

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

## CALENDAR

**Feb 12** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM

**Feb 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Feb 15** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Feb 18** - Chowchilla Athletic Foundation Dinner, SFA Portuguese Hall, 6PM

**Feb 20** - President's Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

**Feb 21** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

**Feb 21** - Community Conversation - Let's Talk Chowchilla, To be determined, 5:30PM

**Feb 25** - Chowchilla Sportsmen's Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 5:30PM

**Feb 26** - Edward Ray Day in Chowchilla, All Day

**Feb 28** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Mar 4** - Chowchilla Rotary Club Crab Feed Dinner, Eastman Hall, Fairgrounds, 5:30PM

**Mar 10** - Stampede Cattle Drive, Robertson Boulevard, 10AM

**Mar 10-12** - Western Stampede Roping, Fairgrounds, All Day

**Mar 11** - Chicano Correctional Workers Association Crab Feed Dinner, Portuguese Hall, 5:00PM

**Mar 12** - Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2AM

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**Mar 14** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

## Pay your utilities bill online, it's easy to do

Did you know you can make paying your City utilities bills a lot EASIER and at a time that is CONVENIENT for YOU? You can use the ultimate flexibility of the City online bill payment option anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The City of Chowchilla Xpress BillPay lets you pay your bills online. It's FREE, it's SECURE, and it's EASY. You sign up by using your email address. Go to [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org) and click the Xpress BillPay graphic, or go directly to [www.XpressBillPay.com](http://www.XpressBillPay.com). Follow the instructions to setup your account. If you need more information simply click on the website's FAQ link at the top.

Every month you will get a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is available online. Login to your account to view, track, and pay your City bills through the secure Xpress Bill Pay service.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type (credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer), enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes. You can also setup automatic monthly payments as well as see a full year's history of your account.

YOUR TIME is valuable! Start paying your City utilities bills online TODAY! You will be glad you did.

**It's EASY and FREE!**  
**PAY Your Utility Bill ONLINE** at [www.CityOfChowchilla.org](http://www.CityOfChowchilla.org)

## Parking in your yard is NOT okay

City Code Enforcement wants to remind everyone that it is illegal to park or store vehicles on non-paved surfaces in front and side yards not specifically designed for parking. This includes lawn, grass, dirt and landscaped areas. The permanent paved area must be either asphalt blacktop, concrete, cement, paver blocks, or other approved all-weather surface. Violations of the Chowchilla Municipal Code 10.28.155 will be issued to the property resident.



## Property owners urged to mow weeds now

Each spring the City of Chowchilla devotes a lot of time and effort to the annual Weed Abatement Program to get properties clean and clear of weed growth and debris. Though the program is a year-round activity it becomes more significant in the spring when plants grow more quickly. The City expects landowners to maintain their properties so as to not detract from the surrounding neighborhoods and to eliminate the risk for fires in dry weather.

The winter rains have produced a large bloom of early weed growth and some properties are filling up early with unsightly overgrown plants. The City recommends that property owners not wait much longer to begin cutting down the excessive growth. It will be much easier to cut and clear the properties now before the weeds become too full and more difficult to remove a couple of months later.

If you need to pay your utilities bills in person

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IS OPEN  
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You can choose to pay online 24/7/365 with Xpress Bill Pay at [CityOfChowchilla.org](http://CityOfChowchilla.org)

## CITY OFFICES

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## CITY COUNCIL

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

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 102
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 102
Airport Information	ext. 305
Building & Inspections	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 407
Community Relations	ext. 110
Finance	ext. 783
Fire	ext. 600
Human Resources	ext. 102
Planning	ext. 400
Police Dispatch	ext. 590/591
Public Works	ext. 789
Recreation	ext. 110
Utilities	ext. 783

## DIRECT NUMBERS

CATX & CATLinX	665-8655
Senior Center	665-8647
Police	665-8600
Anonymous Tips	665-8624
Fire	665-8625



accepted for in-person payments  
at Chowchilla City Hall and the  
Police Department.



## Did you get your dog license?

With a new year upon us it's important that all dog owners make sure they have gotten their dog licenses for 2017. Any dog four months and older must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed with the City of Chowchilla.

You can purchase the 2017 license at the Chowchilla Police Department, 122 Trinity Avenue, during regular business hours. You will need to provide proof of rabies vaccination and for any license discounts you must have proof of a dog's alteration.

License renewals can be mailed with payment in the form of cashiers check or money order made payable to the City of Chowchilla.

The license fee is \$10.00 (senior discount \$5.00) for altered dogs, and \$25.00 (senior discount \$12.50) for unaltered dogs. A \$20 late fee is added after April 1.

Questions? Call the Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

## Help ensure your water service continues

The City encourages you to pay your utilities bill on time to make sure you have continuous water service to your home. We also want to make sure you avoid penalties and interest charges that can accumulate and make payment of the higher bill more difficult.

Monthly utilities bills are due upon receipt. The last date you have to make a payment to avoid adding LATE FEES to your account is the LAST BUSINESS DAY of the month.

Any UNPAID BALANCE from a PREVIOUS MONTH, however, is subject to having your water service disconnected by the City. **It is important to know that if your water service is disconnected due to non-payment you will have to pay a \$60 fee before the City can reconnect service to your home.**

If you receive a PINK DELINQUENCY NOTICE from the City in the mail it is recommended that you come to City Hall to pay your bill in-person.

If you have questions or need assistance with your utilities bill please call the Finance Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 783 to discuss your situation.

## Report streetlight outages

Streetlights add an element of safety in our community. However, non-working lights create darkened and dangerous intersections. Darkened streets also hide undesirable activities. If you know of a streetlight that is not working you are asked to contact the City of Chowchilla Public Works Department so it can be checked and repaired as quickly as possible.

You can call the Public Works office and leave a message at (559) 665-8615, ext. 789. In the message please **provide the pole number** (there is a tag on every streetlight pole) along with a nearby **address**, or the nearest **cross streets** closest to the pole location.



Central Valley Veterinary  
Clinic and the Chowchilla  
Police Department

## PET VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, March 18  
9AM - 12NOON

More details will be in the  
March newsletter

## City hires new Public Works Director

Jason Rogers has been selected as the City of Chowchilla's Public Works Director.

Jason served as the Public Works Administrative Analyst with the City of Madera. There he was involved in much of the department operations including maintenance of streets, buildings, graffiti, water and wastewater systems, airport operations, and much more.

As a project manager for the City of Madera he also administered numerous construction and public outreach projects.