



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER JOHN L. BREWER, AICP
DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

FURLOUGH DAYS:

October:

Friday, October 5th
Friday, October 19th

November:

Friday, November 2nd
Friday, November 16th
Friday, November 30th

December:

Friday, December 14th
Friday, December 28th

HOLIDAYS:

November 12th (Monday) – Veterans Day

November 22 & 23rd (Thursday & Friday) - Thanksgiving Day and post-Thanksgiving Day

December 24th & 25th (Monday & Tuesday) –Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

January 1st (Tuesday) – New Year's Eve

City Manager's Notes:

Flu Shots at City Hall:

Flu Shots will be offered at City Hall on Thursday October 25th between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The shots will be free for City staff and Councilmembers and available for nominal fee for their families. October 17th, 7pm till 8pm the shots will also be offered at the Fire Dept. More specific info will follow as that date nears.

Supervisor George Russell Memorial:

Mayor Gary Strack and I attended the informal service for Supervisor George Russell that was conducted on the steps of the County Courthouse on Thursday at 12:15. It was a pleasant event with many in attendance. Mr. Russell was obviously well admired.

Homecoming Parade:

The High School Homecoming is scheduled for October 12th. The Homecoming Parade is to start at 3:30. I spoke with Principal Charlie Troughton on Tuesday about staging the Parade on Marin Street instead of Yolo Street where it has customarily occurred, since the staging floats and vehicles often conflicts with the traffic and pedestrians around the Post Office. We will discuss this option at next week's staff meeting on Wednesday morning.

1791 Colusa Street:

Sara Beck and others are occupying the residence at 1791 Colusa Street. They wish to establish water service but are unable to provide evidence that they're legally entitled to be there, such as a deed or rental agreement. Ms. Beck admits they are occupying the property thru a process called "adverse possession". You might be more familiar with the terms "squatting" or "squatter".

We have spoken with the daughter of the owners (Mr. & Mrs. Parker) listed on the assessment roll, who are now both deceased. She confirms that Ms. Beck is not authorized to be on the premises. In light of the circumstances and at the advice of our Attorney, we have declined to provide the service.

Ms. Beck has attended at least two City Council meeting intending to speak at the Public Comment Section. However, in that forum she is nervous and unable to speak. For that reason, the Mayor and City Councilmember Dickison advised her to present the written information.

I won't bother providing all the details in this "Friday Notes" forum. For now, we are forwarding information that Ms. Beck provided to City Councilmember Darlene Dickison for Council review.

Assistant City Attorney Jody Burgess has advised to agendize this matter for your consideration at the October 9th meeting.

Annual Airport Inspection:

Caltrans Aeronautics Division recently completed an inspection of our airport. They followed up the inspection with a letter describing their findings. I responded to their letter and will present that information to the Airport Commission on Monday October 1st. The primary issue is a row of cottonwood trees located northwest of the north end of the runway. Caltrans believes them to be an "obstruction" and wants us to trim the obstructing trees. I will say the trees present more of a problem since the runway was relocated 900 feet northerly. Frankly it would be simpler to just remove the trees instead of trimming them.

I spoke with Ron Biaocco, our representative at FAA about acquiring funds to pay for the tree removal. Ron said we could request the funding, however, federal funding would likely necessitate compliance with federal environmental law (NEPA). We all know how lengthy and complicated that process can be. So, while we haven't completely ruled FAA funding out, the most efficient strategy might be just to use our own Public Works staff to remove the trees-with City funds.

Public Works Director Replacement:

The promotional application submittal period has now closed. We have one applicant, Assistant Public Works Director Patrick Walker. We will schedule a professional interview panel for late October.

Public Works Director's Notes:**Rodger's Theater Plans:**

Tony Cardenas received word from the McConnell Foundation that our grant has been extended to March of 2013. With those funds, and other revenues committed in this year's

budget, we have about \$40,000 to expend on Phase 2. The Engineer's estimate for the restoration of the restrooms is nearly \$50,000. However, in this economic climate we're finding that contractors are often "sharpening their pencils" to be more competitive and providing lower bids.

Jody Burgess has nearly completed his review and modification of the contract document that'll accompany the bid packets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol: In addition to responding to 184 calls for service, a total of 36 officer reports were taken and there were 82 officer-initiated incidents. Officers made 9 misdemeanor and 4 felony arrests, 40 traffic stops and issued 19 citations of which 9 were infractions, 10 were misdemeanors during the period of September 19-September 26, 2012.

Personnel: The Police Department is continuing to accept applications for a Dispatcher/Clerk.

Community: The Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and/or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs. You may bring medications for disposal to Corning Police Department, 774 Third Street on **Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Service Calls:

Call volume for the City of Corning Fire Department for September has been 67 calls for service, Orland Fire 60 calls for service and Capay Fire 1 call for service.

Training:

Training this month has consisted of hose testing which is a yearly test to make sure all hose will withstand rated pressure. The test consists of static pressure check of 300 PSI for 3 minutes. We test all hose including the 5" which each section contains about 145 gallons of water and weighs 1,180 lbs. It is a task to handle this and the volunteers jump in and get this done.

Corning Fire was asked to participate in a training video being made in the North State. It is a group effort with Cal-Fire and FEMA to train emergency managers on how to handle large complex emergencies on a Type 1 response team. The video was in part shot at Rolling Hills Casino and with their help to get our Aerial it only seemed fitting to have the Truck in the foreground. This training video will be used nationwide and will be a tremendous resource. Corning Fire was proud to play a small part.

Comments:

Fire season is still upon us. Let's all work together to be safe until we get some wetting rains. (hopefully soon)