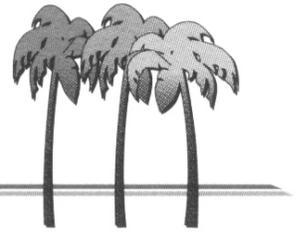




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM
CLOSED FRIDAY

CALENDAR

Dec 7 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 5:30PM

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

Dec 31 & Jan 1 - New Year Holiday, City Offices Closed



Jan 10 - City Offices Closed

Jan 14 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Jan 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday, City Offices Closed

Jan 21 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Jan 23 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9AM

Jan 24 - City Offices Closed

Jan 28 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Meeting details available online at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US

Lions Christmas Tree Lighting

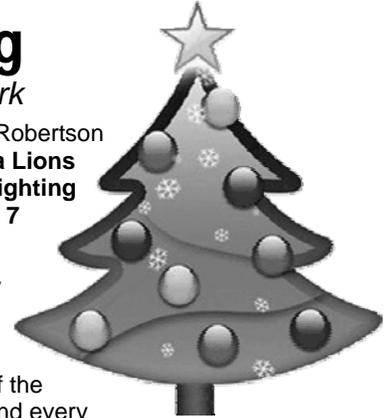
Saturday, December 7 at Veterans Memorial Park

Everyone is invited to come out to **Veterans Memorial Park** on Robertson Boulevard between 6TH and 7TH Streets and join the **Chowchilla Lions Club** for the **46TH Annual Chowchilla Lions Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Festivities begin at **5:30PM** on **Saturday, December 7** and the event will be held regardless of the weather conditions.

The **Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club** will 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**. Santa will spend time to meet with each and every child who wants to visit with him so they can share what is on their holiday wish list.

This will be the first time in its long history that the **Chowchilla Lions Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** has been presented at the park. The **Chowchilla Lions Club** hopes you will start your holiday season by attending this long-standing tradition at the new downtown park location.



It's Easy to Pay Your Utilities Bill Online

The City of Chowchilla has an easy way to pay your monthly utilities bill online. Using Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online bill payment systems, all you need is an Internet connection through a Web browser and an e-mail address. Just sign up for your free account and start using this service.

It's simple to use. Every month you will receive a reminder in

your e-mail inbox letting you know when your bill is online. Then simply log in to your account at XpressBillPay.com to view your bill. It's formatted like your paper statement so it will look familiar to you. You can also see up to a full year's history of your account online, so you can compare it to past bills.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You

can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

To sign up, just go online to www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US and click the "Pay Your Utility Bill" button near the top of the web page. And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use.

Volunteers for Commissions Wanted

The City of Chowchilla is seeking city residents whose strengths, background, experience, perspective and talents might contribute significantly to efficient and representative policy development and administration to fill vacancies on city commissions and committees. Any interested person or group may nominate, for consideration by the Chowchilla City Council, candidates that are willing to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of their appointment.

An application for a commission or committee can be obtained at the Chowchilla City Hall, or one can be downloaded from the City web site at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US. Applications need to be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Chowchilla, 130 South Second Street, Chowchilla CA 93610, **by Tuesday, December 10, 2013**. Appointments are expected to be made at the January 14, 2014 Council meeting. The box to the right lists the vacancies that occur on January 1, 2014 and that will be eligible for appointment.

If you have any questions please call the **City Clerk's office** at (559) 665-8615 ext. 102.

This Notice is given pursuant to Government Code, Section 54974.

These vacancies will be filled at the first City Council meeting in January

PLANNING COMMISSION - two (2) vacancies.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION - four (4) vacancies.

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.

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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 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

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Police:	665-8600
Anonymous Tips:	665-8624
Fire:	665-8625
Senior Center:	665-1089

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



City to Operate the Senior Center Program

The Chowchilla City Council took action to bring the programs of the Chowchilla Senior Center under the management of the City beginning January 1, 2014.

For many, many years the older adult activities and programs at the Center were run by the City of Madera. The

informational programs in the near future. The goal is to offer opportunities to enhance the quality of life experiences of older adults here in Chowchilla by providing productive and satisfying uses of leisure time, to help promote wellness, personal fulfillment and self-esteem, and to serve as a bridge to other area ser-



City of Madera notified Chowchilla officials that they would soon not be able to continue providing the services. Since the City of Chowchilla owns the building and City Council recognizes the valuable asset of providing programs for our older residents Council members readily accepted taking over the entire operation.

Staff anticipate adding more recreational activities and

services for older adults. Complementing the recreational and social activities at the Senior Center will be the continuation of the weekday nutritional program for eligible seniors. The City has entered into an agreement with the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging to keep operating the Chowchilla center as an important nutritional meal site.

By working closely with the Chowchilla Seniors Club the

City anticipates building a strong and valuable program. It is also going to take the involvement of many community partners who would like to donate funds and time. There is a need to make improvements to the Senior Center both for operations and appearance, to obtain new equipment and supplies for new programs, and to bring in volunteers with special talents to teach, such as arts and crafts, entertainers, or even simply folks who can spare some time to play games and talk with those who come to the center during the week.

If you would like to share your ideas, or your skills, or your time, please contact the Community Relations Office with the City of Chowchilla at (559) 665-8615, ext. 110. You can also call Joyce Holt at the Chowchilla Senior Center at (559) 665-1089.

The current senior center program hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM, except for holidays. The center is located at 820 West Robertson Boulevard.

Fall Leaves Clean Up

The City of Chowchilla does not pick up leaves from private properties. **LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE RAKED INTO PILES IN THE STREET.** All leaves need to be put into the **GREEN** Yard Waste container. This container is then put out to the curb on the regularly scheduled trash pick-up day.

Only leaves, limbs and brush are to be placed in the **GREEN** container. Bottles, metal, boards, and rocks can cause severe equipment damage and must be put in the **BLACK** trash container or the **BLUE** recyclables container.

If you need an additional pick-up of the **GREEN** Yard Waste container please call Mid Valley Disposal at (559) 665-3099. There will be an extra charge for this service.

Holiday Trash Pick-up Days

Mid Valley Disposal will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. If your trash collection day falls on either of these days your pick-up day will run one day behind normal schedule.

On **Christmas Day**, December 25, the route will be picked up on Thursday, December 26. Thursday's route

will be picked up on Friday, December 27 and the Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday, December 28.

On **New Year's Day**, January 1 route will be picked up on Thursday, January 2. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday January 3 and the Friday route will be picked up on Saturday January 4.

Christmas Tree Collection

Mid Valley Disposal will pick up **Christmas Trees** on the regular Green Waste collection day between **December 30 and January 4, 2014, except on January 1.** Put your natural trees (no artificial) inside your green waste cart (trees cut in half) or on the curbside on your pick up day. Please remove all lights and decorations.