



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
DATE: JANUARY 5, 2018

Holidays:

City Hall, Finance and the Corporation Yard will be closed on January 15, 2017 in commemoration of Martin Luther King Day.

CITY MANAGER:

General Fund Budget:

A mid-year budget update will be given to the Council at the January 23rd City Council Meeting. Overall, revenues look good. We are experiencing a reduction in sales tax revenue as a result of the Pilot Truck Stop in **Orland**. Fortunately, this reduction is being offset by an increase in sales tax from auto sales.

Waste Management Franchise Hauling Agreement Negotiations:

I met with Waste Management on Friday December 29th to further negotiate an extension to the Agreement. They were supposed to propose means to increase recycling within the City of Corning. They proposed two options neither of which was acceptable. These options are:

Option 1: Provide a staff person 10 hours per week to conduct recycling outreach at an annual cost of \$58,000; or

Option 2: Reduce garbage carts from 96 gallons to 64 gallons in size, keep recycling carts the same unless the resident calls and requests a second cart.

Option 2 would cost all residents an additional cost of \$2.51 per month regardless of whether they called and ordered a second cart. Corning has the lowest recycling rates in the County of Tehama, even less than the unincorporated County where blue roll out recycling carts are not included in service. I am awaiting another proposal in the next week.

Fire Engine Financing:

The financing of the fire engine with Banner Bank did not close before the end of the calendar year as hoped. This will increase the cost of financing, no matter which lender we choose. We are proceeding with Banner Bank and intend to close in the next few weeks.

2018 Food Truck Tuesday Events:

City intern, Megan Villalobos is organizing the 2018 Food Truck Tuesday events that are scheduled for April 17th, June 5th, August 7th, and September 18th. Scott Chandler of Rolling Hills Casino agreed to organize the music for the events. Many thanks to Rolling Hills Casino for their generous contribution. There will be approximately 6-8 food vendors at each event, music and kids activities.

Feral Cat Program:

Staff will propose the City contract with Mill Creek Veterinary Hospital in Los Molinos for the spaying and neutering of cats for up to a total cost of \$3,000 through June 30, 2018. Residents will have to agree to trap, spay/neuter, and then rerelease the cat where they found it in order to qualify for the City to fund the cost of spay/neutering. Residents will also be required to transport the cats to/from Mill Creek Veterinary Hospital. If approved by Council the Program will cover the cost of approximately ~66 spay/neuters. The City has traps available for rent.

League of California Cities' City Manager's Meeting:

I will be attending the League of Cities' City Manager's Meeting the week of January 29th. I will be out of the office this Thursday January 4th and January 5th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Crew:

Crewmembers continue citywide leaf pick-up and pothole patching.

Christmas Tree Disposal:

A wood waste bin will be available in front of the City Corporation Yard located at 1106 Butte Street for free disposal of live Christmas Trees only. **All decorations must be removed.** This service will be available December 27th through January 11, 2018.

Palm Tree Pruning:

M&S Wesley Tree Services began Palm Tree pruning at various locations throughout the City on January 3, 2018. They expect to complete the project in about 10 days.

Waterline Project:

The newly installed waterline has passed a pressure test and the Contractor is currently preparing the line for sterilization prior to sampling the waterline for bacteria.

Training Seminar:

Public Works Director Dawn Grine will be attending a Public Contracting Requirements and Competitive Bidding in California course on January 9, 2018 in Sacramento.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 199 calls for service, a total of 39 officer reports were taken and there were 125 officer-initiated incidents, including 49 traffic stops. Officers made 18 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests. Officers issued 24 citations, of which; 18 were misdemeanors, 5 were infractions, and 1 was unclassified during the period of December 27, 2017 through January 3, 2017.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Christmas Baskets and Gifts:

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department delivered 90 Christmas baskets of food and children's gifts for families in need within the City of Corning on December 23, 2017.

Call Volume:

The Department responded to 1,075 emergency calls in 2017.

Safety Reminder:

January is a good time to change smoke detector batteries, consider purchasing a carbon monoxide detector and clean chimneys and flues.