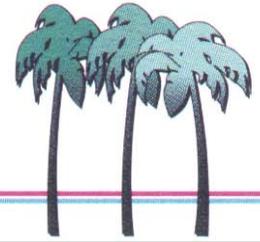




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



January 2012 Volume 4, Issue 1

Monthly Calendar

Jan 2 - New Years Holiday
Observed - City Offices Closed

Jan 2-6 - Christmas Tree
Roundup (see article on back)

Jan 6 - Furlough Day -
City Offices Closed

Jan 10 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 13 - City Offices Closed

Jan 14 - Chamber of
Commerce Community
Awards Dinner, Little Theater,
6 p.m., Call 665-5603 for
tickets or more information.

Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday - City Offices Closed

Jan 17 - Airport Committee
Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

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

Jan 19 - Heritage
Preservation Commission
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 20 - Furlough Day -
City Offices Closed

Jan 24 - City Council
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 27 - City Offices Closed

Also this month:

Little League, CAF Girls Soft-
ball, and Tee-Ball registrations
begin for the upcoming spring
season. (See back for more info.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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



Meet Your Mayor

Hebert named Chowchilla's newest Mayor

On December 13, 2011, the Mayor's gavel was passed to long-time resident Janan Hebert. Hebert is entering her second year on the City Council after being appointed to the Council in fall 2010.

Mayor Hebert would like to continue the City Council's transparency with the community. She stated "It is important that we are open with the residents of the City."

For 2012, Hebert said the Council's focus will be on the budget, prisons, high speed rail, and infrastructure. "And as always, we will continue to look for industry that will provide jobs," she stated.

Getting residents to Council meetings is also important to Hebert. "I encourage residents to attend Council meetings," she said. "Get involved with our youth, our seniors, and our local government."

Hebert and her husband Dave, have two daughters, Kimberlee and Brittney. She has been employed at Brake Parts Inc. for the past 19 years and is currently the inventory analyst. She is an active member of Soroptimist International of Chowchilla and has been active on school site councils and band booster organizations.

Jim Kopshever was named Mayor Pro Tem for 2012.

Time to License Your Dog

Reminder: Licenses expire December 31st every year

Chowchilla Municipal Code 6.04.250 states all dogs residing within the City of Chowchilla limits that are **over the age of four months** must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed through the Chowchilla Police Department every year.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a license. You must also show proof of dog's alteration in order to receive discounts.

To obtain or renew a dog license, visit the Chowchilla Police Department during regular business hours (call for hours).

Renewals only in the form of cashiers check or money order payable to the City of Chowchilla may be mailed to the department at 122 Trinity Avenue. Proof of current rabies vaccination must also be included if not already on file or if it has expired.

The fee is \$9.00 for altered dogs and \$18.00 for unaltered dogs. The senior discount is \$4.50 for altered dogs and \$9.00 for unaltered dogs. *Note: A \$20 late fee will be added to all fees after April 1.*



For further information, call the City of Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

Scrape it; Don't Grind it

Food scraps, fats and oils washed down the kitchen sink can result in clogged sewer lines and expensive plumbing bills, so the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department is issuing tips to help residents avoid costly problems. The City encourages residents to keep their pipes clean by remembering the following tips for properly disposing of food waste and

cooking products:

- Pour fat drippings and kitchen greases into sealable containers and dispose of them in your black garbage container.
- Avoid putting leftover food down the garbage disposal whenever possible.
- Any waste that can be thrown in the garbage should *always* be put in the garbage.

Remember, "Scrape It; Don't Grind It."

Even the smallest amount of fat, oil, or grease will solidify and stick to sewer pipes. The residue then catches food and other solids that are washed down sinks and other drains in the home. Over time, the debris builds up and eventually causes a complete blockage of the sewer pipe. That equals a costly repair!



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

Janan Hebert, *Mayor*

Jim Kopshever, *Mayor Pro Tem*

David Alexander, *Council Member*

Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*

Isaac Jackson, *Council Member*

Mark Lewis, *City Administrator*

Wayne Padilla, *Asst. City Administrator*

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are

held on the second and fourth

Tuesday 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.



Ask the City: Christmas Trees

Ask the City is a feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or phone.

Does the City pick up Christmas trees after Christmas? *L.H., Chowchilla*

Yes, the City's contracted

garbage service provider does offer free Christmas tree collection. If you would like your Christmas tree taken away at no cost, please have your tree at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick up

day during the week of **January 2 - 6, 2012**. Please remember that all trees over six feet tall must be cut in half and all trees must be free of any decorations.



Spring Sports - Register Now



Little League, Girls Softball, and Tee-Ball Leagues are forming soon!

Little League registrations will begin online January 1st (w/ minimal online fee) or sign up at the Wilson Gym during youth basketball games on January 7, 14, 21, & 28 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Registration ends January 28th. Tryouts are Feb. 4th & 6th.

The cost is \$50 per player, and \$25 for each additional sibling. The price includes the player's jersey and the basic team photo package.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for March 10. For more information, check out their website at: www.eteamz.com/chowchillalittleleague or email them at: chowchillalittleleague@yahoo.com

Chowchilla Athletic Foundation **Girls Softball** is for girls 6 years through 8th grade. Sign up on January 7, 14, 21, 28, or Feb. 4 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Wilson Gym. You may also pick up and deliver registration forms to Shirt Shak at 510 Robertson Blvd. or D&V Sports at 116 Robertson. The last day to register is

February 4th. Girls Softball opening ceremonies take place on March 17. For more info, visit: www.chowchillagirlssoftball.com or email them at: cebo4@hotmail.com



A **Tee ball** program is offered by both leagues. Boys and girls must be age five by 5/01/12 for the Little League Program (\$35 fee). For the Girls Softball Program, girls must be age four by 3/15/12 (\$30 fee). Sign-ups will be taken at the same time as their other registrations.

Resolve to be Ready - Now's the Time

As 2011 - one of the most active years for disasters in recent history - comes to a close and Americans get ready to ring in a new year, FEMA is encouraging all Americans to **Resolve to be Ready** by making a new year's resolution to be prepared for emergencies.

Recent events have served as important reminders that disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, and being prepared is one of the most effective things we can do to protect our homes, businesses, and loved ones. FEMA has kicked off its annual campaign, **Resolve to be Ready** in 2012, which urges Americans to make preparedness a priority by making

a new year's resolution to be ready for disasters.

"One of the most important lessons we can take away from 2011 is that disasters can impact all of us, no matter what part of the country we live in," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "While we can't control where or when they might hit, we can take steps to prepare for them - efforts that can go a long way toward protecting our families, homes and businesses. Resolving to be Ready in 2012 could be the most important pledge you make this year."

By making a resolution to take a few simple steps in advance, Americans can

minimize the impact of an emergency on their families, homes or businesses. To take the pledge, visit www.ready.gov/resolve or www.listo.gov, which includes free information, checklists, and guidelines about how to put together an emergency kit, make a plan, and stay informed.

Resolve to be Ready in 2012 is a nationwide effort to increase awareness and encourage communities to take action and prepare for emergencies in the New Year. For more information, visit Ready.gov and CitizenCorps.gov.

