



# 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:

#### **Downtown Street Tree Replacement:**

Mayor Strack, Patrick Walker and I met with Paulyne White and Yvonne Boles to discuss replacing the Bradford Pear street trees on Solano Street in the downtown area. As you know, the trees (that were believed to be fruitless) produce a round red "fruit" that falls on and stains the sidewalks. The fallen fruit is then transmitted from the sidewalks to the floors of the adjacent businesses.

The Downtown Streetscape project is tentatively scheduled to occur next year (2014). It's to be funded through a program called Transportation Enhancement (TE) that's administered by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Since much of the sidewalk will be demolished and replaced as part of that project, it'll be an opportune time to replace the 77 street trees in the downtown area.

We spoke about alternative tree species. Paulyne and Yvonne were agreeable to replacement and willing to help fund that task, which is not included in our cost estimate. We're looking into replacement species. One possibility is to replant Privet Trees, as are used in downtown Red Bluff.

#### **Meeting with Planning Consultant:**

John Stoufer and I met with our Planning Consultant Eihnard Diaz in Redding on Wednesday to discuss planning grant opportunities that are available through the State of California. One such grant could fund a study and the completion of a bikeways plan for the City. That would dovetail nicely into our new Park Plan which includes the skate & bike park component, and the downtown streetscape plan that'll reconfigure Solano Street to include designated bike lanes adjacent to the curbside parking lanes. We'll prepare a staff report for Council consideration and direction before preparing a grant application.

#### **Annual Land Use Update:**

After our meeting with Eihnard, John Stoufer, Eihnard and I attended the Annual Land Use, Environmental and Real Estate Update presented by the law firm Abbott and Kindermann in Redding. The 3 hour seminar briefs on recent legislative and legal affairs affecting development in California. Abbott and Kindermann offered the instruction at no cost to participants.

#### **NCCSIF Board of Directors Meeting:**

On Thursday afternoon I attended the Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund (NCCSIF) Board of Directors meeting in Marysville. Staff of the insurance provider (Alliant) and associated accounting firm presented information regarding our shared Liability and Worker's Comp. insurance policies. We should expect our Worker's Comp. costs to increase next year. They will be providing cost projections by about March 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the Board of Directors, I've also been participating as a member of the NCCSIF Executive Committee. However, that committee rotates members each year-and Corning's seat will rotate out in 2013.

**Mid-Year Budget Review:**

I'm meeting with Roy Seiler on Thursday Feb., 7<sup>th</sup> to complete our mid-year budget review. After that meeting we'll prepare a staff report for presentation to the City Council.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> so that they can plan their schedule (this is a great community service activity).

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**Rodger's Theater:**

Rick Jones of Lance Jones Construction came in to meet with John Brewer, Terry Hoofard and Patrick Walker about starting work on the Theater bathrooms. Rick Jones and his plumber will meet with Terry Hoofard and Patrick Walker on Thursday and try to clean-up the area before construction is started.

**Water Leaks:**

The Maintenance Crews are working on a series of water leaks. There is one leak on Fig Lane and two leaks at the Wastewater Facility on Gardiner Ferry Road.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 159 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 87 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 10 misdemeanor and 4 felony arrests, 53 traffic stops and issued 16 citations of which 9 were misdemeanors, and 6 were infractions, and one was animal-related during the period of January 16 – January 23, 2013.

**Personnel:**

Officer Ian Anderson was selected as the Officer of the Year and Community Service Officer Ron Robbins was selected as Employee of the Year. These personnel will be recognized at the Corning Exchange Club's Firemen and Police Officer Award Dinner on February 23, 2013.

**Community:**

On January 22, 2013 at 11:36 p.m. officers were dispatched to 1213 South Street in regards to shots fired and someone yelling inside an apartment. Upon arrival, officers located Billy Thamvongkam lying on the living room floor of the apartment with two bullet wounds to the back. Subject was airlifted to Enloe Hospital where he is currently listed in critical condition. At this time there are no suspects and the investigation is continuing.