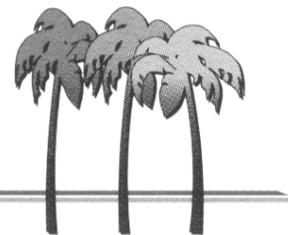


City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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

MONTHLY CALENDAR

July 5 - City Offices Closed

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

July 9 - City Council Meeting,
Civic Center, 7pm

July 12 - City Offices Closed

July 15 - Airport Commission
Meeting, Civic Center, 4pm

July 16 - Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting, Civic
Center, 7pm

July 17 - Planning Commission
Meeting, Civic Center, 7pm

July 18 - Heritage Preservation
Commission Meeting, Civic
Center, 7pm

July 19 - City Offices Closed

July 25 - RDA Successor
Agency Meeting, Civic Center,
9am

July 26 - City Offices Closed

July 29 - Lions Club Fireworks,
Berenda Reservoir

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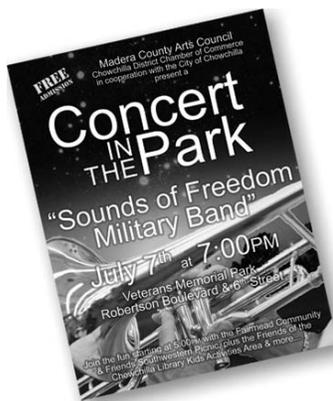
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Meeting agendas, minutes and
details on events are available
on the City's website at
www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us

Summer Park Concerts In Chowchilla



This summer the Madera County Arts Council (MCAC) in cooperation with the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chowchilla will present two free outdoor concerts in Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard.

On Sunday, July 7, the AUSA Military Concert Band, "The Sounds of Freedom", a long time crowd favorite, will perform starting at 7pm. Beginning at 5pm the Fairmead Community & Friends will offer Southwestern Picnic with a variety of foods available for purchase. The Chowchilla Library will have kids activity tables, and the Chowchilla All-Star Cheer Team will perform to raise funds for their programs.

On Sunday, 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. Pre-concert activities and concessions will begin at 4pm followed by the concert at 7pm.

A complete schedule of the MCAC concert season is available at the www.maderaarts.org web site and on the City web site at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

Chowchilla Cooling Center

The City of Chowchilla has established the Chowchilla Senior Center as a Cooling Center to be used during times of extreme summer heat. The Center is open on weekdays during regular hours from 9am to 1pm. The Center is closed on holidays and weekends. Activation of the Cooling Center beyond regular operating hours will be assessed on an "as need" basis. If you, or someone you know, needs a Cooling Center call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

The NEW BLOCK PARTY - Sept. 14 at Veterans Park

There is a NEW BLOCK PARTY for 2013! The annual community event has moved from August and also to a new location.

The NEW BLOCK PARTY will be on Saturday, September 14 and will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Blvd. at 6th Street.

The event features lots of informative and fun things for kids and adults, and is a wonderful activity for the entire family. There are activity tables, arts & crafts vendors, information booths, food sales benefitting non-profit groups, bounce houses, entertainment, and much more.

Vendor applications can be obtained at the Chowchilla City Hall and online at the City web site. To receive an application by email send your request to MPiepenbrok@ci.Chowchilla.CA.us. For more information call (559) 665-8615, ext. 110.



Watch Your Watering Schedule

Help conserve our precious water and follow these simple guidelines for irrigating your lawn and shrub areas. Water BEFORE 11:00am and AFTER 6:00pm on your scheduled days.

If your address ends with an **ODD** number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) you can water on Monday, Wednesday & Friday

If your address ends with an **EVEN** number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) you can water on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Watering lawns and shrub areas is **PROHIBITED** on Sundays

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Chowchilla City Council

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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.



Berenda Reservoir Is Open!

The Chowchilla Lions Club has opened the Berenda Reservoir for public use. The reservoir is a terrific place to take the family to cool off on the hot summer days with boating, jet skiing, swimming and picnicking.

Due to a limited release of water for the 2013 season the Chowchilla Water District anticipates a six-week water season which means the reservoir may only have water through the end of July or very early August.

The Chowchilla Lions Club has taken the responsibility of maintaining and managing the reservoir each season. The reservoir is generally open Thursday through Sunday each week from 9am to dusk. Occasionally the reservoir may be open other weekdays when possible.

Many hours are donated each summer by Lions Club members to prepare and maintain the reservoir facility. Be sure to thank them when you can.

Make Your Yard Sale Legal

As you plan your yard sale this summer remember you need to obtain a Yard Sale Permit from the City's Finance Department during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 4:00pm. Your first three yard sale permits are FREE.

Signs are prohibited in the public right-of-way and they can not be nailed to utility poles, street signs, trees, or other similar public facilities.

Free Meals for Kids!

The Chowchilla Elementary School District is offering their Summer Food Service Program for kids again this year.

FREE breakfast and lunch is available through July 26 (except July 4) to all youngsters in the community up to age 18. There are no eligibility requirements for this program.

At Fuller School, breakfast will be served at 7:30am, and lunch will be served at 11:30am.

Lunch only will be provided at the Fairmead School cafeteria from 10:30am to 11:15am.

This free program is funded through the Seamless Summer School Program and the National School Lunch Program. If you would like more information call Karen at (559) 665-8027.

Cool Down Your Home Energy Use and Save

Here are some no-cost tips to help give your home a "Home Energy Tune-Up":

- ▶ Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when at home. Set it to 85 or turn it off when you are not home. For every one degree you raise the temperature over 72, you save 1-3% on your air cooling costs.
- ▶ Ceiling fans can help keep a room cooler. Set

the switch to turn the fan counter-clockwise to blow the air downward.

- ▶ Run appliances such as a dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer late in the evening after 7pm.
- ▶ Clean or replace air conditioning filters regularly. Dirty filters restrict airflow making your air conditioner work harder.

CAT LINX Gets

You There



You can now take the week-day 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 12:30pm Chowchilla bus (\$2.50) you will arrive at the Merced Transportation Center (Transpo) at 12:55am. There you can then board the Route M3 bus at 1:00pm and arrive at the Merced Mall at 1:21am.

Another option is to take the Route M2 bus at 1:15pm to arrive at Walmart at 1:25pm.

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.

There are many other transit options available from the Merced Transportation Center (Transpo) and the CTA LINX bus is available to help you get there. For help with your transit needs contact the **CAT LINX** office at (559) 665-8655 to speak with a transit specialist.

Want to pay your City utilities bill online? Click the "Pay Your Utility Bill" button at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

▶ Your microwave uses 2/3 less energy than your stove. Use it to heat food and save.

▶ Wash full loads of laundry and always rinse on cold.

You can schedule a **FREE Home Energy Survey** from the Fresno Regional Comprehensive Residential Retrofit Program at no charge to Madera County residents. Call 855-621-FREE today.