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Press Release



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Chowchilla Parks & Recreation Department Status

Changes coming at the end of January

Chowchilla, CA, January 21, 2010:

Due to the City's ongoing budget shortfalls, layoffs are occurring at the end of this month with the Chowchilla Parks & Recreation Department seeing the most dramatic change. Their current office location at 135 S. Third Street will close and all Parks & Recreation matters will be handled through the Civic Center located at 130 S. Second Street. Current departmental services are in the discussion and evaluation phases and more information will be released as decisions are made.

Many youth sports programs are headed up by local affiliates and will not be affected. The City's Tee-Ball Program will now be run by Chowchilla Little League and the Chowchilla Athletic Foundation will assist with coordination of this year's Youth Basketball Program with the hope that a parent led board/CAF partnership will be in place for the 2011 season.

Special events such as the Easter Egg Hunt will continue contingent upon sponsorship by local groups and organizations. Facility and park rentals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX) services will continue with some possible minor changes to the system. The CATX phone number remains the same – 665-8655.

Beginning January 28, 2010, residents with Parks & Recreation inquiries may visit the Civic Center or call (559) 665-8615, extension 110 for assistance.

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