



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2014

HOLIDAYS:

November 27th & 28th: City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. City Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 1st.

December 12th: The Christmas Party for Council and Employees (and families) is tentatively scheduled for this date. A definitive confirmation of this date and time will be provided by November 26th.

December 25th & 26th: City Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holiday. City Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 29th.

January 1st: City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day. City offices will reopen for business on Friday, January 2nd.

EVENTS:

Special City Council Meeting: December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. to issue Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

CITY MANAGER:

League of California Cities Council Members Academy:

The League is offering their "2015 New Mayor and Council Members Academy" training in Sacramento on January 14th through the 16th. The purpose of the Academy is to acquaint new Mayors and Council Members to the intricacies of local government. We have limited funds available for tuition and lodging if anyone is interested in attending. If you are, please contact Lisa as soon as possible so that she can make the arrangements.

Planning Commission Meeting:

I attended the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday night. The Commission was discussing alternative housing policies, locations and alternatives that are to be included in the General Plan Land Use Element. Recently implemented State Law limits the City's discretion relative to transitional housing, homeless shelters and the like. We discussed potential General Plan implementation measures and alternative zoning options that would retain City discretion regarding location, operational characteristics, appearance, etc.

John Stoufer and I then met with Eihnard Diaz, the Consultant preparing the General Plan Update on Wednesday to relay the info.

Meeting with Echelon:

John Stoufer, Pat Walker and I met with representatives of Echelon Transportation Group on Monday in a "Kick-off" meeting for the preparation of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. We may be staging a joint meeting of the City Council, Planning Commission and Recreation Commission in January to introduce Echelon to the community. They will be advertising and conducting a number of Public Outreach meetings to determine community needs and identify stakeholders.

Employee Evaluation Form:

I am not satisfied with the existing Employee Evaluation form template, particularly with respect to Management Staff. I asked Mike Fitzpatrick if he knew of a resource for other evaluation templates. Mike has made some inquiries and provided one template from another Northern California City that has some potential. We'll wait to see if we get additional responses before selecting a new template.

PUBLIC WORKS:**Leaf Pickup:**

With the rain starting earlier this year, Public Works has started picking up leaves. Normally they will pick up leaves on Tuesday's and Thursday's and only as time allows. There could be other days of leave pick up if work schedules allow.

Streambed Cleaning:

Salt Creek Conservation Crews have been burning piles of Arundo (bamboo) throughout the City. These burn piles consisted of Arundo and other vegetation removed from City streambeds and drainages at the end of summer. Rain was needed to allow them to burn the piles. This vegetation removal allows more volume of storm water to run into the streambed and no additional debris to clog downstream flows.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 183 calls for service, a total of 23 officer reports were taken and there were 49 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 4 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 22 traffic stops and issued 6 citations of which 0 were felony, 3 were misdemeanors, 2 were infractions and 1 was parking-related during the period of November 12 through November 19, 2014.