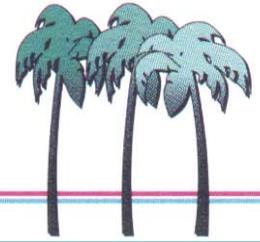




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



April 2012 Volume 4, Issue 4

## Monthly Calendar

**Apr 6** - City Offices Closed

**Apr 7** - City Easter Egg Hunt, S & L Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*(See article to right)*

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

**Apr 11** - Chamber Board Meeting, Civic Center, 12 p.m.

**Apr 11-15** - Chowchilla Western Stampede  
*(see article on back)*

**Apr 13** - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

**Apr 16** - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

**Apr 17** - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

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

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

**Apr 20** - City Offices Closed

**Apr 27** - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

### Coming in May:

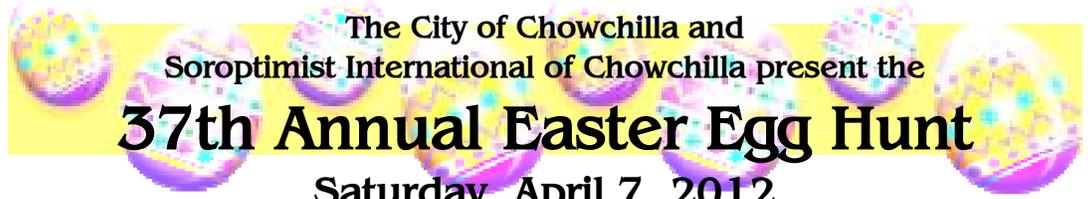
**May 3** - Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, Faith Hall, 11:30 a.m.

**May 11** - Chamber Golf Tournament, Pheasant Run, 1 p.m.

**May 11** - Camarena Women's Health Fair, 401 Trinity, 9a-12p

**May 17-20** - Chowchilla Madera County Fair

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)



## The City of Chowchilla and Soroptimist International of Chowchilla present the 37th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sports & Leisure Park, 625 N. 15th St.

Egg Hunts for ages up to 12      Coloring Contest Awards  
Door Prizes      Face Tattoos      Ladybug the Clown  
Photos w/ Mrs. Bunny      Jelly Bean Guessing Contest

*Thank you to the following sponsors for helping present this event to our community:*

Soroptimist International of Chowchilla, DeWitt's Drug Store, Eric Haupt Construction, Pacific Ag Insurance Agency, Pistoresi Ambulance, Almond Tree Hulling Company, Camarena Health, Chowchilla Auto Body, DC Cleaners, Eye2Eye Photo Studio, C & R Stove & Spa Barn, Chowchilla 4-H, A & R Refrigeration, and Save Mart.

## Spring Break Options for Kids

Cornerstone Church Student Ministries "**2012 Chowchilla Project**" is all about youth serving their community. They are offering fun, no-cost ways for your children to be busy this spring break:

**FREE Sports Camp:** April 2-5 for 4th-8th graders at Fairmead School, 11:00a-3:00p

**FREE Vacation Bible School:** April 2-5 for kinder-

garten-5th graders at Iglesias Emmanuel, 11:00a-2:00p

**FREE Breakfast:** For anyone that needs a free meal delivered to their home, 8:30a-10:00a

Want to get your kids involved or need more information? Call Logan at (559) 665-1182, ext. 15 or visit their website at [www.cornerstonechowchilla.youth.org](http://www.cornerstonechowchilla.youth.org)



## New 'Green' Street Lights

The City of Chowchilla has shined a new light on its streets. A total of 159 brand **new LED street lights** have been installed, casting a brighter glow on City streets than the old high-pressure sodium bulbs they replaced. The new lights are also significantly more energy efficient, saving the City much needed cash on its utility bills. What this means to the average taxpayer is significant

savings to City coffers through lower utility bills. The energy efficient retrofits will save the City about 108,258 kilowatt hours of energy per year. This roughly equates to a savings of about \$8,000 annually.

The entire project isn't costing the City a dime. The money came from an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant through the American Recovery and

### Mayor's Prayer Luncheon

Life Change Church will be hosting the annual **Mayor's Prayer Luncheon** that will take place on Thursday, May 3.

It will be held at Faith Hall. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the program will begin at 12:00 noon. A tri-tip lunch, offered by Life Change, is \$7.00 per person or \$30 per table.

