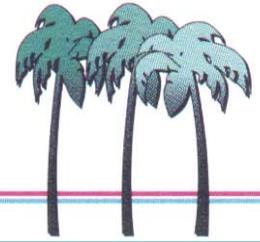




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

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

July 1 - Chowchilla Lions Club Fireworks Event & Activities, Berenda Reservoir

July 4 - City Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 6 - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

July 13 - City Offices Closed

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

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

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

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

July 20 - Furlough Day - City/CATX Offices Closed

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

July 27 - City Offices Closed

July 28 - Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club Casino Night, Eastman Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Coming in August:

Aug 10 - 23rd Annual Community-Wide Block Party, Sports & Leisure Park, 5:30-9:30 p.m. (see back for information on vendor spaces)

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

Independence Celebration

**Chowchilla Lions Club
Fireworks Event
Sunday, July 1, 2012
Berenda Reservoir**

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

For information, call 665-8615, ext. 110.

Alcohol and animals are prohibited; security checks will be in place. Please plan to purchase your concessions at the Lions snack bar to help support the fireworks!

**Community
"Worship in the
Park" Service
Sunday, July 1, 2012**

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

**Veterans
Memorial Park
600 W. Robertson Blvd.**

**Bring your chair
or blanket!**

Volunteers are Vital

At a recent City Council Meeting, Mayor Janan Hebert, City Council, and City staff recognized a few of the many volunteers in our community. Some of those honored were nominated by their club or organization and others were given a special Mayor's Award for their efforts. Pictured L-R are Velda Dobson-Davis, Richard Wheeler, Chuck German,

Logan Beardsley, Bob Green, Jan Crader, Don Eliasson, Pat Ayers, Mayor Hebert, Chris Thomas, Carol Pitner, Cindy Tharp, Shelly Badilla, Warden Johnson (receiving for Chief Robert Blankinship), Melissa Griffin, John Kirwin, John Wolfshorndl, and Mac Hill. Not pictured: Joyce Costa, Madeline Davis, Pat Ginsburg, and Richard Walker. Thank you all!



News Briefs from the City Clerk's Office

Nomination Period Opens July 16 for City Council

The nomination period for the November 6, 2012 Municipal Election runs July 16 - August 10, 2012. There are three Chowchilla City Council seats up for election that are presently held by David Alexander, Dennis Haworth, and Jim Kopshever. If you wish to run for City Council, please contact the Madera Co. Elections Division at 200 W. 4th Street in Madera to get your nomination papers.

Register to Vote

Are you a registered voter? As an American you have a privilege that not all people of the world have. Register to vote and cast your ballot in favor of the candidate and issues you support. For the upcoming November 6, 2012 Election, the last day to register to vote is October 22, 2012. To register to vote, you can stop by and pick up a registration form from the Madera County Elections Office at 200 West 4th Street in Madera, DMV office, or register online at the Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov.



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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. 102

City Administrator ext. 100

Asst. City Administrator ext. 101

CDBG ext. 101

City Clerk ext. 102

Human Resources ext. 102

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 accepted for in-person payments at the Civic Center and the Police Department.



Ask the City: Get Involved in YOUR Community

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

What are the requirements for applying for a City Board or Commission?

F.A., Chowchilla

The only requirement is that you are a resident of

Chowchilla. Chowchilla Needs YOU! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that gives back to your community? There are currently two vacancies on the Heritage Preservation Commission, three vacancies on the Airport Advisory Committee, and three

vacancies on the Planning Commission. Take a chance, get involved and give back to Chowchilla. Applications are online at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/commissions.htm.



Free Meals for Youth

The Chowchilla Elementary School District is offering their Summer Food Service Program again this year.

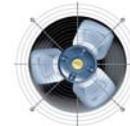
FREE breakfast and lunch is available through July 27 (except July 4) to all youth

up to age 18. There are no eligibility requirements for this program. At Fuller School, breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. Lunch only will be provided at the

Fairmead School cafeteria from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

This free program is funded through the Seamless Summer School Program and the National School Lunch Program.

Cool Down Your Energy Use



Here are some no-cost tips to help give your home a "Home Energy Tune-Up":

- ▶ Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to 85 or turn it off when you are not home. For every single degree you raise the temperature over 72, you save 1-3 percent on your air cooling costs.
- ▶ Ceiling fans can help keep a room cooler. Be sure the switch is set to have the fan move in a counter-clockwise direc-

tion to blow the air downward.

- ▶ Run heat-producing appliances such as your dishwasher and clothes washer and dryer late in the evening after 7 p.m.
- ▶ Clean or replace air conditioning filters regularly. Dirty filters restrict airflow making your air conditioner work harder.
- ▶ Your microwave uses 2/3 less energy than your stove. Choose it for heating food and save.

- ▶ Wash full loads of laundry and always rinse on cold. Also, be sure to clean the lint trap after every use.

Did you know you can schedule a **FREE Home Energy Survey**? This is available from the Fresno Regional Comprehensive Residential Retrofit Program at no charge to Madera County residents. Call 855-621-FREE to schedule your home survey so you can find ways to save and conserve.

Chowchilla Pre-Kindergarten Program Enroll Your Child Today!



Half Day Pre-Kindergarten Program available for preschool children
AM and PM Programs at Stephens and Reagan Schools

Fliers and pre-applications available at Stephens and Reagan Schools, and the First 5 Family Resource Center.

For more information about enrollment, contact:
Rosa Gil at (559) 662-3826 or (559) 706-9196
or Caitlin Frazier at (559) 662-3861.

Reagan Pre-K Program License #: 203808622/Stephens Pre-K Program License #: 203808387

Block Party News

Vendor space applications are now available at the Civic Center and on our website. The event is open to individuals, non-profit groups, and businesses.

The 23rd Annual Community-Wide Block Party will be held at Sports & Leisure Park from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10. For more information, call us at 665-8615, ext. 110.