

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

- Oct 10** - CUHS Sober Grad 5K Color Run, Fairgrounds, 8AM
- Oct 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 16** - City Hall Closed
- Oct 21** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 22** - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, City Hall, 9AM
- Oct 23** - Winter Gymkhana Event, Fairgrounds, 6:00PM
- Oct 24** - Trunk or Treat" Halloween Event, Fairgrounds, 5PM
- Oct 27** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Oct 30** - City Hall Closed
- Nov 7** - Rotary Club Drawing Dinner, 6PM
- Nov 10** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM
- Nov 13** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 18** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Nov 20** - Winter Gymkhana Event, Fairgrounds, 6:00PM
- Nov 21** - Lioness Lions Harvest Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6:00PM
- Nov 24** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Nov 25** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 26 & 27** - Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Dec 5** - Lions Club Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 7PM

National Fire Prevention Week October 4-10

BE SURE TO HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM IN EVERY BEDROOM

The Chowchilla Fire Department wants you to know that almost half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11:00PM and 7:00AM, when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half.

WHEN IT COMES TO SMOKE ALARMS, IT'S ABOUT "LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION".

The key message of this year's **Fire Prevention Week** campaign, **October 4-10**, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Larger homes may need more alarms.

The **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** is excited to share this important information so everyone better understands the life-saving value of home smoke alarms. Visit NFPA's "**Smoke Alarm Central**" at www.NFPA.org/safety-information/consumers/fire-and-safety-equipment/smoke-alarms, for more useful information to help ensure the safety of your family.

During **Fire Prevention Week** the Chowchilla Fire Department will be visiting the local elementary schools teaching youngsters about fire prevention. Be sure to ask your children what they learned and have them share it with the rest of the family.



Hear the
BEEP
where you
SLEEP



**EVERY BEDROOM
NEEDS A WORKING
SMOKE ALARM.**

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2015
firepreventionweek.org

SAVE TIME - Pay Utilities Bills ONLINE

Learn more at www.CityOfChowchilla.org



What does this mean on my utilities bill?

Your monthly City utilities bill lists different charges for the services provided to you by the City of Chowchilla and approved contractors. Listed below are the charges and what they mean. Note that individual bills for different properties and customers may not list every one of these categories.

TOTAL USAGE: The amount of water in cubic feet that has passed through the meter between the previous reading and the present reading.

TOTAL WATER CHARGES: Includes a \$14.68 water service connection fee (for the system that brings water to the meter) and the cost of the cubic feet of water that has run through the meter.

SEWER: Cost for what goes down the drain and is processed at the sewage treatment plant.

SEWER BOND: Loan repayment charges for sewage system repairs and construction upgrades.

GARBAGE: Contracted solid waste services that provide curb-side pick-up of trash and recycle bins.

STORM DRAIN O/M: Operations and maintenance costs associated with streets drainage.

STORM DRAIN CAPITAL: Funds current and future drainage construction projects.

PENALTY: Charge for late payment of utilities bill.

INTEREST: Charge accrued on any past due balance.

RETURNED CHECK FEE: Fee charged for non-sufficient funds and bank stop pays.

WATER OFF/ON FEE: Fee charged each time City personnel is sent to turn water on and off at a property due to non-payment of bills or when a property owner requests a shut-off to make repairs.

STAND BY SERVICE CHG: Fee charged whenever City is sent to a property after normal hours.

CITY WIDE SYSTEM UPGRADE: Fee charged for mandated meter installation and upgrade.

CITY OFFICES

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CITY COUNCIL

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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	665-8647
Police	665-8600
Anonymous Tips	665-8624
Fire	665-8625



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



Plan ahead for your yard sale

PRIVATE & NON-PROFIT EVENTS NEED PERMIT

Be a good neighbor and follow the guidelines and requirements to conduct a proper yard sale. All yard sale events must have a permit from the City of Chowchilla and this information will help you without negatively impacting your neighborhood.

No more than **SIX** yard sales can be held at the same premises in a calendar year and an event can not last more than **THREE** days.

Every yard sale **MUST HAVE A PERMIT** issued from the City. The first three yard sale permits in a calendar year are **FREE** of charge. Any additional permits in the year will cost \$15 per permit. The non-refundable fees must be paid when the permit application is filed. On each yard sale day the permit must be prominently displayed at the yard sale location.

One sign advertising the sale can be posted on the premises where the sale is being held.

The sign can not be larger than six square feet (example 3ft x 2ft) in size.

Two additional signs may be posted off-site and they too can not be larger than six square feet in size. All signs must be removed within 48 hours following the end of the sale.

NO SIGNS CAN BE ATTACHED TO UTILITY POLES, STREET SIGNS, OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR POSTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTIES SUCH AS PARKS AND STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

Sale items displayed in a front yard can not be placed earlier than 6:00AM each day and the sale items must be removed by 8:00PM.

For more information or to get your yard sale permit, visit the Finance Department payment window in City Hall during business hours, or call the office at (559)665-8615, ext. 783.

Non-Working Streetlights

Streetlights add an element of safety in our community. However, 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 as quickly as possible.

You can call the office 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 tag on every streetlight pole) along with the **address** or **cross streets** near where the pole can be found.

City of Chowchilla

Come share your thoughts about Chowchilla.

Join Brian Haddix for some...



COFFEE with the
City Administrator

Second Thursday
each month
8-9AM

McDonalds
250 E. Robertson Blvd
(at Chowchilla Boulevard)

Fourth Thursday
each month
8-9AM

Perkos Café
201 Carlyle Way
(at Robertson Boulevard)

Grab a cup of coffee, pull up a chair, spend some time with us to bend our ears for awhile about how we together can improve Chowchilla.

NEW local businesses

The City of Chowchilla is very pleased to welcome NEW businesses to town. As the City spreads the message, "**Chowchilla is OPEN for Business**" we want to highlight those that have chosen to locate in our community.

RECENTLY OPENED!

Bellina Salon (1445 E. Robertson Blvd); **Brows by Threads** (1465 E. Robertson Blvd); **Good Things Antiques** (313 Robertson Blvd); **Luxe Salon & Spa** (1425 E. Robertson Blvd); **Sabores de mi tierra Eatery** (129 N. 2nd Street); **Sitting Pretty Women's Clothing Shop** (1475 E. Robertson Blvd).

COMING SOON!

Dollar Tree Store (1700 Robertson Blvd); and **Deli Delicious Sandwich Shop**, (1435 E. Robertson Blvd).

Coffee
with a cop

Chowchilla Police Chief Dave Riviere wants you to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know your local police officers. Ask questions, tell us about your neighborhood, or share your concerns. The conversation is informal and informative, and we look forward to learning more about you and your part of the city.



First Tuesday
each month
8-9AM

McDonalds
250 E. Robertson Blvd

Third Tuesday
each month
8-9AM

Starbucks
120 E. Robertson Blvd