



# City of Corning

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## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER**  
**DATE: March 27, 2020**

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### **CITY MANAGER:**

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19):**

The City Council ratified the Declaration of a Local Emergency on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Governor of CA ordered a directive to stay at home on March 19<sup>th</sup>. While we do not have any reported cases in Tehama County yet, the Public Health Officer reported we should assume there are cases.

There is some work being done to house Tehama County homeless at a location in Red Bluff during the COVID-19 emergency. I hope to be able to make an announcement early next week. The City has ordered a port-a-potty, handwashing station, and garbage service for each of the two known encampments in the City of Corning. They should be arriving today. Funding will be reimbursed by Empower Tehama with whom is receiving Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds on behalf of the County from the State of California. A few churches are working together to feed homeless a "to go" lunch and are also offering a handwashing station for the homeless. The cost of providing this service will be reimbursed by Empower Tehama as well.

Signs warning the public that playground equipment is not being disinfected are posted on all City playground equipment.

A letter is being hand delivered to nonessential businesses who continue to operate. Specifically, the California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is ordering all individuals to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, construction, and childcare related to critical infrastructure. Violation of the order is a crime punishable as a misdemeanor and up to \$1,000 fine. City staff were impressed with the number of businesses complying. There are only a handful of non-essential businesses still operating that must close immediately. There may be some confusion about which businesses are deemed essential and which are not. A link to a document that defines essential workers can be found on the City homepage [www.corning.org](http://www.corning.org).

A letter was also drafted thanking those businesses that are complying. This letter will be sent by mail to businesses. The letter also provides information about where assistance is available to businesses experiencing financial hardship. Businesses may also email [llinnet@corning.org](mailto:llinnet@corning.org) for assistance.

Until further notice City Council and Commission meetings will be held via conference call at (351) 999-4082. There is no pin or access code.

Please stay at home. Wash your hand frequently. Avoid touching your face. Call you doctor if you are experiencing symptoms. We will get through this faster if we are all complying. THANK YOU!

**Proposition 47 Cohort 2 Restore Program Meeting:**

The Proposition 47 Cohort 2 Grant implementation team met on March 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss how COVID-19 was affecting their ability to implement the grant. The only significant challenge to date is the Workforce Academy and Summer Jobs Program. Implementing the Workforce Academy will be difficult with social distancing and the inability to do group meetings. With so many businesses closed, the Summer Jobs program will also be difficult to implement, especially if funds cannot be used for businesses that have laid off workers. I will be contacting the Board of State and Community Corrections to discuss these challenges.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

**Building Permit Submittals:**

With City offices closed, Angel (Public Works Administrative Secretary) has been working very closely with iWorQ, (the Company from which the City purchased the software used to process and track Building Permits internally) in implementing the online submittal portion of the software. Accounting Manager Mary Brimm has also been working with Angel to facilitate the online payment portion of this software. We anticipate obtaining a link on our website that will allow online building permit submittals to the public by the end of this week. Staff will also be able to review plans and make comments utilizing this program.

**Staffing:**

The Public Works Staff has continued working to provide essential services to the residents of Corning, while practicing social distancing. Angel has been working from home, answering phone calls that have been forwarded from her desk, responding to emails and performing her standard day to day tasks. Public Works/Engineering Consultant Robin Kampmann has also been working from home on Mondays and Wednesdays answering emails, providing support services to the field staff and working on project specific items. Please reach out to any staff member as we are still working if you need anything.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 125 calls for service, a total of 9 officer reports were taken and there were 35 officer-initiated incidents, including 10 traffic stops. Officers made 1 misdemeanor and 0 felony arrests. Officers issued 4 citations, of which; 4 were parking during the period of March 19, 2020 through March 25, 2020.

**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.

**“Someone else is dreaming about the things you take for granted.”**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Corning Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 18 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 10 medicals, 4 fires and 4 public service.

**The Orland, Capay, Artois, Bayless, Glenn Codora, Ord Bend, and Butte City Volunteer Fire Departments Call Volume:**

The combined total of dispatched incidents for these Departments were 12 last week. These consisted of: 6 medicals, 5 fires, and 1 public service.

**Training:**

Training for the Corning Volunteer Fire Department consisted of Truck 3 Ladder Training and review of proper use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**New Squad No. 7:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department's new squad truck (No. 7) arrived this week. After completion of outfitting, it should be in service next week.

**For everyone's safety, please stay safe and adhere to the current "Shelter in Place" State Mandate!**