



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

December:

Friday, December 28th (Last Furlough Friday)

HOLIDAYS:

January 1st (Tuesday) – New Year's Day

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Safe Routes to School:

We received a letter from Caltrans authorizing us to expend funds for our Safe Routes to School project on Fig Lane. Ed Anderson has scheduled a meeting between a local surveyor and City Staff to complete the curb, gutter and street design along the affected segment of Fig Lane.

Changing Hours for City Manager:

Beginning January 7, 2013, I'll no longer be serving as the City's Public Works Director, therefore I'll be changing my regular work hours to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. instead of the 7:00 to 4:00 that I've been working.

City Manager Out of Town Friday:

I'll be out of town visiting Mt. Shasta overnight Friday, helping remove a "season's worth" of snow at my Mother-in-law's home. Police Chief Don Atkins will be the Acting City Manager in my absence.

Last Furlough Friday:

December 28th is the last scheduled Furlough Friday. Beginning 2013 City Staff will be operating on a regular "5 days a week" work schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Dumpster at Corporation Yard:

Corning Disposal has placed a dumpster on Butte Street for the purpose of collecting used Christmas Trees for disposal.

New Public Works Director:

Beginning on January 7, 2013, Patrick Walker will be the new Public Works Director for the City of Corning. We'll all do what we can to ensure a smooth transition for him as well as the new Assistant P/W Director Steve Lindeman.

It's been a pleasure serving as Corning's Public Works Director since July of 2008. During that period we've managed to complete or make significant progress on some notable projects; including the South Avenue interchange project, Airport Expansion Project, the Clark Park Well, Traffic Signal at Marguerite and Solano Street, Marguerite Ave. Reconstruction, the Solano Street Repaving project (completed nearly 60%), and the ongoing restoration of Rodger's Theater. I'm proud to have played a minor role in those accomplishments.

In reality, important projects like these are not possible without the support of City Council and the dedicated efforts of City Engineer Ed Anderson, the Public Works staff, including the Public Works crewmembers, Assistant P/W Directors Pat Walker and Carl Crain (now retired), and most notably, P/W Secretary Dawn Grine, who tirelessly "keeps the books" and keeps the considerable department paperwork in order.

There are some significant projects on the near horizon, including constructing the Phase 1 of the new Park, Phase 2 of Rodger's Theater Restoration, Fig Lane Safe Routes to School project, the Airport Fence project, and the Solano Streetscape project. I have complete confidence that Patrick Walker will do a great job managing those while efficiently maintaining the City's infrastructure in his capacity as the next Corning Public Works Director.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 163 calls for service, a total of 17 officer reports were taken and there were 72 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor arrests, 32 traffic stops and issued 9 citations of which 2 were infractions, 6 were misdemeanors, and 1 parking during the period of December 19, 2012 – December 27, 2012.

Personnel:

The Police Department is still in the process of filling the two vacant dispatcher positions. One dispatch applicant is almost finished with the background phase and looking at a possible start date in the next two weeks. The second applicant is currently in the background phase and should possibly be done in the next two – three weeks.

The Police Department is currently taking applications for the Patrol Officer position left vacant from Officer Armando Ochoa's retirement on December 9, 2012.

Community:

The Police Department wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year and remind people if they are going to drink, drink responsibly or have a designated driver.