

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

May 1 - Summer Outdoor Watering Regulations Begin

May 6-11 - Chowchilla Curbside Cleanup Week

May 6 - HOW (Helping One Woman) Fundraiser Dinner, Farnesi's Steakhouse, 6PM

May 7 - 12th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, Madera Courthouse Park, 12NOON

May 11 - Chowchilla Backs the Blue BBQ, Veterans Memorial Park, 12NOON

May 12 - American Legion & VFW Breakfast with a Veteran, 245 S 5th St, 7-11AM

May 14 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 15 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

May 16 - Chowchilla Fair Opening Ceremony, Fairgrounds, 3PM

May 16-19 - Chowchilla Fair Events, Fairgrounds

May 18 - Spring Festival Armed Forces Day Parade, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM

May 21 - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

May 28 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

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Chowchilla Curbside Clean-Up May 6-11

The week of May 6-11 is set for the Curbside Clean-up event in Chowchilla. THIS EVENT HAS CHANGED FROM A FALL EVENT TO A SPRING EVENT.

This service provided by Mid Valley Disposal and the City of Chowchilla is ONLY for single-family homeowners and residents in the city limits. Sorry, but this service is NOT available to homes that front on Robertson Boulevard, or to apartments, duplexes, county or commercial bin customers.

The Curbside Clean-up event provides a way to get rid of bulky items and items not normally accepted in the regular trash pick-up service. DO NOT PUT OUT DEBRIS SOONER THAN 48-HOURS (2 DAYS) BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DATE. Please refer to the accompanying flyer for important information and check the map to find your specific pick-up day.

Debris MUST BE PLACED IN THE STREET at least 6-inches from the curb. DO NOT put debris on the area between the sidewalk and the curb, as it won't be picked up. DO NOT BLOCK gutter drain inlets, mailboxes or fire hydrants. Debris placed at the curb after your scheduled date WILL NOT BE PICKED UP and must be removed by the property resident WITHIN 24-HOURS after your pick-up date.

Be sure to check the lists of ACCEPTED ITEMS and ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED.

Customers EAST of Highway 99 living inside Greenhills and on Granite Falls Way and Golden Sands Way will need to take their bulky items to a DROP-OFF LOCATION on SATURDAY, MAY 11 (see the event flyer for locations). The narrow streets do not allow curbside pick-up in these neighborhood areas.

If you have questions call the Chowchilla Public Works at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789. Please leave a message with your telephone number if your call is not answered in person.

Come out and enjoy your Chowchilla Fair

There are many good reasons why people choose to live in smaller communities and the annual Chowchilla-Madera County Fair is certainly one that makes Chowchilla a special place to call home. This year's theme for the mid-May event is STARS & STRIPES and COUNTRY NIGHTS. The Fair will open Thursday, May 16 and continue through Sunday, May 19 with fun-filled and exciting activities including concerts, exhibits, carnival rides, and more.

Advance sale carnival coupons for \$20 (cash only) and advance sale daily tickets for \$5 must be purchased before 1:30PM on Thursday, May 16. These are available at Chowchilla Do it Best Hardware, Chowchilla Savemart and the Fair Office (Mon-Fri between 8:30-11:30AM and 1:30-4:30PM).

Kid's Day is Friday, May 17 when kids 12 and under get FREE Fair admission until 5PM.

For more information visit www.ChowchillaFair.org or call the Fair office at (559) 665-3728.

City purchases new street sweeper

This coming September the Public Works Department expects to receive delivery of a new street sweeper that will be quickly put into service keeping the neighborhood streets clean. Currently the City contracts with Clean Sweep to provide street sweeping services throughout the city. Neighborhood streets can only be swept once a month. The street cleaning schedule will change once the City takes possession of the new CNG street sweeper.

The City has been working through the buying process for more than four years, largely because of the challenges required to meet the Federal purchasing requirements of where equipment and materials can be produced with the "Buy America" program. The \$313,000 street sweeper was paid for with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds (\$277,000) and Gas Tax Funds (\$36,000). No City General Fund monies were used to purchase the new street cleaner.

