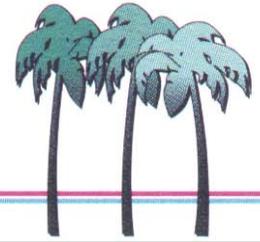




City of Chowchilla

# City Spotlight



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## Monthly Calendar

**Sept 3** - Labor Day Holiday - City Offices Closed

**Sept 7** - City and CATX Offices Closed

**Sept 11** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Sept 12** - Soroptimist Salad Bar Luncheon, O'Laughlin Hall, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Sept 14** - City Offices Closed

**Sept 15** - Annual City Curbside Cleanup Day (see right)

**Sept 15** - Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show, Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (see back)

**Sept 19** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Sept 21** - City and CATX Offices Closed

**Sept 25** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Sept 28** - City Offices Closed

**Sept 29** - Love Chowchilla Volunteer Project, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (see article on back)

### Coming Up:

**Oct. 27** - Chowchilla Fairgrounds "Trunk or Treat" event, call 665-3728 for info

**Nov. 11** - Annual Veterans Commemoration Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11 a.m.

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)

## Annual City Curbside Cleanup Day



This is a **FREE** annual curbside service on Saturday, September 15, 2012 for City of Chowchilla solid waste customers of single-family residences only.

For apartment or condo residents, please contact your landlord to arrange for special disposal issues. For gated community residents, please contact your Homeowners Association for disposal information. Residences with bin service on Robertson Boulevard or Defender Street will be contacted with special instructions.

Your waste needs to be out to the curb **before 6:00 a.m. on September 15, but absolutely no sooner than September 8.** Placing waste out prior to this date, or later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick up day, will result in a special pick up fee. All items not picked up per guidelines must be cleared within 72 hours. Every effort will be made to pick up your waste on the designated day. If it is not, please leave it out for pick up the following day.

The City of Chowchilla recycles everything possible, so it is very important for all waste to be **separated** into **three** categories: **GREEN WASTE, RECYCLABLE WASTE,** and **OTHER WASTE.** Place all waste at curbside and please remember not to block gutters, traffic lanes, or bicycle lanes. Separate trucks will pick up the different materials at various times of the day. Do **NOT** use your black, blue, or green containers to hold community cleanup items.

There will be **NO** alley pick up. All vehicles must be parked off the street during the day of collection until items are picked up. This reduces potential property damage & facilitates pick up.

**Green Waste** acceptable items include doors (remove metal), lumber in 4' or less lengths, pruning in 4' lengths and bundled, tree stumps 12" diameter or less, & tree trunks cut into 12" or less lengths.



**Recyclable Waste** acceptable items include appliances, household batteries, lawn

mowers and metal car parts (remove fluids), metal pipe 10' or less lengths, swing sets, metal lawn furniture, TVs, computers and monitors.



**Other Waste** acceptable items include bagged & boxed waste, carpeting & padding (rolled & tied), mattresses, furniture, paint cans (open, dry & empty), palm fronds and other pulpy material (do not put these in green waste pile).

There are certain conditions that may result in a fine which include, but are not limited to: items placed out sooner than designated date, items placed out after pick up has occurred, excessive quantity (more than 2 pick up loads), materials not being separated, and items not picked up per guidelines that are not cleared within 72 hours.

For specific questions, visit our website, come in to the Civic Center for a detailed flier, or call the City Public Works Department at (559) 665-8615, extension 305. Let's work together and clean up our City!

## Fall Rabies Clinic



The Chowchilla Police Dept., along with assistance from Friends of the Madera Animal Shelter Chowchilla Chapter, will hold their annual **Fall Rabies Clinic** on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at the police station located at 122 Trinity Avenue. The clinic runs from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for senior citizens and people with special needs.

From 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the clinic is open to the general public. All animals must be leashed or in carriers.

Distemper/Parvo shots for dogs will be available for \$12, rabies shots for \$6, and worming shots for \$5. FVRCD cat vaccinations for distemper and upper respiratory disease at \$12 per shot

will be offered as well as rabies shots for \$6 and worming shots for \$5. ALL cats must be in carriers. FMAS will offer low cost spay/neuter certificates during the clinic - \$20 for dogs, \$15 for cats.

Animal licensing will also be available at this clinic. For more info, contact the Police Dept. at (559) 665-8600.



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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. 407

Code Enforcement ext. 407

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.



## Classic Car Show

The Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **Classic Car Show** will be held on September 15, 2012 at Veterans Memorial Park located at 600 W. Robertson Boulevard. It is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Along with classic cars and trucks, there will be great

music, good food, and misc. vendors. There will also be an opportunity for community members to vote on their favorite car to receive the Community Choice Award.

Come enjoy a relaxing day in the park and enjoy the sights and sounds. For more info or to enter a car, call the Chamber office at (559) 665-5603.

## Love Chowchilla Project

Want to be part of a movement that cares about their community? YOU are needed! **Love Chowchilla** is a community-wide volunteer day on September 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. where volunteers work with local churches and the City to improve the city we live in.

Volunteers will be working on beautification projects in our parks, sports fields, senior center, and more.

Love Chowchilla began after the success of Love Modesto. Love Modesto started with two questions back in 2007 – Why is our city on some of the “worst cities in America” lists? What if our churches were to suddenly disappear from the Modesto area, would anyone even notice? With a lot of dreaming and planning came March 7, 2009. Over 1,200 people showed up to love Modesto in prac-

### RAILROAD CLOSURE

The railroad crossing at Kings Avenue will be completely closed September 10-12 while Union Pacific replaces those rails. Note:

The Road 15/Chowchilla Blvd. entrance into Chowchilla from SB Highway 99 will also be closed during that time.

tical ways. They have done this eight more times since and have added approx. 25 cities. On these community-wide volunteer days, volunteers engage in a variety of beneficial community projects.

Now it's Chowchilla's turn. To sign up or get more info: [www.lovechowchilla.com](http://www.lovechowchilla.com) See you at Veterans Memorial Park on September 29 - be a part of the love!

## National Preparedness Month



September is **National Preparedness Month** (NPM). It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for an unexpected emergency. This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electric-

ity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days.

Just follow these four steps: 1. Be Informed. 2. Make a Plan. 3. Build a Preparedness Kit. 4. Get Involved.

For more information on NPM and for help getting your family prepared, visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY, 1-888-SE-LISTO, and TTY 1-800-462-7585 for free information. It's time to be smart and be prepared!

## Property Value Notices Now Online

Assessed Value Notices for properties in Madera County whose value has changed since last year are now available online.

The most common reasons for a taxpayer to be sent a value change notice are if there has been a change in ownership or new construction on the property, if there are business property improvements requiring

annual revaluation, if the property is enrolled in the Williamson Act (the Ag Preserve), or if there has been a decline in value affecting the property due to market conditions. Property owners can review their value notices at:

<http://www.madera-county.com/index.php/assessed-value-change-search>

Notices can be searched for by the Assessor's Parcel Number, which can be found in the upper right-hand corner of a property tax bill. Property owners without access to the website may obtain a printed value notice by calling (559) 675-7710, or by visiting the Madera County Tax Assessor's Office at 200 W. 4th Street in Madera.