City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP

DATE: APRIL 18, 2014

SCHEDULES:

May 28th – June 3rd: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

EVENTS:

May Madness Car Show: Friday & Saturday, May 2-3, 2014.

Lucero Olive Oil's 4th Annual Spring Bloom: Saturday, May 10th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2120 Loleta Avenue, Corning. (See attached information)

Olive City Agriculture & Nature Center Open House: Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 1-4 p.m. at 5090 Olive Road. See attached brochure.

CITY MANAGER:

Corning Community Park Phase 2:

Pat Walker and John Stoufer met with Ed Anderson, and Landscape Architect Tom Phelps to discuss the final plans for Phase 2 of the Park. At this point we're firming up the Engineer's estimate for features like the restroom/concession building, lighting and the pedestrian bridge prior to soliciting bids.

Weed Abatement:

I spoke with the Fire Chief and City Attorney about speeding up Weed Abatement enforcement due to the drought conditions. The threshold dates in Chapter 8.14 are part of the Ordinance, so changing those looks like it would require amending the Ordinance. That would take some time and for that reason, may not speed the process this year.

Meeting with Charlie Wright:

John Stoufer, Pat Walker and I met with Charlie Wright on Wednesday to discuss some preliminary plans for a new building for Bell Carter. Afterwards Pat and I met with Charlie on the site to look at sidewalk, sewer and water conditions.

2014-2015 Budget Schedule:

Roy Seiler and I have put together a Tentative Schedule for the preparation and adoption of the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Budget. Highlights include presentation of the CIP on May 13th, Budget presentation on June 10th and final adoption on June 24th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Water leaks:

With the weather starting to warm up, the ground is also changing. Public Works has been receiving reports of some water leaks. The latest water leak is in the 1600 Block of South Street. Due to the lack of rainfall received this last winter, Public Works will place a priority on repairing the water leaks to conserve water resources.

Northside Park Pool:

In preparation for the upcoming summer swim season, Public Works has been working on having the pool ready. They have cleaned the pools and are getting the chlorination calibrated to keep the water clear. The crew had to repair the Chlorine feeder in the small pool, now everything seems to be in order. The crew is now completing a final check at the pool to ensure everything is in correct working order prior to scheduling an appointment with the County Health Department to have the pool certified for the summer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Weed Abatement:

Corning Fire has started weed abatement. The newspaper notice has gone out and inspections have started; early notification and mailings will be on the way. Staff has looked at possibly moving dates up, but I believe the timeline Council has in place through our Municipal Code will be very workable. The Code has a timeline and process spelled out and has been in place for many years. Corning Fire will be very aggressive this year due to large vegetation growth due to late spring rains. We believe the June 15th deadline will work for the safety of Corning citizens.

Commercial Business Inspections:

Questions have been raised about commercial business inspections. As Fire Chief, I inspect all Business's upon application for a Business License or change in occupancy. In conjunction with the Planning and Building Departments, we also follow up on complaints and re-inspect high hazard business's (Restaurants, Manufacturing, etc.) biannually along with receiving reports from private Fire Safety Companies.

Corning Fire Staff (Chief and Dispatchers) and Volunteers:

As reported in last week's Friday Notes, Corning Fire Staff and Volunteers aided Orland Fire during last week's tragic bus accident. The dedication and compassion demonstrated daily by the numerous Volunteers that sacrifice personal and family time in order to respond to such incidents is truly inspiring. Please remember these dedicated individuals in your prayers. The Dispatchers, Fire Department Volunteers, Professional Fire and Law Enforcement personnel did a tremendous job in a horrendous circumstance. Please remember that although the initial incident is over, these individuals now continue their lives living with the after effects of the scene and associated events experienced at that shocking and traumatic incident.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

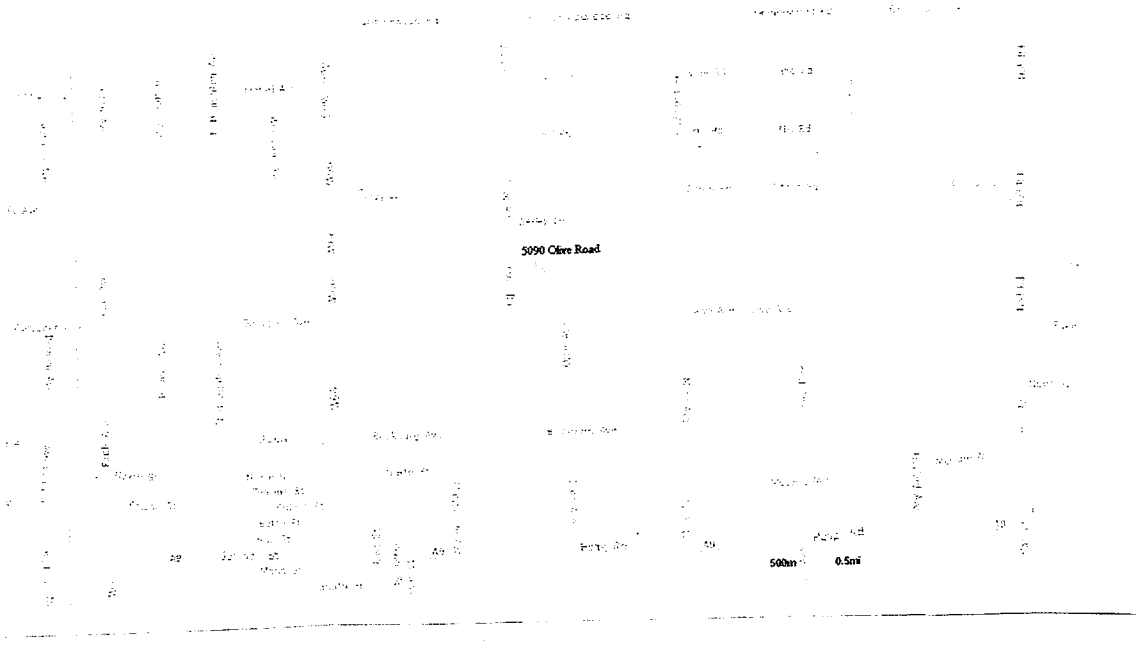
Patrol:

