

Winter, 2006



CITY OF CORUNNA

Corunna Bulletin

Festival of Trees Schedule

All activities are at the McCurdy Park Community Center unless noted. Model railroad display on site during open hours. \$1.00 admission fee for adults ages 14 and up.

December 9

Breakfast with Santa8-11 a.m.
Tree Viewing & Santa6-9 p.m.
Owosso Musical Chorale.....6:45 p.m.
St. Paul's Youth Choir.....7:30 p.m.

December 10

Tree Viewing & Santa2-6 p.m.
Tree Viewing Only6-9:30 p.m.
Corunna Dance Company2:30 p.m.
Community Sing and Clarkson Concert.....6 p.m.

December 8

Parade of Lights through downtown6:30 p.m.
Tree Viewing & Santa7-9 p.m.
Corunna High School Choir.....7:15 p.m.



The Corunna Historical Village is open :

December 8.....6-9 p.m.
December 9.....6-9 p.m.
December 10.....6-8 p.m.

Texas Hold-'Em Tournament

Put on your best Stetson hat, saddle your pony, and head on out to the Corunna Fourth of July Commission's Texas Hold-'Em Tournament, January 13, from 10:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. in the Community Center in McCurdy Park.

The arrangement is for 70 players with no more than 98. It is open to anyone 18 years and older.

First prize is \$500 and a trophy. The next six places and the first player out will share in the prize money.

Refreshments will be available on site all day and family and friends are welcome in the viewing gallery at no charge.

The buy-in for the game is a non-refundable \$45 for pre-registered card slingers or \$50 after January 2 and at

the door. All proceeds go toward financing Corunna's Fourth of July Celebration.

For anyone interested in learning how to deal Texas Hold 'Em, there will be a dealing class held December 16, 6:30 p.m., in the lower level of the McCurdy Park Community Center.

To sign up for a seat or for more information, contact Al Bayless by calling 743-5704, e-mail him at:

beltsanderace@aol.com.

or go to the Fourth of July website at:

www.corunna4th.org.

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City Calendar

- *Holiday Light Parade, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. Downtown Corunna.*
- *Festival of Trees, Dec. 8-10 Community Center, McCurdy Park.*
- *Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 9, 8-11 a.m., Community Center, McCurdy Park.*
- *City Christmas Party, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., GiGi's., Tickets \$5 per person, no tickets at door.*
- *Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Community Center, McCurdy Park.*
- *"Cabin Fever", Feb. 10, all day, McCurdy Park. Entry fee: A donation of canned goods.*

Corunna Dam

What to do with the old mill dam is again under discussion by the Dam Review Committee.

A committee of City Manager, Joe Sawyer; Councilmen Don Mehig and Gene Sanderson; Police Chief Kim Williams; DPW Superintendent, Tim Crawford; and Mike Sarrazin are meeting to discuss repair options for the 150 year old dam.

The reason for the new interest is the eroding of the west bank around the dam. The continued wearing away of the soil is causing instability of the bank and threatens the house just north of Heritage Park and possibly North Shiawassee Street.



Deterioration in the historic dam is causing concern.

A temporary brace to the west bank will be erected during the winter. This will hold the bank in place until a permanent solution is found.

The committee members agree that most residents would like the dam to stay, but no one is willing to pay additional taxes for its repair. There are, currently, no state grants available for removal, repair or replacement of a dam.

The next meeting of the committee has yet to be set, but the public is welcome to give their comments and ideas regarding the dam.

For more information or to voice your opinion, call Chairperson Don Mehig at 743-3302 or Joe Sawyer at 743-3650.

Winter Police Reminders

- The removal of snow and ice from residential and downtown sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner or tenant. The Department of Public Works will help with downtown snow removal once the streets are plowed and salted.
- Owners have 24 hours, from the end of the snow fall, to clear sidewalks. If sidewalks are not cleared, a 24 hour warning notice will be attached to the front door of the home.
- If the sidewalk is not cleared, at the end of 24 hours, the DPW will clear the sidewalk and the owner fined.
- It is illegal to plow or shovel snow into the street. Snow must be piled on private property and must not obstruct the vision of drivers.
- If snow or ice is covering a fire hydrant, it is the homeowner's responsibility to clean it off.
- There is no parking on any city street between the hours of 2-6 a.m.
- There is no parking on sidewalks, across driveways. Vehicles parked on the street must be parked in the direction of traffic.
- Weekly garbage must not be put by the street for pick-up.

Call the Corunna Police Department at 743-6170 for more information.

Protect Your Water Recorders

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents to protect your outdoor water recorders this winter.

Ice or snow build up will cause damage and inaccurate readings. If the recorder breaks because of the ice or snow build up, the owner of the property is responsible for replacing the equipment and for replacement costs.

Brushing off the snow from the recorder is the best way to prevent damage. The Public Works department also requests

that residents also shovel a path to the recorder for our readers. This will enable our readers to access the equipment and not have to estimate your water/sewer bill for the month.

