

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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## CITY OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM  
CLOSED FRIDAY

## CALENDAR

**Dec 6** - Lions Club Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 5:30PM

**Dec 9** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

**Dec 12** - City Offices Closed

**Dec 17** - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

**Dec 24 & 25** - Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed

**Dec 26** - City Offices Closed

**Jan 1** - New Year Holiday, City Offices Closed

**Jan 9** - City Offices Closed

**Jan 13** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7PM

ON THE WEB AT  
[www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us)

## Congratulations to Sheriff-Elect Jay Varney!

Chowchilla's Chief of Police, Jay Varney, who has served the community since his appointment as Chief on March 29, 2004, will begin a new chapter of his career as the elected Madera County Sheriff starting in early January.

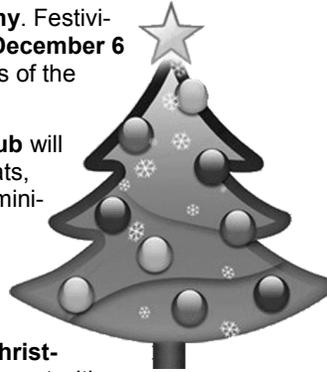
The Chowchilla City Council, on behalf of the entire community, along with the City employees, in particular the officers and staff of the Police Department, congratulates Chief, soon to be Sheriff, Varney and wish him many successes as he takes on this prominent and effective role of law enforcement.

## Lions Christmas Tree Lighting

Everyone is invited to gather at **Veterans Memorial Park** on Robertson Boulevard at 6TH Street and join the **Chowchilla Lions Club** for the **47TH Annual Chowchilla Lions Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Festivities begin at **5:30PM** on **Saturday, December 6** and the event will be held regardless of the weather conditions.

The **Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club** will be on-hand selling tasty holiday treats, 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 so they can share what is on their holiday wish list. Come and enjoy this long-standing community tradition downtown at the **Veterans Memorial Park**.



## Thank You For Helping Reduce Water Use

The drought continues to affect all of us and the City of Chowchilla wants to commend the residents for their help in reducing water usage. The recently enacted restrictions that cut watering days to **NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS PER WEEK** has had a positive affect but more still needs to be done to meet the state mandate to reduce overall water use.

Now that winter has arrived outdoor plants need a lot less water. There are some people who still water at the same rate they did during the heat of the summer. However, this causes a lot of runoff water into the streets and the saturated soil drowns and kills plant roots.

It is recommended to cut back the amount of time that sprinklers run to three minutes or less per station during the non-summer months. Remember that City regulations state that **EXCESS WATER MUST NOT FLOW ALONG STREET GUTTERS MORE THAN 25 FEET BEYOND THE FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY.**

City personnel continue to educate and assist property residents to meet the state watering restrictions. To learn more about the City regulations and get more information, visit the **OUR WATER CONSERVATION** web page at [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/ourwater.htm](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/ourwater.htm). You can also email water-related questions or comments to [water@ci.chowchilla.ca.us](mailto:water@ci.chowchilla.ca.us).

## Holiday Trash Day Changes

Thursday and Friday trash pick-up days for the holidays will be one day later from the regular schedule.

The normal Thursday, Dec. 25 trash pick-up day will be Friday, Dec. 26, and the normal Friday, Dec. 26 trash pick-up day will be Saturday, Dec. 27.

The normal Thursday, Jan. 1 trash pick-up day will be Friday, Jan. 2, and the Friday, Jan. 2 trash pick-up day will be Saturday, January 3.

## WATERING SCHEDULE

**EVEN** Numbered Addresses  
(Ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8)

Tuesdays and/or Saturdays

**ODD** Numbered Addresses  
(Ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Wednesdays and/or Sundays

**NO WATERING BETWEEN  
10AM AND 7PM**

**NO WATERING IS ALLOWED ON  
MONDAYS, THURSDAYS OR FRIDAYS**

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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*

Carolyn Lehr,  
*Interim 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. 305
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.



## Utility Rates Rise Slightly on January 1

Following public hearings in 2012, City Council approved a new rate structure for the **City Water and Wastewater Utility System**. Additionally, a fee was approved to comply with a state law to fund required new water meter installations and scheduled replacements.

Utility rates furnish adequate funding for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs to provide city water and wastewater service. The rate changes occur every January 1 through the year 2021. The 2015 adjusted rates will appear on the February utility bill.

If you have questions about the rate increase, or for help with your utility accounts, call the Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

## Report Non-Working Streetlights

Streetlights add an element of safety in our community. Non-working lights create darkened and dangerous intersections. Darkened streets also hide undesirable activities.

If you know of a streetlight that is not working you are asked to contact the **Chowchilla Public Works Department** so it can be checked and repaired.

You can call the Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and leave a message at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789. When you call please remember to **give the pole number** (there is a number tag on every streetlight pole) along with the **nearby address or cross streets** where the pole can be found.

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

IN OBSERVANCE OF

## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S

CITY OFFICES WILL OPEN AT 8:00 AM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

## Carolyn Lehr Appointed to be Interim City Administrator

The Chowchilla City Council has appointed **Ms. Carolyn Lehr** as the **Interim City Administrator** to serve the community while a search for a permanent City Administrator is conducted.

Ms. Lehr comes to Chowchilla after serving as City Manager for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, south of Los Angeles. She has a Masters in Public Administration from Rutgers University and a Bachelors in Recreation Administration. Her career includes twenty-two years serving in a management capacity in various municipal departments, including twelve years of diverse experience as City Manager for three different cities. Ms. Lehr also has nine years in the private sector in marketing, product administration and public relations.

## Christmas Tree Collection

**Mid Valley Disposal** will pick up your **natural Christmas trees** (no artificial ones) on your regular trash collection day between **January 5 & January 9**. Cut your tree into pieces, put them into the **Green Waste** cart and place it on the curbside on your trash day. Please be sure to remove all lights, tinsel and ornaments.

## Nominations Deadline Near

Chowchilla residents have until **Tuesday, December 9, 2014** to submit an application to the City Clerk to be considered for an opening on a city board or commission. These panels provide an important level of review and direction with recommendations made to the City Council for decisions that affect the city's future.

Openings are available for the Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, and the Airport Advisory Committee.

For details on how to apply for these openings visit the City's web site or contact the City Clerk's office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 112.

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