Until the new street sweeper is put into service Clean Sweep will clean neighborhood streets following a schedule to work around the regular trash pick-up days. If your trash is picked up on MONDAY, TUESDAY or FRIDAY your street is swept on the 4th WEDNESDAY of the month. If your trash is picked up on WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY your street is swept on the 4th FRIDAY. Services are not provided in the Greenhills neighborhoods.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Waseem Ahmed, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Ray Barragan, *Council Member*
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*
Diana Palmer, *Council Member*
Dave Riviere, *Acting 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

City Hall	(559) 665-8615
City Council	x 102
City Administrator	x 100
City Clerk	x 102
Airport Information	x 789
Building & Inspections	x 787
Code Enforcement	x 787
Community Development	x 787
Community Engagement	x 110
Finance	x 783
Fire	x 600
Human Resources	x 102
Planning	x 787
Police Department	x 785
Public Works & Parks	x 789
Recreation	x 110
Utilities	x 783

Anonymous Tips	665-8624
Chamber of Commerce	665-5603
City Bus (CATX)	665-8655
Fairgrounds	665-3728
Fire Department	665-8625
Mid Valley Disposal	237-9425
Police Department	665-8600
Senior Center	665-8647



accepted for in-person payments
made at Chowchilla City Hall



Pay utilities bills ONLINE

Using Xpress Bill Pay is a simple, safe and FREE way to pay your monthly City utilities bills online. It's easy to setup your account.

Go to CityOfChowchilla.org and select Online Bill Payments from the HOW DO I... drop down menu or click the Bill Pay graphic. You will be redirected to the Xpress Bill Pay website where you can create your online account.



Youth soccer registration

The Chowchilla Community Soccer League is taking registrations for fall youth soccer. Registration days will take place at the recreation building at Edward Ray Park at North 15th Street and Sonoma Avenue. If your child did not play soccer last season bring a copy of their birth certificate. Cost for the first child is \$55 and each additional sibling is \$45 each.

REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday, May 4: 10AM-2PM
Tuesday, May 7: 6-8PM
Saturday, May 11: 10AM-2PM
Tuesday, May 21: 6-8PM
Saturday, May 25: 10AM-2PM
Saturday, June 1: 10AM-2PM
Tuesday, June 11: 6-8PM
Saturday, June 15: 10AM-2PM
Tuesday, June 25: 6-8PM
Saturday, June 29: 10 AM-2PM

The LAST DAY to register is Sunday, June 30.

Questions? visit CCSL on Facebook at Facebook.com/ChowchillaSoccer or ChowchillaSoccer@GMail.com, or call (559) 715-1901.

City permit required before you can drain your pool

If you plan to DRAIN your swimming pool you MUST first obtain a PERMIT from the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department. The staff want to help you dump chemically clean water into the street drains and into the ecosystem. Doing so will also help you avoid a possible fine for improper water dumping.

Through the permit application process City personnel will test your pool water to ensure it is safe to dump into the drain system. Chemically clean water will ensure that high amounts of chlorine, phosphates and other chemicals are reduced so as to not cause downstream ecological harm.

Water dumped into street drains flows into nearby retention basins and into nearby sloughs. The water then percolates down to the underground water aquifer and out to the agricultural lands west of the city. This percolation helps recharge the underground basins that are the source of drinking and irrigation water.

Untreated water can negatively affect the underground aquifers as well as plant and animal life in the agricultural areas.

Contact the Public Works office at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789 as early as possible to allow time to process your permit request.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE May 1 - November 30

EVEN Number Address
(Ends in 0,2,4,6,8)
Tuesday and/or Saturday

ODD Number Address
(Ends in 1,3,5,7,9)
Wednesday and/or Sunday

OUTDOOR WATERING of RESIDENTIAL or BUSINESS PROPERTIES is NOT ALLOWED on MONDAY, THURSDAY or FRIDAY

NO WATERING EVERY DAY BETWEEN 10:00AM AND 7:00PM

www.CityOfChowchilla.org/189/Water-Conservation

Are you moving? Be sure to close your utilities account

When you move, even if it is from one house to another in Chowchilla, be sure to contact the City Finance Department to close your current utilities account. You will need to sign an Account Closure Form to complete the process. If you don't close your current account you will continue to be billed each month. After a period of time if you have not made any payments your account can be sent to collections.

Moving involves more than just packing and unpacking. Avoid unexpected expenses by closing your account as soon as you move out of your old address. If you have questions contact the Chowchilla Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

CalFire grant plants new trees

The Chowchilla Public Works Department working with the Davey Resource Group recently planted thirty-five new trees in Edward Ray Park. This project was funded through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Urban Forestry Program. Planted in various areas around the park the trees included Cedar Deodar, Southern Live Oak and Ginkgo Biloba. Though still young the trees will grow quickly and add to the park canopy in a few years to produce shady spots and create pleasant green perimeters.

