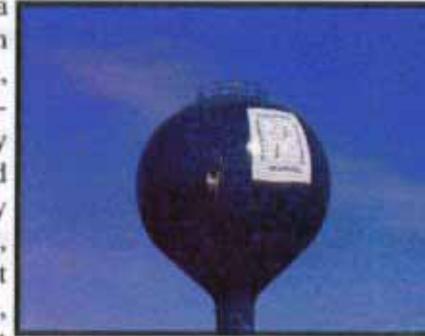


## WATER TOWER PAINTING COMPLETED

Sporting a new coat of paint and the city's new logo, the City of Corunna's water tower is back on line.

After the removal of the old paint, the tank was repainted in dark blue. This matched the color of the new city logo, which was painted on the south side of the tower. The tank was back on line November 10.

Built on the south side of town in 1965, the tower was painted with a lead based paint, which needed to be removed, along with other modifications, which was necessary to comply with state and federal standards. The city hired Dixon Engineering, Inc. to oversee the project and L.C. United Painting, Co. to do the work at a cost of \$224,200.



The Department of Public Works did get some good news during the inspection of the tower. The city was informed that, because of the continued maintenance of the water tower, the tank was in excellent shape.

Also, during this time, modifications were made to the Corunna Ave. water booster pump station. A new drive was added to the pump station which helped maintain water pressure when the tank was off line and will continue to help keep water pressure consistent in the city.

The tower should not need to have scheduled maintenance for another three to five years, according to Tim Crawford, DPW superintendent, and should not have to be painted again for another 15-20 years.

The first step was the removal of lead based paint. On September 16, the tank was emptied. L.C. United Painting then erected scaffolding around the outside of the tower and covered the entire tower with tarp. Sandblasting removed paint from the inside and outside which took approximately 20 days.

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## CENSUS 2000

Beginning in February, the U.S. Census Bureau will start mailing and delivering Census 2000 questionnaires to area homes.

According to the bureau, Census 2000 will be the information cornerstone for the 21st century. By providing information on social characteristics, economics, and housing, the government can make funding decisions for federal, state, and local projects. Population counts are also used to reapportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is very important that every household complete and mail back Census 2000.

The census bureau has developed forms for this year that are easier to read, fill out and to mail back.

According to the Census Bureau, security is guaranteed for the information given. A household's information is combined with thousands of other households from the area. No one, except sworn bureau employees, will ever see individual answer sheets and there are harsh penalties if private information is given out.

For more information regarding Census 2000, contact the Census Bureau office at 517-272-2522 or go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) on the internet.

## CITY CHARTER WORKSHOP

For over a year, the five members of the Corunna Charter Commission have met once a month to review the city charter and make suggestions for its update.

The commission has now finished with its review and is ready for the next step, which is public input and comment. This will be held as a workshop on February 8, at Corunna City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

At that time, the Charter Commission members will be available to discuss their proposed changes to the charter and answer questions. Copies of the proposed charter changes will be available to the public at Corunna City Hall beginning January 24. Copies will also be available at the workshop.

The Charter Commission hopes that everyone will get involved with the review and the updating of the charter.



## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

So far this year, we've been lucky with the lack of snow fall in the area. But, when the snow does come down, and we know it will, the city is again asking for cooperation from our residents.

The Department of Public Works reminds everyone that snow removal from city sidewalks in front of private and commercial property is the responsibility of the owner. The DPW will help in the removal of snow from city sidewalks, but only after the streets are cleared and emergencies handled.

Downtown sidewalks will be cleared, if possible, the first night after the snow fall. Then, as time permits, residential sidewalks will be cleared.

The city does not plow the parking lots behind the stores in downtown Corunna. That is the responsibility of the property owner.

The DPW would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in this matter.

**CITY WINTER TAXES ARE DUE  
FEBRUARY 14.  
AFTER THE DUE DATE THERE  
WILL BE  
ADDITIONAL PENALITIES  
ASSESSED.**

## CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY

Beginning this spring, the City of Corunna will undergo a major makeover to the downtown area. The Michigan Department of Transportation plans to reconstruct M-71 and, as a part of the project, a downtown streetscape is planned. The Shiawassee St. bridge is also scheduled to be replaced during this year or 2001.

### RECONSTRUCTION OF M-71

Work to M-71 will begin at the W. McNeil St. city limits and continue to one-half block west of the Shiawassee St.-Corunna Ave. intersection. Shiawassee St. will be changed to a three lane street with a left turn lane and Corunna Ave., east of the intersection will be widened. MDOT will pick up the \$3.5 million cost of this project.

"This is a significant project...one that will make quite a difference in the community."

Terry Anderson-MDOT

### DOWNTOWN STREETScape

As a part of a \$1.2 million grant given to the city by the state, the downtown area will be transformed in conjunction with the road work. Working with Capital Consultants of Lansing, new decorative street lighting, sidewalks, and benches will modernize downtown Corunna, improving its safety and appearance. Regarding the M-71 and downtown improvements, Terry Anderson of MDOT states, "This is a significant project...one that will make quite a difference in the community".

However, citing citizens objections and the cost of a trial period, the city council voted 6-0 to do

away with one-way street plans for Mack St., but still add the decorative sidewalks and lighting to the street.

A public hearing to levy the assessments to property owners having frontage improved by the beautification project will be held within four weeks.

### BRIDGE REPAIR

Not actually a part of the downtown reconstruction project, but taking place late summer of 2000, or in the spring of 2001, will be the replacement of the Shiawassee Street bridge.

MDOT has notified the city that the bridge is eligible for critical bridge funds through the state. Inspections of the bridge have discovered concrete deterioration, water leakage and corroded cables which need repair. The city is looking into the possibility of

one-lane traffic over the bridge during this time, but a decision has not been made yet.

### KING/KINGSLEY/ MCARTHUR STREET REPAIRS

Also during this year, the sewer, water lines and storm sewers as well as the sidewalks will be replaced on King, Kingsley, and McArthur Streets. This construction will start after the end of the school year.

All of these improvements end the short term portion of the city's 20 year capital improvement plan.