



City Improvements

Sanitary sewer cleaning and lining will continue in the city through most of December. Insituform is in charge of this project, which will repair some of the most deteriorated sewers in the city. During this time, 133 sewer service laterals will also be inspected for damage.

This is being paid for by a \$600,000 Michigan Community Development Block Grant with \$650,000 in matching funds from the city. Also included in this grant is the rehabilitation or replacement of over 60 manholes.

Corunna was also awarded a CDBG for \$625,000 to construct a new sewer pump station on Ferry Street. This construction should be completed in mid-2006.

The Corunna Downtown Development Authority has approved plans for Chemical Bank to build a new branch office on Shiawassee Street. Plans include the demolition of the existing Perry Building, replace it with a new building, set back from the sidewalk to provide green space, a drive around and improved traffic visibility.

Along with this project are plans to close N. Brady St., between Mack and Corunna Ave. to provide more parking for downtown businesses and county offices.

Lastly, the new Shiawassee County Readiness Center, replacing the old Owosso Armory, is now under construction on Corunna Ave. The estimated total cost of the project is \$5.1 Million.

Go to www.corunna-mi.gov for information on these and other city projects for 2005-2006.

Cemetery Info on the Web

It is now easier to get access to information about Pine Tree Cemetery. A listing of burials and maps of the cemetery are now on the City of Corunna web site.

Go to www.corunna-mi.gov and click on the Public Works link. Then click on the Pine Tree Cemetery link. There you will find links to the

alphabetical listing and burial locations of interments. Maps of Original Plat, Stowell's East, West Addition, and New East are also offered. The map of New North East and West is still being converted and will be available in the next few months.

To read burial information on the maps, you will need Adobe

Acrobat 7.0 or better. The maps are in very large files, so a high-speed connection is recommended rather than a regular dial-up.

For information, or if you have information for us regarding Pine Tree Cemetery, call Shauna at 743-5040, 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

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CITY CALENDAR

- Holiday Parade of Lights, downtown Corunna, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Festival of Trees, McCurdy Park, Dec. 2-4
- City Christmas Party, Dec. 16, Gigi's
- Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, McCurdy Park, April 15.
- City Garage Sale, McCurdy Park, May 6 & 7.

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Corunna

City residents should be aware that the Emerald Ash Borer, discovered in 2002 in southeastern Michigan and more recently in Shiawassee County, has been found in the city limits of Corunna.

For those not familiar with this problem, the Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle that kills North American green, black, white and blue ash. The mountain ash, which is not a true ash, is not susceptible to the Emerald Ash Borer or EAB.

An ash tree, in McCurdy Park was recently discovered to have an infestation of the borer and was cut down.

Dick Lischefski, from the Michigan State University Extension Office in Corunna has been in close contact with the

professors at MSU who are aggressively working to find treatments and preventions against the borer. Lischefski has the most up to date information on the EAB as well as information regarding a treatment that can be purchased locally. This treatment has shown some promise in treating the ash borer and may prove to be a prevention against an attack.

The city's Forestry Commission is asking city residents to help identify ash trees on their property in order to determine how big the problem could be and to keep residents with ash trees informed as to the latest information on prevention and possible cures.

Please call city hall, at 743-3650, and leave your name, address, and phone number ,as well as how many ash trees are on your property. If you are not sure how to identify an ash tree, an information board is set up in the lobby of city hall with identification tips. You can also call Dick Lischefski, at the MSU Extension Office, 743-2251. If he is not available, leave a message and he will return your call.

Lischefski is also available to come to your home and identify any ash trees, check for EAB infestation, give information on watching for the borer, and give home owners information regarding watching for the borer and treatments.

City Garage Sale

Get your unwanted items ready because we are going to do it again! The Second Annual City Garage Sale is set for May 6 and 7 in the Commercial Building in McCurdy Park.

Last year, the city raised almost \$3,000 to put into the Park Improvement Fund. This fund has been set up to deal with park projects that will need larger amounts of capital , such as repairing the roof of the Commercial Building.

Area residents, friends and family are asked to bring any clean, working, usable item (no clothes) to the Commercial Building on Saturday, April 22 and 29th., between noon and 6 p.m. Home pick-up will also be available for larger items. Additional drop off times will be available by appointment.

Garage Sale Collection
Starts April 22.

Private vendors will be on site to sell their items and booths will be available for those wanting to have their own garage sale at the City Garage Sale.

For more information, call Shauna at 743-5704, and watch area newspapers and the city website for additional information in April.

Christmas Party

The City of Corunna invites area residents to the City Christmas Party Dinner/Dance, Friday, December 16, at GiGi's Banquets and Catering, 3144 E. M-21, in Corunna.

Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar. The dinner buffet starts at 7:00 p.m. with dancing after dinner.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at Corunna City Hall through Monday, December 12.

Dinner is by reservation only. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

During dinner, a slide show is planned showing various city projects and activities that took place during the year. Guests of the city will also be recognized.

Call Janet Washburn at Corunna City Hall, 743-3650, Tuesdays and Thursdays, for more information.

CORUNNA CITY HALL **OFFICE CLOSINGS**

DECEMBER 23 & 26
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 30 &
JANUARY 2
NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Upcoming City Activities

DECEMBER 2005

2nd-Holiday Parade of Lights

Downtown Corunna, starts at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Shiawassee and State St. Parade goes north through town to Mack St. and turns east toward McCurdy Park. For more information, call Sherri Bakos at 723-6609.

