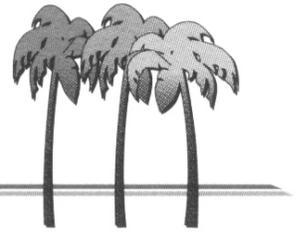




City of Chowchilla

City Spotlight



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CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM
CLOSED FRIDAY

CALENDAR

Mar 8 - Redskin Band Booster Spaghetti Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 5:30PM

Mar 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2:00AM

Mar 9 - Chowchilla American Legion Pancake Breakfast, Masonic Hall, 5:30PM

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

Mar 14 - Chowchilla Western Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10:00AM

Mar 14-16 - Chowchilla Western Stampede Events, Chowchilla Fairgrounds

Mar 15 - Chowchilla Lions Club Spring Round Up Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6PM

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

Mar 21 - City Offices Closed

Mar 22 - Chowchilla Western Stampede Barrel Race, Chowchilla Fairgrounds

Mar 25 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

Mar 27 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, Civic Center, 9AM

Apr 4 - City Offices Closed

Apr 5 - Chowchilla Fair Fund-raiser Dinner & Auction, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6PM

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

Apr 12 - Easter Egg Hunt, Sports & Leisure Park, 10AM

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

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

It's Weed Abatement Season

Lots filled with dry grass, weeds, trash and other debris are not only a blight on our community neighborhoods but pose a significant fire threat during the annual fire hazard season of March through September. This year is particularly worrisome due to the ongoing drought conditions.

The City of Chowchilla Weed Abatement Program is an important process managed by the City's Code and Zone Enforcement Division, a part of the Community & Economic Development Department. The goal of the program is to keep properties clean and cleared of debris and open grounds tilled to minimize fire fuel. This pro-active approach continues year-round to ensure properties are maintained in a safe condition through the entire year.

City staff work with property owners if their lots need cleaning to bring the properties into compliance with the Weed Abatement Program. Property owners are notified by mail if their properties are in violation. If no visible attempt is made to clean the property within a specified timeline, the property will be cleared by the City. If that happens the property owner will be charged for the cost of the abatement in addition to an administrative fee that can total more than \$300.

Of course the City would prefer that property owners properly and safely maintain their properties to not detract from the surrounding neighborhoods and to minimize or eliminate the chance for fires.

For more information on the Weed Abatement Program, contact the City's Code and Zone Enforcement Division at (559) 665-8615, extension 407.

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Innovative Internet Payment Systems

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

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. The clinics are from **9:00AM to 10:00AM** for seniors and persons with disabilities, and from **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. **REMEMBER THAT ALL CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS.**

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 also be at the event.

Remember pets must be licensed and the Chowchilla Police Department will be on-site to help with the process. Call (559) 665-8600 for more details.



**Kick Up
Your Boots
& Support
Your Roots!**



**Fair
Fundraiser
Dinner**

**Saturday
April 5**

Doors Open at 6PM

For Tickets Call the Fair Office
(559) 665-3728

CITY OFFICES

130 S. Second Street
Civic Center Plaza
Chowchilla, CA 93610

Telephone: (559) 665-8615
Fax: (559) 665-7418
Email: Info@ci.Chowchilla.CA.US
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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 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
Senior Center	665-1089
Police	665-8600
Anonymous Tips	665-8624
Fire	665-8625



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



Ride a CATLinX Bus to Merced

The CATLinX transit service provides bus service two times each weekday to the Merced Transportation Center (710 W. 16th Street). From the Merced Transportation Center riders can link to other local, regional and national transit systems including THEBUS throughout Merced including Merced College, CatTracks to UC Merced, YARTS to Yosemite, Greyhound bus service, and AMTRAK routes. CATLinX provides ready transit links for people who work and attend school in Merced. It also gives access to more shopping opportunities and to services such as the Social Security office and job training centers.

Funded through the City of Chowchilla, the CATLinX bus is operated by Merced Transportation as a fixed-route service Monday through Friday (except holidays) between the two cities. The cost for a one-way trip is \$2.50 per rider and daily passes can be purchased at the Chowchilla City Hall.

Call a CATLinX transit specialist at (559) 665-8655 if you want help planning your schedule. They can assist you with your connections and give you alternatives to get you where you want to go.

The CATLinX bus departs Chowchilla from the Countrywood Shopping Center at 6:55AM and 4:35PM and from RC Wisener Park/City Hall at 7:00AM and 4:40PM. The bus arrives at the Merced Transpo Center at 7:25AM and 5:05PM.

From the Merced Transpo Center the CATLinX bus departs at 7:30am and 5:15PM. It arrives in Chowchilla at the Countrywood Shopping Center at 7:55AM and 5:40PM and at RC Wisener Park/City Hall at 8:00AM and 5:45PM.

Chowchilla Senior Center
presents
Central Valley Traffic School
"55 ALIVE"
MATURE DRIVERS
COURSE
(Two-Day Program)

Learn about new laws, defensive driving, effects of medications on drivers, and more.

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

\$5.00 Donation Requested

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



Redfins Swim Team Wants You!

Do you enjoy swimming? How about joining the Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team and improve your skills, learn teamwork and then compete in regional swim tournaments.

The Redfins Swim Team is having a **2014 Season Kickoff Breakfast and Registration Event** where you can "dine and sign" and learn more about the swim team program. The breakfast event is on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00AM to 11:00AM and will be held at Faith Hall (717 Robertson Boulevard). The cost is \$6.00 per person for eggs, ham and "ALL YOU CAN EAT" pancakes!

If you can't make it to the breakfast event you can still pick up registration forms at the Shirt Shak (510 Robertson Boulevard) and D&V Sports (116 Robertson Boulevard).

If you have questions call Rachele at (559) 665-5983.



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