



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2014

HOLIDAYS:

December 25th & 26th: City Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holiday. City Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 29th.

January 1st: City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day. City offices will reopen for business on Friday, January 2nd.

CITY MANAGER:

League of California Cities Council Members Academy:

The League is offering their "2015 New Mayor and Council Members Academy" training in Sacramento on January 14th through the 16th. The purpose of the Academy is to acquaint new Mayors and Council Members to the intricacies of local government. We have limited funds available for tuition and lodging if anyone is interested in attending. If you are, please contact Lisa immediately so that she can make the arrangements.

Christmas Luncheon Postponed:

We made the decision on Thursday to postpone the Christmas Luncheon due to the extreme weather and flooding conditions. We are unable to schedule for next Friday due to prior Fire Department commitments. So, we may have to conduct a "New Year's" Luncheon instead. We'll advise about an alternative date when one is selected.

Sign Committee:

I'm going to meet with Julie Sisneros, County Administrative Director to discuss some details of the draft Sign Committee report that I've prepared prior to scheduling the Sign Committee meeting.

NCCSIF Meeting:

There was to be a Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund (NCCSIF) Director's Meeting in Yuba City on Thursday, but it was postponed due to the storm. The meeting will occur on January 8th.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Thursday's Storm:

From midnight to 6:30 a.m. we received about 1½ inches of rain, from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we received an additional 1.20 inches. A total of 3.9" of rainfall fell at City Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. While we did have several small problems with drainage throughout town, the storm water subsided in most areas quicker than the previous storm that hit last Wednesday.

Jewett and Burch Creeks are both flowing above capacity and there are areas where the storm water is flowing over the banks. We had some flooding in the new Park. When the creek flows reduce, the areas of flooding in and around Fig Lane should recede.

We experienced flooding in the several low-lying areas including:

City Hall Parking Lot

Third Street at Yolo Street

North Street at Toomes Avenue

Culdesacs in the La Mesa Verde Tract

Chicago Avenue

Palm Avenue

Hwy. 99-W between Fig Lane and South Avenue

Houghton Avenue between Manzanillo and Loleta

Toomes from South Avenue to Donovan

Fig Lane from Houghton to the Railroad Tracks

Meadowbrook @ Fig Lane

Hwy. 99-W at Loleta Avenue when Burch Creek overflowed its banks

The members of the City's Public Works Department were able to reopen all the closed roads in the City by 8:00 p.m. As of this writing we haven't yet had time to assess any damages to City properties.

Hometown Lighted Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting:

The Chamber of Commerce Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Event was held on Saturday, December 6th. Members of the City's Public Works and Police Department conducted traffic control for the Parade which started at Houghton Avenue and concluded at Third and Solano for the official Christmas Tree Lighting. There were a reported 44 entries in this year's Parade.

Leaf Pickup:

With the rain starting earlier this year, Public Works has started picking up leaves. Normally leaves are picked up on Tuesday's and Thursday's and only as time allows. There could be other days of leave pick up if work schedules allow.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 199 calls for service, a total of 41 officer reports were taken and there were 78 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 17 misdemeanor and 5 felony arrests, 33 traffic stops and issued 21 citations of which 2 were felony, 16 were misdemeanors, 1 was an infraction and 2 were animal-related during the period of December 3 through December 9, 2014.

Personnel:

The Department's newest dispatcher, Kayla Heitland, began her employment on Thursday. The background investigation on the next dispatcher applicant will begin next week. Police Officer oral board interviews will be held on Monday, December 15.

Animals Shelter:

Yesterday, the City completed it's first ever evacuation of the Corning Animal Shelter. Many thanks to the dedicated members of Second Chance Pet Rescue, the Animal Shelter's Caretaker Michelle Gardner and her "4-Wheeled Family, members of the City's Public Works Department and Community Service Officer Ron Robbins for their assistance with the evacuation. All totaled, 18 animals and 2 humans were safely moved and temporarily relocated to the City's Corporation Yard.

As of this morning the flood waters had receded enough for everyone to be returned to the Shelter. Thank you to everyone involved for their tremendous "Teamwork" efforts during this emergency situation!