2nd-Festival of Trees

McCurdy Park Community Center, 7-9 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

3rd-Breakfast with Santa

McCurdy Park Community Center, 8-11 a.m. Admission \$1.00.

3rd-Festival of Trees

McCurdy Park Community Center, 6-8 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

4th-Festival of Trees

McCurdy Park Community Center, 2-5 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

16th-City Christmas Party

Gigi's Banquet Hall, social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Call Janet Washburn for tickets.

FEBRUARY 2006

18th-Parks and Recreation Pancake Breakfast

8-11 a.m. at the Community Center

MARCH 2006

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8-11 a.m. at the Community Center

APRIL 2006

15th-Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Annual Easter Egg Hunt

McCurdy Park Community Center, 8-10:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. start for Easter Egg Hunt.

22nd-City Garage Sale Drop Off

Noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. McCurdy Park Commercial Building. Call Shauna Bayless at 743-5704 for

more information.

29th-City Garage Sale Drop Off

Noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. McCurdy Park Commercial Building.

MAY 2006

6th-City Garage Sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m., McCurdy Park Commercial Building. Proceeds to Park Improvement Fund.

7th-City Garage Sale 1/2 Price Day

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., McCurdy Park Commercial Building.

20th-Parks and Recreation Pancake Breakfast

8-11 a.m. at the Community Center.

JULY 2006

4th-4th of July Celebration

McCurdy Park, activities all day long. Firecracker Parade at 9 a.m. through downtown Corunna. Fireworks at dusk. Call Angie Fernette at 723-1166 or

Police Reminders

The police department personnel get a lot of questions about what is allowed in the city. Here are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

- Grass and leaves cannot be mowed, raked or blown into any streets or alley. Leaves or clippings can be bagged and emptied in the city drop off lot behind the DPW barn. Please take your bags with you.
- It is the responsibility of the residents and business owners to shovel snow and ice off their city sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow/ice fall.
- Snow and ice cannot be pushed or blown into any street or alley or piled on the right-of-way so cars cannot see around it.
- Pets in any city park must be on a leash. Owners are also responsible for the disposal of the pet's feces, even during the winter months.
- There is no parking on any city street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- No vehicle can block a city sidewalk at any time.
- Vehicles parked on the street must be parked in the same direction as the traffic flow.
- Open burning is allowed in the city limits on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. only. This includes burning in barrels, but not recreational fires.
- For burning on any other day, or for large fires, a burning permit is required. Contact Fire Chief Scott Johnson at 743-6479 at least 48 hours before you need the permit.
- The City of Corunna does not allow curbside pickup of any garbage. Garbage must be collected by refuse companies from next to your house.

Call Corunna P.D., 743-6170, for more information.

CITY OF CORUNNA

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CITY OF CORUNNA

Council meetings are held the first and third

Mondays of each month at city hall, 7 p.m.

- Mayor-Steve Corey743-5482
- First Ward-Charles Spring.....743-9200
- First Ward - Dan Wagner.....743-5344
- Second Ward - Don Mehigh.....743-3302
- Second Ward - Nina Hall.....743-4518
- Third Ward - Arnie Jessen.....743-3652
- Third Ward - Dawn Johnson..... 743-5518
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- City Manager -Joe Sawyer..... 743-3650
- City Clerk /Treasurer - Nichole Cowdrey...743-3650
- Dept. of Public Works -Tim Crawford.....743-5040
- Assessor/City Planner -Merilee Lawson.....743-3650
- Police Chief- Kim Williams..... 743-6170
- Parks and Recreation-Janet Washburn.....743-3650
- Building Director-Rob Kehoe.....743-3650
- Fire Chief-Scott Johnson.....743-6479

Commission News

HISTORICAL

The buildings in the Corunna Historical Village of Shiawassee County will be open on the following days for the holiday season:

- Friday, December 2.....7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, December 3.....6-9 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4.....6-8 p.m.
- Friday, December 9.....6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, December 10..... 6-9 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11.....6-8 p.m.

The Historical Commission meets the first Thursday of every month, 6 p.m. at Corunna City Hall. Call Judy Horton, 743-4995 for information.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Fourth of July Celebration has its own website at www.corunna4th.org. Check out the photos of the celebration, including photo's of this year's spectacular fireworks display.

The 50/50 raffle will start in January. Tickets will be available at Corunna City Hall and from any Fourth of July Commission member. Last year's raffle raised over \$4,000 for the event.

Members voted to rename the Children's Bike Parade to the "Nancy Nickels Memorial Bike Parade", after long time commission member and bike parade chairperson, Nancy Nickels. Nickels passed away in October of this year.

Nominations for this year's Grand Marshal are now being taken. Go to the website's Event News or contact any member for information.

The commission is always looking for volunteers to help at the celebration and they are looking for one more commission member. Meetings are held on the third Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m., at Steve's Place in Owosso. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CEMETERY BOARD

This board is also short one member and is looking for someone with an interest in Pine Tree Cemetery. Meetings are held in November, March, and July, 3 p.m., at Corunna City Hall. Call Bill Lulham at 743-4136.