

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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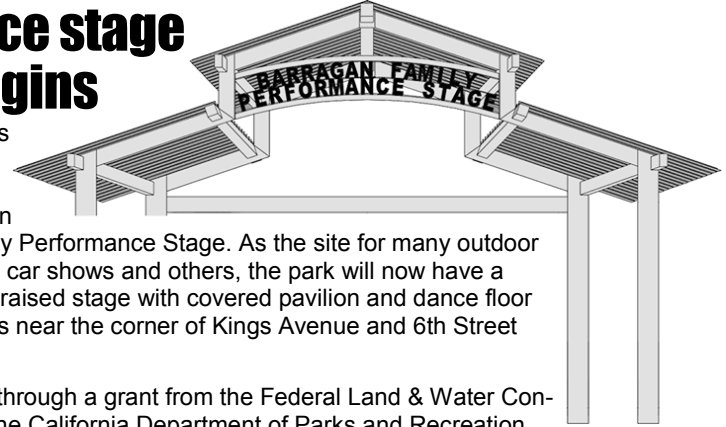
**CITY HALL OFFICES  
BUSINESS HOURS**  
Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

## CALENDAR

- Mar 10** - Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM
- Mar 10-12** - Western Stampede Roping, Fairgrounds, All Day
- Mar 11** - Girls Softball Opening Day, Edward Ray Park, 10AM
- Mar 11** - Chicano Correctional Workers Association Crab Feed Dinner, Portuguese Hall, 5:00PM
- Mar 12** - Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2AM
- Mar 12** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM
- Mar 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 15** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 18** - Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Police Department, 10AM
- Mar 18** - Chowchilla Lions Club Spring Round-up Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Mar 21** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM
- Mar 21** - Community CONVERSATION, Starbucks, 5:30PM
- Mar 28** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Apr 8** - City Easter Egg Scramble, Edward Ray Park, 10AM
- Apr 9** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM
- Apr 10-17** - Chowchilla Schools Spring Break
- Apr 11** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Apr 19** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

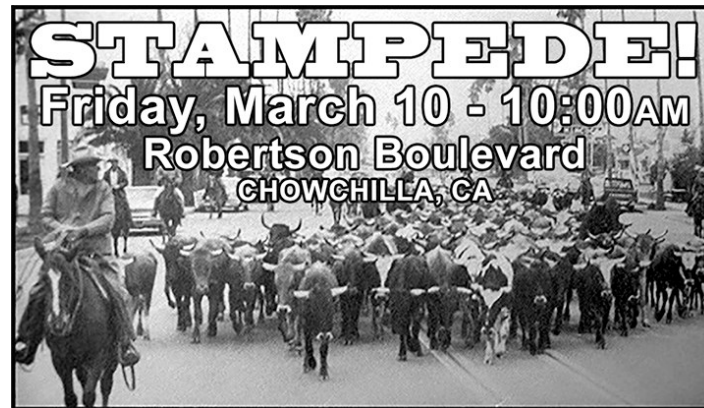
## Park performance stage construction begins

Visitors to the downtown Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street will soon see a lot of activity as construction starts on the new Barragan Family Performance Stage. As the site for many outdoor events such as concerts, movies, car shows and others, the park will now have a focal point for all the events. The raised stage with covered pavilion and dance floor will be set between the large trees near the corner of Kings Avenue and 6th Street facing into the center of the park.



The new stage is made possible through a grant from the Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and through a very generous donation from the Ray Barragan Family Foundation that will match dollar-for-dollar the funds covered by the grant. The total project will cost around \$130,000.

The stage is expected to be finished by mid-June just in time for the summer park concert series.



If you need to pay your utilities bills in person

**CITY HALL  
NOW OPEN  
Monday - Friday  
8AM - 5PM**

## City begins planning the next budget

### RESIDENTS ASKED TO SHARE IDEAS ABOUT FUTURE PROJECTS AND EXPENDITURES

City officials have started the budget process for the next fiscal year. To develop a responsive and strong fiscal plan the City Council wants to hear from residents and stakeholders of their priorities for projects, programs and services. Public outreach efforts will help to gather ideas and comments.

