

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



March 2016; Volume 8, Issue 3

## CITY HALL OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4PM  
CLOSED FRIDAY

## CALENDAR

- Mar 8** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 11** - Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM
- Mar 11-13** - Western Stampede Roping, Fairgrounds, All Day
- Mar 13** - Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2AM
- Mar 15** - Community Conversation Meeting, Deli Delicious Restaurant, 12:30PM
- Mar 16** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 18** - City Offices Closed
- Mar 18-20** - Western Stampede Barrel Racing, Fairgrounds, 9AM
- Mar 19** - City Easter Egg Scramble, Edward Ray Park, 10AM
- Mar 19** - Lions Club Spring Round-Up Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
- Mar 21-28** - Chowchilla Schools Spring Break
- Mar 22** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 23** - RDA Successor Agency Meeting, City Hall, 9AM
- Mar 27** - Easter Sunday
- Apr 1** - City Offices Closed
- Apr 9** - Chowchilla Fair Horse Show, Fairgrounds, 8AM
- Apr 12** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Apr 15** - City Offices Closed
- Apr 16** - Lioness Lions Club K-9 Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Apr 19** - Community Conversation Meeting, Veterans Memorial Park, 5:30PM

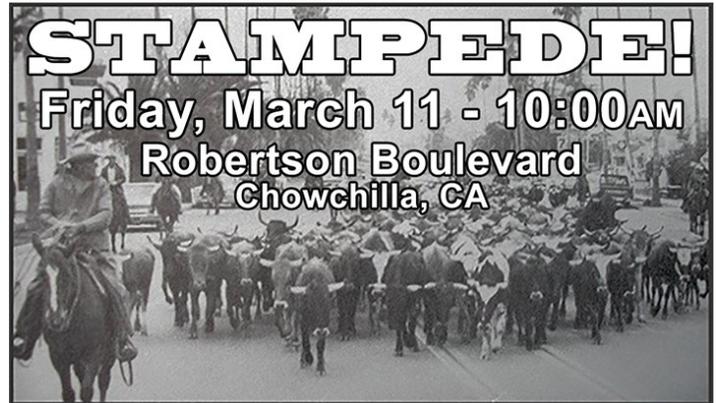
## City begins planning the 2016-2017 budget

### RESIDENT INPUT FOR SUGGESTED CONSIDERATIONS WANTED

City officials have started the budget process for the next fiscal year that begins on July 1. An important part of developing a budget is hearing from residents and stakeholders of their priorities for City projects, programs and services. Public outreach efforts that discuss the budget process will help gather ideas and comments from the residents to develop a strong fiscal plan.

The City Council will hold community Town Hall meetings to discuss the budget. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29 at 6PM at the Chowchilla Senior Center, 820 W. Robertson Boulevard.

Residents are also encouraged to share ideas by email to [Info@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Info@CityOfChowchilla.org). You can also mail or drop-off your comments at Chowchilla City Hall, 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, Attn: Community Relations Manager.



## Join the conversation about your city March 15

### CASUAL GET-TOGETHERS WITH INFORMAL DIALOGUE

The next **Community Conversation – Let's Talk Chowchilla** will be on Tuesday, March 15 from 12:30-1:30PM. Join your City officials at the NEW **Deli Delicious** at 1435 E. Robertson Boulevard (a couple doors east from Savemart) and talk about our community.

**Community Conversation – Let's Talk Chowchilla** brings your local government out into the community where you can meet in casual venues to talk about general interest topics or specific one-on-one issues. City representatives at these programs want to hear from the residents and stakeholders. The desire is to build relationships and encourage opportunities for communication to improve the quality of life in our community.

The informal sessions are conducted each month on the third Tuesday at different locations around the community. Future dates are listed on the City web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org).

*Community*  
**CONVERSATION**  
*Let's Talk Chowchilla*

**Chowchilla's  
EASTER EGG  
SCRAMBLE**

**Saturday, March 19 • 10am-12noon**  
Candy Eggs, Bunny Photos, Bouncers, more..

**CITY OF CHOWCHILLA**  
**Edward Ray Park**  
15th Street & Sonoma Avenue

**EGG  
SCRAMBLES**  
start promptly at  
10:15am

## Fall curbside pick-up event

This Fall the City of Chowchilla along with Mid Valley Disposal will bring back the annual curbside bulk trash pick-up event. The date will be in late September or early October. There will be no spring-time bulk trash event. Property owners need to follow the regular procedures to dispose of trash in the proper black, blue and green containers.

## CITY OFFICES

130 South Second Street  
Chowchilla, CA 93610

Telephone: (559) 665-8615  
Fax: (559) 665-7418  
Email: [Info@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Info@CityOfChowchilla.org)  
Web: [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org)

## CITY COUNCIL

Waseem Ahmed, *Mayor*  
Mary Gaumnitz, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
John Chavez, *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.

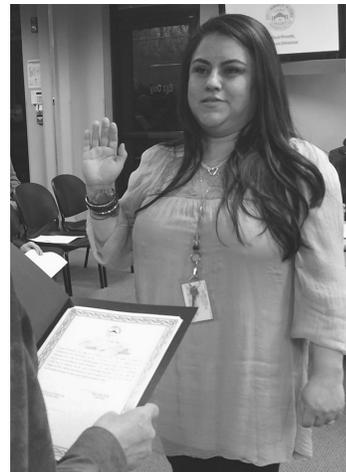


# Joann McClendon becomes new City Clerk

Standing before the City Council, family, friends and co-workers, Joann McClendon was officially sworn in as the new City Clerk for the City of Chowchilla. Performing the honors was retired Chowchilla City Clerk and Past President of the City Clerks Association of California, Nanci Lima, who mentored Joann and guided her as she attained the skills to grow and professionally handle the many important responsibilities of a City Clerk.

Joann is a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), a designation that enhances the job performance of municipal clerks across the United States. She achieved her CMC qualification by attending extensive education programs, obtaining relevant local government work experience and making professional contributions to the clerk profession. The Certified Municipal Clerk designation ensures that Joann has developed the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the challenges of the complex role of a City Clerk.

Having worked for the City of Chowchilla since 2002 Joann brings valuable knowledge and talent to the City's management team.



## Springtime means weed abatement time

The City of Chowchilla **WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM** is in place 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 fire threat during the March through September fire hazard season.

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. The property owner will then 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 information contact the City's Community & Economic Development Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 787.

## WATERING SCHEDULE

### EVEN Numbered Addresses

(Ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8)

Saturdays ONLY

### ODD Numbered Addresses

(Ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Sundays ONLY

### WINTER

January 13 - April 30

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

[www.CityOfChowchilla.org/OurWater.htm](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org/OurWater.htm)

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic - March 12

The **Central Valley Veterinary Clinic** of Chowchilla in cooperation with the Chowchilla Police Department Animal Control Division will hold the **SPRING RABIES CLINIC** on **Saturday, March 12** at the **Chowchilla Police Department**, 122 Trinity Avenue. Times are from 9:00AM to 10:00AM for seniors and persons with disabilities, and from 10:00AM to 12:00PM for the general public.

Dogs can receive distemper/parvo, rabies and worming shots, and cats can receive FVRCD, rabies and worming shots. **ALL CATS MUST BE BROUGHT IN CARRIERS.** Spay and neuter certificates are available at \$20 for dogs and \$15 for cats. **NEW THIS YEAR - pet microchipping for \$22.50.** The Police Department will also process new and renewal pet licenses. Donations of much needed dog and cat food can also be brought to the Clinic. Call (559) 665-8600 for additional information.