



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: STEPHEN J. KIMBROUGH, CITY MANAGER
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

January:

Friday, January 13th

Friday, January 27th

February:

Friday, February 10th

Friday, February 24th

Holidays:

Monday, February 20th

SCHEDULES:

John Stoufer: John remains out of the office recovering from knee surgery. Barring no complications, he should be returning to work within 4 weeks.

Chamber Board of Directors Installation Dinner:

Installation Dinner is at the Corning Veteran's Memorial Hall on Saturday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER:

Edible Communities Magazine "Edible Shasta-Butte":

In your mail is a Fall 2011 Edition of the Edible Communities Magazine called "edible". This edition's title is "Celebrating the Abundance of the North State, Season by Season" and contains advertisements, recipes, etc. from local businesses such as Lucero Olive Oil and Corning Olive Oil.

Budget Stuff:

The Audit should be coming to the Council for public review on February 14. The Draft is done and in the City Manager's hands for final review and preparation of the "Management Discussion and Analysis" which serves as the introduction to the Audit.

Preparation of the Mid-Year Budget Report is on track for presentation the same evening. As of December 31, 2011, the General Fund is performing as projected and revenues are a little better. I think Council will be cautiously pleased.

Our Management is working on a new Capitol Improvement Program for presentation around the first meeting in April.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Clark Park Well:

Trent Construction continues their work on and in the new well house at Clark Park. We understand from Kendel Trent that there's been a delay in the expected generator delivery date, it is now due in March.

Petro Well Testing:

Our consultant, Bill Bergman of Geo Plus, conducted some water well testing at the larger of the Petro wells. The purpose is to determine the potential effect that continuous pumping might have on it and other monitoring wells in the vicinity. The results will help "paint a picture" about how pumping could influence the movement of the contamination in the area.

Park Maintenance:

Currently one Public Works employee spends the majority of his time on Park maintenance. This is especially true during spring, summer and fall seasons when mowing is necessary. When the new park comes online, it'll essentially double the City's Parks acreage; from 18 to 36. With our reduced staff and hours, we simply won't have the manpower to adequately maintain the parks.

As a potential solution, Public Works Staff met in December with Staff from North Valley Services (NVS) from Red Bluff. NVS currently provides grounds maintenance to the I-5 Rest Areas here in Corning and in Red Bluff, as well as in the Lassen County area. They may be interested in taking on some of the parks maintenance duties for us. They made it clear during our meeting that they would be unwilling to take on work that might displace any current employees. We assured them that that wasn't the objective. At the meeting we promised to provide a "Scope of Services" that they might use to prepare a cost proposal.

John has compiled a draft "Scope of Services" for Park maintenance that Staff is reviewing. As soon as we have it in final form, we'll send it up to NVS for their consideration and proposal.

Economic Development Conference:

John will be attending an Economic Development Conference in Oroville with Steve and Councilwoman Darlene Dickison on Thursday morning.

Airport CIP:

Bob Waddell provided a Scope of Services for the work he anticipates will be necessary to get our upcoming Airport projects (fence, road, fuel farm) entitled and constructed. John and Steve reviewed the "Scope" and asked him to make some minor changes. When those are in we'll present the matter for Council review and authorization as needed.