



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: AUGUST 17, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

August:
Friday, August 24th

September:
Friday, September 7th
Friday, September 21st

October:
Friday, October 5th
Friday, October 19th

HOLIDAYS/VACATION SCHEDULES:

July 5th – August 31st: City Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick will be unavailable.

September 3rd – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!

September 15th – September 23rd: City Manager John Brewer on vacation.

CITY MANAGER:

County Auditor Meeting:

I spoke with County Auditor Leroy Anderson about two weeks ago regarding a letter he'd sent. At that time he agreed to meet with me here at City Hall on his way to work since he lives in the area. I met with him on Monday morning. He provided some insight regarding the letter and some forecasts for anticipated Vehicle License Fee (VLF) payments. Turns out our budget projections for VLF were right on target.

Finance Dept. HVAC:

The HVAC at the Finance Department was not working late last week. We called for repairs. The repairs were completed, but the unit failed again on Monday afternoon when the circuit breaker popped. We noticed that the HVAC breaker was very warm when we examined it. Bickley's returned and identified some old motor bearings that must be replaced. In the meantime, we've also asked John Patterson, of Patterson Electric to give us a quote for replacing two old electrical panels in City Hall.

Corning Chamber of Commerce 2012 Olive Festival:

The Olive Festival is a long standing traditional event that occurs annually in August. The parade and bed races are scheduled for Friday, August 24th to be held on Solano Street.

The Festival will be held on Saturday, August 25th at the City's Woodson Park. South Street is normally closed for the Corning Fire Department activities and for the Rotary sponsored "Olive Drop". Walnut Street is also closed to westbound traffic to allow vendors access to and from the park for equipment/booth set up.

The Chamber has reported that Festival public involvement continues to grow. The Chamber is requesting that northbound traffic on Peach Street and the southbound traffic on Pear Street also be closed in order to accommodate the increase of vendors and community member attendance. Please see the attached map reflecting street closure information.

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The Chamber is making arrangements with New Life Assembly for public parking and will be providing free shuttle rides to and from the festivities. City Staff has approved this request for street closures surrounding Woodson Park on August 25th.

CITY CLERK:

“Closure of Election filing:

The filing period for the offices of Mayor, City Treasurer and City Clerk closed on Friday, August 10th. Because Councilwoman Toni Parkins decided not to seek re-election, the filing period for City Council was extended to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th.

Candidates that have filed and will be on the November 6th 2012 ballot for the City of Corning Municipal Government positions listed are:

- ❖ **Gary Strack - Mayor** (2 Year Term)
- ❖ **John Leach - City Council Member, 2 Positions** (4 Year Term)
Anthony (Tony) Cardenas
Willette (Willie) Smith
- ❖ **Pala Cantrell - City Treasurer** (4 Year Term)
- ❖ **Lisa M. Linnet - City Clerk** (4 Year Term)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

2012 Paving Projects, etc.:

Jason Abel Construction has completed the waterline installation on Blackburn Avenue. As of this writing (Friday Morning) they are now overlaying Blackburn Avenue with asphalt.

We wanted to replace some sunken curb and gutter on the north side of Blackburn at the High School. Our crew removed the faulty curb and gutter and Ward’s Concrete replaced it along with some other concrete work in town. The timing is critical to stay ahead of the repaving of Blackburn Avenue which needs to occur in time for the first day of school (Thursday, August 23rd).

We used Ward’s Concrete to install some new curb and gutter on the south side of Solano Street, east of Pear Street and ahead of the paving. We also had them replaced the curb radius at Kirkwood Rd. and Fig Lane that was removed when Bell Carter installed a waterline across Fig Lane about two years ago. We’ll also need to replace the asphalt from the street back to the new curbing. Bell Carter has previously agreed to reimburse for the asphalt.

Water Pump at Animal Shelter:

The water pump at the Animal Shelter quit working on Saturday. The pump provides water for the shelter and onsite residence. Patrick Walker visited the site and called John Patterson of Patterson Electric to see if the issue was simply an electrical issue. They replaced some electrical equipment and determined it wasn’t an electrical problem. At that point Patrick began seeking help from pump companies. The companies he contacted were not available to complete repairs until Monday. In the interim the Fire department delivered bulk water for the animals. Debbie Eaglebarger called a company she knew personally who sent out repair persons that apparently got the pump working on Sunday. She paid the bill for a service call.

On Monday morning we sent out our Public Works crew to investigate the matter, but found out the matter had been resolved. However, the pump quit working again on Monday afternoon. At that point we contacted the same Pump Company and authorized them to replace the pump, which they completed. They will be sending their bill to us. Of course the \$2,100 (approx.) expenditure was unanticipated. We’ll have to complete a budget action.

With the heat, it was a horrible weekend to be without water, particularly when the onsite residence has only an evaporative cooler. Debbie brought in a letter describing the situation that she asked us to share. She also delivered two bills totaling about \$188 for ice and the J & J Pump service call for reimbursement.

Rodger's Theater:

The plans for the next phase of the Rodger's Theater rehab are in. Terry Hoofard, Richard Rezendez and I have reviewed them. Terry and I met with representatives of the Corning Community Foundation and Friends of the Theater and reviewed the plans with them on Thursday. We'll provide our comments to Bob Metzger for plan revisions and then get the plans out to bid ASAP.

Crew Activities:

This week the Public Works crew has repaired two water leaks to service lines on Marin Street, replaced some irrigation drip line at the Transportation center, and completed some maintenance work at Woodson Park in anticipation of next week's Olive Festival.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 184 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 105 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 14 misdemeanor and 5 felony arrests, 51 traffic stops and issued 16 citations of which 2 were infractions, 14 were misdemeanors during the period of August 8-August 15, 2012.