

CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

- Jan 8-12** - Christmas Tree Curbside Collection Week
- Jan 9** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Jan 14** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM
- Jan 15** - Martin Luther King Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Jan 16** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM
- Jan 16** - Community CONVERSATION, Deli Delicious, 5:30PM
- Jan 17** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Jan 20** - Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Jan 23** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 11** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM
- Feb 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 17** - Chowchilla Athletic Foundation Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Feb 19** - President's Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Feb 20** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM
- Feb 20** - Community CONVERSATION, TBD, 5:30PM
- Feb 21** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Feb 26** - Edward Ray Day in Chowchilla, All Day
- Feb 27** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 11** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM

Dennis Haworth will serve as Mayor for 2018

During the annual reorganization of the City Council this past December, the Council members appointed Dennis Haworth to serve as Mayor of the City Council for 2018. At the same meeting Ray Barragan was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the same calendar year.



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. In November 2016, Dennis was elected to serve his third term that will expire in December 2020.

Ray Barragan settled in Chowchilla in 1990 where he began working with his father in the family business, Golden Memorial Insurance Services. He is married to Lisa Barragan and between them they have 8 children – Nick, Nathan, Natalia, Alek, Amiee, Madi, Emmy and Katy. Six of the children are Chowchilla High School graduates and two are currently attending Chowchilla public schools.

Ray has been committed to the growth of youth and the community of Chowchilla since the early 90's. He has coached city and high school sports including baseball and basketball. He takes pride in the community of Chowchilla and is constantly willing to serve and assist this wonderful community at any time.



Ray was a member of the Chowchilla Planning Commission from 2004 to 2016. He was named the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year for 2016 and received an award from the City of Chowchilla in recognition of a person who is deserving of a place in the lasting history of Chowchilla. Ray and his Family Trust have been a benevolent giver to the community through youth sports, Chowchilla Police K-9 programs, summer park concerts and outdoor movie events, the new performance stage in Veterans Memorial Park, along with many others.

Elected to the Chowchilla City Council in November 2016, Ray's term expires in December 2020.

Christmas Tree Curbside Collection JANUARY 8 - 12

Mid Valley Disposal will pick up natural Christmas trees on your regular trash collection day between January 8-12.

Be sure to remove all lights, tinsel, wire and decorations.

NO flocked trees, artificial trees or wreaths will be collected.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to cut the tree into pieces and place them in the GREEN WASTE cart with the lid closed.

Put the cart out to the curb on your regular trash service day.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

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 112
Planning	x 400
Police Department	x 785
Public Works	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



February utility bills 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 that are nearly finished. Utility rates provide funds for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs to the City water and wastewater systems so that good water and disposal services are provided to the customers.

The utility rate changes occur every January 1 through the year 2021. 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 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 2018

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. A \$20 late fee is added after April 1.

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 made payable to the City of Chowchilla.

Call the Police Department at (559) 665-8600 if you need more information.

SAVE TIME - pay City utilities bills ONLINE

Using ONLINE BillPay is a simple and safe way to pay your monthly City water, wastewater and trash disposal bills. It's easy to setup your account. Visit www.CityOfChowchilla.org today to find out how convenient it is and to sign-up.



Neighborhood street sweeping continues

The sweeping of neighborhood streets, exclusive of Greenhills, continues in January. The city is divided into two zones and each zone takes two days to complete. The NORTH SIDE OF ROBERTSON BLVD sweeping dates are January 9 & 11, and the SOUTH SIDE OF ROBERTSON BLVD dates are January 23 & 25. The City cannot specify which streets will be cleaned on which days.

For the days the street sweeper is scheduled to be in your zone please DO NOT park in the street, if possible, REMOVE any basketball stands and other items off the street, and DO NOT pile leaves and trash in the street. To avoid machine damage the street sweeper will go around any obstacles such as vehicles, basketball stands, as well as leaf and trash piles.

City tests fire hydrants

This past fall the City of Chowchilla initiated a project to inspect and test the nearly 400 City-owned fire hydrants within the city limits. Due to State of California mandates during the drought to reduce water usage, many communities stopped their annual testing of fire hydrants so as to comply with the requirement to limit water usage. However, the fires in Napa and Sonoma counties prompted many public safety concerns and communities resumed testing their hydrants to ensure they have the necessary water service capabilities to meet any firefighting needs.

The Chowchilla Fire Department and Public Works Department spearheaded the inspection and testing program. During the review the fire hydrants are flushed, stuck caps opened, threads fixed, caps lubricated, and hydrants needing replacement are cataloged.

The City Council has directed staff to complete the testing process and develop plans to facilitate 100% service capabilities of all City-owned fire hydrants. Their intent is to ensure that all fire hydrants in the City are made fully operational to meet any needs that may arise in the future.

OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

WINTER SEASON

December 1 - April 30

EVEN Numbered Addresses

(Ending in 0,2,4,6,8)

Saturday ONLY

ODD Numbered Addresses

(Ending in 1,3,5,7,9)

Sunday ONLY

NO WATERING IS ALLOWED
MONDAY through FRIDAY

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

www.CityOfChowchilla.org/OurWater.htm