



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: JANUARY 16, 2015

EVENTS:

Chamber of Commerce Director's Installation Dinner:

The annual dinner will be held on January 24th at the Corning Veterans Memorial Hall. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a "No Host Reception" followed by the dinner at 7 p.m. Lisa has submitted the reservation and payment for Councilmembers planning on attending.

CITY MANAGER:

City Manager out of County:

I'll be out of the County, in Mt. Shasta overnight on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Public Works Director Pat Walker will be the Acting City Manager.

Drought-Rainfall Totals:

Precipitation is typically totaled by fiscal year, from July 1st to June 30th. We've had a good accumulation of rainfall so far this year. To date, we've received 15.41 inches of rain. We normally get about 20.6 inches of rain over the entire year. So, in spite of the dry weather so far this month, we remain optimistic that this will turn out to be a good year for precipitation.

Water levels in our wells have increased on average about 20 feet since their lows in September. That's normal for this time of year. When the rainy season starts, yard and landscape irrigation reduces and we pump less water.

Sign Committee:

City Attorney Jody Burgess has heard from County Counsel Arthur Wylene and will set up a meeting or conference call with Mr. Wylene, County Administrative Services Director Julie Sisneros, himself and me to discuss the matter.

Public Meeting regarding Streetscape Project:

Public Works Director Pat Walker, City Engineer Ed Anderson and I are meeting with the Volunteer Fire department, Police Department and Downtown Business Owners on Wednesday January 21st at 7:30 to present information regarding the Solano Streetscape Project.

Community Park Final Inspection:

We've scheduled a final inspection of the Park by the California Department of Parks & Recreation for Tuesday Morning, January 20th. Jean Eckstrom of that agency will be in town for that purpose. Should she agree that we've satisfactorily completed the features we committed to provide in our grant application, she can "final" the project and release our retained funds (\$260,000). She has also requested to see the progress on the Theater. We will gladly provide her that access as well. The State has also retained \$44,000 as 20% of the \$220,000 grant that's funded much of the Theater's restoration work.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Martini Plaza:

Removal of the temporary fencing in front of Martini Plaza is scheduled for Friday, December 16th. Once the fencing is removed the Plaza will again be open for public use. Public Works will open the restrooms on the weekdays and the contract janitorial company will lock the restrooms up at night. On weekends the contract janitorial company will open and close the restrooms.

Peach Well:

The Peach Well's Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) is no longer operational and therefore the Well is currently not working. The VFD controls the amount of water released into our public water system. A new replacement VFD will be ordered and installed by our municipal well expert Win Benbow hopefully by Mid February.

Leaf Pickup:

The removal of leaf piles in the street will come to an end this week. After this time residents will be advised to use their yard waste recycling receptacle for leaf disposal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 144 calls for service, a total of 22 officer reports were taken and there were 77 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 11 misdemeanor and 1 felony arrest, 38 traffic stops and issued 18 citations of which 10 were misdemeanors, 7 were infractions, and 1 was animal-related during the period of January 7, 2015 through January 14, 2015.

PUBLIC MEETING

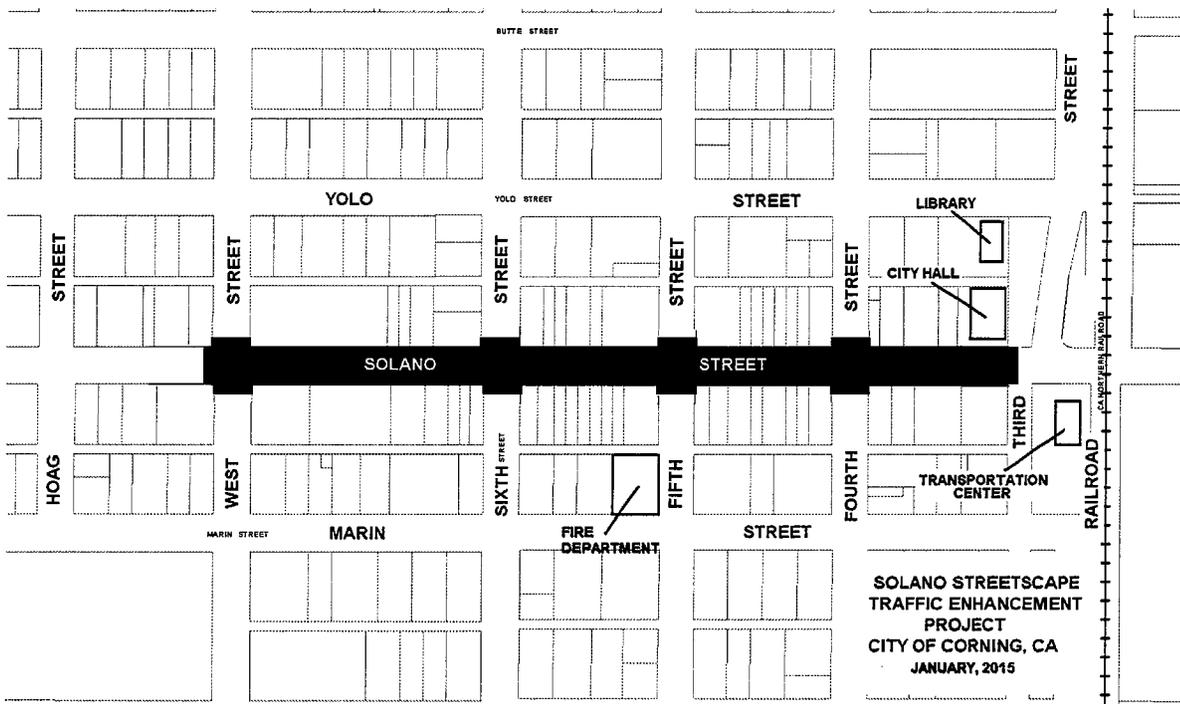
Solano Streetscape Improvement Project

Corning City Staff will present details of the proposed SOLANO STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PLANS at a Public Meeting to be conducted on **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at City Hall at 794 Third Street in Corning.



The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint Emergency Service Personnel and Downtown Business Owners with the specifics of the proposed \$2.2 million project that will affect four blocks of Solano Street.

The project limits are shown on the drawing below. Proposed improvements include sidewalk and pavement replacement, decorative concrete and pavers, pedestrian bulb-outs, new street trees and grates, decorative trash cans, etc.



Additionally, the street will be re-stripped to provide one lane in each direction, a median turn lane, bike lanes and curbside parallel parking.

For additional information, contact Director of Public Works Patrick Walker at 824-7025.