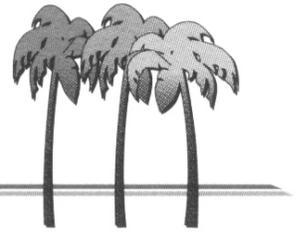




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM
CLOSED FRIDAY

CALENDAR

- Nov 1** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 3** - Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2:00AM
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day, City Offices Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM
- Nov 12** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Nov 15** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 15** - Under the Barn Winter Gymkhana Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
- Nov 20** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Nov 27 & 28** - Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Nov 29** - City Offices Closed
- Dec 7** - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 7PM
- Dec 10** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Dec 13** - City Offices Closed
- Dec 18** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
- Dec 24 & 25** - Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Dec 26** - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9AM
- Dec 27** - City Offices Closed
- Jan 1** - New Year Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Jan 10** - City Offices Closed
- Jan 14** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Details available online at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US

Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11

Chowchilla's **Annual Veterans Day Ceremony** to honor all veterans who have served the United States of America as a member of the Armed Forces, will be held on **Monday, November 11** at **11:00AM** at **Veterans Memorial Park** on Roberson Boulevard at 6th Street.

The event is co-sponsored by the American Legion Post 148, and VFW Post 9896 and Ladies Auxiliary, in cooperation with the City of Chowchilla.

The Chowchilla community is encouraged to join together and pay tribute to those who have served to preserve the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy for our Nation. Everyone will gain a stronger appreciation for the men and women who selflessly strive to protect us today and to commemorate our local veterans who have unselfishly served this country in the past.

Refreshments will be provided by Soroptimist International of Chowchilla following the ceremony.



Together Lets Avoid a Water Service Shutoff

We recognize that sometimes it is difficult to make ends meet in these current economic times. The City of Chowchilla is committed to do what it can to maintain water service to each and every household in the community. But it also takes each water service customer to do what they can to avoid water service shutoffs and having to pay reconnection fees. Sometimes the solution is as simple as contacting City Hall before a scheduled shutoff date so we can work with you to arrange a payment schedule. **TOGETHER** we can make a plan to address late payments or non-payment of any outstanding bills.

Did your income level change significantly due to a work furlough or loss, or did you experience a chronic or acute illness? Did your residence suffer a catastrophic damage or major repair problem that you needed to pay for?

The City will work with you if you just contact us to help set-up your payment plan.

Once we can all agree on a payment plan the customer is obligated to follow that plan. If a problem develops again it is **IMPORTANT** to contact the City as soon as possible, **BEFORE** the shutoff occurs. Call the City's Finance/Utilities Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

The City does reserve the right to shut off your service without giving you notice for the following reasons—stealing utility service; getting services through fraud; tampering with your meter; unsafe service conditions; issuing a bad check to stop service termination.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Ceremony Moves to Veterans Memorial Park

There are some holiday traditions that get better with each passing year. This holiday season an annual tradition of the community will see an improvement that everyone is surely going to enjoy. After many years of searching for a "home" for the **City Christmas Tree** the Chowchilla Lions Club in cooperation with the City of Chowchilla have selected **Veterans Memorial Park** on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street.

On **Saturday, December 7** the Chowchilla Lions Club will then present the **46th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** beginning at **5:30PM** at the **Veterans Memorial Park**. The event will be held regardless of the weather conditions.

The Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club will also be on-site selling tasty holiday drinks and other refreshments at a minimal price.

This holiday celebration will include entertainment, community leaders and guests, the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the **City Christmas Tree**. Afterward, Santa Claus will spend time talking with each and every child who wants to visit with him so they can share what is on their holiday wish list.

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CITY COUNCIL

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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.



Volunteers of Service Needed

Service to one's community can never be understated nor underestimated in the value provided both to the citizenry who is served, as well as to the spirit of the person who serves. The City of Chowchilla is accepting nominations of persons whose particular strengths, background, experience, perspective and talents might contribute significantly to efficient and representative policy development and administration serving on a city board or commission. Appointments are expected to be made by the City Council at the **January 14, 2014** council meeting.

Persons who are interested need to submit an application to the City Clerk, by **Tuesday, December 10, 2013**. The application can be picked up at City Hall, 130 S. Second Street, during business hours, or downloaded from the City web site at **www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US** by clicking on the **Commission and Committees** link in the left column.

Unless noted otherwise, all appointed terms begin in January 2014 and will expire January 1, 2018. If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's office at (559) 665-8615 ext. 102.

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Water

This information can help you maintain your water service.

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.

IN-PERSON PAYMENTS

It is highly recommended that all past due balances and notices for 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 payments. 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** 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.

Online payments made **LESS THAN 72 HOURS** before a shutoff date does not guarantee continued service. If service is shutoff a **\$56.00** reconnection fee will be required.

These vacancies and open seats will be filled by at the January 14, 2014 City Council meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION - two (2) vacancies.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION - three (3) vacancies and one currently vacant seat.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - two (2) vacancies along with one unexpired term seat available that will expire in January 2016.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION - four (4) vacancies.

PAYMENTS BY MAIL

If you are scheduled for a water shutoff and you mailed your payment, it must be received **AT LEAST 48 HOURS** before the scheduled service shutoff day for time to post 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** prior to shutoff date does not guarantee continued service. If service is shutoff a **\$56.00** reconnection fee will be required

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM - 4PM, and 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.

Seasonal Tips for Trash

As the Autumn leaves fall residents are asked to **NOT** rake them into piles into the streets. Neither the disposal company or the City of Chowchilla will pick them up. All leaves must be placed in your **GREEN** waste container and placed to the curb for pick up on your scheduled trash collection day.

Also, please **REMEMBER** to place all of your waste containers to the curb the night before your scheduled pick up day so the they are emptied and not missed during the early morning collection.