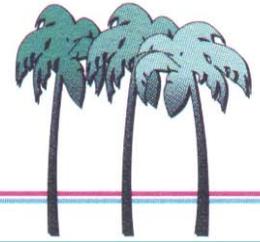


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



August 2011 Volume 3, Issue 8

Monthly Calendar

Aug 3 - Community Volunteer Clean Up Project, Howell & Oleander, 5:30 p.m.
(See article on back)

Aug 5 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Aug 8 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Aug 12 - City Offices Closed

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

Aug 17 - Community Volunteer Clean Up Project, Reagan School, 5:30 p.m.
(See article on back)

Aug 17 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Aug 19 - Furlough Day - City Offices Closed

Aug 21 - United States Air Force Band Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 6:00 p.m.
(See article on back)

Aug 22 - Local Schools back in session this week

Aug 26 - City Offices Closed

Aug 27 - ACS "Bark For Life" Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds Park, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars now:

Sept 17 - City's Annual Residential Curbside Cleanup Day *(more info in next newsletter)*

Sept 17 - Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show, Veterans Memorial Park, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

22nd Annual

BLOCK PARTY

Join the fun at the Community-Wide Block Party!

Friday, August 12, 2011

Sports & Leisure Park

625 N. 15th Street

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Delicious Food

Craft Booths

Softball Championship Games

Health and Safety Booths

Information Booths

**Large Inflatable Games for Kids*

Music



Citations Being Issued

Efforts are being stepped up to enforce the City of Chowchilla's **Administrative Citation Program** and citations with fines are now being issued to violators.

Chapter 1.10 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code was adopted to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Chowchilla and to provide a method to penalize responsible parties who fail or refuse

to comply with certain provisions of the City of Chowchilla Municipal Code; to minimize the expense and delay of enforcement of the Municipal Code by criminal citation; and to allow the City to recover costs associated with the enforcement process, while continuing to give persons who have been issued citations due process.

City staff have begun issuing citations for various violations

with the **primary focus targeting water waste or non-compliance of watering regulations**, dangerous animals or animals at large, graffiti, and ongoing code violations. Fines for code violations will range between \$50 to \$100 for the first violation with fines increasing for subsequent violations.

For more information, contact the Community Development Dept. at 665-8615, ext. 787.



When To Water

City staff is actively monitoring watering violations and is issuing citations to residents that violate the year-round watering regulations, along with other water waste violations. The first offense is a written warning, 2nd offense is a \$100 fine, 3rd offense is \$200, 4th offense is \$500, and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an **ODD** number may water on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**
- ◆ Customers with addresses ending with an **EVEN** number may water on **Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday**

- ◆ Watering is prohibited between **11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day**
- ◆ Sunday is a **NO WATERING DAY** for all residents

To report water waste, call the Public Works Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 305 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



City of Chowchilla

130 S. Second Street
Civic Center Plaza
Chowchilla, CA 93610

Telephone: (559) 665-8615

Fax: (559) 665-7418

Email: generalinfo@ci.chowchilla.ca.us

Website:

www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us

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 Civic Center and the Police Department.



USAF Band Concert in Chowchilla

A free community concert by the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert Band is scheduled to be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Chowchilla on August 21st at 6:00 p.m. This concert is sponsored by the City of Chowchilla and the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce.

The Band of the Golden West Concert Band has performed at gubernatorial inaugurations and presidential visits. Band members have worked with renowned artists such as

Toni Tennille, Marvin Stamm, Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart, Billy Dee Williams, Rich Little, Joan Rivers, Rosemary Clooney, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Vince Gill and the Boston Brass.

The group performs more than 500 shows annually for roughly 1.5 million listeners. They play in civilian communities throughout California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada, and also support events at ten Air Force Bases, five Air Force Reserve Wings and five recruiting squadrons.



The Band of the Golden West, stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California, is the only remaining active duty Air Force Band west of the Rockies.

For more information, visit: www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil

Volunteer Opportunities

Weekends have been hard to gather volunteers so an evening **Community Volunteer Project** began last month. Unfortunately, not many people showed up to help. Volunteers are greatly needed for the next two upcoming project nights on August 3 & 17.

On Wed., August 3rd at 5:30 p.m., interested volunteers can show up at

Howell Road and Oleander Drive (near Latter-Day Saints Church) prepared to mow, weed, or pick up trash. Bring light gardening tools and gloves if you have them available.

Then, on August 17th, volunteers are needed to help clean up around Reagan School prior to the beginning of the school year. Meet at 5:30 p.m.

ready to work. Again, please bring gardening tools or gloves if available.

These volunteers always appreciate cold water or a snack - if you'd like to help with that, item donations are gladly accepted.

YOU can help make your community a nicer place to live. For more information, call (559) 313-0363.

Making A Splash



Eighty percent of American homes now have pools, which are big energy users. Here are some energy saving tips for pool owners:

◆ Cover your pool with a floating pool blanket whenever you're not swimming. Blankets can

reduce energy use by 40-70%.

◆ Install a highly efficient two-speed or variable speed pool pump and use the low speed as much as possible. This can cut your pool-pumping energy consumption, and the related costs, in half.

◆ Resist buying a pool pump bigger than you need; it will cost more to buy and operate than a properly sized one.
◆ Put a timer on your pool pump - most run longer than needed to keep pools clean.

Be energy wise and save money at the same time!

Veterans Assistance

Attention Veterans: The new Merced VA Clinic is offering **free transportation** to scheduled appointments to the Merced Clinic as well as the Fresno and Palo Alto Clinics for all

veterans. In order to get signed up, veterans need to visit the Merced Clinic at 340 E. Yosemite Avenue to get in the system. Vets must bring their DD214 in order to qualify.

Veterans are encouraged to register as there are benefits they may be eligible for. For more info, call Scottie at (209) 381-0105, ext. 7725 or via email at Scottie.deges@va.gov.