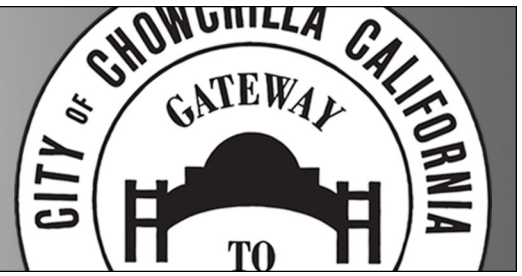


CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

CALENDAR

Sep 3 - City Hall Closed -
Labor Day Holiday

Sep 7-9 - Canine Agility Club
of Fresno 2018 AKC Agility
Trials, Fairgrounds, 8AM

Sep 7 - Greenhills Lions Club
Bingo Fundraiser, Farnesi's
Steakhouse, 6PM

Sep 9 - American Legion &
VFW Breakfast Fundraiser,
VFW Hall, 7-11AM

Sep 10 - HOW (Helping One
Woman) Fundraiser Dinner,
Farnesi's Steakhouse, 6PM

Sep 15 - Pet Vaccine Clinic,
Police Department, 9AM-12NN

Sep 15 - Chamber of Com-
merce Classic Car & Custom
Bike Show, Veterans Memo-
rial Park, 10AM-2PM

Sep 18 - Coffee with a COP,
Starbucks, 8AM

Sep 19 - Planning Commis-
sion Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

Sep 20 - Trinity Pregnancy
Resource Center "Fancy
Hats & Stetsons" Banquet,
Cornerstone Church, 6PM

Sep 20-23 - American Cow-
boys Team Roping Associa-
tion (ACTRA) California
Chapter Finals, Fairgrounds,
All Day

Sep 25 - City Council Meet-
ing, City Hall, 7PM

Oct 6 - Coffee with a COP
and Doughnut with a Deputy,
Savemart Shopping Center,
8-10AM

Oct 7 - American Legion &
VFW Breakfast Fundraiser,
VFW Hall, 7-11AM

Oct 9 - City Council Meeting,
City Hall, 7PM

Local public safety sales tax on Nov. ballot

On July 31, 2018, the Chowchilla City Council voted unanimously to place Measure N on the November 2018 ballot. If enacted, Measure N is a one cent local sales tax to provide locally-controlled funding that can only be used to fund Chowchilla's local police and fire services – not for other purposes.

The number of 911 calls received by Chowchilla's Police and Fire Departments has increased by more than 100% over the last 9 years. If enacted, Measure N would ensure that every call for fire or medical emergencies receives fast response – saving lives.

In addition to 911 response, Measure N funds would also be used to:

- Maintain drug and gang enforcement and prevention
- Maintain/prevent the loss of Chowchilla's local Police Department
- Combat gangs and drugs

Measure N includes strong accountability provisions, including annual audits and independent citizen's oversight. By law, all Measure N funds must be spent in Chowchilla – Sacramento can't touch one cent.

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Pet Vaccine Clinic Saturday, September 15

The Central Valley Veterinary Clinic of Chowchilla in cooperation with the Chowchilla Police Department Animal Control Division will hold the **FALL PET VACCINE CLINIC** on Saturday, September 15. The clinic will be held outdoors at the Chowchilla Police Department, 122 Trinity Avenue, across from the Chowchilla 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 microchipping will be available for \$22.50. New and renewal pet licenses will also be processed on-site by Police Department personnel during the Pet Vaccine Clinic. To help animals at the Chowchilla Animal Shelter donations of much needed dog and cat food can be dropped off at the clinic.

Call the Police Department at (559) 665-8600 with questions and for more information.

National Fire Prevention Week October 7-13

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

The Chowchilla Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign of "**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.** Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire. Fire Department personnel will conduct a series of events in our local schools teaching kids to, "**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.**"

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments nationwide was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

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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



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November ballot Measure N for public safety

If enacted, the one cent local sales tax will end after eight years as a “sunset clause” is included in the Measure N ballot language.

Measure N came about following a recently commissioned independent telephone survey conducted that shows Chowchilla residents overwhelmingly support maintaining local public safety services. Ninety percent of residents approved of both the Police and Fire Departments. They further agreed that the City needs additional funding for public safety services to address local concerns and the state takeaways from Chowchilla’s budget.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Over the last 10 years, Sacramento took \$3,500,000 from Chowchilla. If enacted, Measure N provides local funding for police and fire services, not for other purposes. No Measure N funds can be taken by Sacramento.
- In 2017, Chowchilla’s Police Department made 84 drug-related arrests – 20 more than the previous year. There are also multiple meth labs in and around Chowchilla. If enacted, Measure N provides funding to combat drugs and shut down drug labs.
- Chowchilla’s Fire Department is staffed with local volunteers who use aging trucks and broken equipment. If enacted, Measure N would fund the tools and resources our fire department needs to keep Chowchilla safe.

For more information, please visit the City website at www.CityOfChowchilla.org.

Chowchilla Curbside Clean-Up September 17-22

City officials have arranged with Mid Valley Disposal to offer the “**CHOWCHILLA CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP**” the week of September 17. This service will be provided to single family homes in defined neighborhoods west of Highway 99 from Monday through Thursday, September 17-20.

Residents in Greenhills and neighborhoods east of Highway 99 will have their drop-off clean-up day on Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22. These neighborhoods will have a “**DROP-OFF ONLY EVENT**” because of the narrow streets in the community. Roll-off containers will be placed at three locations (see accompanying clean-up flyer or the City website for more information). Residents will have to self-haul and dispose of any bulk trash at these container locations ONLY.

Apartment and condominium residents will not receive this bulk trash service. **COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS** are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to participate because they have bin service. Similarly, **ROBERTSON BOULEVARD RESIDENTS** with bin service are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to participate because they already have a bulk trash container. No trash is to be placed on Robertson Boulevard.

SEE THE ACCOMPANYING “CHOWCHILLA CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP” FLYER FOR DETAILS.

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Fire Prevention Week in Chowchilla

While these numbers show that significant progress has been made in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there’s still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one. This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today’s home fires grow and spread.

Although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

“People often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives,” said Fire Chief Harry Turner of the Chowchilla Fire Department. “We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action.”

This year’s “**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN**” campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire: **LOOK** for places fire could start. **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. **LEARN** 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Chowchilla Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere. “Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go,” said Chief Turner. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

For more information about “**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN**” and Fire Prevention Week along with home escape planning, visit www.FirePreventionWeek.org.