City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: APRIL 13, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

April:	May:	June:
Friday, April 20th	Friday, May 4th	Friday, June 1st
	Friday, May 18th	Friday, June 15th
		Friday, June 29th

HOLIDAYS:
Monday, May 28th

SCHEDULES:

John Brewer: I will be out of the County next Wednesday through Friday (April 18th thru 21st). Police Chief Don Atkins will be the acting City Manager in my absence.

CITY MANAGER:

Corning Budget Schedule:
City Staff is working on the Long Range Capital Improvement Program right now and preparation of the department budgets will begin in May. Below are some important dates for the City Council to consider.

May 8th	Presentation and approval of Long Range Capital Improvement Program
June 8th	Transmittal of Annual Budget to the City Council
June 12th	1st Budget Meeting and Staff Presentation, Council will want to agree on a date to hold a Budget Study Session between the 12th and the 26th
June 26th	Final review and adoption of the 2012-2013 Program of Service and Annual Budget

Kopta Slough Meeting:
We hosted a meeting of the Kopta Slough Group on Thursday morning. The group is looking to reinitiate consideration of a Sacramento River diversion that could alleviate the bank erosion that's currently affecting the east bank of the river and the State Park property. Ultimately, if the erosion continues, the river meandering could affect the South Avenue bridge over the river, the County Park and our WWTP outfall facilities.

Airport Consultant Selection:
We have completed our review of the "Statements of Qualifications" submitted in response to our RFQ. We will now commence negotiations with the highest ranked firm regarding costs. Upon satisfactory completion we'll be making a recommendation for an Airport Consultant Contract to the City Council.

Previous Economic Development Loan:

Lisa and I met with John & Nan Eller to discuss repayment of a loan the City made to them as part of an Economic Development Grant in 1998 for extension of Peach Street north of Solano Street. After that meeting, Lisa and I met with City Attorney Mike Fitzpatrick to discuss the details of a repayment program. Once the funds are recovered they will become part of our reuse funds and be available for other qualifying purposes. We expect we'll be meeting again soon with the Eller's to resolve the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS (P/W's) DEPARTMENT:

Clark Park Well:

We conducted another testing at the Clark Park Well on Tuesday. City Engineer Ed Anderson, Water System Consultant Win Benbow, Asst. Public Works Director Patrick Walker, Equipment Operator Lee Blaylock and I attended. Kendel Trent and several of his sub-contractors were there to demonstrate the pump and station equipment. USDA Rural Development sent two gentlemen to view as well. We were generally satisfied that the project is complete, with the possible exception of a minor pump motor vibration that we noted. We'll be meeting with the pump vendor to check and if necessary, to do some fine tune balancing.

Waterline Extension Project:

I left a message for Linda Lucero in an attempt to schedule a meeting to discuss the waterline extension project. I also spoke with Mr. Tom Venus, the Engineer representing Pilot/Flying J regarding the potential need for LAFCO action and CEQA compliance. I'll also be contacting Eric Rapport at the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Drinking Water Office in Redding.

Storm Drain Covers:

We've noted that a number of our drop inlet covers (iron grids) are missing. We believe someone is actually taking them and selling them for the scrap metal value. Of course this creates an immediate hazard for pedestrians and bicyclists who could trip and fall in the inlets. We are covering them with cones and/or signs as soon as we discover they're missing and ordering replacement grids. We've notified the Police Department and local scrap buyers of this matter.

May Madness Car Show Scheduled:

The May Madness Car Show is scheduled for May 4th and 5th this year. We will gear up for the events with our regular preparation for the Burn-outs, Friday Night Cruise, Show & Shine, etc.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel:

The Police Department has begun the background process for the open dispatcher/clerk positions. The Police Department is continuing with the background process for the vacant Police Officer position.

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 141 calls for service, a total of 31 officer reports were taken and there were 111 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 13 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 48 traffic stops and issued 18 citations of which 2 were animal related, 5 were infractions, and 11 were misdemeanor during the period of April 4 – April 11, 2012.

Community:

Citizens are now able to log on to the internet at www.cpd.crimegraphics.com and view Corning Police activity such as calls for service, crimes, arrests, stolen vehicles, daily logs, etc. There will also be a "Most Wanted" section. Visitors to the page are cautioned not to approach wanted persons, stolen vehicles, etc. The information is in Google map format, with clickable icons indicating the approximate location of each call. A link to this website will be posted on the City websites at www.corning.org. as well as www.corningpd.org.

