

THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES



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

COVID-19 Updates:

According to Tehama County Public Health, there are currently 1,444 Tehama County residents in isolation or quarantine. There have been 40 deaths, with 6 deaths occurring in the last 14 days. 17 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 is 13%, the ICU bed availability for the Northern California region is 24.4%. More details can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional>.

City of Corning first responders were offered vaccines by Tehama County Public Health this week.

I encourage residents to wear masks, social distance, and meet outdoors as much as possible.

Water Billings Delinquent Account Policy Changes:

As you may be aware, the City is not permitted to shut-off water during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, bad debt has increased significantly. Some residential water customers have accrued past due amounts of \$600 or more. While we cannot shut-off water at this time, customers will be required to pay past due amounts in the future via a payment plan or be subject to a future shut-off. City Staff will be sending out letters for past due accounts recommending they contact the City for payment plan options.

The Community Action Agency has utility payment funding assistance available to assist Tehama County residents financially impacted by COVID-19. The Community Action Agency can be reached by calling 527-6159.

General Fund Budget:

A mid-year budget update will be given to the Council at the February 9th City Council Meeting.

Queen Olive Plaza (formerly Diamond Plaza):

Staff met with Engineers and Staff for the Queen Olive Plaza Development Project on the westside of Interstate 5 at South Avenue on January 6th. It appears the Developers will be pursuing attaching the water and sewer mains to the overcrossing in lieu of boring under Interstate 5.

Upcoming Meetings

I will be attending the virtual Tri-County Economic Forecast Conference on January 14th

I will be attending the virtual League of Cities' City Manager's Meeting February 1, 3, and 5th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Power Outage:

During the transition back to PG&E power from the generator during the power outage on January 4, 2021, it appeared that the transfer switch that automatically makes the switch back and forth burned up. Patterson Electric was called to verify that the plant was operational and that there was no immediate danger to the plant operators. In order to repair/replace the transfer switch, PG&E must de-energize the transfer switch for the electrician to do the work. Patterson Electric has been coordinating with PG&E and this work is currently scheduled to be performed on Friday.

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.

Christmas Tree Disposal:

A wood waste bin is still available in front of the City Corporation Yard located at 1106 Butte Street for free disposal of live Christmas Trees only. Please remove all decorations. This service will continue through January 11, 2021.

Vandalism:

Vandalism has occurred at the Skate Park this past week. City Staff quickly removed all graffiti.

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

The Public Hearing for the Zoning Code Update will be appearing in Saturday's Red Bluff Paper, the Zoning Code Update will be taken to the Planning Commission on January 19th.

Nuisance Ordinance:

Ordinance 695, a Nuisance Ordinance will be presented to the City Council for first reading on January 12th.

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 still seeking an instructor to teach a music class, if you know of anyone please have them contact Chrissy at cmeeds@corning.org or 824-7036.

POLICE DEPARMENT:**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 129 calls for service, a total of 28 officer reports were taken and there were 92 officer-initiated incidents, including 42 traffic stops. Officers made 6 misdemeanor and 5 felony arrests. Officers issued 17 citations, of which; 12 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions, and 1 was parking during the period of December 30, 2020 through January 6, 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.

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.”