



City of Corning

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THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
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CITY MANAGER:

Food Truck Tuesday August 20th

The next Food Truck Tuesday is scheduled for August 20th. Food Truck Vendors are being finalized and will be announced closer to the event.

First Quarter 2019 Sales Tax Update

On August 6th I met with representatives from Hinderliter de Llamas (HdL), the City's sales tax consultant, to discuss 1st Quarter 2019 sales tax results. Comparisons are difficult due to the State's transition to a new software system causing significant issues with sales tax reporting. As a result of the software issues, many sales tax reporters were not able to report in the correct quarter making some months look high and others low. Unfortunately, this issue persisted over the course of a fiscal year causing year over year comparisons to be even more convoluted. Overall autos and transportation are up 19.7% from the 1st quarter of 2019 as compared to the 1st quarter of 2018. This is largely due to the Camp Fire as statewide Autos and Transportation are only up 2.6%. Overall sales tax is up by approximately \$100,000 from the 1st quarter of 2019 as compared to the 1st quarter of 2018. Again, these figures are difficult to compare due to reporting not occurring in the correct period and the temporary positive sales tax results due to the Camp Fire.

HdL anticipates a recession (two quarters of negative economic growth) to occur in 2021. Economists are anticipating a recession due to the ongoing tariffs and a US Bond yield curve inversion. Essentially, 10-year US Treasury bonds are yielding less than 2 -year short term bonds. Every single recession in the past 45 years has seen a yield curve preceding it by on average 22 months.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Community Events:

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Thursday Night Farmers Market, will be hosting a Community Health, Wellness and Safety Faire on August 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Northside Park. The event will have a live DJ, market vendors, free health screenings, free child fingerprinting and activities for the kids.

Surplus Equipment:

Staff is in the process of taking the Council approved surplus items to Bid Cal in Chico in preparation of the public auction starting on September 14th.

PLANNING AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Recreation:

Shelly from Sweet Swirls will be teaching Corning Recreation Baking Classes this fall.

Planning:

The City issued a Temporary Dwelling Unit Permit to a property located at 1513 Tehama Street. Planning and Building Staff noticed a motor home being lived in on Friday, August 9th. Staff spoke to grounds men who stated he would have the property owner contact us. The Property Owner contacted Staff and let us know the person was a campfire refugee and has been living there since last December. The Property Owner turned in the application and required materials on Monday, August 12th. The Property Owner was told the Ordinance expires in December and the Tenant would need to secure permeant housing by then. The current Tenant is expected to be out of there by Oct 31st, 2019.

Planning Staff submitted the SB 2 Application on Friday, August 9th. HCD has received the Application and it is currently in review.

Planning Staff has begun researching amending our Sign Ordinance to allow off premise signs with a Use Permit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 187 calls for service, a total of 40 officer reports were taken and there were 213 officer-initiated incidents, including 85 traffic stops. Officers made 18 misdemeanor and 6 felony arrests. Officers issued 34 citations, of which; 18 were misdemeanors, 8 were parking, 1 was unclassified, and 7 were infractions during the period of August 7, 2019 through August 14, 2019.

Training:

Officers continue to participate in POST Portal Training and Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Other POST on-line training continues for Patrol and Dispatch personnel.

ABILITY is what you're capable of doing.
MOTIVATION determines what you do.
ATTITUDE determines how well you do it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:**Corning Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 20 calls for service last week; they consisted of 18 medicals, 1 fire, and 1 public service.

Other Dispatched Fire Department Call Volumes:

Orland, Capay, Artois, Bayliss, Glenn Codora, and Ord Bend Volunteer Fire Departments were dispatched to a total of 25 calls for service last week; they were 10 medicals, 8 fires, 6 traffic collisions and 1 public service.

Training:

Training for the Corning Volunteer Fire Department consisted of their monthly Business Meeting.

Health and Safety Fair:

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department will have a booth at the Health and Safety Fair next Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. ant Northside Park during the Farmers Market...hope to see you there.

The Fire Chief wishes to thank all who keep their properties clean. Please be fire safe, check your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.