



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP   
DATE: MARCH 1, 2013

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### CITY MANAGER'S NOTES:

#### Rodger's Theater Phase 2:

Lance and Rick Jones are continuing to work at the theater. On Tuesday a crew was installing the floor tiles and wall covering in the restrooms. We asked the Community Foundation to provide a check to assist in paying for the project. They quickly provided the funds that we deposited into Fund 130, so that we could pay the first Partial Payment request from Lance Jones Construction.

#### Phase 1 of the new Park:

City Attorney Jody Burgess has weighed in on the "bid challenge" letter presented by a competing bidder. Jody recommends we proceed with the bid award as we'd originally intended. The bid award staff report will be presented on March 12, 2013.

#### Mid-Year Budget Review:

Roy Seiler was in town on Thursday afternoon working with me to prepare the mid-year budget staff report that will be presented at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Solano Streetscape Project:

John Stoufer and I met with Sean Harrasser of the Tehama County Public Works Dept. regarding the National Environmental Policy ACT (NEPA) document that must be prepared and circulated for the streetscape project. Sean is the primary author of the NEPA analysis. The County is performing this task on behalf of the City of Corning. (Kudo's to Sean, his supervisor, Deputy P/W Director for Transit, Barbara O'Keeffe, and County P/W Director Gary Antone.) The issue of construction related impacts to historic buildings once again came up as a potentially significant effect that we could have a responsibility to mitigate. You may recall we originally encountered this issue a few years back (2008). In any event, one method of mitigation could be to limit how close to the buildings we jackhammer and excavate when removing the sidewalk. That could include saw-cutting the sidewalk a foot out from the building and leaving the old sidewalk in place to avoid the vibration and shaking associated with mechanical sidewalk removal. It's not our preferred strategy, but one we might have to live with.

#### Safe Routes to School:

Ed continues to design of the curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements for the Safe Routes to School Project on Fig Lane east of Marguerite Avenue. Ed recommended that we

prepare a letter to the affected property owners along Fig Lane-advising of the upcoming project that we intend to complete between school terms this summer. We prepared and sent the letters out this week.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

#### **Water Fountains:**

The Public Works crews have started to install the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) drinking fountains at the parks. They are currently plumbing the one at Northside Park and will be completely installed on Monday, March 4, 2013.

#### **Potholes:**

The Public Works Crew has been patching streets this week. Colombia Ave. was the main focus but there were numerous other potholes throughout town.

#### **Little League Field:**

The Public Works Crew are installing a parking layout at the little league field. Little League President, Joe Neles came to Public Works asking if we could install a parking layout so parents wouldn't block each other in the parking lot.

#### **Clark Well:**

There are currently some minor mechanical issues at the Clark Well. John Brewer, Patrick Walker and Lee Blaylock met with Kendal Trent with Trent Construction to get these warranty items fixed.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

#### **Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 155 calls for service, a total of 32 officer reports were taken and there were 77 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 10 misdemeanor and 9 felony arrests, 44 traffic stops and issued 17 citations of which 9 were misdemeanors, 2 were felony, 5 were infractions, and 1 was a parking ticket during the period of February 20 – February 27, 2013.