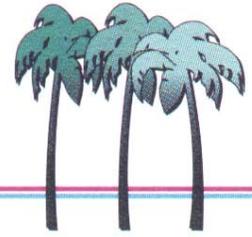


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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City Offices Business Hours
Monday—Thursday, 8am-4pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR

May 4-5 - Chowchilla's Relay For Life, CUHS, 9am-9am

May 10 - Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Pheasant Run GC, 1:30pm

May 14 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7pm

May 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7pm

May 16-19 - Chowchilla Madera County Fair

May 18 - Spring Festival Parade, 10am

May 23 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9am

May 24 - Camarena Health Women's Health Fair

May 27 - Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

May 27 - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Chowchilla Cemetery, 10am

May 28 - City Council Meeting and Budget Introduction, Civic Center, 7pm

May 29 - City Council Budget Meeting (if needed), Civic Center, 6pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4 - Special City Council Budget Adoption Meeting, Civic Center, 6pm

June 11 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7pm

July 7 - FREE Concert, "Sounds of Freedom" Military Band, Veterans Park, 7pm

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



The **2013 Chowchilla Fair** will open on Thursday, May 16 and run through Sunday, May 19.

Main Stage entertainment this year includes country rock band Southern Bend, Aaron Avila and Second Wind playing a variety of music from Country to 80's rock, country band Leaving Austin, and Santana tribute band, Caravanserai. Other entertainment will include Vendetta Pro Wrestling featuring Chris "The Masterpiece" Masters, known for his signature move "The Master Lock", World Heavyweight Champion Matt Hardy and former model Reby Sky. Daily entertainment will include hypnotist Michael Mezmer, Magician Frank Thurston, Balloon artist Dennis Forel, All American

Restoring Water Shutoffs

The City's Finance Department reminds customers that if their water is shutoff they need to make arrangements to restore service by setting an in-person meeting to establish a payment plan. Sorry, but discussions can not be conducted over the telephone. This meeting must be with the account holder of record.

Water service restoration fees can only be paid by cash, money order, or credit card. Additionally, there is a \$56 charge, \$28 for the actual shutoff and \$28 to turn the service back on. Further, if the water has been shutoff and there is no deposit on file, a deposit will have to be paid at the time the service is restored.

If you have questions please contact the Finance Department at 665-8615, ext. 711.

Xpress Billpay- Safe & Easy

Pay your City utilities bill online using Xpress Billpay for 24-hours anytime ease of access. Click the "Pay Your Utility Bill" button on the City web site at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

2013 Chowchilla Fair - "Rides, Slides and Cowhides"

Racing Pigs, Kids Tractor Pulls and Circus Imagination.

Grandstand events for the 2013 Chowchilla Fair will include Truck and Tractor Pulls, Bull Riding and a Demolition Derby.

Fair Admission will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 and older, children 6-12 are \$4 and children 5 and under are free. Grandstand events this year will be just \$5 for fairgoers ages 6 and older, ages 5 and under are free. On Thursday, May 16 and Sunday May 19 receive free admission from 3pm -6pm with the donation of a canned food item. Kid's day will be on Friday, May 17th. All kids 12 and under are free on kids day until 5pm. Parking is free all four days of Fair.

Advanced discounts specials are now on sale until the opening of Fair. Discount specials include a one day

discount admission pass for \$5 and a pre-sale carnival coupon for \$18. Carnival coupons can be exchanged for an unlimited ride wristband or a book of 30 tickets. Thursday, May 16th will be buddy day, buy one regular price unlimited ride wristband, get one FREE! All advance discount specials end at the opening of the Fair.



For more information about the 2013 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair visit their website at www.chowchillafair.org or call the Chowchilla Fair office at 665-3728.

Chowchilla District
Chamber of Commerce

GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 10

Pheasant Run
Golf Course
Chowchilla, CA

1:30pm

Shotgun Start

4-Person Team Play

\$80.00

per player

Register at 665-5603

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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*

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center. The agenda is posted on the City web site.

