

# CITY Spotlight CHOWCHILLA



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

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

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

**Nov 10** - Veterans Day Holiday Observed, City Offices Closed

**Nov 11** - Veterans Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11AM

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

**Nov 13** - HOW (Helping One Woman) Fundraiser Dinner, Farnesi's Steakhouse, 6PM

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

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

**Nov 18** - Chowchilla Lioness Lions Harvest Festival, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6PM

**Nov 21** - Coffee with a COP, Starbucks, 8AM

**Nov 21** - Community CONVERSATION, City Hall Council Chambers, 5:30PM

**Nov 23-24** - Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed

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

**Dec 2** - Lions Club Christmas tree Lighting, Veterans Memorial Park, 5:30PM

**Dec 2** - Tenaya Guild Fundraiser Dinner, Fairgrounds, 6PM

**Dec 12** - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

**Dec 19** - Coffee with a COP, McDonalds, 8AM

**Dec 19** - Community CONVERSATION, The Final Round Restaurant (Greenhills), 5:30PM

**Dec 20** - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 7PM

## Veterans Day Ceremony November 11

Chowchilla's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony to honor all veterans who have served the United States of America as a member of the Armed Forces, will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00AM at Veterans Memorial Park on Robertson Boulevard at 6th Street in downtown Chowchilla.

The event is proudly presented and sponsored by American Legion Post 148, VFW Post 9896, VFW Auxiliary 9896 and the City of Chowchilla.

The community is encouraged to join together and pay tribute to those who served to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for our nation. Everyone who attends will gain a stronger appreciation for the men and women who selflessly strive to protect us today and to commemorate our local veterans who have unselfishly served this country in the past.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.



## City resumes monthly street sweeping

The City of Chowchilla has contracted with Central Valley Sweeping, LLC to provide street sweeping services for the next four months throughout the city. This service will not be provided to the Greenhills community as those streets are the responsibility of the Homeowners Association.

Neighborhoods will be swept once each month. Since the streets have not been swept in some time there may be residue left on the street the first time the street sweeper passes through your neighborhood. This is normal and the residue will be cleaned up during the next cycle of cleaning.

The city has been divided into two zones, one NORTH OF ROBERTSON BOULEVARD and one SOUTH OF ROBERTSON BOULEVARD. Each zone will take two days to complete. The schedule lists when the street sweeper will be in each zone.

NORTH SIDE OF ROBERTSON BLVD  
November 7 and November 9  
December 5 and December 7  
January 9 and January 11

SOUTH SIDE OF ROBERTSON BLVD  
November 28 and November 30  
December 19 and December 21  
January 23 and January 25

We are not able to specify which streets will be cleaned on which days so please follow these simple procedures for each of the days when the street sweeper is scheduled to be in your zone. Do not park in the street, if possible; Remove any basketball stands and other items off the street; Do not pile leaves and trash in the street. Put leaves into the GREENWASTE container for regular weekly pick-up by the trash hauler.

To avoid machine damage the street sweeper will go around any obstacles including leaf and trash piles. If an area on your street was not cleaned due to obstacles left in the street the street sweeper will not return to your neighborhood until the next month. It is not possible to return for a special cleaning outside of the assigned zone days.

**Lions Club  
Christmas Tree  
Lighting Ceremony**  
**Saturday, Dec 2  
5:30PM**  
**Veterans Memorial Park**

**Chowchilla City Hall Offices  
will be CLOSED  
Nov. 10, and Nov. 23 & 24  
for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Holidays**

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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

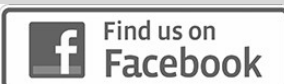
Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 102
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 102
Airport Information	ext. 305
Building & Inspections	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 407
Community Relations	ext. 110
Finance	ext. 783
Fire	ext. 600
Human Resources	ext. 102
Planning	ext. 400
Police Dispatch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



# Save money, don't wait to pay utilities bills

It can get very expensive if you wait too long, forget or neglect to pay your monthly utilities bills before the due date. The City of Chowchilla wants to help you avoid penalties and interest and recommends paying your utilities bill soon after you receive it.

