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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

FROM: **CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP** JB

DATE: **MARCH 28, 2014**

SCHEDULES:

May 28th – June 3rd: City Clerk/Adm. Assist. Lisa Linnet will be out of town to attend a family wedding.

April 4th: Corning Senior Center's 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (I have already RSVP's for the Mayor, Councilwoman Smith and the City Manager.)

CITY MANAGER:

Southwest Quadrant Water Extension:

We received a copy of a letter sent to the contaminated well owners by Broadbent Engineers, on behalf of Pilot Truckstops. You may recall that Pilot is responsible for remediating the contaminated groundwater that affects six properties in the unincorporated area northeast of the Truckstops. The properties currently have filtration systems on their water wells that are maintained by Pilot. The Regional Water Quality Control Board seeks a more permanent solution that would include extension of the City's Water System to serve those properties. The letter seeks owners' preferences regarding options for connection.

Transportation Center Repairs:

The stucco replacement is now complete. What now remains is replacement of light covers, cleaning of soot, repainting, roof gutter, tile replacement and repainting.

Meeting with 3CORE:

Mayor Gary Strack, Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Planning Consultant John Stoufer and I met with Mark Nemanic and Courtney Farrel of 3CORE in Chico to discuss funding source opportunities for the Theater Restoration Project. They seemed confident that the project could qualify for Tax Credit funding. They were going to do some research and will report back to us regarding their findings.

Rolling Hills Equestrian Center:

Mayor Strack, Police Chief Don Atkins and I were guests of Council Member Tony Cardenas at the March 26th meeting of the Corning Rotary Club. The guest speaker was Mandy Staley who is the Manager of the Equestrian Center. She told us about the importance of the arena surface and how the surface was modified for the different horse events. She provided a schedule showing 20 plus equestrian events that she currently has scheduled for the facility in 2014. The events have far-reaching positive effects for our local economy as they bring people here for multi-day events. The contestants and spectators stay in local motels, buy meals, fuel and visit shops here. The Equestrian Center is a terrific visitor attraction for our community.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Northside Park:

The Corning Chamber of Commerce had notified the City that they would like to repaint the backboard sign of the bleachers at Northside Park. The Chamber has hired McDaniel's sign to complete the task. **CORRECTION: Corning Rotary notified the City that they would like to repaint the backboard sign of the bleachers at Northside Park and they, not the Chamber of Commerce, have hired McDaniel's Sign's to complete the task.**

Martini Plaza:

The Insurance Agency has received the estimates for the damage to the restrooms and wall at Martini Plaza from the Adjuster. The City has not yet received an answer as to what will be covered under our insurance policy. In the interim, Martini Plaza will continue to be closed until we can repair the damage caused by the fire.

Corning Community Park Phase II:

On Thursday City Engineer Ed Anderson, Public Works Director Patrick Walker, Planning Consultant John Stoufer, Landscape Architect Tom Phelps and I met at City Hall to review the plans for Phase II of the Corning Community Park. Ed Anderson and Tom Phelps will finalize some revisions for review prior to the project bid being advertised.

Water Leak:

Public Works will be working on a water leak on the 1300 block of Fig Lane. The work to repair the leak will start when the USA (Underground Service Alert) for the utilities clears. This normally takes about 48 hours for the other utilities to mark their locations in the vicinity of the water leak.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 167 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 104 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 12 misdemeanor and 1 felony arrests, 62 traffic stops and issued 30 citations of which 0 was a felony, 24 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, and 1 was animal-related during the period of March 19 through March 26, 2014.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Training:

Corning Volunteer Fire Department will participate today (Friday, March 28th) in a Multi-Agency full scale training exercise at the Cottonwood Scale Facility. This training will consist of a simulated large scale chemical release that will impact public health and safety.

Participating Agencies consist of: Tehama, Shasta and Glenn County Public Health, Shasta Regional Medical Center, Saint Elizabeth Community Hospital, Tehama and Glenn County Sheriff Departments, Cal-Fire, Willows Fire, Enloe Medical Center, the California Highway Patrol, the Shasta Cascade Hazardous Material Response Team and others from the North State.

This multi-agency training not only provides an opportunity for learning, but is also a great opportunity to network and interact with neighboring agencies.

Business Fire Safety Inspections:

Mayor Strack inquired about inspections of City businesses in light of the recent fire at the Adman business on Solano Street. In response, as the City's Fire Chief, I try to visit and inspect high hazard businesses at least once a year. As a standard City practice, the Fire Chief, Planning Director/Consultant and Building Official all review and discuss all new business licenses/building permits prior to issuance of the required Certificate of Occupancy. This Certificate is required prior to business opening.

Weed Abatement Inspections:

The Fire Chief and Volunteers are making the rounds getting ready for weed abatement season and they believe fire season will come early this year after looking at the seasonal grass growth.