On April 28, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Corning Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Corning Police Department at 774 Third Street. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Laura at 824-7015. ***Please note that due to the Corning Volunteer Fire Department Centennial parade and activities, access to the parking lot in front of City Hall and the Police Department may be limited***

Property Nuisance Abatement:

As of April 7, 2012 the properties listed below have been contacted regarding nuisance cleanup:

	Property Address	Start/Report Date	Action	Status	Comments
1	588 Solano Street	062509/081009*	Verbal	**ON HOLD**	Some items removed-restart 081009- **OWNER OUT OF STATE**
2	1826 Taft Avenue	030811/051111	Verbal	Complete	Has made progress
3	123 Mobile Drive	052711/052711	Verbal	Complete	Propane tanks/vehicle parts-secured in shed
4	385 Marin Street	062411	Letter	Complete	Owner lives in Richfield, no current phone #, progress made
5	1774 Sixth Avenue	112711 & 122611	Verbal/Letter	**Incomplete**	Numerous items outside the home
6	1414 South Street	121511	Letter	Complete	5 yard Bin delivered
7	630 Del Norte Avenue	032312	Verbal	**Incomplete**	Pile of debris on south side of home
8	1120 South Street	032312		**Incomplete**	Garbage piling alongside home
9	1563 5th Street	032312/032312		Complete	Misc. items in backyard, no hazard per Health Dept.
10	817 Walnut Street	040712	Verbal	**Incomplete**	Household items on side yard

Private Property Vehicle Abatement:

As of March 31, 2012 the following private property vehicle abatements were in progress and/or completed:

	Property Address	Start/Report Date	Action	Status	Comments
1	2138 Donnovan Ave.	092511	Verbal	Complete	4XKN942-Expired registration, no movement
2	408 First Street	111811	Letter	Complete	7L58940-Expired 8/05
3	Third @ Marin	010812/010812	Verbal	Complete	461406X – Inoperative
4	1303 Solano St.	011412	Letter	Complete	5JAS599-Expired 6/11, on blocks
5	1303 Solano St.	011412	Letter	Complete	6JHF891-Expired 11/11
6	1303 Solano St	011412	Letter	Complete	Silver Mercedes, no plates, VIN unreadable
7	1303 Solano St	011412	Letter	Complete	Blue Mercedes, no plates, VIN unreadable
8	2175 Blossom Ave.	011512	Warning	Complete	7N64898
9	1774 Sixth Ave.	033012/033012	Towed	Complete	3TKS974-Expired 2/11, inop

Summary:
9 Total Vehicle Abatements Started To Date
9 Vehicles Completed to Date
1 Vehicle Abatements Started in March
0 Abatements in Progress
1 Vehicle Towed
3 Letters Sent

Public Property Vehicle Abatement:

As of April 7, 2012 the following public property vehicle abatements were In progress and/or completed:

	Property Address	Start/Report Date	Action	Status	Comments
1	900 blk Tehama St.	112011	Tires Marked	Complete	P/U truck, no movement
2	900 blk Tehama St.	112011	Tires Marked	Complete	
3	900 blk Tehama St.	112011	Tires Marked	Complete	Tractor/other equip. – no movement
4	300 blk LaMesa Ct.	010512/011212	Warning	Complete	3GVZ772-Expired
5	1100 blk Tehama St	010512/010512	Cited	Complete	2KLL730-Expired
6	200 blk Victorian Park	010612/011212	Warning	Complete	5K92781-Expired
7	500 blk Walnut St.	010612/011212	Warning	Complete	7R02668-Expired
8	2nd @ Walnut	010612/011212	Warning	Complete	2L84931-Expired
9	1900 blk Elizabeth	010612/010612	Cited	Complete	5LIC443-Expired
10	1200 blk Marin Street	010612/010612	Cited	Complete	BOWLR87-Expired
11	119 Alex Lane	010612	Tires Marked	Complete	3R16881-Expired 10/11
12	Eller Drive	010612/011512	Tires Marked	Complete	4JSA163-Parking, movement
13	Lincoln @ Yolo St.	010612/010612	Cited	Complete	3SDV686-Expired
14	200 blk Houghton Ave.	011412/011412	Cited	Complete	4KCB295-Parking
15	1400 blk Meadowbrook	012012/020112	Warning	Complete	8X56858-Expired
16	1415 Sixth Ave.	012312/012312		Complete	4EAE891
17	1400 blk Sixth Ave.	012312/020112	Verbal Warning	Complete	5J86871-Expired
18	1710 McKinley Ave.	012312/020312	Warning	Complete	5KKU294-Expired
19	Yolo @ West St.	012312/020112	Warning	Complete	3WTN081-Expired
20	909 Prune St.	012512/012512	Cited	Complete	5DLV571-Expired
21	N. Alex @ Blackburn	012612/020112	Warning	Complete	4NBA556-Expired
22	100 blk McDonald Ct.	012612/020112	Warning	Complete	3BLW743-improper parking
23	2026 Dolla Ct.	021212/021212	Tires Marked	Complete	4S50496-no movement
24	Manzanillo Ln.	021612	Tires Market	**Incomplete**	Expired Reg.-no movement
25	1500 blk Fig Lane	022912/022912	Cited	Complete	5BLE412-Expired Reg.
26	500 blk Walnut St.	022912/022912	Cited	Complete	3L91498-Expired Reg.
27	700 blk Del Norte	022912	Warning	**Incomplete**	3UIN155-Wrong tags showing
28	600 blk El Verano	022912/022912	Cited	Complete	4EGV557-Expired Reg.
29	1200 blk Yolo St.	030112/031912	Warning	Complete	BOWLR87-Expired Reg.
30	800 blk Houghton Ave.	030112/033012	Cited	Complete	4UCS763-Expired Reg.
31	1800 blk Butte St.	030112/030112	Cited	Complete	6FHM234-Expired Reg.
32	1610 Butte St.	030212	Cited/Letter	**Incomplete**	2PPH143-abandoned, expired reg.
33	1800 blk Manzanillo	030812/031912	Cited	Complete	5KXY089-Expired Reg.
34	2100 blk Blossom Ave	030812/031412	Warning	Complete	5FXW529-Expired Reg.
35	693 Del Norte Ave.	030412/030512	Warning	Complete	3UIN155-Improper Tag
36	Alger and Hoag	031212/031912	Warning	Complete	5FNN606-Expired Tag
37	800 blk Hickory St.	031312/032012	Cited	Complete	3KOY982-Expired Tag
38	200 blk Rio Verde	031512/032012	Warning	Complete	6GNV352-Expired Tag
39	Manzanillo Ln.	031512/031512	Warning	Complete	5th Wheel on Sidewalk
40	1471 West St.	031612/031612	Warning	Complete	1AW9985-Improper Tag
41	800 blk Fig St.	031612/031612	Cited	Complete	3VSJ758-Expired Tag
42	1400 blk Solano St.	030912/031212	Warning	Complete	6HSV094-Inop., parked in 2 hr. parking
43	First & Chestnut	031912/031912	Cited	Complete	1EBD273-Expired Tag
44	900 blk First St.	031912/031912	Cited	Complete	3XAZ540-Expired Tag
45	First & Almond	032212/032212	Warning	Complete	7S09596-Expired Tag
46	1804 Grant Ave.	033012	Tires Market	**Incomplete**	051 PKA-Expired Reg. 4/08
47	800 blk Fairview Ave.	033012/033012	Warning	Complete	A876480
48	First & Chestnut	033012	Cited	**Incomplete**	5WIA884-Expired Tag
49	Walnut & East	033012/040412	Warning	Complete	2RZP033-Expired Tag
50	200 blk Mooney Ct.	033012/040412	Warning	Complete	8X56828-Expired Tag
51	1400 blk Fig Lane	040212	Warning	**Incomplete**	4U10910-Expired Tag

