

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

May 7 - Treasure Hunters Market event, Trinity Avenue & RC Wisener Park, 8AM-12NOON

May 7 - Fair Fundraiser Dinner & Auction, Fairgrounds, 6PM

May 8 - American Legion Mother's Day Breakfast, American Legion Building, 8AM-12NOON

May 10 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 13 - City Offices Closed

May 17 - Community Conversation Meeting, Starbucks, 8:00AM

May 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 19 - Chowchilla Fair Opening Ceremony, Fairgrounds, 3PM

May 19-22 - Chowchilla Fair, Fairgrounds

May 21 - Spring Festival Armed Forces Day Parade, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM

May 24 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 27 - City Offices Closed

May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

Jun 10 - City Offices Closed

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

Jun 21 - Community Conversation Meeting, Deli Delicious, 12:30PM

Jun 23 - Sizzlin' Summer Nights Music in the Park Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 7PM

Jun 24 - City Offices Closed

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

Report illegal building entry and occupancy

The Chowchilla Code Enforcement Officer and Police Department Community Service Officers are aggressively working to clean up the community and you can help. If you know of an abandoned home that has been broken into, or see people entering boarded up homes, please report the information to the Chowchilla Police Department dispatch office. You can call (559) 665-8600 any time.

Community
CONVERSATION
Let's Talk Chowchilla
TUESDAY, MAY 17 • 8-9AM
STARBUCKS
120 E. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD

The next **Community Conversation – Let's Talk Chowchilla** will be on **Tuesday, May 17** from **8:00-9:00AM**. Join your City officials at the **Starbucks** at 120 E. Robertson Boulevard and talk about our community. Come talk about general interest topics or specific one-on-one issues. City representatives want to hear from the residents and stakeholders to build stronger relationships and communication opportunities. Future dates are listed on the City web site at www.CityOfChowchilla.org.

Chowchilla Fair brings country nights and carnival lights

Opening day for the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair is **Thursday, May 19** and runs through **Sunday, May 22** with the theme of Country Nights & Carnival Lights. There will be four days filled with a fun, exciting and action-packed schedule of activities including concerts, entertainers, exhibits, competitions, carnival rides, and much more.



Advance sale coupons are on sale now and must be purchased before May 19. Advance sale carnival coupons are just \$18 and advance sale daily tickets are just \$5. Kid's day will be on Friday with all kids 12 and under getting FREE Fair admission until 5pm.

Tickets are available at Savemart, Chowchilla Do it Best, Tri-counties Bank, Loyalty Pharmacy, State Farm Insurance, Evans Feed & Livestock (Chowchilla location only) and the Fair Office (Monday - Friday between 8:30-11:30AM & 1:30-4:30PM). All advance discount specials end at the opening of Fair on May 19.

Visit www.ChowchillaFair.org to learn more or call the Fair Office at (559) 665-3728 during business hours.

There are steps the City must follow to correct these undesirable situations in our community. With the help of citizens who often see what goes on in their neighborhoods, City staff can better address these situations as they learn of them.

Neighborhood infill incentive program offered

Striving to spur building on empty and dilapidated lots in the older, more established neighborhoods, the City can now waive 100% of building impact fees when a builder constructs new homes in those neighborhoods, providing that the builder secures 30% of its goods and services from within Chowchilla. Hiring local construction trade can apply to meet the 30% requirement.

Builders who want to learn more about the infill program are urged to contact City Administrator Brian Haddix at City Hall at (559) 665-8615.

Our April contest winner

Mary P. of Chowchilla won a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant as the winner of the April newsletter contest. Mary's name was randomly selected from 40 correct respondents who found the word "register" in the article titled "Safe disposal of sharps & unused medicines" found on page 2.

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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.



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City permit needed to drain or fill your pool

As a reminder to all residents who use water from the City water system a **PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED** from the Chowchilla Public Works Department before **DRAINING OR FILLING SWIMMING POOLS** at any time throughout the year. Please contact the office with enough advance notice to process your request. For information or to apply for a permit call (559) 665-8615, ext. 789.

Landscape watering allowed 2 days a week

As of May 1 property owners who are on the City water system can irrigate their outdoor landscapes up to two days a week. Despite winter snows and rains California remains in a drought situation. But with the increasing summer heat the Chowchilla City Council approved to add another day for watering per week. The outside irrigation regulations set by the Council were established to meet required water savings set forth by the Governor. Chowchilla's regulations are consistent with other communities particularly in the Central Valley. Outside irrigation is limited to **two days a week** depending on your address. Each day has two time windows in which to irrigate, a morning and an evening.

EVEN ADDRESSES WATER TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Addresses that end in an EVEN NUMBER (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) can irrigate landscapes only on TUESDAY and SATURDAY. Each day's morning window starts at 12:01AM (just after midnight). Each day's morning window ends at 10:00AM after which there is to be NO outside irrigation. The next time window begins at 7:01PM on the TUESDAY and SATURDAY and any outside irrigation must be completed by 12:00PM midnight on each of the days.

ODD ADDRESSES WATER WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY

Addresses that end in an ODD NUMBER (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) can irrigate landscapes only on WEDNESDAY and SUNDAY. Each day's morning window starts at 12:01AM (just after midnight). Each day's morning window ends at 10:00AM after which there is to be NO outside irrigation. The next time window begins at 7:01PM on the WEDNESDAY and SUNDAY and any outside irrigation must be completed by 12:00PM midnight on each of the days.

CITY FACES RISK OF FINES

The City of Chowchilla is obligated to meet the State mandated system-wide water use regulations to lower the amount of water used compared to prior years. Failure to do so could result in very large fines issued by the State to the municipality that would have to come out of the budget funded by water rates paid by the consumers. Therefore, it is in the best interest of everyone who uses City water, produced from City wells, to restrict the amount of water used for outside irrigation. The State has already fined some water systems in California 10's of thousands of dollars.

EDUCATION IS THE TOOL

The City of Chowchilla through the Public Works Department strives to educate those who do not comply with the established irrigation regulations. First and foremost City employees make the effort to contact the property resident or business and discuss the situation to resolve the compliance problem. Sometimes further warnings are issued and if problems remain fines can be issued that are added to the utility bill of the address. Before that occurs, City personnel make an earnest effort to provide assistance. Oftentimes, property owners and particularly renters don't even know how to set their irrigation controller. City employees will do what they can to help and generally provide resources for people to reference to learn more about operating their irrigation system.

PUBLIC BUY-IN IS THE KEY

The City of Chowchilla wishes to remind its residents how vital water conservation is to our community. It is never appropriate to waste a natural resource like water. By encouraging appreciation of the value of our water, and educating consumers on efficient water use and conservation practices, we all can help to ensure a sustainable water supply both now and in the future.

Park concerts and outdoor movies return!

Thursday Night Music in the Park Concerts start June 23

Friday Night Outdoor Movies in the Park start July 1

Did you read me this month?

We want to learn how many people read this newsletter and are offering a prize to find out. Find the article that has the word "trade" in the body. Send an email with the words **YES MAY** in the subject line along with the **article title** that has the contest word (not this article) to Info@CityOfChowchilla.org. A winner will be randomly selected from all the emails received by midnight of the **May 1 deadline**. Thank you and good luck.

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

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

Watering is **PROHIBITED** on **Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays**, and is **PROHIBITED** between **10:00AM** and **7:00PM EVERY DAY**.