

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

### CALENDAR

- Mar 9** - Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM
- Mar 9-11** - Western Stampede Roping, Fairgrounds, All Day
- Mar 10** - Chicano Correctional Workers Association Crab Feed Dinner, Portuguese Hall, 5:00PM
- Mar 10** - Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Police Department, 10AM
- Mar 10** - Girls Softball Opening Day and BBQ, Edward Ray Park, 11:30AM
- Mar 11** - Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2AM
- Mar 11** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM
- Mar 13** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 17** - Chowchilla Lions Club Spring Round-up Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 6PM
- Mar 20** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM
- Mar 20** - Community CONVERSATION, To be determined, 5:30PM
- Mar 21** - Chowchilla Industrial Park Specific Plan Study Session, City Hall, 6PM
- Mar 21** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Mar 24** - City Easter Egg Scramble, Edward Ray Park, 10AM
- Mar 24-Apr 2** - Chowchilla Schools Spring Break
- Mar 27** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM
- Apr 4** - Redfins Swim Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast Fundraiser, Valley Harvest Faith Hall, 9AM
- Apr 21** - Lioness Lions Police K-9 Fundraiser Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 5:30PM

## City-wide water meter project nearly done

By the end of March City officials expect to have all water meters installed throughout Chowchilla. Completion of the project will bring the City of Chowchilla into compliance with California State Law AB 2572 that mandates all municipal system water users, residential, commercial, apartment complexes, schools, etc. be connected to a water meter. Transmitters will also be installed on every water meter to provide for future remote meter reading and reporting.

Water meters will provide property residents the opportunity to see their level of water usage that in turn affects how much they are charged for water each month. Water usage is billed at two rates, Tier 1, capped at 1,800 cubic feet of water used per month, and Tier 2 for any amount that exceeds 1,800 cubic feet per month. The monthly average for a home is typically less than 1,800 cubic feet. The water usage in cubic feet is shown on each monthly utilities bill. This information gives each customer the opportunity to adjust their water use practices and make changes to lower the cost of their bills and save water.

In most instances properties see a reduction in the monthly usage and water charges after a water meter is installed. It is recommended that each customer take the time to review their utilities bills. If the amount of water used and the associated water charge seems excessively high please feel free to contact the City Utilities/Finance Department for possible help with your particular situation.



Be aware though that if you used extra water because a sink faucet was left running overnight, or a toilet runs constantly, or you added water to a swimming pool, higher charges would be expected. The Utilities/ Finance Department may be able to help you narrow the reasons for your high bills.

If you have questions or concerns please visit or call the Utilities/Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783.

## 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 soon schedule a Town Hall meeting where residents and community stakeholders can present and discuss ideas for Council's consideration in the new budget.**

You are also invited to write your ideas 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: Director of Recreation & Community Engagement. You can also email your remarks to [Info@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Info@CityOfChowchilla.org).



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU** "2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget"

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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 787
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



## Pet Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, March 10

The Central Valley Veterinary Clinic of Chowchilla and the Chowchilla Police Department Animal Control Division will hold the PET VACCINE CLINIC on Saturday, March 10 outdoors at the Chowchilla Police Department, 122 Trinity Avenue, across from the post office. Clinic times are 9-10AM for seniors and persons with disabilities, and 10AM-12:00NN for the general community.

Dogs can receive Parvo/Distemper (\$12), Rabies (\$10) and Worming (\$5) shots. Cats can receive FVRCD (\$12), Rabies (\$10) and Worming (\$5) shots. ALL CATS MUST BE BROUGHT IN CARRIERS. Spay and neuter certificates are available at \$20 for dogs and \$15 for cats. Pet micro-chipping will be offered at a cost of \$22.50.

If your pet is not licensed, per the Chowchilla Municipal Code, City staff will be on-site to process new applications and renewals. The license fee is \$10 (senior discount \$5) for altered dogs and \$25 (senior discount \$12.50) for unaltered dogs. After April 1 a \$20 late fee will apply.

## Neighborhood irrigation water patrols begin

It is anticipated that the State of California may very soon designate further water use regulations and restrictions due to the reemergence of drought conditions in the State. Currently, the Central Valley is experiencing moderate to severe drought conditions ([www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov)).

The City of Chowchilla recently hired personnel who will work varying days and hours including evenings and weekends to help residents comply with the existing outdoor watering regulations along with any new ones that could be mandated by the state. They will travel through all of the Chowchilla neighborhoods to identify irrigation violations, provide information to property residents, and if necessary, process violation notices that could result in administrative fines being issued to the property.

Until April 30, outside watering is limited to one day a week, Saturday or Sunday, depending on the property address. No watering is allowed between 10AM and 7PM.



**Chowchilla's  
EASTER EGG  
SCRAMBLE**

**Saturday, March 24 • 10am-12noon**  
Candy Eggs, Tattoos, Contests, Bouncers, more...

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

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

trash that could pose a significant fire threat during the summer dry fire hazard season. 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 you have questions about the City's abatement program contact Chowchilla Code Enforcement at (559) 665-8615, ext. 787.

## Developers, Builders & Realtors Breakfast

**TUESDAY MARCH 20 - 8:30AM**  
**CHOWCHILLA CITY HALL**

Developers, builders, realtors and downtown property owners are invited to a breakfast forum to hear about and discuss the City's building programs and new opportunities.

## COMMENT PERIOD OPEN TO MARCH 21

The draft version of the City of Chowchilla Industrial Specific Plan is available for public review and comment. You can view the document on the City's website at [CityOfChowchilla.org/153/Planning](http://CityOfChowchilla.org/153/Planning).

Send any comments or questions on the proposed plan to Annalisa Perea, Contract City Planner at [Planning@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:Planning@CityOfChowchilla.org).

The open comment period ends March 21 and will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.

## CHOWCHILLA INDUSTRIAL PARK SPECIFIC PLAN