



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP**  
**DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2014**

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### EVENTS:

#### **Elections:**

Elections are Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Polls open are open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., be sure to get out there and vote.

### CITY MANAGER:

#### **Solano Streetscape Plan:**

I sent an email to Matt Fryer of Waste Management seeking his input regarding the trash containers that we include in the Streetscape Plans and Specifications. Waste Management will continue to empty the containers, so it's important that they agree to the style so it doesn't impede their emptying method.

#### **California Federation of Woman's Clubs:**

I presented a "Welcome to Corning" message to the California Federation of Woman's Club members at their meeting on Saturday at the Senior Center.

#### **Park Phase 2:**

We are contacting the State Parks Staff to confirm at what point we can have them inspect the Park for completion and return of the retention funds.

#### **City Hall Carpeting**

The Towne Carpet folks are scheduled to be in town on Saturday to start installing the new carpet at City Hall. The first weekend they plan to complete the City Hall Administration reception and Finance areas. The following weekend they'll complete the adjacent offices.

#### **Martini Plaza Fire Repairs:**

We asked City Engineer Ed Anderson to review the replacement wall at Martini Plaza to see if additional bracing should be included to limit deflection due to wind loading. Our primary concern is the effect of wind from the east or west-perpendicular to the wall. The bracing to address those winds cannot be addressed by lateral bracing. Instead, if necessary it could be added after the wall is complete as "buttress" type (east-west oriented) supports.

#### **Rotary Youth Basketball Program:**

The Corning Rotary Club sponsors the annual Youth Basketball Program for boys and girls ages 6 through 13. Last year there were 131 participants.

Phil Mishoe initiated and coordinated this program that operates on Saturdays throughout January and February however he has informed us that he can no longer serve in that role. He has sought a replacement but has found no one willing to assume this role as a volunteer. He's suggested we provide a \$1,000 season stipend for the work. Phil has informed me that CUHS Teacher Evan White was interested in taking over the Coordinator role should a stipend be approved. Mr. White is well known in the Community, has a recreation degree and considerable (and successful) experience with youth sports. We have spoken with Mr. White and verified his interest and willingness to fill the role as Coordinator for the 2015 season. We think he'll be a good fit to continue this important program. His duties as the Coordinator will include identifying and scheduling coaches and referees, scheduling games, coordinating with City Staff/Parents of program participant's, and providing refreshments.

I spoke with Councilman/Rotarian Tony Cardenas regarding the need for securing a Coordinator. Tony responded quickly by providing a \$2,000 check from Corning Rotary to the City the following day for continuation of the Program. Those funds, combined with the participant fees the City collects will fund the Program for at least one year, perhaps more, without additional contributions from City funds. We will continue to support the Program by collecting participant fees at City Hall.

**Sale of Sixth Street Property:**

We received the check (\$7,000) for the payment of the excess City property at 939 Sixth Street. The funds were deposited in the Fire Department Capital Replacement Fund (076).

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**TRAX Stop and Light Pole:**

This last week a vehicle hit the light pole and the TRAX Bus Stop on Solano Street just west of the SAVEMOR grocery store. PG&E has been notified to have the pole replaced, a new TRAX sign has been installed and small repairs to the Bus Stop have been completed.

**Corning Community Park:**

Phase II of the Park is now hydro-seeded. With some good weather in between the small rains forecasted, we should see some grass sprouting within the next 10 days. We have ordered some temporary "Keep off the Grass" signs that we'll post while the grass is germinating and until it is mature enough to sustain foot traffic and play activities.

Additional rubberized bark was delivered to the Park this week that'll be used as "mulch" for some landscaped areas; this is scheduled to be placed around the Park today. We'll see if the weather cooperates with us.

**Martini Plaza:**

Trent Construction is almost ready to place stucco on the rebuilt wall. There are some small touch-up places on the Restroom Building that need to be prepped prior to the first stucco application.

**Leaf Pickup:**

Public Works Maintenance Crews are scheduled to start picking up leaves at the end of November. We will have an advertisement in the paper this next Wednesday. If residents do place their leaves out in the street before this is scheduled we ask that they place the leaves 2ft away from the gutter so leaves will not plug the drains when raining. Only leaves will be taken, no trimmings, brush or branches will be picked up.

**Verizon Tower Installation at Clark Park:**

Verizon's Contractor has begun installing the electrical from the front of Fig Street to the Tennis Courts in preparations for construction of their communications building.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 183 calls for service, a total of 33 officer reports were taken and there were 49 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 12 misdemeanor and 4 felony arrests, 23 traffic stops and issued 13 citations of which 1 was felony, 8 were misdemeanors, 3 were infractions, 1 was animal-related during the period of October 22 through October 29, 2014.