Your monthly bill shows the TOTAL DUE NOW amount that is due immediately. This amount reflects Current Charges for services provided in the prior month plus any unpaid Previous Balance for services provided two months prior.

While each monthly bill shows a DELINQUENT AFTER date, waiting until that date puts you at risk of having services disconnected and incurring a late fee. If you choose to pay the bill on the last day of the month it is strongly recommended that you come into City Hall to pay your bill in-person to ensure your payment is credited to your account that day. If you pay your bill by mail, put it in the City Hall drop box, or pay online using Xpress Bill Pay, you should allow no less than 72 hours (3 days) for payment to reach City Hall and be credited to your account. If you wait until the last day of the month your account will not be credited on time and you will incur late fees and termination of services.

It is important to note that if you pay your utilities bill online you will receive a receipt from Xpress Bill Pay. This receipt is from this third-party vendor, not from the City of Chowchilla, and it only acknowledges that you attempted to make the payment. It can take up to 72 hours (3 days) for your payment to be transferred to the City after your bank, debit or credit card company approves the payment. This possible delay is out of the hands of the City. If you wait to pay close to the DELINQUENT AFTER date you could end up with a late payment, could be assessed a late fee and be subject to termination of services due to non-payment of your outstanding bill amount.

If you receive a pink shut off notice from the City you will have to come into City Hall and pay your outstanding balance. Payment must be made in either cash, money order or credit card. Checks are not accepted if the account is late and subject to termination of services.

If your payment is denied for any reason whether it be in-house or an Xpress Bill Pay payment, and regardless of payment type such as check, debit or credit card, your City utilities account will be charged a \$30 fee. If utility services are terminated due to non-payment, a \$60 disconnect/reconnect fee is charged to your account. Full payment of all past due or previous unpaid balances plus the \$60.00 disconnect/reconnect fee must be paid in order to restore services to your property. Payment arrangements are not available after your service has been disconnected.

Late fees and penalties can be costly and can equal or exceed a full utility payment over the course of a year. The City does recognize hardships which is why we encourage our customers to pay their utility bills timely, help save money and get you back on track.

## What is this charge on my utilities bill?

Your monthly utilities bill lists different charges for the services provided to you by the City of Chowchilla and approved contractors. Listed below are the charges and what they mean. Individual bills for different properties and customers may not show every one of these categories.

**Water utility, sewer utility, garbage disposal service revenues and expenses** are managed as enterprise funds. An enterprise fund is established to account for activities where costs of providing services to the public are recovered through user fees. Monies in enterprise funds can only be used to pay expenses directly associated with the particular service. For example, water fees collected can only be spent on activities required to provide water service to the community.

**TOTAL USAGE:** The amount of water in cubic feet (100 cubic feet = 743 gallons) that has passed through the meter between the previous reading and the present reading.

**TOTAL WATER CHARGES:** Includes a meter fixed connection charge (for the system that brings water to the meter) and the cost of the amount of water that runs through the meter.

**SEWER:** Cost for what goes down the drain and is processed at the sewage treatment plant.

**SEWER BOND:** Loan repayment charges for sewage system repairs and construction upgrades.

**GARBAGE:** Contracted solid waste services that provide curb-side pick-up of trash and recycle bins.

**STORM DRAIN O/M:** Operations and maintenance costs associated with streets drainage.

**STORM DRAIN CAPITAL:** Funds current and future drainage construction projects.

**PENALTY:** Charge for late payment of utilities bill.

**INTEREST:** Charge accrued on any past due balance.

**RETURNED CHECK FEE:** Fee charged for non-sufficient funds and bank stop pays.

**WATER OFF/ON FEE:** Fee charged each time City personnel is sent to turn water on and off at a property due to non-payment of bills or when a property owner requests a shut-off to make repairs.

**STAND BY SERVICE CHG:** Fee charged whenever City is sent to a property after normal hours.

**CITY WIDE SYSTEM UPGRADE:** Fee charged for mandated meter installation and upgrade.