

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

**Oct 5** - Trinity Pregnancy Resource Center Banquet, Cornerstone Church, 5:30PM

**Oct 7** - Sons of the American Legion Drive Through Lunch, VFW Hall, 11AM-2PM

**Oct 7** - Fairmead Community & Friends Bingo Fundraiser, Farnesi's Restaurant, 12-4PM

**Oct 8** - American Legion & VFW Breakfast Fundraiser, VFW Hall, 7-11AM

**Oct 9** - City Council Ad Hoc Committee Cannabis Community Listening Session, City Hall, 5PM

**Oct 9** - HOW (Helping One Woman) Fundraiser Dinner, Farnesi's Steakhouse, 6PM

**Oct 10** - Madera County Transportation Commission Planning Workshop, City Hall Training Room, 5:30 PM

**Oct 10** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Oct 17** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

**Oct 17** - Community CONVERSATION, The Final Round Restaurant (Greenhills), 5:30PM

**Oct 16** - Airport Committee Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Oct 18** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Oct 21** - Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce Farm Fest Banquet, Fairgrounds, 6PM

**Oct 24** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Oct 28** - Trunk or Treat Halloween, Fairgrounds, 5-7PM

**Oct 31** - Halloween (official)

**Oct 31** - Chowchilla Skilled Nursing Facility Harvest Fest, 4-8PM

**Nov 4** - Chowchilla Rotary Drawing Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6PM

**Nov 5** - Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2AM

## Curbside Bulk Trash Pick-Up in late October

City officials have arranged with Mid Valley Disposal to offer the "CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICK-UP" in late October. This service will be provided to single family homes in defined neighborhoods west of Highway 99 between Monday, October 23 and Thursday, November 2.

**Apartment and condominium residents will not receive this bulk trash service. Commercial customers are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate because they have bin service. Similarly, residents on Robertson Boulevard with bin service are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate because they have a container for their bulk trash. No trash should be placed on Robertson Boulevard. If you have questions call Mid Valley Disposal at (559) 237-9425.**

Neighborhoods will be assigned a specific day for their curbside pick-up. While many items can be placed for pick-up there are many prohibited items. A detail list of both acceptable and prohibited items is available on the City website at [CityOfChowchilla.org](http://CityOfChowchilla.org). Information will be shared on various social media sites used by the City of Chowchilla and print copies will be available at City Hall.

For your assigned pick up date put your bulk trash items out near your curb before 6:00AM. **DO NOT PLACE ITEMS AT THE CURB SOONER THAN 3-DAYS (72 HOURS) BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED DAY.** Placing bulk trash out earlier or later than this time window for your pick-up day will result in a special pick-up fee. **ALL PROHIBITED BULK TRASH ITEMS NOT PICKED UP BY MID VALLEY DISPOSAL ON YOUR PICK-UP DAY MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CURB WITHIN 24 HOURS.** Place all bulk at curbside and DO NOT BLOCK gutters, traffic lanes, or bicycle lanes.

Residents in Greenhills and neighborhoods east of Highway 99 will have their drop-off clean-up day on Friday, November 3. This will be a "DROP-OFF ONLY EVENT" because of the narrow streets in the community. Roll-off containers will be placed at three locations (see City website). You will have to self-haul and dispose of your bulk trash at these container locations ONLY.



## National Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

Consider this scenario: It's 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you awaken to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. What do you do? If you and your family don't have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly.

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. That's why home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.

"Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory," said Harry Turner, Fire Chief of the Chowchilla Fire Department. "That pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire."

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" works to better educate the public about the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it. The Chowchilla Fire Department is working in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of the Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, to reinforce those potentially life-saving messages. Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2017.

"Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety, and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

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## CITY COUNCIL

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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.



# Creamery site cleared for new water tank

Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI), undertook the first step to constructing a new 2 to 2-1/2 million gallon municipal water storage tank by demolishing the severely dilapidated old Danish Creamery building in the City's Corporation Yard. This project is one part of many that city residents will see over the next few years as part of a package of energy, water and wastewater projects and marks the beginning of the end to unreliable water pressure in the city.

Funding for all the projects will come from the recent sale of project specific bonds along with monies from the City's water and sewer enterprise funds. Bond repayments will be made from cost savings



realized from the new projects as they become operational and not impact the City's general fund for services that benefit the residents.

The projects are an investment in the Chowchilla community that will create a greater ability to attract and retain both residents and businesses that helps flourish the local economy and builds a foundation for a stronger future.

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In support of Fire Prevention Week, Chief Turner encourages all Chowchilla households to develop a plan together and practice it. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance away.

NFPA and the Chowchilla Fire Department offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the address of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave that may help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

To learn more about this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out" and home escape planning, visit [FirePreventionWeek.org](http://FirePreventionWeek.org).

# Veterans Park stage under construction

Ground was recently broken in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Chowchilla to start construction of an elevated covered stage and adjacent dance floor. This new park amenity will become the focal point for numerous community events held in the park including summer concerts and movies, Chowchilla's Relay for Life, the Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show and many others.



The City of Chowchilla was awarded a \$75,000 grant through the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund for the project. The City is required to match the project grant funds dollar for dollar. In the spring of 2016 the Barragan Family Trust offered to donate \$75,000 to be used for the matching funds. In recognition of this wonderful contribution the City Council at that time voted to name the completed project the Barragan Family Performance Stage.