

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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CITY HALL OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

CALENDAR

- Dec 9** - City Offices Closed
- Dec 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Dec 20** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM
- Dec 20** - "Downtown Design Guidelines Wksp, City Hall, 6PM
- Dec 21** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Dec 22** - City Offices Closed
- Dec 23** - Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Dec 24** - Christmas Eve
- Dec 23** - Christmas Day
- Dec 26** - Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Jan 2** - New Year's Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Jan 7** - Chowchilla Stampede Royalty Fundraiser Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Jan 10** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Jan 16** - Martin Luther King Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Jan 17** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM
- Jan 17** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, Deli Delicious, 5:30PM
- Jan 18** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Jan 21** - Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Jan 24** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

Help shape the future downtown Chowchilla

Citizens are asked to attend the upcoming Downtown Design Guidelines Workshop on Tuesday, December 20 with the Chowchilla City Council 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 workshop begins at 6PM in the Chowchilla City Hall at 130 S. Second Street. There will be light food and beverages provided along with the chance to win raffle prizes for those attending.

Please plan to join us for this important discussion. The future of Downtown Chowchilla rests in the passion and the ideas shared by our citizens. City officials hope you will attend this important session to bring a NEW and BETTER vision to our downtown business environment.



Downtown Design Guidelines Workshop

Tuesday, Dec 20 - 6:00-8:00PM
Chowchilla City Hall - 130 S. Second Street

Chowchilla Christmas Toys and Coats Drive

Not every child in Chowchilla gets to have the Christmas of their dreams but through the efforts of local organizations they will receive something that shows they are thought of this Christmas holiday.

A **Chowchilla Christmas Toys and Coats Drive** is underway in the community. The organizers are seeking donations of new unwrapped toys, coats and other clothes to distribute to deserving children in Chowchilla. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to any of the listed partnering organizations. Mark on your check what your donation is for and representatives will do the shopping.



The 2016 team includes the Chowchilla Police and Fire Departments, the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 148, Chowchilla American Legion Post 148, Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Post 9896, Full Gospel Truth Church, Valley State Prison, Cornerstone Church and Chowchilla Starbucks.

Chowchilla Starbucks will help host a **Chowchilla Christmas Toys and Coats Drive Event** on **Saturday, December 10** from **10AM-3PM** where you can drop off toy and coat donations, meet Santa Claus and enter to win raffle prizes.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

IN OBSERVANCE OF

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S

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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.



City seeks to fill advisory group vacancies

The City of Chowchilla needs the help of residents who want to share in the future growth of our community as a member of a citizen advisory group. Commissions and committees are formed to assist the City Council in making critical policy decisions that impact the community. Citizen input is essential to the success of local government.

There are four vacancies on both the **Planning Commission** and the **Airport Committee** and applications are being accepted to fill these vacancies. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, a qualified elector of the City of Chowchilla and reside within the official city limits.

Interested persons must complete an application that can be obtained from the City's web site at www.CityOfChowchilla.org by selecting the Commissions & Committees link. A print version is available at the Chowchilla City Hall, 130 S. Second Street, or by contacting the City Clerk's office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 112, or by sending an email to CityClerk@CityOfChowchilla.org.

All applications are due to the City Clerk's office by **4:00pm, Tuesday, January 3, 2017.**

Christmas tree collection

Mid Valley Disposal will pick up your **natural Christmas tree** (NO ARTIFICIAL ONES) on your regular trash collection day during the week of **January 2-6**. Be sure to remove all lights, tinsel and ornaments from the tree.

It is **IMPORTANT** that you cut your tree into pieces and place them into the **Green Waste** cart with the lid closed. Put the cart out to the curb on your regular trash pick-up day.

Keep tree leaves out of the 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 curb on your regular weekly trash pick-up 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 665-3099. 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.

SAVE TIME - Pay Utilities Bills ONLINE

Learn more at www.CityOfChowchilla.org



City Hall will be OPEN later and on Fridays for payments

Beginning the first week of January City Hall will be OPEN every Friday. Additionally, City Hall office hours will be extended to remain open until 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

The Finance Department payment window will be open to take customers who choose to pay their utilities bills in person. Customers have the option to pay their utilities bills online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using Xpress Bill Pay through the City web site at www.CityOfChowchilla.org. A payment drop-box on the front wall of City Hall is also available for after hours payments.

The past economic crisis forced City officials to close offices on Fridays in the spring of 2009. In 2015 the City Council set a goal to reopen City Hall on Fridays to meet the needs of the residents particularly to pay their utilities bills. To achieve that goal City officials worked out procedures to have staff available to cover the additional day of service for the community. At the same time staff worked out scheduling to keep City Hall open until 5:00pm.

NO changes to holiday trash pick up

The Christmas Day and New Years Day holidays fall on Sundays this year which means there will be **NO changes** to the trash pick-up days schedule.

Remember to put your trash out no earlier than the night before your pick-up day and no later than very early in the morning of your pick-up day.



Please don't park on lawns

The Chowchilla Municipal Code Section 10.28.155, regulates that no motor vehicle such as a car, truck, motorcycle, tractor, trailer, camper or other mode of transportation shall be parked or stored on the front yard or side yard of any property within the city limits. It doesn't matter whether or not the vehicle is motorized or operational. The exception is when the vehicles are parked on a permanent driveway or parking place specifically and properly designed for parking vehicles.

The City's Code Enforcement Division enforces this regulation and will work with property owners to correct violations.