



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2014**

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### HOLIDAYS:

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

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

### EVENTS:

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Lighted Parade (beginning at the Memorial Hall at Houghton Avenue to Third Street) and Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.; Spaghetti dinner at the Fire Hall (814 5<sup>th</sup> Street) from 5 – 8 p.m. (\$5 per person); Lucero Olive Oils Winter Crush from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. (2120 Loleta Avenue).

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** The Christmas Party for Council and Employees (and families) is tentatively scheduled for this date. A definitive confirmation of this date and time will be provided by November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### CITY MANAGER:

#### **Wednesday Storm Event:**

We have a weather station here at City Hall so that we can closely monitor conditions such as rainfall rate, temperature and wind speed and direction. According to that device, we received 2.58" of rain between midnight and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Our drainage system was overwhelmed in several locations throughout the City. Most notable was the inundation at Solano Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets that created a traffic hazard requiring us to close that street segment. The parking lot in front of City Hall was flooded, as was Yolo Street between Third and Fourth Streets. Soon after the worst of the deluge, the drainage system was able to catch up and move the runoff out to the Jewitt Creek outfall.

Some other locations were also temporarily flooded; including Toomes Avenue between Colusa and North Streets, and Short Drive. When Short Drive was slow to clear, we dispatched the Public Works Crew to pump the water out to the onsite detention basin.

We have noted some slow storm inlets that we'll schedule to clean with Severn-Trent's Vacuum Truck over the next few days.

**Sign Committee:**

Councilmember Cardenas mentioned the conflict that the Corning Community Foundation is experiencing relative to advertising on the Rodgers Theater Marquee. This issue arose with the recent electronic message board sign installation at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. The Mayor directed the assembly of a "Sign Committee" to develop standards for signage on City and County properties. The Committee will include Councilmembers Cardenas and Smith, Planning Consultant John Stoufer, County Admin. Services Director Julie Sisneros and VFW Hall Manager Inez Clay. County Supervisors Bob Williams and Burt Bundy may participate as well. City Attorney Jody Burgess and I will serve as staff for the committee.

We've prepared some information that we'll present to the Sign Committee when we meet. We are keeping the scope narrow-to focus solely on the issue of community events and activities; as described in the Sign regulations. We're hoping to meet before the end of the year.

**NPDES Permit Renewal:**

As you know we are required to submit an application to update our permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) discharge pipe just downstream from Woodson Bridge every five years. We have contracted with Carollo Engineers to assist with that application preparation. Their assistance also includes our participation in the joint freshwater mussel study that's recommended by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**League of California Cities Council Members Academy:**

The League is offering their "2015 New Mayor and Council Members Academy" training in Sacramento on January 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 as soon as possible so that she can make the arrangements.

**PUBLIC WORKS:****Golden West Homes:**

On Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Golden West Homes started installing utilities for their Manufactured Home Sales site on Hwy. 99W. They had to bring sewer and electric services under 99W to serve the site.

**Christmas Trees & Banners:**

Public Works has been installing 25 Christmas trees (from Third Street to Houghton Avenue) and banners on the light poles throughout the downtown area. They installed Christmas lights on City Hall, the Transportation Center, Water Tower and the tree at the Park and Ride last week in preparation for Hometown Christmas this Saturday.

**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 leaf pick up if work schedules allow.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:****Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 172 calls for service, a total of 29 officer reports were taken and there were 47 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 13 misdemeanor arrests and 1 felony arrests, 14 traffic stops and issued 25 citations of which, 18 were misdemeanors, 1 infraction, 5 parking, and 1 animal cite during the period of November 26, 2014 – December 3, 2014.