

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

## CALENDAR

- Aug 7** - City Hall Closed
- Aug 8** - Motorcycle Flat Track Racing, Chowchilla Fairgrounds
- Aug 11** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Aug 14** - Starry Summer Nights Movie in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Sunset
- Aug 19** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Aug 21** - City Hall Closed
- Aug 25** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Aug 28** - Starry Summer Nights Movie in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Sunset
- Aug 29** - FFA Alumni Fundraiser Dinner, Chowchilla Fairgrounds
- Sep 26** - Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest Event, Eastman Hall, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Sep 4** - City Hall Closed
- Sep 7** - Labor Day Holiday - City Hall Closed
- Sep 8** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Sep 12** - Rabies Clinic, Police Department, 10AM
- Sep 16** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Sep 18** - City Hall Closed
- Sep 19** - Chamber Classic Cars Show, Veterans Park, 10AM-3PM
- Sep 19** - Tons o' Trucks & Wheeled Wonders, Fig Tree Shopping Center, 10AM-2PM
- Sep 19** - Chamber Classic Cars Show, Veterans Park, 10AM-3PM
- Sep 26** - The GREAT Chowchilla FALL YARD SALE, Trinity Avenue/RC Wisener Park, 8AM-12PM

ON THE WEB AT  
[www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org)

## Thank You Event Sponsors

This summer the City of Chowchilla presented two community cultural arts series—the Sizzlin' Summer Nights Music in the Park Concerts and the Starry Summer Nights Movies in the Park.

These events were made possible with the sponsoring support and participation from businesses and organizations that recognize the value of having quality events in the Chowchilla community.

We want to acknowledge their sponsorship for the 2015 summer season of events.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Company**

**Madera County Arts Council**

**Chowchilla Insurance Agency**

**Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce**

**Loyalty Pharmacy**

**Chowchilla Rotary Club**

**Dan & Jacki Flanagan**

**Cota Cole, LLP Law Firm**

**Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club**

## The GREAT Chowchilla Fall Yard Sale—September 26

The City of Chowchilla is presenting the **GREAT Chowchilla FALL Yard Sale** on **Saturday, September 26** from **8am to 12noon**. This big COMMUNITY YARD SALE brings individual yard sales all to one location to a marketplace that appeals to both **SELLERS** and **BUYERS**.

**SELLERS**, here is a chance for you to rid yourselves of some of your "treasures" and make some money at the same time. **BUYERS**, here is where you may find your hidden deals.

Sales booths will be set up on **Trinity Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets** between City Hall and RC Wisener Park. Booths will also be set up in the park as needed. This section of Trinity Avenue will be closed to traffic for the duration of the event.

Each **18ft x 15ft space** rents for **\$30**. Booth space applications are available at the Chowchilla City Hall and from the City's web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org). 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@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:info@CityOfChowchilla.org) or call (559)665-8615, ext. 110.

## Movies in the Park Continue

The City of Chowchilla presents two big-screen outdoor movies in August as part of the **FREE Starry Summer Nights Movies in the Park** series. Shown on a 2-1/2 story tall inflatable projection screen, the movies just after sunset in **Veterans Memorial Park** on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street. The August 14 movie, Pixar's "Ratatouille" will start around 8:00pm, and the August 28 movie, Pixar's film "The Incredibles" will start around 7:45pm.

Be sure to bring folding chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and pillows to setup and enjoy the movie experience. **FREE** popcorn will be provided and the **Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club** will be selling refreshments and other snacks.

Visit the City web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org) and/or "LIKE" the **City Facebook page** for more community event news and activities.

## Put Out Trash Containers By 6:00AM

Remember to place your trash and recycle containers out to the street by 6:00AM on your trash day. Trash pick up starts at 6:00AM each weekday morning and you don't want to miss your pickup time.

## SAVE TIME - Pay Utilities Bills ONLINE

Learn more at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org)



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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*  
Brian Haddix, *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.



# Caltrans Proposes Roundabouts, Council Seeks Citizen Input at August 11 Meeting

CalTrans has proposed putting roundabouts on Robertson Boulevard at Highway 99 on both sides of the freeway. The Chowchilla City Council has asked that representatives from Caltrans appear at the August 11 City Council meeting to present their ideas and listen to the public and their concerns.

Placing roundabouts is a Caltrans idea that has been presented to City Councils throughout California as an alternative traffic management tool. As elected representatives of the community the Council encourages the public to attend Council meetings and express their opinions on the many topics of local government business and services. The topic of Caltrans roundabouts is a passionate one for many and the City Council wants to make sure the community has opportunities to share with Caltrans their thoughts on the concept.

Anyone who is interested in learning about the Caltrans roundabouts proposal should attend the Tuesday, August 11 Council meeting. The discussion will likely be limited to no more than an hour which may produce a follow-up workshop meeting with Caltrans. The meeting begins at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers in City Hall at 130 S. Second Street.

## City Council and You Guide Our Community

What happens at City Hall probably affects **YOU** more than what is done at any other level of government. Yet few people are aware of how city government works and how they can participate in the decision-making process to bring about worthwhile change to their community.

As the elected legislative body of the City of Chowchilla, the City Council has overall responsibility for the scope, direction, and financing of City services. The City Council, as the legislative body, establishes policy that is administered and implemented through full time staff under the Council-Administrator form of government. The Council is also responsible for establishing land use policies through the General Plan and zoning regulations.

Chowchilla voters, at large, elect a 5-member Council to serve as the City's legislative and governing body. The members serve 4 year terms and they elect one member to serve as mayor and one to serve as mayor pro tem for two years. A general municipal election is held every two years, alternating, between two and three, positions each cycle.

Under the Council-Administrator form of government, the City Council provides policy direction to the City Administrator, who is responsible for administering City operations. In setting policy, the Council works closely with citizen advisory commissions and committees, considers staff information and recommendations, and receives comments from the general public.

It is important to the future of Chowchilla that the citizenry play a role in the decision-making process with the elected City officials. Each meeting agenda and accompanying staff reports are available at

City Hall and online at the City web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org). Community members are encouraged to review the agenda, to attend the meetings, to utilize the public comments time to share your questions and opinions with the City Council and City staff, and to offer your thoughts on items the Council is considering taking action on. Engaging the community is an important and valued goal of the Chowchilla City Council. Even if you can't attend meeting, seek out your elected representatives and share your ideas and opinions with them. Your community's future depends on **YOU** and the Council.

## 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**

**COMING THIS FALL!**  
**Tons o' Tracts & Wheeled Wonder**  
**Saturday, September 19**

