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THE CITY OF CORUNNA

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QUARTERLY NEWS

Cuts to Improvements Possible

Starting in the spring, plans are to continue improvements in the City of Corunna, but much depends on state and federal grants to cities not being downsized or cut this year because of the unstable economy.

The Shiawassee Street bridge is still on track for replacement in the spring, however federal funds for the replacement was held up at the state level until the bridge underwent a complete inspection. This was done in late December but the city is still waiting for the funds to be released by the state. After the funds are released, the process of bidding and setting a firm start date for the bridge replacement can begin. Construction should last for approximately eight to nine months.

Plans to resurface streets may also undergo some revision, depending on the severity of the winter and the availability of funds.

Public Works Superintendent, Tim Crawford, states that streets scheduled for a crushed stone surface this spring may need more extensive work done if

more damage occurred to the pavement during the winter than was expected.

Any changes in street and other city projects, such as sidewalk replacement, will ultimately depend on how much the state and federal government will cut funds to cities. Once this is known, the city can revise its improvement plans for the coming year.

Snow Removal

The Department of Public Works would like to remind citizens that snow and ice removal from city sidewalks is now the responsibility of residential and commercial property owners whose property adjoins any city sidewalk.

Snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours of the snow or ice accumulation. Failure to do so will result in the owner assessed removal costs by the city.

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New Picnic Pavilion Planned

Plans are in the works to build the newest addition to the park, a 32'x32' covered picnic pavilion, thanks to the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission and the City of Corunna.

Located near the Historical Village and Playscape, the pavilion will provide additional space for parties and reunions in the park. The pavilion is being paid for by the Park and Recreation Commission's cookbook sales and state grant money. Construction is planned to start in the spring.

"Past to Present" cookbooks are still available for sale for \$7.50 at Corunna City Hall, the Corunna Library and at all Corunna Park and Recreation pancake breakfasts, held on the third Saturday of every month.

City Taxes

Winter tax notices were mailed to residents during the first week of December. When you pay your taxes, please enclose your tax notice with your payment or bring it with you if you pay in person at city hall. Taxes are due by February 14.

If your taxes are normally paid through escrow, it is suggested that you check with your escrow company to make sure they received a copy of the tax notice. This is especially important if you have changed mortgage or escrow companies during the last year.

If you have not received your tax notice, or have any questions, please contact city treasurer Nichole Smolinski, Monday-Friday at 743-3650, during regular business hours. If you have a question regarding your property assessment, call Merilee Lawson, Tuesday-Friday, at the same number.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses for this year can be purchased through February 28, at Corunna City Hall, according to treasurer Nichole Smolinski.

Licenses are \$5.00 for a spade/neutered dog and \$10.00 for sexed dog. Remember to bring proof of your dog's up-to-date rabies vaccination with you when you purchase the license.

After February 28, dog licenses can only be purchased at the county treasurer's office, 208 N. Shiawassee, Corunna. This year, the cost for a late license has increased to \$35.00.

D.A.R.E. Gets A New Look

The nation's largest drug prevention program is testing a new substance abuse prevention curriculum in six U.S. cities. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and led by prevention scientists at the University of Akron, the revised curricula will be delivered through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) seventh and ninth grade programs.

This study is the first national study to blend the latest in prevention science with the largest prevention delivery network in existence, D.A.R.E., which operates in 80% of all school districts around the country and reaches 36 million young people each year.

The new curricula will be tested and evaluated in six cities-Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Newark, and St. Louis. A total of 84 high schools and approximately 200 middle schools will participate in the study.

The revised D.A.R.E. curriculum builds upon the earlier D.A.R.E. programs and infuses the latest in substance abuse prevention knowledge. Officers will act as facilitators in the classroom by leading discussions, modeling desired behavior, encouraging interaction and problem solving and keeping students involved. The emphasis of the revised program are to improve normative beliefs among adolescents; increase the perceptions of risks of substance abuse; and improve social

problem solving skills, which include communication skills, decision making skills, and resistance/assertiveness skills.

The curriculum is designed to extend students' ability to take charge of their own lives by developing the following capacities:

- *Understand the health, social, and legal consequences of using and abusing alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and inhalants and engaging in violent behavior.
- *Examine and understand their own beliefs related to alcohol, drug, tobacco, and inhalant use consequences.
- *Develop and use communications and resistance skills when pressured to use or when confronting potentially violent situations.
- *Make positive quality of life decisions about substance use and the avoidance of violence.

"This is a major revision that should have an incredible impact on kids", says Glenn Levant, president of D.A.R.E. America. "This is a cutting-edge incorporation of the very latest science-based prevention techniques."

According to Corunna D.A.R.E. officer, Gary Blahnik, this new curriculum should start during the fall of 2003 in Corunna. For information on the D.A.R.E. program in the Corunna School system, contact either Blahnik or Officer Paul Richardson at the Corunna Police Department. 743-6170.