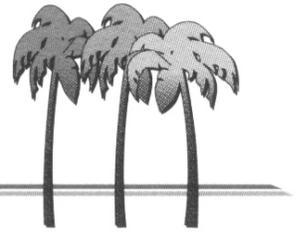




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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

CALENDAR

- Feb 7** - City Offices Closed
 - Feb 8** - Shakespeare on Tour - Julius Caesar, Chowchilla Public Library, 12:00NOON
 - 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
 - Feb 19** - Madera County Grand Jury Presentation, Chowchilla Public Library, 7:30PM
 - Feb 21** - City Offices Closed
 - Feb 21** - Winter Gymkhana, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
 - Feb 22** - Chowchilla Sportsmen's Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5:30PM
 - Feb 25** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
 - Feb 27** - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9AM
 - Mar 1** - American Cancer Society Bark for Life, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 9:00AM
 - Mar 1** - Rotary Crab Feed, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6:00PM
 - Mar 7** - City Offices Closed
 - Mar 8** - Redskin Band Booster Spaghetti Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5:30PM
 - Mar 11** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM
 - Mar 14** - Chowchilla Western Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard 10:00AM
 - Mar 14-16** - Western Stampede, Chowchilla Fairgrounds 10:00AM
- Meeting details available online at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US

Our Water Crisis - You Can Help Us Conserve

As all of us know, California is facing severe water challenges, including the effects of a third dry year in a row.

Water is a precious natural resource important to our health, community and the quality of life in the Central Valley. Like many other communities the City of Chowchilla relies on ground water and surface water for the community's drinking water supply. Because water is precious, it is essential to conserve and use water efficiently. The City of Chowchilla has undertaken a commitment to water conservation and asks all of the city's water customers to become more water efficient.

On January 17, Governor Brown declared a Drought State of Emergency. With this action, the State is requiring all urban water suppliers to implement water conservation plans

and the State is directing all urban suppliers to reduce water deliveries by 20%. Chowchilla's municipal code authorizes the City Council to adopt irrigation schedules and rules to conserve water consumption.

In 2008 the Chowchilla City Council adopted regulations

that designate customers with odd number addresses to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, that customers with even number addresses water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and no watering is permitted on Sundays.

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What a 20% Water Use Reduction Saves

Here are some ways to help your family reduce their water use. Find the best methods for your family to save gallons of water each day!

-  Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving **SAVES** about 10 gallons a day.
-  Shower for 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes **SAVES** nearly 13 gallons with a water-efficient showerhead.
-  Washing only full loads of clothes **SAVES** 15-45 gallons with each load.
-  Fixing a leaky toilet **SAVES** 30-50 gallons a day.
-  Installing aerators on bathroom faucets **SAVES** 1.2 gallons per person a day.




It's EASY and FREE!
PAY Your Utility Bill **ONLINE** at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US

Heritage Preservation Commission Openings

Does local history intrigue you? Do you walk by an old home or buildings like the old library and wonder about their stories? Do you see areas where the historical richness of the community could be preserved? Then maybe you are just the person the City is looking for?

Currently, there are four vacancies on the Heritage Preservation Commission and the Chowchilla City Council wants to fill them. The Commission is presently scheduled to meet on a quarterly basis each January, April, July and October, with special meetings called as needed.

If you live in the Chowchilla city limits, or in the Chowchilla Union High School District's Sphere of Influence then you are eligible to submit an application. A print application can be obtained at City Hall or you can download a copy from the City web site at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US and then clicking on the Commissions and Committees link in the left column.

Applications need to be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Chowchilla, 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, by Wednesday, March 12, 2014. The Commission appointments are expected to be made at the March 25 City Council meeting.

Become a part of honoring Chowchilla's history by volunteering to serve on the Heritage Preservation Commission. Call the City Clerk's office at (559) 665-8615 ext. 102 if you have questions.

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Web: www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US

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 City Hall. The agenda can be viewed or downloaded from the City web site.



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



accepted for in-person payments at the Chowchilla City Hall and Police Department.



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All water users in the community are now being asked to be more aware of your water usage and unnecessary water waste. Please do not overwater your lawns to the point where water is streaming down the curb gutter. Learn to properly set your irrigation controller for the most efficient application of water to your landscapes. When using your hose ensure you have a shutoff nozzle attached to control and stop unnecessary water flow. Ask yourself if you really need to wash down your driveway or wash your car, both of which can waste a lot of water. The City of Chowchilla will be developing a water conservation and information page on the City web site. View more information at www.ci.Chowchilla.CA.US, plus you can find useful information at www.SaveOurH2O.org.

Thank you for your help in conserving water during this very challenging water crisis.

Make Your Street-side Basketball Hoops Safe

Homeowners are reminded to remove portable basketball hoops from the public right-of-way, which includes sidewalks as well as streets. This task will help reduce safety hazards and liability issues.

It is particularly important that portable basketball hoops not be placed on sidewalks that make it difficult for people to get around them, particularly small children on tricycles, those pushing baby strollers, older persons and those with disabilities. The portable basketball hoops also inhibit the City's street sweeper from completely cleaning the street along the curb. Further, using the street for a basketball court adds an additional hazard for drivers and increases the risk for accidents.

Overall, it is better to place and use portable basketball hoops in your driveway and at the same time it helps to improve the overall look of the neighborhood.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic - March 8

The Chowchilla Police Department and the Friends of the Madera Animal Shelter Chowchilla Chapter will hold the **Annual Spring Rabies Clinic** on **Saturday, March 8** at the Chowchilla Police Department located at 122 Trinity Avenue. Times are from **9:00AM to 10:00AM** for seniors or persons with disabilities, and **10:00AM to 12:00PM** for the general public.

Distemper/Parvo shots (\$12), rabies shots (\$6) and worming medicine (\$5) will be available for dogs. FVRCD, rabies shots and worming will be available for cats at the same prices. The Friends of Madera Animal Shelter (FMAS) will offer **FREE** spay/neuter vouchers during the clinic. If your pet has already been spayed/neutered at Central Valley Vet Clinic bring your yellow receipt and receive **FREE** rabies shot. Dr. Fred Erickson, DVM will be on-site for the event. **ALL CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS.**

Remember too that your pet must be licensed and the Chowchilla Police Department will be on-site during the clinic to help with the licensing process. Call (559) 665-8600 for more information.



COMING IN MARCH!

City of Chowchilla
Senior Center Presents

"55 ALIVE"
DRIVING CLASS
(Two-Day Course)

March 26 & 27
Chowchilla Senior Center
1:00-4:00PM

Small **FEE** to be determined

Details will be in the March
City Spotlight Newsletter

Register with Joyce Holt,
Senior Center Site Supervisor
(559) 665-1089.



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