ages vary for some of the summer-long theater and Children's Choir, aquatics and sports classes. For more info and costs, call them at (209) 384-6224.

⚙️ Chowchilla PAL (Police Activities League) has a great Boxing Program for youth ages 8-18 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-7 p.m. The cost is only \$2 for the PAL membership and \$1 for the supplies. For more information, call the Chowchilla

Police Department at (559) 665-8600, extension 508.

⚙️ "One World-Many Stories" is the Summer Reading Program offered by the Chowchilla Library which will run June 6th through June 30th. To get the full scoop, call them at (559) 665-2630.

⚙️ Join scouting in Chowchilla! There is a Scout Troop for boys in 1st through 11th grades - for information, call (559) 320-2100. For Girl Scout info, call (800) 490-8653.

For more info on other local activities, pick up your free copy of Central California Parent Magazine at the Civic Center. It's loaded with ideas for your summer fun. Be sure to check the City website's Calendar of Events or Facebook page for any updates.



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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 & Police Departments.



Ask the City: How Can I Volunteer in my Community?

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 address listed in the left column.

I know the City needs extra help right now and I want to volunteer my time. What can I do?

S.T., Chowchilla

On Saturday, June 4, there is another Community Volunteer Cleanup Day scheduled and

many volunteers are needed for this ongoing project. Volunteers are needed to mow, weed, rake, sweep, shovel, etc. in blighted areas all over the City. If you have gloves, small tools, or safety items, please bring them with you.

This is a community-driven project for those residents that want to keep Chowchilla looking good and also to help our neighbors who cannot do the work themselves. If you're

physically unable to volunteer but would like to be involved, volunteers are needed to provide water, snacks, or lunch.

If you're interested, come to Veterans Memorial Park on June 4 at 8:30 a.m. prepared to work and help make your community a nicer place to live. For more info, call 559-313-0363 or send email to: davida@pacificaginsurance.com



FREE Meals for Kids

All children under age 18 can receive a **FREE** breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday beginning June 8. This program offers free nutritious breakfasts between 7:15 and 8 a.m. and lunches between 11:45

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Adult meals are also available at a cost of \$3.00 per person. The locations are Wilson School cafeteria through July 1 and Fuller School Cafeteria through July 30. This program is offered by the Chowchilla Elementary

School District and is open to any child in need of a meal - no income verification is required. The meals will continue through July 30. For more information, call the District's Food Services Coordinator at (559) 351-2764.



Be a Lawn Ranger

Save energy, save money, be water smart



During the summer, the majority of household

water is used for keeping yards green. There are simple ways to save energy and treat your lawn right:

- Use a push mower instead of a power mower to save energy and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by up to 80 pounds per year.
- Set your mower blades so they cut grass about 3" tall. Mowing it shorter dries out the soil faster and increases water use.
- Let grass clippings turn into mulch. During dry periods, cut the grass high and leave the clippings on the lawn to keep it from drying out - thus reducing the amount of water the lawn needs.
- Most lawns need about 1" of water a week once they're established. Apply it slowly so the water doesn't run off.
- Think about shrubs, succulents, and trees as a substitute for some of your lawn. Nothing requires more water than a lawn.
- When you're ready to re-seed or re-sod your lawn, look for grasses that require less water to thrive.
- Check the PG&E website at www.pge.com or check with a local nursery for information about water conserving plants. These plants are also called "drought tolerant" and the practice of landscaping to conserve water is called "xeriscaping."



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of Chowchilla
Chowchilla Madera County Fairgrounds

June 11 - June 12, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

www.relayforlife.org/chowchillaca



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