# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

**DATE:** MARCH 30, 2012

**FURLOUGH DAYS:**

| April: | May: | June: |
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| Friday, April 6th | Friday, May 4th | Friday, June 1st |
| Friday, April 20th | Friday, May 18th | Friday, June 15th |
| | | Friday, June 29th |

**HOLIDAYS:**
**Monday, May 28th**

**SCHEDULES:**

**John Brewer:** Out of the office April 18th thru 21st (John will designate an "Acting" City Manager during his absence at a later date).

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Airport Consultant Process:**
We received three responses to our RFQ (Requests for Qualifications) for airport consulting services. We've just begun reviewing the responses and will be making a recommendation for selection to the City Council at one of the April meetings.

**Potential Solar Land Leases:**
Prior to Tuesday's Council Meeting, John met with Bill Brick of EcoPlexus and Assistant City Attorney Jody Burgess to discuss some details of the proposed Lease Option documents. John will be working closely with Jody to ensure that the final documents include the textual changes we discussed and were presented and approved at the Council meeting.

**Bell Carter Water Use Reduction:**
Bell Carter is currently installing equipment that will cool their retort water. According to Operations Manager Ron Kerr, once completed they will be able to recycle the cooled water and reuse it instead of discharging it to Jewitt Creek. As a result, they expect they'll reduce their water use by about 50,000,000 gallons per year. The cooling equipment is to be up and running by June of this year.

Based on our cost of $1.25/1000 gallons (rate beginning April 1, 2012), we believe that loss in water sales will amount to about $62,500/yr. We've passed this information onto Mr. Kimbrough to include in our budget planning for FY 2012-2013.

**Capital Improvement Plans:**
We've revised our schedule and now intend to present Public Works, Fire and Police Departments Capital Improvement Plans at the May 8th City Council meeting.

## PUBLIC WORKS (P/W's) DEPARTMENT:

**Infrastructure Planning and Funding Seminar:**

Pat Walker and I will be attending a class presented by the California Rural Water Association regarding planning and financing of infrastructure on Thursday morning in Colusa.

**Corning Youth Bowlers Carnival:**

The Corning Youth Bowlers will be staging their annual Carnival Event at Northside Park on Saturday, April 7th, from 10:00 am to 4: pm.

**Safe Routes to School-Cycle 10:**

Ed Anderson and Dawn Grine completed the SR2S application. Patrick took a terrific photo showing Centennial High School kids walking down the street to bolster our application. Dawn put it in the mail to Caltrans Redding office on Tuesday. She'd confirmed that Caltrans would accept applications postmarked before the closure date (March 31st).

**Blackburn Avenue Grant:**

John Stoufer, Vice Mayor John Leach and I went to Sacramento last Thursday to meet with the State Department of Housing & Community Development (H & CD) to discuss our concerns with the Blackburn Avenue Grant & Project. Our Grants Consultant JoAnn Anders met us there. It was a very good meeting with H & CD folks.

We ran an idea by them and they seemed supportive. JoAnn came up with the idea and we thought it was a good one. The current $800,000 grant is tied to the production of 12 Single Family residential (SFR) units positioned along the south & west edges of Salado Orchard Phase 2. We asked if we could transfer that requirement from the 12 SFR's that we are unable to get constructed to the 24 Multi-Family residential (MFR) units that Caleb Roope (Salado Orchard Apt. Developer) plans to construct in three 8-plexes that'll be built in Phase 2? The H & CD folks liked the idea. We now need to make sure Caleb's on-board (we have tentative concurrence) and then present that plan to the State. Once we present a legitimate plan, they'll then respond positively in writing and give us a time extension. There was some other suggestions regarding rental vs. ownership SFR's, but the important information is the potential transfer of the conditions from SFR's to MFR's.

We're pretty happy with outcome of the meeting. On Monday, John Stoufer & I met with JoAnn here in Corning to follow up. We asked JoAnn to schedule a conference call meeting with Caleb so that we can move the project forward with H & CD.

Because of the grant funding requirements and the uncertainties of the housing market, this process has been a series of frustrating starts and stops. Now that we have some news to report, I will prepare and send a letter to the adjacent owners.

**May Madness Car Show Scheduled:**

The May Madness Car Show is scheduled for May 4th and 5th this year. We will gear up for the events with our regular preparation for the Burn-outs, Friday Night Cruise, Show & Shine, etc.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT:

**Police Dispatcher/Clerk Testing:**

The Police Department will hold oral interviews this Friday for two dispatcher/clerk positions.

**Background Process for Vacant Police Officer Position:**

The Police Department has started the background process for the vacant Police Officer position.

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 138 calls for service, a total of 36 officer reports were taken and there were 141 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 16 misdemeanor and 0 felony arrests, 59 traffic stops and issued 22 traffic citations during the period of March 21-28, 2012.