Trimming back bushes and weeds from your recorder also helps get an accurate reading from month to month. If readers cannot reach your recorder, they are allowed to estimate your water/sewer bill until access is allowed. A warning letter will be sent to the owner stating that the

bill will be estimated until the obstruction is cleared. If your water/sewer bill was under estimated during this time, you are required to make up the difference with the next bill.

A leak from a recorder can cause your usage to increase. Please report any leakage from a water meter to the Department of Public Works.

Call 743-5040 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. if you have any questions.

City Christmas Party

The annual City of Corunna Community Christmas Party is December 15, at Gi Gi's Banquets and Catering, 3144 E. M-21 in Corunna.

Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and available at Corunna City Hall through December 11. There will be no tickets

sold at the door. Entertainment will include a video of city events during the past year and dancing. Call City Hall at 743-3650 for more information.

"Cabin Fever" Set for February

Are the kids driving you crazy? Can't stand being indoors one more minute? Need some winter fun? Sounds like you have "Cabin Fever" and Parks and Recreation has a cure for you!

McCurdy Park is the place on February 10 for the first annual Cabin Fever Festival. From 1 - 11 p.m. you can participate in the following:

- **Chili Cook-Off** - Think you have the best chili around these parts? Cook some up and bring it to the festival. Trophies and medals awarded. Entry fee is \$10.

- **Snow Ball (Kick Ball) Tournament** For 15 years and older. A co-ed, eight-ten player team is required. Entry fee: \$5 per person.
- **Texas Hold'Em** - For 18 years and older with a draw for tables and positions. Entry fee: \$30 per person.
- **Can Art Sculpture Contest** - Sponsored teams of five or less only. Teams build self-supporting (no glue) sculptures using canned and boxed food provided by their sponsors. Food will be donated to the local food bank.

- **Box Sledding Contest** - Dig out those boxes in the basement and try McCurdy Parks brand new sledding hill! Contest open to ages 14 and under. Awards for the fastest, best built and most creative boxes.

The fee to watch any of the events is a donation of canned goods.

To register for an event or to receive a copy of the rules, stop in at Corunna City Hall or call Janet Washburn at 743-3650.

Please have registration forms and fees to Corunna City Hall by January 20, 2007.

What's New in McCurdy Park

If you have driven or walked through McCurdy Park lately, you may have noticed a large mound of dirt steadily growing near the caboose in the Historical Village. What you saw is the newest addition to the park...a sledding hill.

The idea for a community sledding hill has been around for some time. It was added to the 2007-2012 edition of the Parks and Recreation's Five-Year Plan and given approval for building.

When it was realized that the projects around town this year would generate a lot of dirt that needed to be dealt with, the

city decided that it could be used to build a sled hill. City Manager, Joe Sawyer, has plans for two or three different runs, ranging from easy to challenging levels.



Officially titled "Sled Mountain", the hill should be finished in time for the first measurable snowfall of the year.

Corunna resident, Homer Bennett, is in charge of shaping and grooming the hill.

The first, sanctioned, sledding contest on Sled Mountain will be held February 10 during "Cabin Fever" (see article above) providing there is enough snow.

If you have any ideas for the sledding hill or would like more information, please call Joe Sawyer or Janet Washburn at City Hall, 743-3650

Reporting a Streetlight Problem

Anyone can report a streetlight not working by going to:

www.consumersenergy.com

Once there, click on "Safety" on the dark blue banner, then go to "Safety First".

On the "Safety First" page click on "Report Power Out".

On the right side of that page, click on "Report a Streetlight Problem" and fill out the form provided.

You can also call Consumers Energy at:

1-800-477-5050.

All streetlights in Corunna, except for the downtown streetscape lights, are maintained by Consumers Energy.

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Fax: 989-743-4417

We're on the Web!

www.corunna-mi.gov
or
www.corm.us

City of Corunna Council and Staff

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.....	989-277-6259
Second Ward - Don Mehigh.....	743-3302
Second Ward -Nina Hall.....	743-4518
Third Ward - Arnie Jessen.....	743-6433
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 Inspector-Rob Kehoe.....	743-3650
Fire Chief-Scott Johnson.....	743-6479

Corunna Board and Commission Vacancies

<u>BOARD OF REVIEW</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS THE FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH TO HEAR ASSESSMENT APPEALS.
<u>DAM REVIEW COMMITTEE</u> (TWO VACANCIES-CITY RESIDENT)	CURRENTLY MEETING TO DECIDE ON A REPAIR/REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.
<u>FORESTRY MANAGEMENT</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH TO DETERMINE TREE PLANTINGS AND REMOVALS IN THE CITY.
<u>FOURTH OF JULY</u> (TWO VACANCIES-CITY RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT)	MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH TO PLAN AND OPERATE THE ANNUAL CORUNNA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS WHEN CALLED TO DETERMINE CITY ZONING ISSUES.

To apply for a board or commission vacancy, or for more information, call Corunna City Hall, 402 N. Shiawassee Street, 743-3650, or visit www.corunna-mi.gov and click on the Boards and Commission link on the main page.