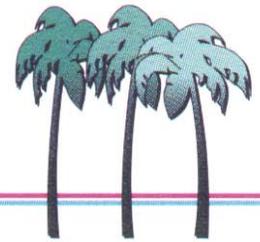


City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## Monthly Calendar

- July 1** - City Offices Closed (T)
- July 2** - Chowchilla Lions Club Fireworks Event, Berenda Reservoir, starts at 2 p.m.
- July 3** - Community Worship in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m.
- July 4** - City Offices Closed - 4th of July Holiday
- July 8** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed (T)
- July 11** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.
- July 15** - City Offices Closed (T)
- July 18** - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.
- July 20** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.
- July 21** - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.
- July 22** - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed (T)
- July 25** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.
- July 29** - City Offices Closed (T)
- July 30** - Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club Casino Night, Eastman Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Mark your calendars now:**

**August 12** - City-Wide Community Block Party, Sports & Leisure Park, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Food, games, arts & crafts, information & more!

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)

## Independence Celebration

### Chowchilla Lions Club Fireworks Event

**Saturday, July 2, 2011**  
Berenda Reservoir

**Games, Food & Fun begin at 2 p.m.**  
**FREE Fireworks Display**  
**starts at dusk.**

**For info, call 665-8615, ext. 110.**

**Community  
"Worship in the  
Park" Service**

**Sunday, July 3, 2011**

Non-denominational  
service begins at  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Veterans  
Memorial Park**

**Bring your chair  
or blanket!**

## City Budget Status/Furloughs

The City of Chowchilla has gone through a difficult financial period as a result of the bad economy, like most cities. During that time, City leaders had to make tough decisions that significantly reduced City staff, expenditures, and services to the community. These necessary adjustments were crucial in order to keep the City financially solvent.

This has resulted in the City being able to stabilize its current financial status. City staff has worked hard to present a structurally balanced budget to the City Council for fiscal year 2011/2012. Quite simply, forecasted ongoing revenues are balanced against ongoing expenses. As a part of last year's FY budget, furlough days were essential in

keeping expenses down. Friday furlough closures from July 2011 through June 2012 are included in this budget as well. The budget is anticipated to be passed at the June 27 City Council Meeting (*after this goes to print*), therefore we expect the closures to continue but until the budget is adopted, it is not official. Check our website or Facebook page for updates.

## Upcoming Events



The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a **Summer Breakfast Meeting** on July 20 from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. It will include updates from Chowchilla Mayor David Alexander and City Administrator Mark Lewis as well as updates from Madera EDC and the California Board of Equalization. The cost is \$10 and reservations are required by calling the Chamber office at 665-5603.

The City's **Community Block Party** is coming August 12 and booth space applications are now available. Spaces go quickly, so get your form soon. You can pick one up at the Civic Center or download one online from the City website.

The Fairgrounds is a busy place this summer with many activities including their new **"Market Place"** (see right).

### Chowchilla Fairgrounds Market Place

**Saturdays & Sundays**  
**3:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**New and Used Items  
Live Entertainment  
Food Booths  
Farmers Market  
Community Info**

**\$1 admission**  
**12 & under are free**



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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*

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: Cooling Center



*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.*

### Does Chowchilla have a Cooling Center for very hot days?

*A.D., Chowchilla*

The City of Chowchilla will take proactive measures to set up a **Cooling Center** as

needed for those residents not able to find a cool location when extreme temperatures occur this summer.

The Chowchilla Senior Center, located at 820 W. Robertson Boulevard, is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for those in need of cooling and will be opened on an "as need" basis after 2:00 p.m. to accommodate those in need.

For information during regular business hours, call the City's Public Information Office at 665-8615, ext. 110. For transportation to the Center during business hours, call CATX at 665-8655. For elderly residents, those requiring special assistance, or for after regular business hours information, please contact the Chowchilla Police Dept. at 665-8600.

## Open Swim & Swim Lessons

Due to ongoing budget issues, there will not be a 2011 Summer Aquatics Program offered by the City, however, thanks to a community donation, there will be **Swim Lessons** and some **Open Public Swim**

**Days** offered at the Dower Aquatic Facility (CUHS pool) through CUHS and the Chowchilla Redfins. For swim lesson information, call 559-430-5582. **Open public swim will begin July 6th** and run

every Wednesday and Thursday weekly from 1-3 p.m. through August 11th. The cost is \$1 per person and a waiver form must be signed at the pool. For more information on open swim, call 559-665-3662.

## Tune In and Tune Up



Here's an opportunity to get your car smogged and maybe even repaired for free! In an effort to remove gross-polluting vehicles from Valley roads, the Air District is teaming up with Valley Clean Air Now for **Tune In & Tune Up** events all over the Valley. Funding is available through California's Vehicle Repair, Retirement, Replacement

for Motorists Program to assist Valley residents who may have difficulty keeping their cars properly smogged. If you reside in the San Joaquin Valley, your vehicle is a 1995 model year or older, and you've owned it at least six months, you're invited to any of the **free** smog test events being conducted in the area this year. If your

vehicle doesn't pass, you could receive up to \$500 for repairs. Upcoming Tune In & Tune Up events in the area are tentative for July 9th at the Merced Fairgrounds and July 30th at the Madera Fairgrounds. Interested Valley residents should confirm the above scheduled dates before attending by visiting: [www.cleanairevent.com](http://www.cleanairevent.com)

## Heat Safety Tips for Pets



ASPCA experts warn even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat and heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly. Take these simple precautions to help prevent your pet from overheating. And if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your vet immediately.

### Made in the Shade

Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot outside.

### Know the Warning Signs

Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temp of over 104 degrees.

### No Parking!

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time - even with the windows open which could lead to fatal heat stroke.

### Street Smarts

When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn.

### Fireworks Aren't Pet-riotic

Never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma to curious pets, and even unused fireworks can be hazardous.

### Download the ASPCA's PetWeather iPhone and Android App for Free

Visit [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org) for more information.