

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

Apr 11 - Chowchilla Fair Fund-raiser Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6PM

Apr 14 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

Apr 15 - First 5 Celebrate Children's Day "FREE" Event, Veterans Memorial Park, 7PM

Apr 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

Apr 17 - City Hall Offices Closed

Apr 17 - Chowchilla Athletic Foundation Golf Tournament, Pheasant Run Golf Course, 1PM

Apr 21 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6PM

Apr 23 - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

Apr 25 - The GREAT Chowchilla YARD SALE, Trinity Avenue & RC Wisener Park, 8AM-12NOON

Apr 25-26 - Relay for Life of Chowchilla, CUHS Football Field, 9AM Saturday - 9AM Sunday

Apr 28 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 1 - City Hall Offices Closed

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 12 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 14 - Chowchilla Fair Opening Ceremony, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 3PM

May 14-17 - Chowchilla Fair, Chowchilla Fairgrounds

May 15 - City Hall Offices Closed

May 16 - Spring Festival Armed Forces Day Parade, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM

ON THE WEB AT
www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us

GREAT Chowchilla Yard Sale - April 25

Following last year's inaugural success, the **GREAT Chowchilla Yard Sale** returns. If you like yard sales and garage sales, this is definitely something you won't want to miss! Presented by the City of Chowchilla, this big **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** brings a lot of personal yard sales all to one location. This is a marketplace that will appeal to both **SELLERS** and **BUYERS**.

SELLERS, do you need to clear out your garage or shed of the "stuff" you will never use? Is your attic filled with keepsake memories and you don't even remember why you kept them? Are your closets filled with clothes you will never wear again? Here is a chance for you to rid yourselves of some of your "treasures" and make some money at the same time.

BUYERS, are you looking for some home furnishings or garden tools? Do you need kids clothes but want to save money because you know they'll out-grow them in four months? Are you looking for unknown treasures and maybe some valuable artifacts? Here is where you may find your hidden deals.

**THE GREAT
CHOWCHILLA
YARD SALE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
8:00AM - 12NOON
TRINITY AVE & THIRD STREET
(City Hall & RC Wisener Park)

City of Chowchilla - www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us - Vendor Applications

The **GREAT Chowchilla Yard Sale** will be on **Saturday, April 25** from **8am to 12noon**. Sales booths will be set up on **Trinity Avenue between 2nd & 3rd Streets** between City Hall and RC Wisener Park. Booths will also be set up in the park as needed. Trinity Avenue between 2nd & 3rd Streets will be closed for the duration of the event.

Individuals, families, local clubs, service organizations, churches, youth and community groups are invited to rent a booth space. Each **18ft x 15ft space** rents for only **\$25**. Booth space applications are available at the Chowchilla City Hall and from the City's web site at www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us. There are a limited number of spaces available for this event so be sure to register early.

The **GREAT Chowchilla Yard Sale** is **ONLY** for yard sale and garage sale type goods including refurbished furniture and household items. **NO RESALE OF HAND-MADE OR MANUFACTURED GOODS SUCH AS JEWELRY OR PRODUCT LINES IS ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT.** Participants must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies, umbrellas, etc. **NO FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES** of any type is allowed by unauthorized vendors.

Questions can be emailed to info@ci.chowchilla.ca.us or call (559)665-8615, ext. 110.

Relay for Life of Chowchilla



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all.

The Relay For Life of Chowchilla is April 25-26 at the Chowchilla High School Football Field. The Opening Ceremony is at 9AM on Saturday, April 25 followed by the Survivors Lap. The Luminaria Ceremony will start as the sun begins to set Saturday night.

For information visit RelayForLife.org and search for Chowchilla or email Catherine and Kevin at ChowchillaRelayForLife@aol.com.

Landscape Watering Schedule

Remember to follow these simple rules for irrigating your lawn and shrub areas.

Addresses that end with an **ODD** number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) water on Wednesdays and/or Sundays

Addresses that end with an **EVEN** number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) water on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays

Watering is **PROHIBITED** on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays

Watering is **PROHIBITED** between 10:00AM and 7:00PM every day.

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CITY COUNCIL

John Chavez, *Mayor*
Waseem Ahmed, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Mary Gaumnitz, *Council Member*
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*
Richard Walker, *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 Chowchilla City Hall and the Police Department.



Springtime Weed Abatement

The City of Chowchilla **WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM** strives to keep properties clean and cleared of debris, and open grounds tilled to minimize fire hazards and blight. This is a year-round activity but becomes more significant in the spring when plants grow more quickly. The ongoing drought conditions have made the problems worse as properties become filled with dry grass, weeds and trash that pose a significant threat during fire hazard season.

City personnel 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 eliminate or minimize the chance for fires.

For information on the Weed Abatement Program, contact the Code and Zone Enforcement Division at (559)665-8615, ext 407.

Your **CHOWCHILLA**
Transit LINK to MERCED  **CHOWCHILLA**
CATLinX
CALL TO LEARN MORE 665-8655

City Water Meters Project

Water meters can reduce the demand for water through self-conservation measures and lead to using water wisely and efficiently to safeguard drinking water for future generations.

State law (AB 2572) enacted in 2004 requires that water meters be installed state-wide by January 1, 2025.

The City of Chowchilla will soon hire a contractor to install and retrofit meters on existing customers with flat rate services on an area-by-area basis. Residents need to know that fire hydrants will be tested to ensure they work properly, or if they need replacement as part of the project. There will be some street water run-off when tested.

Once a meter is installed, State law mandates all metered customers be billed based on the actual volume of water used (a metered rate) rather than the previous flat rate amount. Depending on your water usage your bill could be higher or lower.

The full cost for the meter installation is not billed specifically to each customer. Instead the cost is spread among all customers per the plan approved by City Council in January 2014. Your cost is noted on the monthly utilities bill as City Wide System Upgrade.



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**Fair
Fundraiser
Dinner**

**Saturday
April 11**

Doors Open at 6:00PM
Tickets \$25 - Call the Fair
(559) 665-3728

Rent a Park Pavilion For Your Event

If you are planning to have a picnic, a family reunion, a birthday or baby shower, or other outdoor activity at a local City park did you know you can reserve a picnic pavilion for your event? But, you should do so early to ensure your rental date is available.

There are four pavilions in the three parks - RC Wisener Park Edward Ray Park and Veterans Memorial Park (2 pavilions). Pavilions can be rented for four hours or less for \$50, or from four hours to all day for \$65. Access to electricity is also available for an additional fee.

Rentals can be scheduled at the Chowchilla City Hall Monday - Thursday between 8:00AM and 4:00PM. To check available rental dates call the 665-8615, ext. 110.