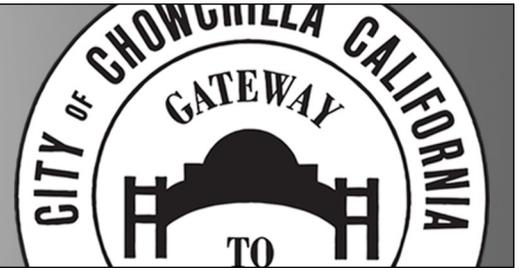


# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

## CALENDAR

- Aug 5** - City Offices Closed
- Aug 9** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Aug 16** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, Deli Delicious, 5:30PM
- Aug 17** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Aug 19** - City Offices Closed
- Sep 2** - City Offices Closed
- Sep 5** - City Hall Closed - Labor Day Holiday
- Sep 6** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8:00AM
- Sep 8** - Town Hall with City Council, Senior Center, 6PM
- Sep 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Sep 15-18** - American Cowboys Team Roping Association (ACTRA) California Chapter Finals, Fairgrounds, All Day!
- Sep 16** - City Offices Closed
- Sep 17** - Rabies Clinic, Police Department, 10AM
- Sep 20** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, TBD, 5:30PM
- Sep 21** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Sep 24** - Treasure Hunters Market, Trinity & 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 8AM-12NOON
- Sep 24** - Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show, Veterans Memorial Park, 10AM-3PM
- Sep 27** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Sep 30** - City Offices Closed

## Council approves fiscal year 2016-17 budget

On Tuesday, June 28, the Chowchilla City Council approved a balanced budget for the new fiscal year that began July 1. The annual revenue and expenditures plan maintains core City programs, services, staffing levels and operating budgets at roughly the same level as the prior fiscal year after adjustments for inflation and any one-time revenues or expenditures.

The City Council, staff and the public participated in developing the priorities for this budget. The question was proposed to Council members and the public through Townhall meetings and questionnaires of, "What are the most important things for the City to accomplish this year?" Based upon the information that was provided the budget was prepared with expenditures in balance with the City's available projected revenue.

The new budget includes priorities to improve the City's streets and sidewalks, economic development, completing grant funded projects and improving the City's ability to address infrastructure needs. It also includes full funding and staffing of all previously approved positions. The City is on sound financial footing to continue moving positively forward.

The approved budget document can be viewed at the Chowchilla City Hall and is also available to view and download from the City web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org).

## City seeks to fill Planning Commission vacancy

The City of Chowchilla Planning Commission has an open seat and applications are being accepted now to fill it. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a qualified elector and reside within the city limits, or within the Chowchilla Union High School District's Sphere of Influence.

To apply to be on the Planning Commission download a commission application from the City's web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org/commissions](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org/commissions), or pick up a printed application at the Chowchilla City Hall, 130 S. Second Street. You can also call the City Clerk's Office at (559) 665-8615 ext. 102 to request an application. The application deadline is 4:00PM on Thursday, September 1.

There are also vacancies on the Airport Advisory Committee.

## Barragan family donates to build park stage

Continuing their legacy to help grow Chowchilla into a desirable community to live, work and play, Ray Barragan on behalf of the entire Barragan family has offered to donate \$75,000 as the City's dollars match for a grant to build a performance stage in Veterans Memorial Park. This stage will become a focal point for the community events held in the park including the summer concerts and movies. Construction will be finished by next summer. This project is another example of Mr. Barragan's commitment to Chowchilla and his support, many of them anonymous, for programs in our community. The Chowchilla City Council honored the Barragan family by naming the stage the Barragan Family Performance Stage. The location is marked by a sign in the Veterans Memorial Park.



Left to right: Brian Haddix (City Administrator), Dennis Haworth (City Council), Richard Walker (City Council), Emily and Katalina, Ray Barragan, Lisa Barragan, Trinket Gaumnitz (Mayor ProTem), John Chavez (City Council)

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## 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.

# 911 EMERGENCY

## 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.



# Fall Treasure Hunters Market

The Fall Treasure Hunters Market will be Saturday, September 24 from 8AM to 12NOON and will be set up on Trinity Avenue between Second and Third Streets next to City Hall.

SELLERS can bring their used goods and collected "treasures" and put them up for sale for those buyers looking for deals. Sellers of repurposed/repainted furniture and accessories, handcrafted items, antiques and collectibles, jewelry plus arts and crafts are invited to participate.

CHOWCHILLA

# TREASURE HUNTERS Market

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, SEPT 24

8:00AM - 12:00NOON

TRINITY AVE & THIRD STREET  
(City Hall & RC Wisener Park)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT 22

BUYERS who are looking to add a Shabby Chic look to the home, or pick up a special, or unique gift item, chances are likely to find it at this event.

NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE SALES of any type is allowed by unauthorized vendors.

Each 18ft x 15ft booth space rents for \$25. Applications are available at the Chowchilla City Hall or online at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org). The application deadline is Thursday, September 22.

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## City Council Town Hall Sept 8

Citizens are encouraged to attend a town hall meeting with the Chowchilla City Council on **Thursday, September 8 at 6PM** in the **Chowchilla Senior Center** at 820 W. Robertson Boulevard.

Town hall meetings are less formal than council meetings at City Hall. There is no set agenda other than to listen and talk with those in attendance. The forum gives residents the opportunity to have a more open dialogue with the entire council.

Any topic can be brought up for discussion. Citizens can engage their elected officials and City staff in conversations about current and possible future services, programs, construction projects, business issues, neighborhoods, housing, public safety, etc.

Chowchilla city government is participatory government where everyone can have a voice in how the City functions and responds to needs. This town hall meeting, along with other community outreach events, is a worthwhile opportunity for citizens to participate in planning the future of Chowchilla.

## Report illegal building entry

The City of Chowchilla is working to clean up our community and you can help.

If you see people entering boarded up properties call the Chowchilla Police Department dispatch office immediately at (559) 665-8600.

If you know of an abandoned home or building that has been broken into contact the City Code Enforcement Officer at (559) 665-8615, ext. 407 to report the information.

## Do you have your business license?

If you operate any type of business in Chowchilla it is mandatory that you have a business license to legally operate. Licenses are required for three main reasons—to identify your business and make sure you are accountable for your actions, to protect the public health and safety, and to keep track of your finances for tax purposes.

Not having your business license could leave you unprotected legally, may lead to expensive penalties, and can jeopardize your business.

Business owners are urged to contact the City Finance Department to learn more at (559) 665-8615, ext. 784.

# Community CONVERSATION

Let's Talk Chowchilla

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 • 5:30-6:30PM

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1435 E. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD

Be a part of the discussion about our community with City officials.