



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2012

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FURLOUGH DAYS:

December:

Friday, December 14th
Friday, December 28th

HOLIDAYS:

December 24th & 25th (Monday & Tuesday) – Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
January 1st (Tuesday) – New Year's Day

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Pearl Harbor Day:

Today is Pearl Harbor Day; *"a date that shall live in infamy"* according to President Roosevelt. Seventy-one years ago today we were thrust into World War Two after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. My father was a navy veteran of the Pacific Theater in WWII. For me, the date is nearly as familiar as July 4th. If you encounter a veteran of WWII, please offer them thanks for their service to our Country.

Lucero Olive Oil Winter Crush:

We received notice from Lucero Olive Oil that they'll stage the annual "Winter Crush" on Saturday, December 8th from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The notice included a request to temporarily make Loleta Avenue a one way (eastbound) street from old Highway 99W to Toomes Avenue during the event to better provide onstreet parking & traffic flow. They will utilize volunteers to direct traffic and notify their neighbors of the temporary one-way plan. Former Police Chief Tony Cardenas will be assisting, along with Explorer Scout Police Cadet Volunteers. Public Works will provide temporary barricades and signage.

Catholic Church Procession:

We received a letter from Father Cormac Lacre of the Immaculate Conception Church. They intend to conduct their "Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe" Procession on Sunday, December 9, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. They will proceed along the south side of Solano Street, beginning at Toomes Avenue, to the Catholic Church at 814 Solano Street. The Police Department will provide escorting vehicles.

Assistant P/W Director Evaluation/Interviews:

We will be conducting our final evaluation of three candidates for the Assistant Public Works Director position on Monday, December 10th. We'll have a short written exercise, a professional panel interview followed by an interview with Pat Walker and myself.

Council and Staff Pot Luck Christmas Party:

The City's Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon will be held on December 13, 2012 at the City's Fire Hall Annex beginning at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The City will be providing the meat, bread and drinks. Councilmembers, and Employees (employee family members are invited) are asked to bring a hot side dish, salad or desert.

Tammy McIntyre Matter:

We received another envelope with individual letters to the City Council. The Mayor brought his by City Hall so we had a copy. The letter inside was from Tammy McIntyre and Courtney Thuemler and addressed to the US Postal Service. In it, the two complained about not receiving a receipt for certified mail. Police Chief Don Atkins prepared and sent the attached response advising that postal issues such as theirs were not a matter for local agencies and should instead be directed to the US Postal Inspection Service.

TRAX 13th Annual Corning Christmas Lights Tour:

Friday, December 21, 2012 is the 13th Annual TRAX (Tehama County Rural Express) **Free** Corning Christmas Lights bus tour. They will depart from the Corning Transportation Center at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited therefore those wishing to reserve a seat should call the TRAX office (385-2877) before Wednesday, December 19th.

2013 Center for Economic Development (CED) Economic Forecast Conference:

Please see the attached information regarding the upcoming 2013 Economic Forecast Conference to be held in Oroville at the Gold Country Event Center on January 17th (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Council members interested in attending please contact Lisa at 824-7033 by December 7th.

CITY CLERK:

League of CA Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy:

The League of CA Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy will be held in Sacramento beginning January 15th through January 18th. Council members interested in attending should contact either John or Lisa (824-7033) by December 7th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Sara Beck Matter:

On Tuesday I was told that the CSO reading the water meters along Colusa Street suspected that Sara Beck had reconnected the water service to the house she is illegally occupying at 1791 Colusa Street. You will recall that she is squatting on the property and, since she cannot demonstrate she's entitled to occupy the house, we have declined to provide water service.

Several months ago, we noted that the water had been illegally turned on to the residence. We turned it off and then subsequently removed the water meter. What we found on Tuesday was that someone had illegally plumbed in a connection with conduit and hose clamps.

We contacted the City Attorney and confirmed the specific Penal Code Section that described water theft from public facilities. On Wednesday the Corning Police Department cited Ms. Beck for that offense. The Public Works crew removed the illegal plumbing connection and placed a heavy metal plate overtop the meter box to prohibit restoration of the illegal water connection.

Hazardous Tree Condition-North Alex Lane:

While investigating a neighborhood dispute affecting drainage on North Alex Lane, we noted a eucalyptus tree on adjacent property that had been partially cut with a chain saw. There were few wood fibers supporting the tree. The tree was a definite fall hazard.

Our City code defines "hazardous trees" and provides a process to abate them in Chapter 8.08 (Public Nuisances). Unfortunately that process requires mailed notices and a period for the owner to voluntarily abate. Since the tree could have damaged the adjacent houses and occupants if it fell to the

west, I felt we needed to move faster than our process provided. I attempted to contact the listed property owner, Mr. Duke Leggett of the Bay Area (San Carlos and/or Palo Alto), but couldn't get through to him at three separate phone numbers that I found. I then made the decision to immediately hire a tree surgeon and fall the tree.

The tree was removed on Thursday afternoon by an insured Tree Surgeon. We provided two crew members to assist to keep the costs down. We'll attempt to recover the cost (\$390) of removal and may or may not be successful. But, we efficiently eliminated the hazard that, if unaddressed could have caused serious property damage to the adjacent residential properties and harmed the residents if the tree had fallen. Note that City Attorney Jody Burgess did find another phone number that I left a message on after the tree was downed.

Raised Crosswalk at Maywood School:

City Engineer Ed Anderson has provided a memo recommending the installation of a raised crosswalk at Marguerite Avenue at the Palm Village Mobilehome Park driveway. The crosswalk would duplicate those we have previously installed at Fig Lane and on Toomes and Houghton Avenues. We will prepare a staff report and resolution for Council consideration at the January 8th meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Meeting with 3CORE

On Tuesday, December 4th John Brewer, John Stoufer, Mayor Strack, and newly elected councilmember Tony Cardenas met with Marc Nemanic and Sherri Nixs from 3CORE to discuss potential financing for the restoration of the Kaufman Building and Rogers Theater. If the property owner qualifies, loan applications through 3CORE are a possibility for funding the restoration of the Kaufman Building. Staff, along with Tony and members of the Community Foundation will continue to work with 3CORE in exploring potential funding and management opportunities to complete the restoration of Rogers Theater and eventual day to day operations of the facility.