



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2013

CITY MANAGER:

Homecoming Parade – Friday, October 25th:

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25th; this year's theme is "Cards Go for the Gold". As in the past, and in response to a request from CUHS Principal Charlie Troughton), the Police Department, Police Cadets and Public Works will again assist with crowd control and street and no parking barricades. The parade will begin on Solano St. at Third St. heading west to Toomes and Solano where it will disband. The float procession will set up mostly on Marin Street.

Wood Waste Facility:

We have been awaiting the delivery CalRecycle's report on soil samples and results prior to getting our work plan prepared for soil and water sampling at the former Wood Waste Facility on Carona Avenue. I sent an email this week checking up on the progress and was told their Consultant is currently over burdened with work. This could put the timely preparation and delivery of our work plan to the Department of Toxic Substance Control, which is currently due on Nov. 1st at risk.

Festival of Lights Parade:

As you know, the Chamber of Commerce stages the annual Festival of Lights Parade that is the kick-off for the Christmas Season. I spoke with Frank Amaral of the Stony Creek Muzzle Loaders prior to my vacation. He inquired about the group participating in the parade with a float and firing of the muzzle-loading rifles. At that time I asked him to provide a written description of what they proposed. He brought in a letter describing the details of what they propose. It included stopping and firing into the air about 5 or 6 times during the parade route. No metal projectiles would be discharged-essentially "blank" loads would be fired by adults.

I spoke with Valanne Cardenas of the Chamber of Commerce since they sponsor the event. She said they'd referred Frank to the City to address the weapons issue. She also said that the Chamber had asked a group not to discharge weapons at a previous Olive Festival parade. I spoke with her about the parade which is staged at night. We wondered if the loud discharge of muzzle loading rifles would be harmonious with the parade event, which naturally attracts youngsters who might be alarmed or startled by the firings, not to mention any animals (horses, etc.) that might be participating.

We later discussed the matter at our weekly staff meeting on Wednesday, and found that there is a City Ordinance (codified as CMC Sec. 9.16) that prohibits the discharge of weapons in the City. The only exceptions to the Ordinance are for police officers, property defense or at a small arms rifle range. I called Frank and told him about the Ordinance. He was naturally disappointed.

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Park Grand Opening:

We've been working on a program for the Grand Opening of the Park-scheduled for Saturday October 19th at 10:00 a.m. John Stoufer and John Richards of the Corning Bike & Skatepark Association have been collecting donations to fund the activities.

Occupation without Water Service:

From time to time we become aware of residents who have no water service due to non-payment. Occupying a dwelling without potable water constitutes a health and safety hazard that is punishable by citation. However, our experience is that issuing citations in these circumstances does little to resolve the matter. We discussed just such an issue at our management staff meeting on Wednesday. Instead of seeking a (negative) punitive solution, we've decided to attempt to make direct contact with an owner/resident on Link Street in order to see if we can identify that person's specific problems. Once identified, possibly we can then find a service provider or organization that could help the owner restore water service. Terry Hoofard is contacting that property owner.

Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Plan Grant:

We received word from Caltrans that we've been awarded a Grant for the preparation of a Bike and d Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Plan. We had recently applied for \$76,500 grant. However, it looks like we'll receive nearly twice that amount (\$150,000). The grant does require a 10% City cash match. So the near doubling of the grant amount will require a doubling of our match. John Stoufer and I are looking into the details of the "Conditions of Award" before we present the matter for your consideration/approval. We might be able to use some funds to complete a comprehensive "wayfinding sign" program as part of the pedestrian transportation improvement plan.

Development Impact Fees Update:

We're finishing up our paperwork for the Development Impact Fee Update and intend to present the information to the Council at the first November City Council meeting.

CITY CLERK:

Sunset Hill Cemetery Dedication Ceremony:

Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. the Sunset Hill Cemetery Board of Directors will hold a dedication ceremony for the newly renovated baby section. The ceremony will take place at Sunset Hill Cemetery, 4470 Oren Avenue, Corning.

League of CA Cities 2013 Legislative Briefing (Information Attached):

The League of CA Cities will present the "2013 Legislative Briefing" (see attached) on Monday, November 4th at Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding from 1 – 4 p.m. For those interested and unable to attend on November 4th, a Webinar addressing the above issues is scheduled for November 6th from 9:30 – 11 a.m. City Council Members interested in attending or in utilizing the webinar, please contact Lisa Linnet (824-7033) **no later than October 28th**.

14th Annual Northstate Economic Forecast Conference (Agenda Attached):

The Conference is on January 16, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gold Country Event Center, 4020 Olive Hwy., Oroville, CA 95966. Councilmembers/City Staff contact City Clerk Lisa Linnet at 824-7033 prior to December 1, 2013 if you are interested in attending this conference.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Corning Community Park:

The hydro-seeding for Phase I was completed on Wednesday. There were two types of hydro-seed placed. The first was placed in an irrigated lawn area; the second was seeded to prevent erosion in an area of bare dirt that will not be irrigated. The Contractor is completing the remaining small contract items, including cleanup to ensure we will be ready for the Park's Grand Opening scheduled for Saturday, October 19th.