Summary:

51 Total Vehicles Abatements Started To Date
22 Vehicle Abatements Started in March
46 Vehicle Abatements Completed to Date
5 Vehicle Abatements in Progress
0 Vehicles Towed to Date

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

March Call Volume:

In addition to issuing Corning burn permits, providing burn information for the Orland and Capay Fire Districts and performing station maintenance in preparation for the upcoming Corning Volunteer Fire Department's centennial celebration, listed below is the Corning Volunteer Fire Department and Dispatch Center's call volume for the month of March:

- 119 Corning calls for service,
- 64 Orland Fire calls for service
- 10 Capay Fire calls for service

Training:

Corning Fire has completed Life-Scans and recertification for our medical response. This was an involved process with continuing education, skills sign-offs, and has become a very time consuming process in addition to our normal training. All First Responders must now complete 12 hours of continuing education and do a Life Scan and skill recertification. The Volunteers make a huge commitment to the citizens of Corning in time taken away from family and friends. Thank you all for your dedication.

Fire Hall Improvements:

The Volunteers have completed painting the inside of the Fire Hall, cleaned and painted the outside area and gate, installed a new flagpole, cleaned windows, and remodeling the upstairs in preparation for our 100 year celebration. We are now working on repainting our bay floors. It has been a busy month or two here and could not have accomplished all of this without the Volunteers hard work and dedication. The pride the Volunteers take in this Department and Building is truly amazing.

Centennial Celebration:

The Centennial Celebration will be April 28, 2012 with the following activities:

- **Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire hall at 7:00 a.m.
- **Parade** starting at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with a lunch available from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. served by our brothers at Corning Rural Fire Department
- **Static Displays** will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Fireman's Muster Competition** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Dinner** at Carlino's Lounge at Rolling Hills Casino, cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Please come out and have a good time and support your Fire Department. Tickets for the dinner are available at the Corning Fire Department for $30.00 each.

Engine 6:

The City and Volunteers purchased Engine 6 surplus from Redding Fire about 8 years ago. It is now 35 years old. This purchase was a step in the right direction as the old Engine 6 had limited braking and a gas motor. The tank on the ageing Engine 6 is made of metal and coated however time has taken a toll on it and it is now leaking and not repairable, a new tank is needed and the Volunteers have stepped up and are going to have that installed for a cost of about $9,000. Work has been started and we should have this engine back in service for the upcoming fire season.

Weed Abatement:

Weed abatement has also started with notices going out to the paper. We will start making the rounds and sending notices out to all that are in non-compliance soon. This process is lengthy but well worth it to eliminate fire hazards and make our City look like the great place that it is to live. We annually abate about 75-120 properties a year.