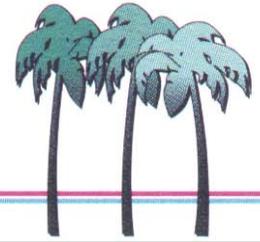




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

June 1 - City Offices Closed

June 2 - Fairmead Centennial Celebration Day, Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Fairmead Blvd., Festival from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Fairmead School, Call 665-0848 for information.

June 5 - Adult Ed Graduation, CUHS stadium, 7 p.m.

June 6 - Dairyland Graduation, Dairyland School, 7 p.m.

June 7 - Wilson Graduation, CUHS stadium, 7:30 p.m.

June 8 - CUHS Graduation, CUHS stadium, 8 p.m.

June 8 - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

June 12 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 15 - City Offices Closed

June 16 - Chowchilla's Relay for Life, CUHS track, 9 a.m.

June 20 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 22 - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

June 26 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

June 29 - City Offices Closed

Coming in July:

July 1 - Community Worship in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

July 1 - Lions Club Fireworks Event & Display, Berenda Reservoir, Time TBA

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

Bag Your Trash, Don't Flush It

From our Public Works Dept.:

Sewers are designed to take away wastewater from sinks and baths, as well as toilet paper & human waste flushed down the toilet. Our sewers are **NOT** designed to cope with modern disposable products, and as a result these items can cause blockages.

Blockages in sewers or damage to the environment occur when people put trash down the toilet. Just because an item is called "disposable or flushable" doesn't mean it is safe to flush. Instead you should bag it and put it in the garbage....don't flush it!

What **NOT** to flush:

- ⊗ Diapers (cloth, disposable, flushable)
- ⊗ Facial tissues
- ⊗ Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- ⊗ Toilet bowl scrub pads

- ⊗ Razors and blades
- ⊗ Napkins (paper or cloth, paper towels)
- ⊗ Dental floss, hair
- ⊗ Egg shells, nutshells, and coffee grounds
- ⊗ Fats, oils, and grease (FOG)
- ⊗ Food items containing seeds and peelings
- ⊗ Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- ⊗ Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals as well as syringes and needles
- ⊗ Wash cloths, towels, rags and clothing (any cloth item)
- ⊗ Sheet plastic, or plastic of any kind

What **CAN** I do?

Avoid purchasing "flushable" items. Clean with a reusable rag or sponge. Compost your



food waste items. Try to limit or eliminate your

garbage disposal use. Discard hazardous materials properly. Motor oil, antifreeze and other household hazardous waste can be disposed of free of charge to Madera County residents at the Fairmead Landfill.

Only flush toilet paper and human waste. If you have questions about what is okay to flush, please call us. The City is responsible for cleaning the City's pipes and they frequently clear blockages, however, home owners are responsible for maintaining side sewers which connect from your home to the City's main lines in the streets. For more info, call the Public Works Dept. at (559) 665-8615, ext. 305 or 328.



Feel the Pressure

City of Chowchilla water wells are aged and several are temporarily out of service due to mechanical or other problems. The water system is struggling to provide adequate water during periods of peak demand, especially during summer months. All of the City's water is provided by eight wells. One of those wells is out of service, another is offline, and two more are experiencing problems and have been running on and off during the past month.

What does this mean to you?

It means low water pressure, especially during peak usage. Peak usage normally occurs

between 5-9 a.m. and 6-10 p.m. when many residents are watering their lawns. If you have automatic sprinklers, you are urged to set them to water overnight and not during warm daytime hours. Timers should also be set to limit watering times to no more than ten minutes per station.

The City has plans for new wells and although they will help, but not alleviate the problem, it will still not help immediate concerns. **The only option at this time is to reduce demand.** Chowchilla Municipal Code requires all residents to conserve water. Please do your part to reduce usage and conserve!

Address ends with
ODD number:

1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Water on
Mon., Wed.,
& Friday

Address ends with
EVEN number:

0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Water on
Tue., Thur.,
& Saturday

Sunday watering
is prohibited.

Water BEFORE
11:00 a.m. and
AFTER 6:00 p.m.



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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: Summer Aquatics

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

Are there any aquatic programs this summer?
B.N., Chowchilla

Due to continued City budget cuts, the City is not

able to offer any aquatic programs however the Chowchilla Redfins Swim Program is offering **swim lessons** and **adult lap swim** this summer. Lessons for all ages begin on June 12. There will be two-week block sessions held



on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Three swimmers per instructor for \$60 per session. Adult lap swim will be offered during evening Redfins practice. Sign ups will be taken every night from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the CUHS Pool.

Veterans Job Fair

Attention Veterans! The Madera County Veterans Employment Committee is hosting a **Veterans Job and Resource Fair** on Wednesday, June 20.

This Job & Resource Fair is for all Veterans, National Guard, and Reservists returning from active duty. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the

VFW Post 1981, 2026 N. Granada in Madera.

For further information, call Charles Hunnicutt at (559) 675-7766.



Do's and Don'ts

Thinking of having a **yard sale** to

sell those old treasures of yours? The City of Chowchilla wants you to know that in order to hold a yard sale in Chowchilla you first need to obtain a Yard Sale Permit from the City's Finance/ Utilities Department or download a copy from our website at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

No fee is required for the first three sales in a calen-

dar year. For more than three yard sales in a year, a fee of \$15.00 is charged for each additional sale. The fee is payable at the time the permit application is submitted. Fees paid are not refundable.

Signs hung and left all over town create an eyesore for the community, so it helps to know where you can properly place signs. Two free-standing signs may be posted, subject to the written permission of the property owner on whose

property said signs are to be placed. Signs shall not exceed six square feet in size. **According to City Municipal Code, no signs are permitted within the public right-of-way or affixed to utility poles, street signs, or similar facilities used for public purposes.**

Applications are requested to be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the sale date. Call us at (559) 665-8615, extension 783 for further information.

Berenda Reservoir Opens

Berenda Reservoir opens for the 2012 summer season on June 1. The reservoir will then be open **Thursday through Sunday** each week from 9:00 a.m. to dusk for boating, jet skiing, swimming, and picnicking. The reservoir waterway may be closed occasionally for special events.

This season is expected to continue until mid-August but open 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 (559) 665-8615, extension 110 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Chowchilla Lions Club Fireworks Show at Berenda Reservoir will be held on Sunday, July 1, 2012.

Make plans now to be there and check our website or Facebook page for updates on this event.

