



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: JULY 18, 2014**

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### HOLIDAYS:

**Labor Day, September 1, 2014:** City Hall, Public Works Corporation Yard and City Finance Department will be closed.

### SCHEDULES:

**Don Atkins:** Chief Atkins will be on vacation from July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. Sergeant Fears will be the acting Police Chief this time.

**Terry Hoofard:** Will be on vacation July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Lisa Linnet:** Will be on vacation from July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### EVENTS:

**Olive Festival:** The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Corning Olive Festival will be held at Woodson Park, 2062 Peach Street on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### CITY MANAGER:

#### **City Joins Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA):**

We discharge our treated effluent from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Sacramento River at a point downstream of the Woodson Bridge. The discharge is in accordance with the discharge permit issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). That permit must be renewed every five (5) years. Our permit is up for renewal in July of 2015.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board is now concerned about how Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges might be negatively affecting freshwater mussels, in our case in the Sacramento River. Their concerns could easily become conditions attached to our discharge permit. That condition could be the requirement that we conduct a "Mussel Survey" to determine if freshwater mussels occur in the vicinity of the outfall structure and, if they do occur, what affect our treated effluent might have.

At the advice of Kathy Stone and Mitch Ampf of Severn Trent, operators of our WWTP, we have opted to join the Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA). The Association is coordinating the preparation of a collaborative Freshwater Mussel Study among some 36 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators. Joining the group effort will help keep our costs at a minimum, as opposed to going this on our own. For now we have committed to participate in Phase 1 of the Study Project. Phase 1 is simply a review of existing literature to determine the likelihood of presence of mussels in the area. If they are likely to be present the second Phase, requiring fieldwork will be necessary.

The deadline to join in the group effort was July 15, 2014. We didn't have much time to react and made the decision to opt into the group. Our cost to join the Association was \$500. There may be additional future costs, but Staff believes joining the Association/Group will ultimately result in substantial cost savings.

**Park Phase 2:**

John Stoufer, Steve Lindeman, Terry Hoofard and I met with Kendel Trent on the Phase 2 Park site on Wednesday to review some grading details and soccer field locations. We later returned with Landscape Architect Tom Phelps who subsequently prepared some adjustments to the field, irrigation and drainage inlet and pipe positions.

**Meeting with HdL regarding Sales Tax:**

I met with Bobby Young of HdL on Wednesday to discuss 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar) 2014 Sales Tax Revenues. Our sales tax revenue was down about 5.3% in the first quarter-relative to the same period in 2013. HdL attributes much of the reduction to lower fuel prices and lower consumption during the quarter. The "Fuel and Service Station" Sales Tax Category accounted for 57% of our Sales Tax revenue for the quarter.

**Repairs to Kiddie Pool:**

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Lindeman has solicited proposals to refinish the floor of the Kiddie Pool at Northside Park. We have identified the lowest bid and have awarded the project to Robert Bowen, dba Bowen Pools & Renovations, Inc., in the amount of \$5,330. This is well under our previous Council authorized amount of \$9,500.

**Electrical Service Repairs at City Hall:**

On the hottest of summer days we occasionally experience over-heating of an electrical sub-panel here at City Hall. When that occurs we have to shut down HVAC units (air conditioners) and call local electrician John Patterson of Patterson Electric. Once the panel cools we can usually turn the HVAC units back on. But, the overheating sub-panel is a hazard that needs correcting. Most recently when that occurred John suggested that we energize one of the HVAC units from another sub-panel. That's a simple solution that'll reduce the energy flow through the over-burdened sub-panel. Mr. Patterson completed the re-wiring on Thursday.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income & Expenditures Meeting:**

In last week's Friday Notes, I presented information regarding changes to the CDBG Program. Following up on that information, John Stoufer, Roy Seiler, JoAnn Anders and I met on Thursday to discuss the City's current Program Income balances and CDBG approved alternative expenditure plans for these funds that Staff might recommend to Council for approval. We expect to be presenting a staff report for that purpose in the near future.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 274 calls for service, a total of 41 officer reports were taken and there were 76 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests, 28 traffic stops and issued 19 citations of which 1 was felony, 11 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, and 2 were parking-related during the period of July 9 through July 16, 2014.

**Personnel:**

Effective July 31, 2014, Dispatcher/Clerk Courtney Matz submitted her resignation and has accepted a position with Tehama County Sheriff's Office.