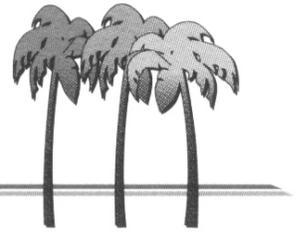




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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**CITY OFFICES
BUSINESS HOURS**
Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM
CLOSED FRIDAY

CALENDAR

Jan 4-5 - World Series of Team Roping - California Shoot Out, Chowchilla Fairgrounds

Jan 10 - City Offices Closed

Jan 11 - Little League and Girls Softball Registration begins, Wilson Gym, Saturdays in January, 9AM - 1PM

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

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

Jan 17 - YMI Fish Fry benefitting Chowchilla Little League, O'Laughlin Hall, 4:30PM

Jan 17 - Winter Gymkhana, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:30PM

Jan 18 - Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5:30PM

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

Feb 7 - City Offices Closed

Feb 11 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Feb 17 - President's Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

Feb 19 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

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

Richard Walker Selected To Serve As Mayor

During the annual reorganization of the City Council on December 10, 2013, members appointed **Richard Walker** to serve as **Mayor** and **John Chavez** as the **Mayor Pro Tem** for the 2014 calendar year.

Richard is serving his first term on the City Council after being elected in 2012. His Council term expires in 2016.



Richard Walker

Mayor Walker intends to "continue the progress the City has made during the past few years" to further improve City services to the residents.

He points out, "It is vital that the City maintain its level of fiscal responsibility, continue to enhance the community infrastructure through capital projects, improve the level of public safety, and advance the push for transparency in local government that improves community awareness for all city residents and visitors."

In addition to his duties as Mayor, **Richard** and his wife, Lori, work together in the ministry of their local church. He was ordained into the ministry by Full Gospel Truth Church Inc. and became the Senior Pastor of his church in 1996.

Richard and Lori have two children, Faith and Matthew. Serving the community of Chowchilla is important to **Richard**. He has been a Police Chaplain for the Chowchilla Police Department since 2010.

At the same meeting in December, **John Chavez** was named **Mayor Pro Tem**.

John was elected to his second term on the City Council in 2012. He previously served from 2006-2010. His present Council term expires in 2016.

Having worked many years at Cornaggia's Bakery, **John** now works at the SaveMart Bakery and Deli and is well known in the community for his talents as a quality baker.

John's three children, Johnathan, Jazzlin, and Jonahs, have

been the main reasons for his strong commitment to youth activities and youth sports programs in the community.



John Chavez

Over the years he has been a part of the Redfins Swim Team, Chowchilla Youth Soccer, Chowchilla Youth Football and Youth Basketball. The enjoyable part for **John** has been his giving of many hours back to his community by coaching teams for much of these youth sports programs and serving them in many other ways.

Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce
Community Awards Dinner

"Honoring Community Contributions"

(Service Clubs and Organizations)

Saturday, January 18

Chowchilla Fairgrounds Eastman Hall
Doors open at 5:30PM

\$40 per person, \$300 for table of eight

Purchase tickets by January 10

Contact the Chamber office at (559) 665-5603 for tickets, or register on-line at www.ChowchillaChamber.org

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CITY COUNCIL

Richard Walker, *Mayor*
John Chavez, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*
Janan Hebert, *Council Member*
Isaac Jackson, *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

CATX & CATLinX:	665-8655
Police:	665-8600
Anonymous Tips:	665-8624
Fire:	665-8625
Senior Center:	665-1089

EDITOR CONTACT

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



New Utility Rates Become Effective January 1

Following public hearings in 2012 the Chowchilla City Council approved a rate structure for the City Water and Wastewater Utility System. The City Council also approved a fee effective January 1, 2014, to comply with State of California law to fund new water meter installations or scheduled replacements (*meter life expectancy is 15-20 years*) that includes retrofitting existing meters so they can be read electronically.

Utility rates furnish adequate funding for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs to provide city water and wastewater service. The rate changes occurs every January 1 through the year 2021. The 2014 adjusted rates will appear on the February utility bill.

As a reminder, utility bill payments are due the last day of every month (*or the next business day if the last day falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or holiday*).

Youth Sports

Register online for **Chowchilla Little League Baseball and T-Ball**, or sign-up at the Wilson Gym on January 11, 18, 25 from 10AM-1PM, or Tuesday, January 14 & 21 from 6PM-8PM.

The cost is \$65 for baseball, and \$35 for t-ball, with sibling discounts available. Late registrations (with \$50 late fee) will be accepted January 28 through February 10.

For more information visit the web site at www.eteamz.com/chowchillalittleleague or send email to ChowchillaLittleLeague@Yahoo.com.

The **Chowchilla Girls Softball** program is accepting registrations for girls 6 years old through 8th grade and for girls t-ball for 4 & 5 year olds.

Sign-ups will be at the Wilson Gym on January 11, 18, 25 and February 1 from 9AM-1PM, and weekdays at the Shirt Shak, 510 Robertson Boulevard.

The cost is \$60 for softball and \$30 per for t-ball.

For more information visit the web site at www.ChowchillaGirlsSoftball.com, or email Rick_RHElectric@Yahoo.com.

A 10% penalty will be added after the due date if unpaid. If left unpaid, shutoff notices are issued the next month. Shutoffs occur seven days from the notice date.

The shutoff fee is \$28 and the reconnect fee is \$28, with both added to the bill. To avoid additional charges and to avoid a disconnect, your payment must be made and posted to your account no less than forty-eight hours before the shutoff to al-

low needed time for posting the payment o your account. Contact the Finance Department to verify your payment has been posted if you are uncertain the payment was processed.

If a shutoff occurs, the entire bill, including the \$56 shutoff and reconnect fee must be paid in order to restore service. Service restoration can take up to 24 hours after payment.

For help with utility accounts, call the Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.



CITY OF CHOWCHILLA SENIOR CENTER

820 W. Robertson Blvd.

Open Monday-Friday (except holidays) 9am-1pm
(559) 665-1089

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 10-11AM Exercise
Wednesday 9-11AM Bingo
Thursday 10-11AM Line Dance
Thursday 10-11AM Exercise
Friday 9-11AM Bingo

FREE

Blood Pressure Checks

Second Wednesday
of each Month at 11AM
by the Avalon Care Center

Call for Dates of the Monthly
Senior Potluck Dinners

SENIOR NUTRITION SITE

For individuals 60 years of age or older

Monday - Friday 11:30AM-NOON
Lunch for \$1.75

"Must Call a Day in Advance to Receive a Meal"

Provided with grant assistance from the Fresno Madera Area Agency on Aging

Time to License Your Dog

Dog licenses expire every year on December 31. All dogs residing within the city limits of Chowchilla that are four months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed annually through the Chowchilla Police Department. Owners of unlicensed dogs can be issued an Administrative Citation that could result in penalty fees.

Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a license. You must also show proof of the dog's alteration in order to receive any discounts.

To obtain or renew a dog license, visit the Chowchilla Police Department during regular business hours of Monday-Thursday 8AM-5PM, Friday 8AM-7PM, and Saturday 9AM-1PM.

Renewals **ONLY** may be mailed to the Chowchilla Police Department at 122 Trinity Avenue with payment by cashiers check or money order payable to the City of Chowchilla. Proof of current rabies vaccination must also be included if not on file or if it has expired.

The license fee is \$9.00 (senior discount is \$4.50) for altered dogs and \$18.00 (senior discount is \$9.00) for unaltered dogs. A \$20 late fee will be added to all fees after April 1.

For further information, call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