EMERGENCY - CALL 911

Call Us

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 102
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 102
Human Resources	ext. 102
Community Relations	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/CAT LINX:	665-8655
Police:	665-8600
Anonymous Tips:	665-8624
Fire:	665-8626

Newsletter Editor Contact

Send email to "Attn: Editor" at generalinfo@ci.chowchilla.ca.us, or mail to 130 S. Second Street, Civic Center Plaza, Chowchilla, CA 93610, or call the Community Relations Office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 110.



Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted for in-person payments at the Civic Center and the Police Department.



CAT LINX Gets You There



CAT LINX

You can now take the weekday CAT LINX bus from Chowchilla to Merced and connect to shopping and activities in Merced, and even link to Yosemite National Park.

For example, if you take the 7am Chowchilla bus (\$2.50) you will arrive at the Merced Transportation Center (Transpo) at 7:25am. There you can then board the Route 22 bus (\$1.50) at 7:45am to get to the Amtrak station at 7:50am, or Merced Mall at 7:55am, or Merced College at 8am, or even UC Merced by 8:11am.

Another transit option is to board the Route 2 bus at Merced Transpo at 7:30am and arrive at Applegate Park and the zoo at 7:37am, Wal-Mart at 7:42am, Merced Mall at 7:47am, and Merced College at 7:52am.

Want to take an overnight trip into Yosemite National Park? Round trip from Merced to Yosemite on the 9:00am YARTS bus is \$25; kids 12 & under ride free with a paying adult. All shuttles in the park are free.

For help in planning your transit needs contact the **CAT LINX** office at (559) 665-8655 to speak with a transit specialist.



Camarena's Women's Health Fair

In celebration of National Women's

Health Week, **Camarena Health** will hold their **Women's Health Fair** on Friday, May 24, 2013 from 9am to 12noon.

This annual event will be held in the main parking lot behind the **Camarena Health** Chowchilla offices at 401 Trinity Avenue.

The community of Chowchilla will have access to free blood

Summer Park Concerts Coming to Chowchilla

Summer nights in Chowchilla will come alive with music as the Madera County Arts Council (MCAC) in cooperation with the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chowchilla presents Sunday concerts in Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard. Pre-concert activities and concessions will begin at 6pm followed by the concert at 7pm.



"This year, our 25th concert season, we are trying something new and expanding to Chowchilla," reports MCAC Board of Directors member and Chowchilla resident Dianne Rich, "where we will have two concerts that will complement the Sunday summer concerts in Madera."

The AUSA Military Concert Band, "The Sounds of Freedom", a long time crowd favorite, will play on July 7 in Chowchilla. On August 11, the band "Baloney Creek" will perform their own personal style of bluegrass with a twist of swing, a bit of blues and a collection of old time fiddle tunes.

If you would like to help support this new venture as a sponsor please contact the Chowchilla Chamber office at 665-5603.

A complete schedule of the MCAC concert season will be available at the www.maderaarts.org web site.

Report Graffiti



Graffiti affects us all. It impacts on the health and well being of a community. Graffiti creates a perception that nobody cares about the area, and if left unattended it often attracts more graffiti and may even encourage other more serious crimes.

The presence of graffiti can cause people to feel unsafe. Public spaces that have graffiti may even be avoided by legitimate users, and some graffiti can personally offend individuals or community groups.

Please help keep our community graffiti-free by reporting any graffiti to the Chowchilla Police Department at 665-8600.

pressure checks, blood sugar checks, nutritional education, and several other health-related services. There will also be about 15 other local organizations providing free information and various services for all to attend. These will include food demonstrations, dental goodie bags, car seat information, books for kids, a raffle prize and more.

The goal of the **Women's Health Fair** is to provide a fun environment to celebrate and engage the community.

National Women's Health Week is a weeklong celebration that brings communities, businesses, government, health organizations, and other important groups together to help empower women to take charge of their health. The 2013 theme is "It's Your Time."

For more information on services and other events call (559) 664-4145 or visit www.camarenahealth.org.

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