

THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES



TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
DATE: January 15, 2021

HOLIDAYS: City Hall will be closed to celebrate the work and life of Martin Luther King Jr. on January 25th.

CITY MANAGER:

COVID-19 Updates:

According to Tehama County Public Health, there are currently 1,507 Tehama County residents in isolation. There have been 42 deaths, with 6 deaths occurring in the last 14 days. 15 individuals are currently hospitalized, and one ICU bed is available in Tehama County.

The Governor issued a Stay-at-Home Order for three weeks for those regions that have less than 15% ICU bed capacity. The County of Tehama is in the Northern California Region. While the ICU bed availability for the County of Tehama has been 13% for weeks, the ICU bed availability for the Northern California region is 17.6%. More details can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional>.

Information about the vaccine distribution plan can be found at: <https://www.tehamacohealthservices.net/covid-19-vaccine-information/>. All employees working in Phase I industries can now schedule themselves for a vaccination. All government employees can sign up for a vaccine by emailing covidvaccineappts@tchsa.net. To find out which phase your industry is in please visit: <https://www.tehamacohealthservices.net/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Case rates are increasing, please use public health practices to keep yourself and others safe. Wear face coverings, social distance, and meet outdoors as much as possible.

The kick-off of Community Development Block Grant Round 1 funds (CDBG CV-1) will occur on March 1, 2021. Forgivable loans in the amount of \$30,000 will be available to Tehama County businesses along with microenterprise business assistance. As more information becomes available, I will make it widely known on the City's website, Corning Chamber of Commerce website and various social media pages.

Water Billings Delinquent Account Policy Changes

Last week I reported City staff will be sending out letters for past due accounts recommending they contact the City for payment plan options because they are accruing significant debt that at some point they will have to pay off. The City cannot shut off water right now for lack of payment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have since learned that we can use a portion of the \$281,839 of Community Development Block Grant Rounds 2 and 3 (CDBG CV-2 CV-3) funds to pay utility payments for those impacted by COVID-19. Because this funding source is available, I will be holding off issuing the aforementioned letters. There will be a public hearing to discuss how the CDBG CV-2 CV-3 funds should be allocated on January 26th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Power Outage & Transfer Switch Update:

The manual transfer switch has been ordered and it is anticipated that the Contractor will get it installed at the WWTP by the end of next week. The automatic transfer switch has been ordered and is approximately 13 weeks out before delivery.

Leaf Pick Up:

The Crew will continue leaf pick up as time allows. Leaf piles must not have branches, brush or other debris or they will not be removed. As the wet weather approaches please make sure leaves are not blocking gutters preventing water flow.

Vandalism:

Graffiti on City property throughout the City has increased significantly over the last week. Public Works Staff was been cleaning it up as quickly as possible.

RECREATION/PLANNING DEPARMENTS:**PLANNING:****City Zoning Code Update:**

The Planning Commission will be hearing the Zoning Code update on Tuesday January 19th and making a recommendation to the City Council.

LEAP (Local Early Action Planning) Grant:

The City received notification this week that we have been approved for the LEAP Grant through the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$65,000. This Grant will provide the funding for the following:

1. To create an online platform for development projects and submittal of fees utilizing the IWorQ's Program that will allow Staff to readily see where each project is in the approval process thus avoiding delays; what are the necessary next steps; and understand the history of the proposed developments.
2. Create a checklist and forms for online submittal using a new online platform allowing Developers to submit their applications and plans online; and
3. Update the City's Zoning Map to include a general plan overlay, water and sewer utility data, flood zone information that will allow Developers to quickly access such information as: Zoning, Infrastructure, Conditional Uses, etc.

RECREATION:**Winter Recreation Programs:**

The City's Winter Recreation Program is now open for registration. The City has 14 different class options available. We are having a great registration turnout, we have 72 youth signed up for winter classes so far.

POLICE DEPARMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 150 calls for service, a total of 34 officer reports were taken and there were 129 officer-initiated incidents, including 54 traffic stops. Officers made 16 misdemeanor and 0 felony arrests. Officers issued 27 citations, of which; 17 were misdemeanors, 2 were infractions, 1 was animal and 7 were parking during the period of January 6, 2021 through January 13, 2021.

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.

Notice:

For the health and safety of our Citizens, Officers, Dispatchers, and Staff our lobby will remain closed due to COVID 19. Please use the intercom system at the lobby door if you need our assistance.

Chiefs Note:

Thank you to the City's Public Works Crew for making short work of the tree trimming at the Library and recognizing the Police Departments safety. You are appreciated.

"The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles."