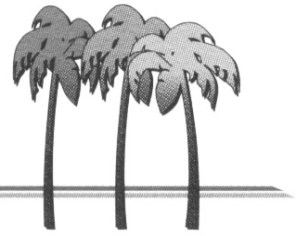


City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM
CLOSED FRIDAY

CALENDAR

Oct 4 - City Offices Closed

Oct 6-12 - Fire Prevention Week

Oct 8 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Oct 15 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Oct 16 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Oct 16 - Soroptimist International Salad Bar, St. Columba/O'Laughlin Hall, 11AM-1PM

Oct 17 - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Oct 18 - City Offices Closed

Oct 18 - Under the Barn Winter Gymkhana Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

Oct 19 - Friends of the Library Dinner Fundraiser, Life Change Church, 4PM-7:30PM

Oct 21 - Airport Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 4PM

Oct 22 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Oct 24 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9AM

Oct 26 - "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5PM

Nov 1 - City Offices Closed

Nov 11 - Veterans Day, City Offices Closed

Nov 11 - Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM

Meeting agendas, minutes and details on events are available on the City website at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6-12, 2013

PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

GO TO FPW.ORG AND GET COOKIN' WITH FIRE SAFETY!

It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from October 6-12 Chowchilla Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires.'

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires--most of which result from unattended cooking—and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

"Often when we're called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they

only left the kitchen for a few minutes," said Fire Chief Harry Turner. "Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help us reach folks in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson."

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week visit NFPA's website at www.fpw.org.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing for Fire Prevention Week are:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Avoid a Water Shutoff

The City of Chowchilla recognizes that circumstances may limit your ability to pay your monthly utilities bill in a timely manner. We want to work with you to the fullest extent possible to prevent water shutoffs due to late or non-payment of any outstanding bills. The following information is provided as a guide to help you meet your payment obligations.

Any previous balance that appears on your monthly billing that is not paid within 10 days of the listed "Billing Date" **IS SUBJECT TO A WATER SERVICE SHUTOFF.**

An unpaid previous balance is subject to late fees and penalties.

If a water shutoff occurs, a customer will be charged a reconnection fee of \$56.00 that **MUST BE PAID IN FULL** before services can be restored.

Veterans Day

The annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony will be on Monday, November 11 at 11:00AM at Veterans Memorial Park on Roberson Boulevard at 6th Street. Details will be in the November City Spotlight.

Pay Online

Paying your City utilities bill is easy with online bill pay at the City web site. Just click the "Pay Your Utility Bill" button at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us.

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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.

- EMERGENCIES - CALL 911

PHONE NUMBERS

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 102
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 102
Airport Information	ext. 322
Building & Inspections	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 407
Community Relations	ext. 110
Finance	ext. 783
Fire	ext. 600
Human Resources	ext. 102
Planning	ext. 400
Police Dispatch	ext. 590/591
Public Works	ext. 789
Recreation	ext. 110
Utilities	ext. 783

DIRECT NUMBERS

CATX/CAT LINX:	665-8655
Police:	665-8600
Anonymous Tips:	665-8624
Fire:	665-8625
Senior Center:	665-1089

EDITOR CONTACT

Send email to generalinfo@ci.Chowchilla.CA.US, or call (559) 665-8615, ext. 110.



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



Water Shutoff

IN-PERSON PAYMENTS

It is highly recommended that for all past due balances and notices for customers scheduled for water shutoff, be paid in-person at the Chowchilla City Hall to avoid service termination.

If you are scheduled for a water shutoff you **MUST** come to the Chowchilla City Hall and pay the balance with cash, credit/debit card or money order. Checks are not accepted for shutoff payment.

All **PAYMENTS MADE IN-PERSON** at the Chowchilla City Hall **24 HOURS** prior to the shutoff date will be posted and the water services will remain on.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

If you are scheduled for a water shutoff and you want to pay online using **Xpress Bill Pay** through the City web site, the payment must be received **AT LEAST 72 HOURS** (3 days) prior to the scheduled service shutoff day to allow time for posting the payment to your account and to ensure services will not be discontinued. **IMPORTANT! When you pay online your account is NOT credited with the payment immediately and it may take up to 72 hours for the transaction to complete!** You should call the City's Finance/Utilities Department to make sure your payment has been received and posted properly.

Youth Basketball League

Registration ends Saturday, October 12

The Chowchilla Youth Basketball League is a fun recreational program for boys and girls currently enrolled in second through ninth grades. The cost is \$40.00 for the first child and \$32.00 each for additional siblings in the same family. Fees are payable to CYB and a parent or legal guardian must fully sign the registration form.

The last day to register is Saturday, October 12. Registration forms can be picked up and turned in on the player evaluation days of Tuesday October 8 from 6PM – 8:30PM, Thursday October 10 from 6PM to 8:30PM, and on Saturday, October 12 from 9AM to 1PM at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym at 1201 W. Robertson Boulevard.

After October 10 applicants may be placed on a waiting list. For those applicants placed on the waiting list no payment will be required until the applicant is added to a team.

Mandatory player evaluations for fifth through ninth grade applicants will be conducted on Saturday, October 12 at the Community Sports Center/Wilson Gym.

For more information call (559) 715-4842 or send an email to CAFYouthBasketball@Yahoo.com.

Any online payments made **LESS THAN 72 HOURS** (3 days) prior to shutoff date does not guarantee continued service. If a shutoff occurs you will be subject to a \$56.00 reconnection fee.

PAYMENTS BY MAIL

If you are scheduled for a water shutoff and you mailed your payment, it must be received **AT LEAST 48 HOURS** (2 days) prior to the scheduled service shutoff day to allow time for posting the payment to your account and to ensure services will not be discontinued. You should call the City's Finance/Utilities Department to make sure your payment has been received and posted properly.

Payments mailed or dropped off in the drop-box at City Hall **LESS THAN 48 HOURS** (2 days) prior to shutoff date does not guarantee continued service. If a shutoff occurs you will be subject to \$56.00 reconnection fee.

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Finance/Utilities Department Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM – 4PM. City Hall is closed on Friday.

If you have questions or need help please contact the City's Finance/Utilities Department in advance of your monthly billing due date at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

Trunk or Treat at Chowchilla Fairgrounds

The Chowchilla Fairgrounds will present the third annual **Trunk or Treat** event on Saturday, October 26 from 5PM-7PM. Business owners, service organizations and community members will decorate the trunks of their vehicles and pass out candy to ghouls and goblins ages 2-12 years old.



Additional activities will include a costume contest, monster parade at 7:30PM and a haunted house from 5PM-9PM. Mr. Pumpkin will be available for autographs and picture opportunities during the event. For an additional fee there will also be kiddie carnival rides for the children from 5PM-7PM.

For persons wanting to enter a vehicle with a decorated trunk there is still time. Registration forms must be turned in to the Fair Office no later than October 15. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st – 3rd place in the trunk decorating contest.

Admission to this safe, family friendly event is \$1.00 for ages 2 and up. Additional information can be found at www.ChowchillaFair.org or contact the Fair Office at 665-3728.