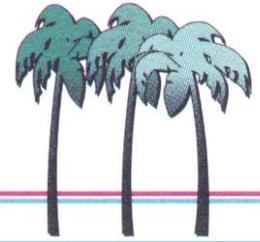


# City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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## Monthly Calendar

**Oct 5** - City and CATX  
Offices Closed

**Oct 6** - Soroptimist Yard Sale,  
Chowchilla Library parking lot,  
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Oct 9** - City Council  
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Oct 11** - Chowchilla Flu Shot  
Clinic, 9:30-11 a.m. (see back)

**Oct 11** - 2012 Candidate  
Forum, Eastman Hall at Fair-  
grounds, 6-9 p.m. Call the  
Chamber at 665-5603 for info.

**Oct 12** - City Offices Closed

**Oct 15** - Airport Advisory  
Committee Meeting, Civic  
Center, 4 p.m.

**Oct 16** - Parks & Recreation  
Commission Meeting,  
Civic Center, 7 p.m. (see right)

**Oct 17** - Planning  
Commission Meeting,  
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Oct 18** - Heritage Preservation  
Commission Meeting,  
Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Oct 19** - City and CATX  
Offices Closed

**Oct 23** - City Council  
Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

**Oct 26** - City Offices Closed

**Oct 27** - Trunk or Treat Event,  
Fairgrounds, 4 p.m. (see right)

### Coming Up:

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



If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of Americans households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less.

That's why Chowchilla's Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9

billion in direct damage. "One home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010," says Harry Turner, Fire Chief of the Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department. "Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home."

The Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- ✓ Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- ✓ Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your out-

side meeting place on your escape plan.

- ✓ Write the emergency phone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- ✓ Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- ✓ Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week activities in Chowchilla, please contact the Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department at (559) 665-8625.

To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit NFPA's website at:

[www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

## Trunk Or Treat



The Chowchilla Fairgrounds 2nd Annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held on October 27 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Business owners, organizations and local community members will decorate the trunks of their cars and pass out candy and goodies to little goblins 2-12 years of age.

After trick or treating there will be a costume contest and monster parade. Costume contest categories are story-

book, super heroes, funny, spooky, and homemade. There will also be food booths, carnival games for all ages from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and lastly, an exciting, kid-friendly movie in the fairgrounds park at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for ages 2 and up. For information on decorating a trunk or other information regarding Trunk or Treat, call (559) 665-3728 or visit [www.chowchillafair.org](http://www.chowchillafair.org).

## SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT

Residents are highly encouraged to attend the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in Council Chambers. Public input is being sought in regards to the development of the proposed Edward Ray Park on the south side of town near the high school. The City desires to hear ideas from the community on park design and use.



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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.



## Ask the City: Flu Shots

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

**Will there be a flu shot clinic in Chowchilla again this year?**  
*A.B., Chowchilla*

Yes, there will be a Madera

County Public Health Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic in Chowchilla on Thursday, October 11 at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This flu shot clinic is for county residents ages twelve

and older. There is a \$5.00 administration fee per shot.

For more county flu shot clinic locations in October, call MCPHD at (559) 675-7893 or (800) 427-6897.



## Emergency Alerts on your Phone

Madera County's Emergency Notification System, **MC-Alert**, is now available to all county citizens – including those who rely solely on cell phones. **MC-Alert** is now capable of texting, calling and emailing residents and businesses owners during significant or catastrophic events when they occur.

By including cell phone information, users can now receive information regardless of their location. With alerts on your cell phone, you are instantly in the know no matter where you are.

Those who maintain landline service are also advised to register, so they can update their contact info as well.

To sign up, citizens must log on to [www.MCAAlert.org](http://www.MCAAlert.org) to register. Residents may list addresses in Madera County of concern to them, including home, work and school. When registering, residents will be instructed to provide how they wish to receive alerts. Residents without computers may access [www.MCAAlert.org](http://www.MCAAlert.org) from any public computer located at a Madera Co. library branch.

All information provided to access this free service is kept confidential and used for emergency notifications only. They will not give or sell your personal information to any vendor or other organization. For more information on **MC-Alert**, call (559) 675-7976.

*Note: Subscribers who choose to receive alerts on their cell phone may be charged the standard fee from their cell phone provider. Madera County is not responsible for any charges incurred as a result of receiving alerts on your cell phone.*

## Youth Basketball League



The Chowchilla Youth Basketball League is a co-ed league for children in second through ninth grades.

You may register your child on evaluation dates or at the youth soccer game on Saturday, October 6. Just look for CYB's table set up from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between the softball

fields at Sports & Leisure Park, located at 625 N. 15th Street.

Evaluations will be held at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym, located at 1201 W. Robertson Blvd. on Thursday, October 11 from 7-9 p.m., Monday, October 15 from 7-9 p.m., or on Saturday,

October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Teams are limited this year, so register early. After all teams are full, children will be placed on a waiting list.

For more information, send e-mail to: [cafyouthbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:cafyouthbasketball@yahoo.com).

## Calendar Contest for Kids



The San Joaquin Valley Air District is looking for creative student artists to enter the 2013 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar contest.

Any San Joaquin Valley student in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade is eligible. They're looking for 14 colorful drawings to showcase in their calendar. The Kids' Calendar is a

colorful, bilingual wall calendar that carries clean air messages and showcases our Valley student artists.

The District distributes 20,000 copies free of charge throughout the eight-county air basin. The calendar is always a great reminder that we can all do our part to make the air even better.

Winning drawings for the 2012 calendar and more information about the 2013 contest are at: [www.valleyair.org/kids/clean\\_air\\_calendar\\_contest.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/kids/clean_air_calendar_contest.htm).

The entry deadline is October 8, 2012. For further information, call the District office in Fresno at (559) 230-6000.