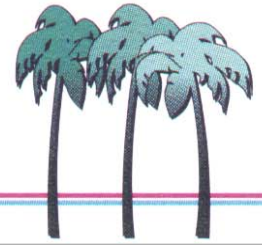




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

Nov 2 - City and CATX Offices Closed

Nov 3 - Senior Center's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Senior Center, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nov 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - "Fall Back"

Nov 4 - Sober Grad BBQ Chicken Dinner, Faith Hall, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Nov 9 - City Offices Closed

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Holiday/Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11 a.m.
(see article on back)

Nov 12 - City Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

Nov 13 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov 16 - City Offices Closed

Nov 17 - Lioness Lions Annual Harvest Festival, Eastman Hall, 6 p.m.

Nov 21 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Nov 22 & 23 - City and CATX Offices Closed for Thanksgiving holiday. *Note: Garbage service will be delayed by one day.*

Nov 30 - City Offices Closed

Coming Up:

Dec 1 - Lions Club 45th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Rite Aid parking lot, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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



Connecting the LINX



The City of Chowchilla is pleased to announce they have contracted with Merced Transportation in order to provide a NEW, fixed-route transit service between Chowchilla and Merced.

Chowchilla Area Transit (CAT) LINX will begin service on Monday, November 5, 2012 with three daily trips between Chowchilla and Merced. This four-month pilot program also offers a daily opportunity to travel between the cities of Madera and Merced.

Daily trips are scheduled to arrive at the Merced Transportation Center at 7:25 a.m., 12:55 p.m., and 5:05 p.m. Now, passengers can make connections between Chowchilla, Merced, and Madera via public

Take a FREE ride the first two weeks!

transit on a daily basis. CAT LINX offers daily service Monday - Friday, except holidays.

Beginning Monday, November 5th, **CAT LINX will offer FREE rides for two weeks** on the new fixed route service between Merced and Chowchilla. The entire schedule is listed below.

The anticipated cost for a one-way trip is \$3.00; prices will be set in the very near future. Daily and monthly passes will be available for purchase at the Chowchilla Civic Center and other local retail outlets yet to be announced.

For those using public transit within City of Chowchilla limits, there is good news for them also. The local **CATX** Dial-A-Ride service will expand to two full-time buses in town and will also operate Monday through Friday (except holidays), beginning November 5, 2012. There will be a full-time dispatcher on

duty providing better call service. Prices, hours, and service boundaries will remain unchanged for CATX service.

"We listened to our customers who were asking for expanded and more frequent service," stated Chowchilla Mayor Janan Hebert. "The City of Chowchilla is happy to be able to finally offer expanded service to the area through our partnership with Merced Transportation. This new partnership also allows us to provide more responsive and consistent service for our local riders."

Watch for updates on the new CAT LINX service on our website at: www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us or the City's Facebook page. For further information on CAT LINX or CATX, call us at 559-665-8655.

CAT LINX - City Linking, Smart Thinking!

<i>CAT LINX to Merced</i>	DEP	ARR	DEP	ARR	DEP	ARR
Countrywood Shopping Center (Old Save Mart building)	6:45am		12:15pm		4:25pm	
RC Wisener Park - 2nd/Trinity	6:52am		12:22pm		4:32pm	
Save Mart - 1225 E. Robertson	7:00am		**12:30pm		4:40pm	
Merced Transpo - 16th/O St.		7:25am		12:55pm		5:05pm
<i>CAT LINX to Chowchilla</i>						
Merced Transpo - 16th/O St.	7:30am		1:05pm		5:15pm	
Save Mart - 1225 E. Robertson		*7:55am		1:30pm		5:40pm
RC Wisener Park - 2nd/Trinity		*8:03am		1:38pm		*5:48pm
Countrywood Shopping Center		8:10am		1:45pm		5:55pm

*Connections to Madera County Connection

**Connection from Madera County Connection to CAT LINX



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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.



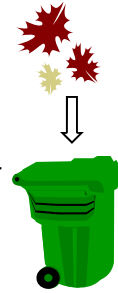
Ask the City: Don't Leave the Leaves

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

If I rake my leaves into the street, will they get picked up?
W.S., Chowchilla

Although Autumn leaves are

now falling, they are **NOT** to be raked into piles in the streets and left for pick up. All leaves must be placed in your GREEN waste container and placed out for pick up service on your regularly scheduled



garbage collection day. FYI: Garbage service will be delayed by one day during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Honoring Our Veterans

Chowchilla's Annual Veterans Ceremony, honoring all veterans who have served the United States as a member of the Armed Forces, will be held on Veterans Day,



Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park.

This annual **Veterans Commemoration Ceremony** is co-sponsored by Chowchilla American Legion Post #148, VFW Post #9896 with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and the City of Chowchilla. Refreshments are provided by Soroptimist International of Chowchilla.

The entire community is encouraged to attend this

event to gain a stronger appreciation for the men and women who strive to protect us and to honor our local retired veterans who have unselfishly served our country.

For more on this ceremony, call the City's Public Information Office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 110. The City thanks all of our veterans!

Be a Friend to the Fair

The Chowchilla Fair and Event Center is initiating a new fund raising opportunity in conjunction with their non-profit 501 (c) 5. The "Friends of the Chowchilla Fair" is now being introduced in response to the 100% cut in funding by the State of California to the Fair. This funding cut of approximately \$200,000 to their yearly budget creates a setback that the Fair is struggling to make up on its own. The Chowchilla Fair has increased their rentals, sponsorships and volunteer

hours along with drastically reducing their expenses.

Chowchilla Fairgrounds has a long-standing positive reputation as a quality and affordably priced venue for their annual Fair, wedding receptions, community dinners, auctions, Quinceneras, races, meetings, team ropings, barrel races, bull ridings, circuses and more. Through generous donations and sponsorships from service clubs, businesses, and individuals, they have been able to make much-needed

improvements, but still need help continuing their improvement projects.

To show your support for your Fair and to become an annual member of the "Friends of the Chowchilla Fair" go to their web site at www.chowchillafair.org or to their Facebook page "Chowchilla Fair" where you'll find membership information and an application. With your help, the Fair will continue to be the best hometown Fair for all occasions. For more info, call 559-665-3728.



Get Involved

As a resident of Chowchilla, we encourage you to get involved and apply for a City Board or Commission position. There are a number of seats opening up in the coming year: Planning Commission - two seats; Heritage Preservation Commission - one seat; Airport Advisory Committee

- two seats; and Parks & Recreation Commission - two seats.

If you are interested in serving on one of these Commissions/Committees, please submit your application, which can be found at: www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us under Commission and Committees. Applications

should be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Chowchilla, 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla CA 93610, by Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Appointments are expected to be made at the January 8, 2013 Council meeting. For more information, call 559-665-8615, ext. 102.