



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
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CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Community Video Program:

CGI Communications, Inc., from New York State contacted us about preparing a series of short community videos that could be attached to our City website. The purpose is to offer a glimpse of what the City has to offer in terms of climate, services, and community attraction in order to attract new businesses and residents.

They propose to come to Corning, produce the videos and make the links available at no cost to us. We looked at similar videos produced for the cities of Belle Isle, FL and Grass Valley, CA. To fund their work, CGI would sell advertising that would appear as small banners across the bottom of our City website.

It's an intriguing proposal. We're in the earliest stages of review right now and will continue to research this matter. If you are interested, check out Grass Valley's website www.cityofgrassvalley.com. The videos can be accessed at the lower left of the homepage under "Video Tour".

Corning Community Park-Phase 1:

We opened bids for construction of Phase 1 of the Park Project on Tuesday. The Engineer's Estimate was \$1.75 million. We received two bids under that estimate at \$1.71 and \$1.72 million, respectively. We're currently sorting out the details of the bids and intend to seek Council approval of a construction contract for Phase 1 at the February 26th City Council meeting.

Car Show:

On Wednesday, Patrick Walker and I met with Mayor Strack and Chamber of Commerce Board Member Katie Estes (Annual Car Show Coordinator) at the Airport. We discussed a potential "Mud Bog" event that could possibly be staged adjacent to the new apron at the airport. We'll continue to look into this as an alternative to the "Burn-outs" that are staged in front of City Hall. The change would not be expected to occur this year, but perhaps in 2014.

Rodger's Theater:

Lance Jones and his crew are working on the restrooms at the theater. The rough plumbing has been installed. On Wednesday the concrete floor was poured in the men's restroom. Our Public Works crew has supported by removing debris and jack-hammering old concrete.

CITY CLERK/COUNCIL:

Corning Exchange Club Annual Police and Fire Recognition Dinner:

The Corning Exchange Club will be holding their Annual Police and Fire Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 23rd at the Corning Veteran's Memorial Hall with the dinner beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. An invitation has been extended to the Mayor and Council. A silent auction and raffle will be held and prime rib with all of the trimmings will be served at a cost of \$15 per person.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Caltrans Map-21 Implementation Forum:

John Brewer and Patrick Walker attended the Caltrans Map-21 Implementation Forum. This was an informal meeting explaining how Federal Transportation Funding is distributed to Caltrans and how the various programs are now being funded.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 180 calls for service, a total of 43 officer reports were taken and there were 94 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 17 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 35 traffic stops and issued 25 citations of which 16 were misdemeanors, 7 were infractions, and two were parking tickets during the period of January 30 – February 6, 2013.

Equipment:

With the approval of the City Manager, the Corning Police Department will be using the logo which was previously used on our new patrol vehicles.