Butte St. Water Tower:

Inland Potable Water Services will be in Corning on Sunday afternoon to inspect the inside of the City's Water Tower. They will enter and inspect the storage tank with dive equipment and report back to the City with their findings.

Corning Youth Soccer:

On Monday, Gary Strack and Patrick Walker met with a representative from Corning Youth Soccer. We showed him the preliminary plans for Phase II of the new Park. He seemed to be pleased with the proposal. He also requested the closure of Fig Lane from Fig Street to Pear Street for their year-end soccer tournament to be held this Saturday, October 11th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. They will be utilizing the fields at Olive View and Maywood Middle Schools for their tournament.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Corning Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Improvement Plan:

The City has received notice from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation that the City has been awarded a 2013-2014 Community Based Transportation Planning Grant for the development of a Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan. In the original grant application it was estimated that a plan of this nature would cost approximately \$76,500 with which the City would have to come up with a 10% match or \$7,650.

In the award letter from Caltrans it states that the project is under budget and the estimated cost is not enough funds to complete the grant work, and conduct proper outreach. Caltrans states that "it has been determined that this is a worthy project to fund" and increased the grant award amount to \$150,000 which will increase the 10% match amount to \$15,000.

Conditions of award were identified in the letter that must be met by Monday, October 25, 2013. If these conditions are not met by this date Caltrans has the right to rescind the grant award. John Stoufer and I are looking into the details of the "Conditions of Award" before we present the matter for your consideration/approval. We might be able to use some funds to complete a comprehensive "wayfinding sign" program as part of the pedestrian transportation improvement plan.

Once it has been determined that all conditions have been satisfied the contract process can begin. John Stoufer and Eihnard Diaz are working on making the revisions to the application and meeting the conditions of award. Once this process is completed and the contract from Caltrans is presented to the City, Staff will bring it to the Council to determine if the City wants to allocate the funds and move forward with the plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 174 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 92 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 12 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests, 43 traffic stops and issued 23 citations of which 3 were felony, 10 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, and 5 were parking during the period of October 2, 2013 through October 9, 2013.

Community:

A reminder that the Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program on October 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Corning Police Department.

2013 Legislative Briefing

In Person – Monday, November 4
(Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding)
Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Webinar – Wednesday, November 6
Time: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Please join the League for the 2013 Legislative Briefing. There will be two opportunities to attend; in-person at Redding City Hall, or online via webinar.

During this year's Legislative Briefing, League lobbyists will be discussing the new laws that were adopted in the 2013 legislative year, with an emphasis on laws of most interest to cities. League lobbyists will also share their perspective on coming issues for 2014, including efforts to increase transportation funding, lower local voter thresholds, the water bond, medical marijuana, labor and human resources and post-RDA infrastructure and development tools.

Member and League Partner registration fee is **\$25***.
The cost for non-member city participants is \$325 per person for the in-person Legislative Briefing and \$125 per city for the Webinar.

Please register for the **in-person** event at www.cacities.org/events by
12:00 p.m., Friday, November 1

Please register for the **WEBINAR** at www.cacities.org/events by
12:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact Megan Dunn at mdunn@cacities.org.
For all other questions, please contact Meg Desmond at mdesmond@cacities.org.

**One connection per city or partner, please.*



Healthy Time to Grow

The Center for Economic Development is proud to announce that the theme of the 14th Annual Northstate Economic Forecast Conference will be "Healthy Time to Grow." It will focus on health care as an emerging opportunity for economic growth in the North valley. The conference will examine our region's ability to leverage healthcare and other assets, as well its various prescriptions for economic growth in the upcoming year.

The conference will take place on **January 16, 2014** at the Gold Country Event center.

In addition to the main session, this year's conference will include:

- Hot breakfast (Registration and Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.)
- General Session – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Lunch – 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Afternoon break-out sessions – 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- A networking reception – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- A trade show

Last year's conference recorded over 500 attendees. With that number increasing each year, this event has become an excellent networking opportunity on top of providing invaluable insight for businesses and organizations of all types.

Speakers this year include:

- John Chiang, State Controller
- Dr. Robert Eyley, Sonoma State University
- Robert J. Wentz, President & CEO, Oroville Hospital
- Ana Varona, Wellness Coordinator, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.
- Micah Weinberg, Senior Policy Advisor to the Bay Area Council

**Healthy Time to Grow
Prescription for Economic Growth
Leveraging our Healthcare and Other Assets**



The 2014 Economic Forecast Conference will provide an in-depth and candid look at where the national, state and North Valley economies are heading in the near and long-term future. Expanded and improved to give you the critical information needed for successful business, community and strategic planning.

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Regional Welcome

Dan Ripke , Director, Center for Economic Development



The Northstate Economy

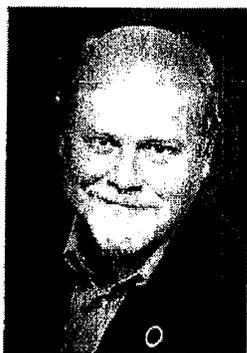
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The California Economy

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**Worksite Wellness Case Study: Health Risk
and Health Care Cost Reductions at the
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.**

Ana Varona , Wellness Coordinator, Sierra
Nevada Brewing Co.

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