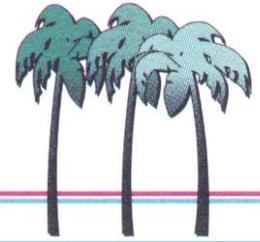


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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Monthly Calendar

Jan 1 - City Offices Closed for New Years Day Holiday

Jan 4 - City Offices Closed

Jan 5 - CAF Girls Softball Sign-ups begin, Wilson Gym, Saturdays in Jan., 9 am -1 pm

Jan 7-11 - Christmas Tree Round-Up (see info on back)

Jan 8 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 11 - City Offices Closed

Jan 12 - Chowchilla Lioness Lions Cioppino Dinner, Cornaggia Farms, 6 p.m.

Jan 15 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 16 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 17 - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 18 - City Offices Closed

Jan 19 - Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.

Jan 21 - City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 22 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 24 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9 a.m.

Jan 25 - City Offices Closed

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

New City Council Takes Office Haworth named Mayor; Jackson is Pro Tem

Following certification of the November election results, one Chowchilla City Council incumbent and two new Council members were sworn in on December 11, 2012 to form the new Chowchilla City Council.

The newly elected council members include incumbent Dennis Haworth, John Chavez & Richard Walker. They join Janan Hebert and Isaac Jackson to comprise the City Council.

During the annual reorganization of the Council, members appointed Council Member Dennis Haworth as Mayor and Council Member Isaac Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem. They will serve in these positions for one year.



Mayor Dennis Haworth, a retired police officer, has enjoyed a fulfilling career in law enforcement. Dennis began as a reserve deputy sheriff for Madera County and a volunteer fire fighter with Madera County Engine 2 based out of the City of Chowchilla. In 1997, Dennis worked for the Madera County Probation Department as a Juvenile Detention Officer. Later that same year he was hired as a full-time Deputy Sheriff with Madera County. During his time with the Sheriff's Department, he worked as a patrol deputy

in every community in Madera County. In 2005, Dennis became a founding officer with the University of California Merced Police Department and recently retired from this agency.

Mayor Haworth was first elected to the City Council in 2008 and is now serving his second term which expires in 2016. He and his wife, Debra, have two children, Dillon and Zoe.

Returning to the Council after a two-year break is John Chavez. John served his first term from 2006-2010. Having worked many years at Cornaggia's Bakery, John now works at the SaveMart Bakery and Deli and is well known in the community for his baking talents.

John's three children, Johnathan, Jazzlin, and Jonahs, have been the main reasons for his strong commitment to youth and sports programs in the community. John has been involved with many youth sports programs and has enjoyed giving back to his community by coaching teams in past years. Council Member Chavez will serve a four-year Council term until 2016.

Serving his first term on the City Council is Richard Walker. Richard Walker was ordained into the ministry by Full Gospel

Truth Church Inc. and he became the Senior Pastor of his church in 1996. Richard and his wife, Lori, work together in the ministry of their local church.



Richard and Lori have two children, Faith and Matthew. Serving the community of Chowchilla is important to Richard. He has been a Police Chaplain for the Chowchilla Police Department since 2010. Walker's Council term expires in 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Isaac Jackson is serving in the Pro Tem position for the second time in his first term which expires in 2014. Jackson is a Senior IT Business Systems Analyst with Foster Farms.

Council Member Janan Hebert, the past Mayor, is the Warehouse Supervisor for Brake Parts Incorporated. Hebert was appointed to her first term which expires in 2014.

Outgoing Council Members David Alexander and Jim Kopshever, whose



terms had expired, were recognized and received plaques for their years of service to the City of Chowchilla.

Happy New Year

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Chowchilla City Council

Dennis Haworth, *Mayor*
Isaac Jackson, *Mayor Pro Tem*
John Chavez, *Council Member*
Janan Hebert, *Council Member*
Richard Walker, *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.

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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
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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: Christmas Trees

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

Does the City pick up Christmas trees after Christmas? J.A., Chowchilla

Yes, the City's contracted garbage service provider

does offer free Christmas tree collection.

If you would like your Christmas tree taken away at no cost, please have your tree at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick up



day during the week of **January 7 through 11, 2013.**

Please remember that all trees over six feet tall must be cut in half and all trees must be free of any decorations.

Utility Rate Schedule

New rates go into effect January 1

Last spring, public hearings were held to inform the public served by the City's Water and Wastewater Utility System of utility rate changes. After Council approval in April 2012, the new rate structure went into effect May 1, 2012.

The new utility rates were designed to provide adequate funding for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs for provision of water and wastewater service within the city's service area for the next ten years. A rate schedule was set up with rate changes occurring every January 1st through

2021. The utility rates for water/sewer service will change January 1st which will be noticed on residents' February utility bill.

As a reminder, utility bill payments are due the 19th of every month (or the next business day if the 19th falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or holiday) and a 10% penalty will be added after the due date if unpaid. If left unpaid, shutoff notices are issued the next month. Shut offs will occur seven days from the date of the notice. The shut off fee is \$28 and a reconnect fee is also \$28; both will be added to the bill.

To avoid these additional charges, payment must be made and posted to the account no later than twenty-four hours before the shut off is to occur, or by midnight of the sixth day of the notice.

If a shut off does occur, payment of the entire bill, including the \$56 for the shut off and reconnect fee must be paid in order to restore service. Restoration of water service can take up to twenty-four hours after payment.

For more information on your utility account, call the Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

Time to License Your Dog

Licenses expire December 31st every year

Chowchilla Municipal Code 6.04.250 states all dogs residing within the City of Chowchilla limits that are **over the age of four months** must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed through the Chowchilla Police Department every year.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a license. You must also show proof of dog's alteration in order to receive discounts.

To obtain or renew a dog license, visit the Chowchilla Police Department during regular business hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Renewals only in the form of cashiers check or money order payable to the City of Chowchilla may be mailed to the department at 122 Trinity Avenue. Proof of current rabies vaccination must also

be included if not already on file or if it has expired. The fee is \$9.00 for altered dogs and \$18.00 for unaltered dogs. The senior discount is \$4.50 for altered dogs and \$9.00 for unaltered dogs.

Note: A \$20 late fee will be added to all fees after April 1.

For further information, call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.



Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner

Chowchilla Fairgrounds Eastman Hall

Saturday, January 19, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.

Call (559) 665-5603 for information or tickets.