**The City Council will hold a Town Hall meeting for the community to discuss the budget on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00PM at the Chowchilla Senior Center, 820 W. Robertson Boulevard.**

You are also encouraged to write your remarks in the space below, cut out the response form, then mail it or drop it off at Chowchilla City Hall, 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, Attn: Community Relations Manager. You can also email your remarks to [Info@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Info@CityOfChowchilla.org).

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

"2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget"

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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.



# Springtime means weed abatement time

The City expects property owners to maintain their properties so as to not detract from the surrounding neighborhoods. Each spring the City of Chowchilla devotes additional time and effort to the annual Weed Abatement Program to get properties clean and clear of weeds.

Though a year-round activity, the Weed Abatement Program becomes more significant in the spring when plants grow more quickly. In addition, property owners are required to till any open grounds that become filled with dry grass, weeds and trash that could pose a significant fire threat during the dry fire hazard season of March through September.

City staff work with property owners if their lots need cleaning to bring the properties into compliance. Property owners will be notified by mail if their properties are in violation. If no visible attempt is made to clean the property within the specified timeline, the property will be cleared by the City. The property owner will be charged for the cost of the abatement in addition to an administrative fee that can total more than \$300. Of course the City would prefer that property owners properly and safely maintain their properties to not detract from the surrounding neighborhoods.

If you have questions or want more information about the Weed Abatement Program contact the City Community & Economic Development Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 787.

## Dog & Cat Vaccine Clinic - Saturday, March 18

The Central Valley Veterinary Clinic of Chowchilla in cooperation with the Chowchilla Police Department Animal Control Division will hold the Spring Dog & Cat Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, March 18 at the Chowchilla Police Department, 122 Trinity Avenue. Times are from 9:00AM to 10:00AM for seniors and persons with disabilities, and from 10:00AM to 12:00PM for the general public.

Vaccines for dogs include parvo/distemper (\$12), rabies (\$10) and worming (\$5). Cat vaccines include FVRCD (\$12), rabies (\$10) and worming (\$5). Please remember that all cats must be brought to the clinic in carriers. Spay and neuter certificates will be available for dogs (\$20) and cats (\$15). Pet microchipping will also be offered at a cost of \$22.50 per animal.

If your pet is not yet licensed, as required by the Chowchilla Municipal Code, the Police Department will be on-site to process new and renewal pet licenses during the clinic. The li-

**Chowchilla's  
EASTER EGG  
SCRAMBLE**

**Saturday, April 8 • 10am-12noon**  
**Candy Eggs, Bunny Photos, Bouncers, more...**

**CITY OF CHOWCHILLA**  
**Edward Ray Park**  
**15th Street & Sonoma Avenue**

**EGG  
SCRAMBLES  
START PROMPTLY AT  
10:15AM**

cence fee is \$10 (senior discount \$5) for altered dogs and the fee is \$25 (senior discount \$12.50) for unaltered dogs.

It is important to know that a \$20 late fee will be added for any pet license purchased after the deadline date of April 1.

Donations of much needed dog and cat food for the animal shelter will also be accepted at the vaccine clinic.

If you have questions or need more information call the Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

## City Housing Element comment period open

The City of Chowchilla has prepared a negative declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2015-2023 Chowchilla Housing Element Update. A print copy of the document is available for review at the Chowchilla City Hall, 130 Second Street.

The public is invited to review and comment on the document up to 12:00 noon, March 14. Public comments should be submitted to the City prior to that date. They can be written and delivered in-person at City Hall, or mailed to the City of Chowchilla; Attention: Planning Department; 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610, or comments can be emailed to [Planning@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Planning@CityOfChowchilla.org).

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