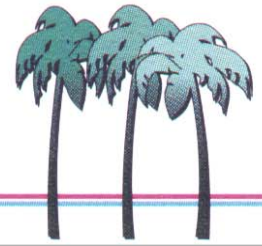


# City of Chowchilla City Spotlight



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## Upcoming Events

March 1 - City's Weed Abatement Program begins

March 1 - Chowchilla Fair Premium Books available

March 7 - Spring Rabies Clinic, Police Department, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins

March 9 & 23 - City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 9 - Adult Open Rec Volleyball Season begins

March 11 - Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Civic Center, 12 p.m.

Until March 11 - Tee Ball Sign-ups at Parks & Rec Dept.

March 16 - Airport Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 4 p.m.

March 17 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 18 - State of the County Luncheon, Madera Muni Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

March 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 19 - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7 p.m.

March 21 - Chowchilla Girls Softball Opening Day, S&L Pk

Meeting agendas, minutes and details on events are available on the City's website at [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us)

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Chowchilla Police Department holds two rabies clinics every year in the spring and fall. The upcoming Spring Rabies Clinic will be held at the Police Station located at 122 Trinity Avenue on **Saturday, March 7** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The cost is \$6 per shot. This year, the seven in one puppy shot will also be available for \$20, not including the rabies vaccination. Three types of cat vaccines will be offered at

\$10 per shot. All cats must be in carriers. The next rabies clinic will be held in September 2009 (date TBA).

City residents are reminded that all dogs living within the City limits are required to be licensed and vaccinated for rabies once over the age of four months. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. Dog licenses are valid for the year in which they are issued and expire on December 31 of

that year. Licenses issued after March 31 will require a \$20 late fee with the exception for puppies that reach four months of age after that date.

There are license fee discounts for seniors and for owners of spayed or neutered dogs. For more information on the clinic, contact the Chowchilla Police Dept. at (559) 665-8600.



## Self-Help Workshop

Need home repairs? Wishing to buy your own home? Self-Help has programs to help you! The City of Chowchilla in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises will conduct a workshop to discuss City Assistance Programs on **Thursday, March 26** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The workshop will take place in City Council Chambers at the Civic Center located at 130 S. Second Street, Civic Center Plaza. Join the workshop to learn more about

the First Time Home Purchase, Home Repair, **Foreclosure Counseling**, and Home Ownership Education Programs. These programs offer no interest/no monthly loan payment for eligible households that qualify.

For more information on any of these programs, call Self-Help at (559) 675-1100, ext. 717. Se habla español. (For the hearing impaired, press 711.) The City of Chowchilla is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.

## ModelNetics Training

Seventeen City staff members recently completed a 5-day training program known as Basic ModelNetics. The ModelNetics system functions as a guide to thoughts and actions related to critical and everyday work issues. "This course allows employees to speak a common management language when problem solving focuses on the behavior and not the individual" stated Police Chief Jay Varney.

## Curbside Used Oil Collection Recycling Program

This is a **FREE** program for all City of Chowchilla residents. Used motor oil can be picked up for safe and convenient recycling at the same time as your regular trash pickup. Just place your containers alongside your garbage and recycling carts. Only authorized City-provided containers may be used and

a maximum of two containers per household per collection day will be accepted.



Containers are available free of charge for pick up at the Civic Center, 130 S. Second Street or at the Fairmead Landfill and Recycling Facility located at 21739 Road 19. This program is funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. For further information, call (559) 665-8615.



