



Fourth of July Celebration

Bigger and better than ever! That is the claim for this year's Fourth of July Celebration held all day in McCurdy Park. Games, music, and fun are guaranteed for everyone.

The Grand Marshals for this year's celebration are Al and Judy Horton and the theme is "A Nation United".



This year's new, must see, event is the Fireman's Waterball Contest, at 2 p.m., held just north of the grandstand. This wet and

wild affair pits area firefighter departments against each other to see who can push a ball on a wire over the other team's line first using only water from fire hoses.

There has been a change in the Bike and Firecracker Parade route this year. Both parades will start at the Shiawassee Street School with the Bike Parade starting

at 10:30 a.m. and the Firecracker Parade starting at 11 a.m. The parades will head through downtown Corunna, across the Shiawassee Street bridge, turn on Ferry Street and disband at the Stu Coultts Pavilion at the end of Ferry Street.

The Pancake Breakfast is from 7-10:30 a.m., The Cruise to the Park Car

Show, in the front of McCurdy Park, starts at 10 a.m., the craft show opens at 11 a.m., and bingo is at 1 p.m. Other activities include: a bike decorating contest, belt sander racing, a dunk tank, inflatable games, miniature golf, a petting zoo, cake walk, watermelon eating and seed spitting, children's games, and an ice cream social.

The Historical Village will be open to the public with a military encampment on the grounds.

There will be food, souvenirs, and free entertainment throughout the park all day. The celebration ends at dusk with the largest fireworks display in the county.

Fourth of July event times, locations and other information can be found at: www.corunna4th.org.

Shiawassee Cities Softball Game

Mitchell Field in Corunna is the place to be on Friday, July 22. That is the date of the first annual Shiawassee Cities Softball Game.

Employees from the cities of Corunna, Owosso, Perry, and Durand will meet in a slow pitch

softball tournament to win a traveling trophy and year-long bragging rights. Mayor Steve Corey will act as coach for Corunna.

The game starts at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations will be taken for the Red Cross

Shiawassee Disaster Fund. A concession stand will also be on site.

Come on out, join in the fun, and help cheer Corunna on to victory. For more information, call Steve Corey at 743-5482.

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Calendar

- Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, McCurdy Park. fireworks at dusk.
- Shiawassee Cities Softball Game, July 22, 6 p.m., Mitchell Field Complex.
- Corunna Marketplace-Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Commercial Building, McCurdy Park.
- Antique Truck Show-September 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Historical Village, McCurdy Park.

City Infrastructure Improvements

- The 2004-2005 sidewalk repair program will begin again after the first of July. The remaining sidewalks, identified last year as poor in quality, will be repaired.

Residents, whose property abuts the sidewalks, have already been notified of the work to be done. Barring weather delays, the work, which is being done by Randy's Concrete, should be completed this summer or early fall.

- Work also continues on the Heritage Park walkway. The new walk loops down to the lower level of the park near the dam. Sidewalk plaques were purchased by area residents and businesses to commemorate

events or loved ones, and will be inserted into each section of the new walkway.

- The Department of Public Works has purchased a street name sign kit. By making the signs themselves, the cost of replacing the street signs will be cut and replacement can be done more often. The new street name signs will be anchored to the top of existing stop signs. Work started on replacing the signs in June.

- DPW employees will also be sealing cracks in city streets this summer. This project will start sometime after July 1.

- Sewer repairs are also on the agenda for this summer. As a part of the sanitary sewer overflow agreement with the State of Michigan, broken, cracked, or blocked city sewer lines must be repaired. A grant from the State of Michigan paying for 50% of the total repair cost has been received by the city with the city paying the remaining cost.

Poor quality sewers have all ready been identified and as many as possible will be repaired depending on the total cost of the project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the projects scheduled for the city, call the Department of Public Works at 743-5040.

Corunna Web Site Now Available

The City of Corunna now has its own web site at www.corunna-mi.gov.

The site went on line in May, but due to the volume of information to be added, it is still under construction.

The site is set up so each city department, board, and commission has its own page. Residents can get information on taxes, property values, city construction projects, ordinances, meeting minutes,

cemetery information, and general information about the city. Residents can even fill out requests for construction or burning permits, zoning requests, address changes, or just about anything that normally requires a trip to city hall during business hours to accomplish.

*Remember to bookmark
www.corunna-mi.gov on your
computer.*

According to Joe Sawyer, the site has already had "hits", or people accessing the site, from overseas. He feels that this is a great way for former and current Corunna residents to keep in touch with the city from anywhere in the world.

If you have any ideas for the web site,

Rare Trees Discovered in Cemetery

A recent search for ash trees in Pine Tree Cemetery yielded a surprise when two Camperdown Elms were identified. The trees are estimated to be over 100 years old. Efforts are underway to save the trees from disease and animal damage.