**Advance tickets must be purchased by April 26.**

This program is co-sponsored by the City of Chowchilla and the Chowchilla Ministerial Association. For ticket info, call (559) 665-8615, ext. 110.

Reinvestment Act of 2009. Chowchilla joined with 35 other cities & counties in the region to form the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Partnership, which is led by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District with the assistance of the nonprofit San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization. The City worked with PG&E who installed the lights through their LED street light retrofit program.



## 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](mailto:generalinfo@ci.chowchilla.ca.us)  
Website:  
[www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://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
CDBG	ext. 101
City Clerk	ext. 705
Human Resources	ext. 705
Public Information	ext. 110
Planning	ext. 400
Building	ext. 410
Inspections	ext. 406
Code Enforcement	ext. 406
Fire	ext. 600
Utilities	ext. 783
Finance	ext. 784
Recreation	ext. 110
Public Works	ext. 789
Airport Contact	ext. 322

### 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: City Boards & Commissions

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

### How can I get more involved in my community? *E.L., Chowchilla*

Here's a great opportunity! The City is seeking applicants for City Planning Commission, Parks & Rec-

reation Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission and Airport Advisory Committee vacancies. There is one seat open for the Parks & Recreation Commission and two seats available for the other commissions/committee noted. The new members will be filling the terms

which will expire January 2016. For an application and additional information, call Administrative Services at (559) 665-8615, extension 112 or 705 or come by the Civic Center at 130 S. Second Street. The deadline is Thursday, April 5 unless insufficient applications are received.

## Cows Are A-Comin!

The tradition is alive and kicking as the **55th Annual Chowchilla Western Stampede** kicks off on Wednesday, April 11.

It all begins at 10:00 a.m. with the historic cattle drive. Watch the cowboys and cowgirls run the cattle from the Chowchilla Fairgrounds into town and right

down the middle of Robertson Boulevard. This is a sight you can't miss! The fairgrounds indoor arena comes alive on Thursday, April 12 when the Norm Dill Memorial Century Roping begins at 9:00 a.m. Barrel racing is also on tap for Thursday. From then on, plenty of roping continues through Sunday, April 15.

Be sure to catch the world series roping on Saturday, April 14 for some exciting fun. All events are open to the public and free of charge, so bring those little cowpokes out for a good family fun time.



## Redfins Swimming Starts Soon

If you are between 5 - 18 years of age, enjoy swimming and like competition, then the **Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team** invites you to join their program. Team practices are held Monday - Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (younger swimmers do not practice the full 90 minutes)

at the Dower Aquatic Facility (CUHS pool) beginning April 2. Swimmers will travel to meets in the Merced County Swim League area. Parental involvement is required.

Registration forms are available online at: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/)

[recreation/youth\\_sports.htm](http://recreation/youth_sports.htm)

The Redfins season runs from April 2 to July 31, 2012. The Redfins Swim Team is affiliated with the Chowchilla Athletic Foundation. For more info, call (559) 706-7178, visit them on Facebook, or email: [chowchillaredfins@att.net](mailto:chowchillaredfins@att.net)

## City News in Brief



**RR Crossing:** The closure of Robertson Blvd. for U.P. to repair the railroad tracks is tentative for the end of April. The City is working with UP on possible options to reduce the need for detours for the 3-4 day project.

**Volunteer Week:** At the April 10 City Council Meeting, volunteers that have assisted the City during 2011 will be recognized. Photos and more information will follow in next month's City Spotlight.

**Golf Tournament:** The Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their 32nd Annual Golf Tournament on May 11. To register or get info, call (559) 665-5603.

**Watering Regulations:** As the weather warms up, this is a good time to remind residents that the City's watering regulations are enforced year-round. To get the watering schedule, come by the Civic Center or go to our website at: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/pubworks/water.htm](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/pubworks/water.htm)

### TRIP TO THE BAY

The Senior Center is offering a chartered trip to San Francisco on April 21 for anyone who would like to join them & come along.

The bus will depart from the Center at 7:30 a.m. and will return at 7:30 p.m. There will be stops at Golden Gate Park and Fisherman's Wharf. The cost is \$35 per person. For more info or to sign up, call Joyce at the Senior Center at (559) 665-4781 between 9am and 1pm Monday-Friday.