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### Chowchilla City Council

Justin White, Mayor

Jim Kopshever, Mayor Pro Tem

David Alexander, Council Member

John Chavez, Council Member

Dennis Haworth, Council Member

Nancy Red, City Administrator

### City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center. The agenda is posted on the City website.

### Call Us

Civic Center	(559) 665-8615
City Council	ext. 105
City Administrator	ext. 100
City Clerk	ext. 105
RDA/CDBG	ext. 107
Public Information	ext. 110
Human Resources	ext. 154
Planning	ext. 402
Inspections	ext. 406
Building	ext. 410
Code Enforcement	ext. 412
Fire	ext. 600
Utilities	ext. 783
Finance	ext. 784
Parks & Recreation	ext. 788
Public Services	ext. 789
Operator	ext. 0

### Direct Numbers

Police	665-8600
Fire	665-8626
Parks & Recreation	665-8640

### Emergency - Call 911

### Contacting Us

To contact the newsletter editor, send email or mail to addresses listed above or call the Public Information Office at (559) 665-8615, extension 110.

Visa and MasterCard credit cards are now accepted for in-person payments at the Finance Department. The City will soon offer an online utility payment option.



## Ask the City: To water or not to water

Ask the City is a new feature column answering questions submitted to us by email, mail or telephone. Readers can send in their questions to the addresses listed in the left column.

### When am I allowed to water my lawn? Are there new restrictions?

John, Chowchilla

Watering restrictions are now in effect year-round. In order to maintain and

conserve our precious water resources, city residents are required to follow these watering rules:

- Customers with addresses ending with an odd number may water on Mon., Wed. and Friday
- Customers with addresses ending with an even number may water on Tues., Thurs., and Saturday



- Watering is prohibited between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day
- Sunday is a NO WATERING DAY

Violations will be issued for non-compliance of these regulations. The City of Chowchilla appreciates everyone doing their part to conserve! For special water usage inquiries, contact the Public Services Dept. by calling (559) 665-8615, extension 305.

## Parks and Recreation Updates

The **Chowchilla Redfins Swim Team** invites you to join their program. If you are between 5 -18 years of age, enjoy swimming and like competition, then this program is for you!

Team practices are held Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (less time for younger swimmers) at the CUHS Dower Aquatic Facility. Practices begin April 1 and run through July 25. The Redfins Team will begin participating in regional swim meets in June.

### Recreational Volleyball

for adults 18 years & older is played at the Chowchilla Community Sports Center/ Wilson Gym on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. beginning March 9 and continuing through May 18. A fee of \$2 per person is collected each night at this drop-in program. Come and register any Monday!

The **2009 Tee-Ball League** is still accepting late registrations. Those on the list will be added to teams as openings become available. Volunteer

coaches are needed! A coaches meeting will be held on Thurs., March 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Public Mtg. Room.

Registration forms for all of these programs are available at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services office at 145 W. Robertson Boulevard. They may also be downloaded from the City's website at: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us). Call us at (559) 665-8640, or send email to: [parksrec@ci.chowchilla.ca.us](mailto:parksrec@ci.chowchilla.ca.us) for all the details.

## CATX Provides Local Transportation

CATX is a general public, curb-to-curb demand response transit system that is available for local transportation for shopping, medical appointments, senior services and more in the Chowchilla vicinity. Buses are available 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday

through Friday except for legal holidays. A one-way fare is \$1.50 for in-town and \$2.00 for county rides (call for service area limits). For details or to arrange a ride, call CATX at (559) 665-8655. CATX is operated through the Parks & Recreation Department.

## Legislative Briefs

◆ Mayor Justin White was featured last month on the KMPH Channel 26 morning show Great Day on the "Meet the Mayor" segment. Mayor White will also be one of the speakers at the State of the County Luncheon on

March 18 (details on front).  
◆ Newly elected Council Members David Alexander and Dennis Haworth recently attended a League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Member Academy in Sacramento.

### Living Above Drugs



Chowchilla Police Department and Wilson Middle School are teaming up to present "Living Above Drugs", a drug prevention program for middle school students. Students will learn strategies on how to stay drug-free and will be given valuable resources to help them make smart decisions.

The all-day event will take place on Thursday, April 2 and relies heavily on volunteers who are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day. For further information or to volunteer, call Campus Resource Officer Sanders at (559) 665-8600.