



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: JULY 25, 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>.

### CITY CLERK:

#### **Elections:**

The filing period for the November 4, 2014 Elections opened on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> (the filling period will not be extended as all incumbents have submitted papers). The City will have the positions of Mayor (2-year term) and two City Council Members (4-year terms) listed on the ballot. For further information, please contact City Clerk Lisa Linnet at City Hall.

### 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:

#### **Park Phase 2:**

Ed Anderson and I visited the Phase 2 Park Project construction site on Wednesday. Kendel Trent Construction is near completion on the rough grading of the site. The crew is currently working on the Fig Lane/driveway intersection at Houghton Avenue.

Kendel Trent noted that grading has exposed some very gravelly soil on the surface of the soccer fields. Of course gravelly soil doesn't retain water and will make sustaining turf difficult. Landscape Architect Tom Phelps is viewing the soil on Friday to see if we need to remove it and replace it with some of the loamy soil that's been collected onsite.

**Rodgers Theater Floor Plans:**

Draftsman Bob Metzger has completed the Theater Floor Restoration Plans. We have them at City Hall. We spoke with City Attorney Jody Burgess regarding the potential use of Volunteers to complete the concrete floor installation. He said that we could use volunteers under certain conditions. We'll work with the Theater Group, including Councilmember Tony Cardenas to utilize volunteer labor to complete the floor project.

**County Road Work in Area:**

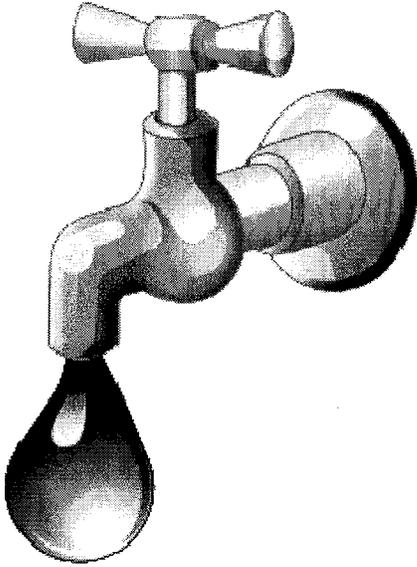
We received word from the County Public Works Department that they'd be completing bridge work on Kirkwood Rd on Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> and on Columbia Avenue on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, the County is planning some chip seal overlay work on South Avenue on the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. We have prepared a memo advising of this scheduled work and posted it on the City website.

**Water Conservation:**

The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted some Emergency Water Conservation regulations that are to be implemented on or about August 1, 2014. The regulations prohibit using water to clean hardscapes like sidewalks and driveways, applying irrigation water to other non-irrigated areas, washing vehicles without a shutoff nozzle on a hose, using potable water in a fountain (except recirculating water). The regs. also require that we limit outdoor irrigation to not more than twice a week. We have summarized the regulations (attached) and will immediately post these regulations on the City website in both English and Spanish.

**Police Department:****Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 221 calls for service, a total of 39 officer reports were taken and there were 74 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 2 felony and 20 misdemeanor arrests, 30 traffic stops and issued 29 citations of which 3 were infractions, 24 were misdemeanors, and 2 parking during the period of July 16, 2014 – July 23, 2014.



## **City of Corning Drought Advisory & Drought Emergency Water Conservation Measures**

California is currently experiencing a severe drought. The City of Corning utilizes eight water wells to extract groundwater for domestic and commercial use. Groundwater is a limited resource. Wasting water needlessly depletes that resource.

In 1994 the Corning City Council adopted a Water Conservation Program. That program includes four increasingly severe water usage limit “Stages” that can be implemented. On February 11, 2014, the Corning City Council implemented Stage 1. Stage 1 provided notice to all water customers of the need to voluntarily reduce water usage. Stage 2, if implemented, would impose immediate 25% water use reductions to customers, along with fines for overuse. Stages 3 and 4 would further limit water use.

### **Emergency Regulations.**

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the **State Water Resources Control Board** adopted emergency regulations regarding Water Conservation. Those regulations are effective August 1, 2014. A summary of the emergency regulations follows.

*(Note: for the entire text of the regulations, please refer to the following online document:*

*[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/resolutions/2014/rs2014\\_0038\\_regs.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2014/rs2014_0038_regs.pdf))*

Section 864. Prohibited activities:

- 1) Wasteful application of water to landscapes that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- 2) Washing a motor vehicle, except when using an automatic shut-off nozzle.

- 3) Applying water to driveways or sidewalks.
- 4) Use of water in fountain or another decorative water feature, except when the water is re-circulated.

Persons responsible for such activities are subject to **fine of up to \$500.**

Section 865. Mandatory Actions by Water Suppliers (such as the City of Corning)  
e) each distributor of a public water supply, shall within 30 days:

- 1) Limit outdoor irrigation of landscapes or turf to a maximum of two days per week, or
- 2) Implement another mandatory conservation measure that achieves less water consumption than the amount used in 2013.

### **What this means to Corning Water Customers:**

- Check and repair any landscape irrigation fixtures that overspray onto hardscapes like sidewalks and driveways.
- Utilize automatic shut-off nozzle equipment when washing vehicles.
- Do not clean driveways or sidewalks with sprayed water.
- Discontinue the use of fountains or other decorative water fixtures that do not use re-circulated water.
- Limit irrigation of landscaping to not more than two days per week.

City employees may contact water customers regarding identifiable water leaks or violations of these state implemented regulations. Initially, employees will offer verbal reminders regarding leaks and violations. However, if the violating conditions continue, customers can be cited. If leaks are left unrepaired, City water service may be shut-off.

