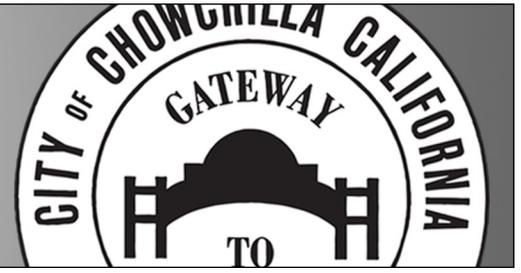


CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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CITY HALL OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

CALENDAR

- 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
- Jan 27** - Quarterly Neighborhood Infill Meeting, City Hall, 8AM
- Feb 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 15** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 18** - Chowchilla Athletic Foundation Dinner, SFA Portuguese Hall, 6PM
- Feb 20** - President's Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Feb 21** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM
- Feb 21** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, To be determined, 5:30PM
- Feb 25** - 6th Annual Chowchilla Sportsmen's Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 5:30PM
- Feb 26** - Edward Ray Day in Chowchilla, All Day
- Feb 28** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 10** - Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM

'Trinket' Gaumnitz selected to serve as Mayor



During the annual reorganization of the City Council in December, members appointed Mary 'Trinket' Gaumnitz to serve as Mayor of the City Council for 2017. At the same meeting Dennis Haworth was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mary Gaumnitz who is known to many as 'Trinket' was first elected to the City Council in 2014 and is in her first term that continues until December 2018.

Raised in Chowchilla and having attended the local schools, Trinket is well known throughout the community. She is a Special Education teacher in the Weaver School District in Merced and started her career as an instructional aide in 1986. During that initial experience she decided to go back to school where she earned her teaching credential. She has been teaching in the Special Education field since 1999.

Trinket believes strongly in the values of a community and strives to attend many community functions and special events in Chowchilla. As an elected official she intends to fully represent the residents to her fullest ability.

Dennis Haworth is a long-time resident of Chowchilla. While attending Chowchilla Union High School he became an Explorer with the Madera County Sheriff Department that led to a career in law enforcement. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Fresno State University during which he became a reserve sheriff deputy eventually becoming a full-time deputy with Madera County. Following that he became a founding officer with the University of California Merced Police Department that gave him the unique opportunity to help create a state agency from the ground up.

Dennis and his family have lived full-time in Chowchilla since 1997. He is a certified NRA firearms instructor and enjoys teaching shooting sports.

Dennis was first elected to the Chowchilla City Council in November 2008. In November 2012 he was elected to a second term on the Council and was selected to serve as Mayor for 2013. This past November 2016, Dennis was elected to serve his third term that will expire in December 2020.



It's EASY and FREE!
PAY Your Utility Bill ONLINE at www.CityOfChowchilla.org

City Hall now OPEN Fridays, and daily to 5pm

With the start of 2017 City Hall is now OPEN Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. The Finance Department payment window will be open to take customers who choose to pay their utilities bills in person. Customers still have the option to pay their 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 drop-off payments. For nearly six years City Hall had been closed on Fridays but in 2015 the City Council set a goal to return to a five-day schedule to meet the needs of the residents as soon as employee scheduling could be worked out.

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CITY COUNCIL

Mary 'Trinket' Gaumnitz, *Mayor*
Dennis Haworth, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Waseem Ahmed, *Council Member*
Ray Barragan, *Council Member*
John Chavez, *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.



February utility bills to show slight increase

In 2012, City Council approved a utility rate structure for the City Water and Wastewater Utility System along with a fee to pay for State-required water meter installations and meter replacements. Utility rates provide funding for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs to the City water and wastewater systems so that good water and disposal services are always provided to the customers.

The utility rate changes occur every January 1 through the year 2021. For 2017 the adjusted rates will appear on the February utility bill. The amount of increase will depend on the type of property such as residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

If you have questions about the rate increase, or if you need help with your utility accounts, call the Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

Dog licenses must be renewed for 2017

All dogs residing within the Chowchilla city limits over the age of four months must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed through the Chowchilla Police Department. The licenses must be renewed every year starting January 1. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license and you must show proof of a dog's alteration to receive any license discounts.

To obtain or renew a license, visit the Police Department at 122 Trinity Avenue during regular business hours. Renewals **ONLY** can be mailed to the department with payment by cashiers check or money order payable to the City of Chowchilla. Call (559) 665-8600 if you need more information.

The License fee is \$9.00 (senior discount \$4.50) for altered dogs. The fee is \$18.00 (senior discount \$9.00) for unaltered dogs. A \$20 late fee is added after April 1.

OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

SUMMER SEASON
May 1 - November 30

WINTER SEASON
December 1 - April 30

EVEN Numbered Addresses
(Ending in 0,2,4,6,8)
Tuesdays and/or Saturdays

EVEN Numbered Addresses
(Ending in 0,2,4,6,8)
Saturdays **ONLY**

ODD Numbered Addresses
(Ending in 1,3,5,7,9)
Wednesdays and/or Sundays

ODD Numbered Addresses
(Ending in 1,3,5,7,9)
Sundays **ONLY**

**NO WATERING IS ALLOWED ON
MONDAYS, THURSDAYS OR FRIDAYS**

NO WATERING BETWEEN 10AM AND 7PM

www.CityOfChowchilla.org/OurWater.htm

How about turning irrigation "Off Until Spring"

The City's Public Works Department is encouraging residents to let the weather guide your watering schedule this winter to help save water for when it is needed most, during the spring and summer.

Even if we get a lot of rain and snow during the next few months it will still take a few years to replenish the aquifer that flows deep underground below us that provides our drinking water. To help, residents are asked to consider **NOT** watering at all this winter by turning off your irrigation system. The winter watering schedule is in effect and already restricts outside watering to only one day a week.

Cooler weather means less plant growth, therefore less water is needed by your lawn and shrubs.

The fact is, the moisture we receive during the winter from dew, fog and rain is generally enough for your plants so there is no reason to add extra water during the winter months. Adding more irrigation water to the natural supply will not be absorbed by the ground and plants but will simply runoff into the street and down the storm drain as wasted water.

Please do just a little bit more this winter to help conserve water and stop irrigating your lawns and yard plants for the next couple of months, or at least follow the one day a week winter schedule.