

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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## CITY HALL OFFICES BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

## CALENDAR

**Jul 6** - Lions Club Fireworks, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 8PM

**Jul 8** - HOW (Helping One Woman) Fundraiser Dinner, Farnesi's Steakhouse, 6PM

**Jul 9** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Jul 11** - Music in the Park Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 7:30PM

**Jul 12** - Movie in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Sunset

**Jul 14** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast with a Veteran, 245 S 5th St, 7-11AM

**Jul 15** - Airport Committee Meeting, City Hall, 5:30PM

**Jul 16** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

**Jul 17** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Jul 18** - Music in the Park Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 7:30PM

**Jul 19** - Movie in the Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Sunset

**Jul 23** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Jul 25** - Music in the Park Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 7:30PM

**Aug 1** - Music in the Park Concert, Veterans Memorial Park, 7:30PM

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

**Aug 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Aug 20** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM

## Music in the Park continues to August 1

Live music fills the air on Thursday nights this summer in Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street as the City of Chowchilla presents the FREE "Music in the Park" summer concert series. The bands perform on the Barragan Family Performance Stage.

All concerts begin at 7:30PM. Bring your folding chairs and blankets, maybe a picnic meal, and enjoy wonderful evenings of music, singing, and yes, likely some dancing too.

Be sure to visit and click the "LIKE" button on the City of Chowchilla Facebook page to get the latest information about the summer concerts and other events like Movies in the Park, and other community activities in and around the Chowchilla area.

JULY 11 - **The Monsanto Band** (*High Energy Latin Sounds*)

JULY 18 - **Michael Walker Band** (*California Country Rock*)

JULY 25 - **Yard Dogs** (*50's & 60's Classic Rock & Roll*)

AUGUST 1 - **QPOP Radio & the Blow-Pops Horns** (*Groovy 60's & 70's Rock & Roll*)



## Two nights remain for Movies in the Park

Friday night fun at Movies in the Park continues in July as the City of Chowchilla presents the final two FREE family-fun movies on July 12 and 19.

Movies in the Park is presented in Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street. Show times start at sunset, about 8:30PM. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and enjoy a fun night watching an outdoor movie on the BIG inflatable screen with full sound filling the park.

The Friday, July 12 movie is the 1993 Disney film, COOL RUNNINGS, based on a true story of the first Jamaican bobsled team in the Olympics. The last movie of the summer series is MONSTERS, INC. that will be shown Friday, July 19.

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## Thank you SPONSORS for our summer events

This summer's series of FREE community events presented by the City of Chowchilla are made possible through the generosity from our partnering sponsors. Their monetary donations helped the City once again bring the MUSIC IN THE PARK and MOVIES IN THE PARK events to Chowchilla. We sincerely appreciate their commitment to supporting and enhancing the arts this summer.

**Golden Memorial Insurance Services**

**Madera County Arts Council**

**Anderson Pump Company**

**Yamabe and Horn Engineering, Inc.**

**Johnson Controls, Inc.**

**QK, Inc.**

## Lions Club Fireworks on Saturday, July 6

The FREE Chowchilla Lions Club Fireworks Show lights up the sky over the Chowchilla Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 6.



Gates to the fairgrounds will OPEN at 7:00PM. Fireworks blasts will begin at dark, about 9:00PM.

Food and beverages can be purchased at the Lions Club concession stand. The Lions Club Beer Garden will also be open for the event.

The event is presented with support and assistance from the Chowchilla Fairgrounds, and the City of Chowchilla Fire, Police and the Public Works Department.

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## CITY COUNCIL

John Chavez, *Mayor*  
Waseem Ahmed, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
Ray Barragan, *Council Member*  
Dennis Haworth, *Council Member*  
Diana Palmer, *Council Member*  
Rod Pruett, *Interim 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



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# City Council approves new fiscal year budget

On June 25, the Chowchilla City Council approved a balanced budget for the new 2019-2020 fiscal year that began July 1. The annual revenue and expenditures plan maintains core City programs, services, staffing levels and operating budgets at roughly the same level as the prior fiscal year after adjustments for inflation and any one-time revenues or expenditures.

There are six key foundational objectives that were used to prepare the 2019-2020 budget:

- Expand where possible the core services of the community;
- Continue the City's strong push for job creation and revenue generation by making Chowchilla an attractive location for industrial, commercial and residential development;
- Maintain the momentum of aggressively pursuing new business opportunities;
- Expand where possible, public safety in the community;
- Maintain and enhance the City's infrastructure, including parks, roads, and sidewalks;
- Ensure long-term fiscal sustainability by proposing a structurally balanced budget and the continued expansion of the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance.

Prepared with expenditures in balance with available revenue, the 2019-2020 proposed budget includes the priorities of improving the City's streets and sidewalks, economic development, completing grant funded projects and improving the City's ability to address infrastructure needs. It also includes full funding and staffing of all previously approved positions.

The General Fund is balanced with \$8,141,103 in anticipated revenues, \$8,996,456 in expenditures and \$855,353 of reserves being used for projects. The General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance is anticipated to grow to 45.52% of operating expenses. The City Council approved a Reserve Policy in April 2016 which established a minimum level of 17%, which is the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommendation of two months of operating expenditures. Expenditures exceed revenues in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 mainly due to spending of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 VLF settlement monies in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and using reserves for capital projects. There is \$360,000 being spent in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 that will be from cash received in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from the VLF settlement monies and \$500,000 for security improvements to the Police Department building.

To view or download the full budget document visit the City web site at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org).

## City water patrols strive to help residents

Chowchilla Public Works personnel perform outreach to help residents comply with the existing outdoor watering regulations, currently limited to two (2) days a week. These employees work varying days and hours including evenings and weekends to help residents understand and set their outdoor watering schedules according to the current rules. They also help interpret regulations that are required to be met by the State of California.

They travel through all of the Chowchilla neighborhoods to identify irrigation violations and provide information to property residents on the efficient use of water. Property owners with repeated offenses or who don't comply with irrigation violations will have administrative fines issued to the property.

## Neighborhood street sweeping schedule

The City of Chowchilla's street sweeping contractor continues to sweep the City twice a month with each of the defined two zones getting swept once a month. Mondays were selected because there is no trash pick-up service on that day.

Streets in the WESTSIDE ZONE (from 11th Street west to past Anderson Pump) will be swept the SECOND MONDAY of each month. Streets in the EASTSIDE ZONE (from 11th Street east to Highway 99) will be swept the FOURTH MONDAY of each month.

If you have questions call Chowchilla Public Works at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789.

## 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](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org/189/Water-Conservation)

For answers to your questions contact the Public Works Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789.