Known for their distinctive weeping, misshapen form, Camperdowns were first developed in Scotland around 1840. A groundskeeper for the Earl of Camperdown discovered an oddly shaped limb lying on the ground under an elm tree.

He grafted the limb onto a Wych elm and created the first Camperdown elm. Every Camperdown in existence is a direct offshoot from that original limb since Camperdowns cannot be propagated in any other way except by grafting a Camperdown branch onto



One of two Camperdown Elms in Pine Tree Cemetery.

Wych elm root stock. Currently, the trees are virtually extinct in the British Isles and there are very few in existence in the United States, except on college campuses such as Michigan State.

Both elms are in the Stowell East section of the cemetery. One can be seen just south of the mausoleum on the east side of the cemetery access road. The other is to the southeast of the Stowell lots. Their creator is unknown.

Corunna Marketplace

Do you have a home business, crafts to sell, old stuff you want to get rid of, or something you want to promote? Then the City of Corunna has an opportunity for you to do just that!

Corunna Parks and Recreation is opening the "Corunna Marketplace". The first one is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside and outside the Commercial Building in McCurdy Park.

This is an opportunity for those who do not have a place to sell or promote their items to show off their goods to a large crowd.

Like the City-Wide Garage Sale, held in May, the marketplace is open to crafters, people with garage sale stuff, hobbyists, home gardeners with too much produce, garden nurseries,

bakers, youth groups, national distributors, or anyone who has something to sell or promote. There will be no city garage sale at this event. This will be for booth renters only.



Shoppers looking for bargains at the Park and Recreations City-Wide Garage Sale on May 7

Renters can have their choice of a 10' x 10' indoor booth in the Commercial Building for \$20 or a 10' x 10' space outside the building for \$10. There will be a concession stand during lunch with coffee available in the morning. All proceeds from the marketplace will go toward McCurdy Park activities and improvements.

If the response is good to The Corunna Marketplace in August, Parks and Recreation may decide to do a marketplace in the park, once a month, starting sometime next year.

If you are interested in renting a booth, or have any questions or concerns, please call Shauna Bayless at 743-5704 or 743-5040.

Antique Truck Show

The fifth annual Antique Truck Round-Up and Swap Meet takes place September 11, rain or shine, on the grounds of the Corunna Historical Village in McCurdy Park.

According to organizers, truck registration is free this year. Truck registration begins at 8 a.m. Vehicles must be at least 25 years old to enter.

The show is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fees to the show are \$3 for age 13 through adults, \$1 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 and under.

Last year approximately 65 trucks were in attendance at the Antique Truck Round-Up.

For more information, contact Kelly

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m j Volunteers are needed for this event and p.i. for other occasions throughout the year in the Historical Village. Call Judy Horton at 743-4995 for more information.

Police Reminders

- The brush and leaf drop off, behind the Department of Public Works barn, is for organic material only. No metal, treated lumber, or plastic is allowed.

If you bring material in plastic bags, they must be dumped out before you leave and the bags disposed of in the dumpster behind the barn. This drop off is for City of Corunna residents only. Violators will be fined.

- Residents must keep grass cut to less than six inches and dead grass and weeds cannot be allowed to collect on the property.
- Do not mow, rake or blow any grass or leaves into the streets.
- Pets in any city park must be on a leash. Owners are also responsible for the disposal of the pet's feces.

- Garage, yard, rummage, or any type of sale falling under this category are limited to twice a year and for only three consecutive days. Hours are limited to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sale signs, advertisements, or party signs cannot be placed in any right-of-way (the area between the street and the sidewalk.). They are only allowed on private property.

CITY OF CORUNNA CITY COUNCIL

Council meetings are held the first and third

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

Mayor-Steve Corey	743-5482
First Ward-Charles Spring.....	743-9200
First Ward - Dan Wagner.....	743-5344
Second Ward - Don Mehig.....	743-3302
Second Ward - Gene Sanderson.....	743-3335
Third Ward - Larry Runyan.....	743-3652
Third Ward - Dawn Johnson.....	743-5518
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

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Summer Programs at the Library

The Corunna-Caledonia branch of the Shiawassee County Community District Library is once again offering a summer reading program for pre-schoolers through high school. The program is already underway but students can join in at any time.

The program themes are: "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds" for pre-schoolers through 3rd grade and "Joust Read" for readers in 4th grade through high school.

Program prize winners must claim prizes by July 29. Call the library at 743-4800 for more information on this program.



Sit down and relax this summer with a book from the Corunna-Caledonia library.

A special performance featuring the Acting Up Theatre Company will be held at the library's Olmsted Room on Wednesday, July 20 at 3 p.m. This presentation is open to all ages.

Story Time is held each Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:15 am through July 26. Children who attend may count the stories that they listen to toward their summer reading program book count.

Stop by the library to view artwork that is now on display which were created by several area students.

Contact the library at 743-4800 for information regarding these events, fall story hours and other upcoming events.