In addition to responding to 205 calls for service, a total of 37 officer reports were taken and there were 110 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 6 misdemeanor and 4 felony arrests, 60 traffic stops and issued 23 citations of which 3 were felonies, 12 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, and 3 were parking during the period of April 9 through April 16, 2014.

OPEN HOUSE
April 19, 2014
1-4 PM

OLIVE CITY
AGRICULTURE & NATURE CENTER

We wish to invite you to an **OPEN HOUSE** at our newly developed center which will serve the north state as a destination natural habitat for the migrating waterfowl of the pacific flyway.
We have attached a brochure describing the educational programs we offer to schools, hunting programs for combat vetrans, women, and youth.
In addition to these programs, the 354 acre property offers naturalists and bird watchers a paradise to explore.
If you have any questions or wish to arrange for another time, please call Russ McCart or Scotty Weston at (530) 824-2600 or Email Russ at russ@dm-tech.com.



~ Why We Are Doing This ~

One of our key objectives is not only to illustrate the combined values of both agriculture and the natural environment, the cultural and economic backbones of Tehama County, but more importantly to use them as a tool to educate local children of the importance of maintaining both for present and future generations.

Thank you Lodi Pump for your excellent work on our irrigation.

To accomplish this education objective we have partnered with Tehama County schools to lead environmental field trips, with approximately 1,900 school children in the coming year, through our 275 acres of restored wetlands, uplands, and vernal pools, and agriculture sites.

The land offers superb wildlife viewing of over 100 documented species of birds, as well as opportunities for native and invasive plant and pollinator identification to help children make a connection with, and develop respect for, their environment.

"We want the folks of Tehama County to not only appreciate and protect the wildlife in their backyard, but to also understand where their groceries come from."

***Scotty Weston**, Operations Manager*

~ Hunting Programs ~

*Another valuable program that we offer to connect people with the environment is our guided **youth**, **female**, and **wounded & combat veterans upland bird** and **waterfowl hunts**, free of charge on a lottery basis.*

Already this season, we have lead two successful dove hunts for about 20 combat veterans in the restored wetlands.

We believe involving veterans in such activities helps them transition to a more stable lifestyle.

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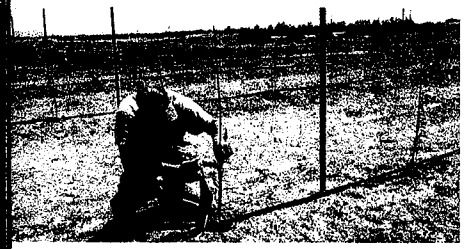
Our Progress

With all that we have been able to accomplish with the successful restoration and agriculture crop plantings this past year, our challenge is having only 80% of our infrastructure to maintain it in place.



We greatly need operating funds for ADA compliant waterfowl hunting blinds, equipment for farming along with tools and materials needed to aid in field activities for school field trips.

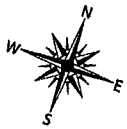
General operating funds are in dire need as well. We are very close to achieving our goals, but as we are in our startup phase, we have exhausted our working capital.

Your Support

The Olive City Agriculture & Nature Center relies on the generous contributions of individuals, members, foundations and corporations to deliver its mission and remain free and open to the public.

You can help us achieve our mission by making a gift, today.

We accept equipment, cash, and volunteers!



Teachers & Youth Programs

Are you looking for an agricultural or nature experience for your group? Our field trip destination can be tied directly into your curriculum.

Trails

Miles of hiking trails are being developed for you to explore our nature preserve. Both upland and wetland habitats are accessible, as well as agriculture demonstration areas, and our arboretum.

Hunting

Guided hunting programs are geared toward introducing children, women, and wounded and combat veterans to the great sport of hunting.

Farming

Come visit our orchard blocks that demonstrate an example of varieties that have been grown on a commercial level in Tehama County past and present

~ Some of Our Partners ~

Thomas & Joelle Fesler
F2 Foundation
Fesler Development, Inc.
Senator Dianne Fienstein
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program
California Waterfowl Association
Silver Bullet of Nevada, LLC
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Olive City
Agriculture & Nature Center

Let Us Introduce Ourselves

Olive City Agriculture & Nature Center is located just outside Corning, CA in the heart of Tehama County and sits on a 354-acre demonstration site, 40 acres of which has been planted in multiple orchard blocks representing the top orchard commodities grown in Tehama County.

*Another **275 acres of land** on the property has been restored back to **wetland** and **vernal pool habitats**, which are critical to the native migratory waterfowl of the Pacific Flyway.*