

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

- Nov 6** - Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2AM
- Nov 8** - Election Day
- Nov 10** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Nov 11** - Veterans Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM
- Nov 15** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM
- Nov 15** - City Council Special Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Nov 16** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, Starbucks, 5:30PM
- Nov 16** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Nov 19** - Fall Clean-Up Drop-Off Day
- Nov 19** - Chowchilla Lioness Lions Harvest Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Nov 23** - City Offices Closed
- Nov 24-25** - Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Dec 3** - Lions Christmas Tree Lighting, Veterans Park, 5:30PM
- Dec 3** - Tenaya Guild Fundraiser Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Dec 9** - City Offices Closed
- Dec 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Dec 15** - "Our Town Chowchilla" City Council Town Hall Meeting, Senior Center, 6PM
- Dec 20** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11

Chowchilla's **Annual Veterans Day Ceremony** to honor all veterans who have served the United States of America as a member of the Armed Forces, will be held on **Friday, November 11 at 11:00AM at Veterans Memorial Park** on Robertson Boulevard between 6th and 7th Streets.

The event is proudly presented and sponsored by **American Legion Post 148, VFW Post 9896, VFW Auxiliary 9896** and the **City of Chowchilla**.

The community is encouraged to join together and pay tribute to those who served to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for our nation. Everyone who attends will gain a stronger appreciation for the men and women who selflessly strive to protect us today and to commemorate our local veterans who have unselfishly served this country in the past.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.



City Hall Closed Dates for November Holidays

CITY OFFICES will be **CLOSED** Nov 10 & Nov 11, plus Nov 23, Nov 24 & Nov 25

"Fall Clean-Up Drop-Off Day" November 19

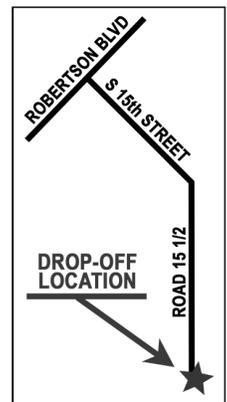
Mid Valley Disposal and the City of Chowchilla join together on **Saturday, November 19** for the **"FALL CLEAN-UP DROP-OFF DAY"** when Chowchilla residents can drop-off their collected **BULK TRASH** at an in-town site for **FREE** from **7AM to 3PM**. The event is **ONLY** for residents in the Chowchilla city limits and you **MUST** provide proof of residency in the form of a driver's license or City utility bill with a printed address.

The drop-off location is the "City Site" at 24252 Road 15-1/2, Head south on 15th Street from Robertson Boulevard that will curve into Road 15-1/2. There will be signs directing you to the drop-off location.

THIS WILL BE A "DROP-OFF ONLY" EVENT—DO NOT PUT TRASH PILES AT THE STREET CURB BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE PICKED UP.

See the flyer that was included in your utilities bill for helpful details.

Residents are urged to work with family members, friends and neighbors to help others to transport materials to the drop-off location. Older residents and persons with physical limitations who have no one to assist them getting debris to the drop-off location can call the Chowchilla Public Works office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789 to have a City employee visit you to assess your needs and propose a solution.



Keep Tree Leaves Out of Streets

Residents are asked to not restrict the flow of rainwater runoff by not raking or piling fallen tree leaves and other debris into the street. Blocking the street drainage causes standing water that damages pavement and creates a safety hazard and nuisance for you and your neighbors.

Leaves, limbs and brush should be placed in the **GREEN WASTE** containers and placed at the street on your regularly scheduled weekly trash pickup day.

Residents can get an extra **GREEN WASTE** containers or an extra pick-up of the **GREEN WASTE** by calling Mid Valley Disposal Systems at 237-9425. There is an extra charge for this service. If you have any questions call the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department at 665-8615, ext. 789.



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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.



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.



All businesses NEED a business license!

Do you operate a business out of your home in Chowchilla? Is your business located in a storefront? Do you work as an Independent Contractor under the roof of a single business setting like a hair or nail salon? Do you run a lawn care business using your vehicle as your office while in Chowchilla? During the course of the year will you collect \$400 or more in customer payments that could classify you as a business under IRS regulations and thus be subject to Federal and State tax payments? If you answered yes you are operating a business and there is a very important step you need to take.

Every business that operates within the Chowchilla city limits, even those with a business address in another city but provide the service in Chowchilla, must have a business license to legally operate. Licenses are required for these 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.

Community CONVERSATION
Let's Talk Chowchilla
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 5:30-6:30PM
STARBUCKS
120 E. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD

able for your actions, to protect the public health and safety, and to keep track of your finances for tax purposes.

If you do not have a business license you could leave yourself legally unprotected that could lead to expensive penalties and could put your business at risk.

For more information call the City Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 784.

Talk about downtown at YOUR next Town Hall

Citizens are encouraged to attend the next "Our Town Chowchilla" Town Hall meeting with the Chowchilla City Council on Thursday, December 15 to talk about concepts and ideas for the development of our downtown centered along Robertson Boulevard. Representatives from QK, Inc., the firm working with the City to develop a downtown plan, will be on-hand to discuss design concepts and ideas. The town hall begins at 6PM in the Chowchilla Senior Center at 820 W. Robertson Boulevard.

Town hall sessions are less formal than council meetings held at City Hall and are designed to foster open and constructive dialogue among those who attend and the council.

In addition to the topic about our future downtown attendees will be able to bring up any subject for discussion. Citizens can engage their elected officials and City staff in conversations about current and prospective services, programs, construction projects, business issues, housing, neighborhoods, public safety, etc.

Please plan to join us for this important discussion.

Fixing up your home? Get your building permit

Are you planning to add an addition like a room or a porch to your home? Will you need to replace that old water heater or furnace sometime soon? Are you adding more electrical outlets to your garage? Remember, whenever you plan to undertake a home improvement you NEED to get a building permit from the City of Chowchilla. Building permits are intended to ensure any construction or repair projects are done safely and meet national and state building codes. This is particularly important for insurance purposes. Building codes help protect you, your family, visitors to your home, and if you are a landlord they protect you and your tenants.

To find out more call the City's Community & Economic Development Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 787 before you start planning your project. We are here to help you.

Lions Club Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Dec 3
5:30PM

Veterans Memorial Park

CHOWCHILLA COMMUNITY SOCCER LEAGUE
Affiliated with Chowchilla Youth Athletic Foundation
NEW! LEAGUE
REGISTRATION DATES
EDWARD RAY PARK SOCCER FIELDS
Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12 – 8:30-11am Nov 8 & 10 – 5-8pm
EDWARD RAY PARK RECREATION BLDG
Nov 17 & Dec 8 – 6-8pm Nov 19 & Dec 3 – 10am-2pm
Telephone: (559) 377-9418 Email: ChowchillaSoccer@GMail.com