



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: January 18, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

Chamber of Commerce Directors' Installation Dinner:

The annual Chamber Dinner will occur on Saturday January 19th at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. The Mayor will be presenting a "State of the City" Power Point presentation at that event.

New Park Pre-Bid meeting:

We conducted a pre-bid meeting to discuss the new Park Project on Tuesday here at City Hall. City Engineer Ed Anderson, Skateboard Park designer Kanten Russell, Landscape Architect Tom Phelps and Planner John Stoufer provided information and responded to questions presented by the 18 assembled Contractors. After the meeting at City Hall we drove to the jobsite for additional discussion.

The Engineer's estimate for construction of Phase 1 of the Park is \$1,750,000. Bids are due in and will be opened on Tuesday, February 5th.

School Safety Meeting:

Police Chief Don Atkins, Mayor Strack and I attended the Safety Meeting sponsored by the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools on Thursday at Lincoln Street School in Red Bluff.

Solar Lighting at New Park:

Ed Anderson, John Stoufer, Pat Walker and I spoke with a solar lighting salesman from San Luis Obispo on the telephone on Monday to discuss lighting needs for the parking lot in Phase 1 of the Park Project. We may issue an addendum modifying the specifications to include suggestions made by the lighting salesman.

Meeting with Paulyne White & Yvonne Boles:

The "fruit" on the street trees along Solano Street is a continual nuisance for area businesses. The red fruit drops onto the sidewalk and migrates via customer shoes onto the floors of the adjacent businesses.

In 2014 the Downtown Streetscape project is scheduled to occur. That project will replace much of the sidewalk in the downtown area. It might be an opportune time to replace the pear trees with an alternate species that's less troublesome. The Mayor and I are scheduled to meet with Paulyne and Yvonne on Friday to discuss that matter.

CITY CLERK/COUNCIL:

4-H Fun Night 2013:

Mayor Strack received notification from the Tehama County 4-H Council of their upcoming 4-H Fun Night 2013 that will take place at the Tehama District Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is held annually to raise funds to support the local 4-H program.

They are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets at their ticket booth during the event. Time slots are available hourly from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you are interested in helping with the sales ticket booth, please contact the 4-H office at 530/527-3101 by January 18th so that they can plan their schedule (this is a great community service activity).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Potholes:

The Maintenance Crews are still filling potholes. On Wednesday, Public Works Crews completed some asphalt patching on Fifth Street.

Lincoln Avenue Wharf Fire Hydrant:

On Sunday, January 13th, Public Works was called for a wharf head hydrant that was leaking. The cold weather had caused the brass hydrant head to split. Because repairing the hydrant required that a new wharf head be ordered, and it was not feasible to shut the water off as that would have required shutting off water to a number of residents in the area, the water was allowed to run until Public Works was able to repair in on Tuesday morning following receipt of the needed part.

Christmas Tree Dumpster:

This past week was the last for the Christmas tree dumpster located in front of the Public Works Corporation Yard. The dumpster was for Christmas trees only.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 162 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 83 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 17 misdemeanor and 5 felony arrests, 60 traffic stops and issued 27 citations of which 1 was a felony, 20 were misdemeanors, and 5 were infractions, and one was animal-related during the period of January 9 – January 16, 2013.