

Board Member Message



Gardnerville Town Board Member Linda Slater named to Nevada League of Cities Executive Board. Linda was elected at the annual business meeting in October in West Wendover, to represent the towns and GID's on the executive board. She will serve on the "at large towns and GID's executive committee" for a one year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. She has served on the board of directors of the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities as a representative on the legislative committee as well as the scholarship committee.

Linda Slater has been a Douglas County resident since 1968 after completing her education in her home state. In 1975 she began employment with Douglas County as a Deputy Auditor-Recorder, was promoted to Chief Deputy Recorder and was elected to her first term as Douglas County Recorder in 1994. At the completion of her second term as Douglas County Recorder she retired with thirty years of honored service. After a short retirement Linda was elected to the Gardnerville Town Board in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. Linda has served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Gardnerville Town Board. Linda has been a member of the Douglas County Management Team and Douglas County Emergency Management Committee (graduated from the Federal Emergency Management Training Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland as well as completing numerous professional courses).

Linda's dedication to the people of her community and the State of Nevada is second only to her family, husband Randy, two sons and three grandsons.

Gardnerville ranked number one on SmartAsset's Index

Retirement presents a chance for many Americans to meet new people and create new experiences and according to a new study Gardnerville is among the best places to do it in Nevada. The study, by SmartAsset, a financial technology company, ranked the cities with the most recreational and social opportunities for retirees. SmartAsset's index factors in the number of recreation centers and retirement centers available to seniors as well as what percentage of the city's population they represent.

Rank	City	Tax	Doctors' Offices Per 1,000 People	Recreation Centers Per 1,000 People	Retirement Centers Per 1,000 People	% of Seniors	Recreation & Social Index
1	Gardnerville, NV	10.5%	2.7	0.2	2.3	21.8%	86.40
2	Boulder City, NV	11.4%	3.3	0.2	1.1	25.8%	84.97
3	Carson City, NV	10.9%	2.2	0.1	1.0	16.7%	69.51
4	Fallon, NV	10.9%	1.6	0.1	2.0	14.5%	67.26
5	Mesquite, NV	11.4%	0.9	0.1	0.6	26.2%	63.85
6	Las Vegas, NV	11.4%	3.2	0.1	1.2	12.4%	57.95
7	Pahrump, NV	10.9%	0.7	0.1	0.4	26.1%	55.60
8	Winnemucca, NV	10.2%	1.6	0.1	1.1	11.0%	53.36
9	Reno, NV	11.1%	2.1	0.2	0.6	11.8%	52.63
10	Henderson, NV	11.4%	1.7	0.0	0.5	14.8%	42.72

These rankings functioned as part of SmartAsset's greater study on the Best Cities to Retire in the US, released earlier this year. For a full look at the methodology and interactive map, you can visit the website: <https://smartasset.com/retirement/retirement-calculator#US>

Town Projects Update

Entrance & Exit Signs

Both Town of Gardnerville entrance signs were recently renovated, making them brighter and easier to read. This helps us stand out and lets people know how proud we are of our town. What do you think about them?

Hellwinkel Channel

The earthwork has been completed to make the Floodway channel functional. The undergrounding of overhead power lines are underway with some minor last minute changes to make the project comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The pedestrian path extension from Gilman Ponds to Toler is part of this project and completed December 2015. We appreciate the community's support on this project as we try to provide a walkable town and floodway improvements. The channel construction is crucial to future drainage improvement projects in and around the "S" curve.



Boy Scout Projects

We recently worked with several Boy scouts working towards their eagle merit badges on community projects. We would like to thank:

Tanner Maxwell – Harvest & Toler landscape island – Tanner's team cleaned Toler Lane of overgrown weeds, relocated river rock and planted day lily's at the intersection of Harvest and Waterloo. Town staff spread the 15 tons of DG material

Jared Funk – Arbor Lineal – Sugar Maple Ave and Honeylocust Ave - Jared's teams constructed a 10'x12' arbor to provide shade on the newly renovated lot at the main USPS cluster box for a future seating area.

Aziz Syammach – Town Office – 1407 US Highway 395 N. – Aziz's team planted 16 perennial plants, removed mulch, and installed 20 tons of DG into the landscaping areas at the town office.

Zack Laningham – Waterloo Islands North – Waterloo Ln and Toiyabe Ave – Zack's team split and propagated 20 perennial plants, relocated river rock, and installed 30 tons of DG landscaping on two large median islands.

Hellwinkel Barns

We are working with a structural engineering company to make recommendations on improvements to trusses and structural components. The improvements should ensure the buildings will last for another hundred years.

Crosswalk Improvements

We have selected Lumos & Associates of Carson City to perform the design plans and NDOT coordination for the crosswalk improvements. This project includes some storm drain improvements, ADA ramps and the installation of rapid flashing beacons at the existing crosswalks located along US Highway 395 at Mill Street, High School Street, Mission Street, and Kingslane.

Kingslane Sidewalk

We continue to work with Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Three Castles Engineering and Gary Whisler Engineering on the design phase of this project. We are currently exploring the lighting requirements required by NDOT at the crosswalk at Highway 395.

Gardnerville Station

Bramco Construction is pulling the fuel tanks at Gardnerville Station. We have submitted our application to Douglas County for the 2016 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding grant. The County will hear five applications on December 3, 2015 and decide which two projects

are their priority and proceed with submitting to CDBG for funding. If our project is selected we will know in May or June how much funding we would receive for this project. The grant will be used for development of construction drawings and the actual building renovation.



Fuel tank removal

General Maintenance Tips

Scale Insects



If you see anything like this picture on your trees, you need to call a nursery and find out what steps you can take. There has been an infestation in town and we could lose quite a few trees if left untreated. These sap-sucking pests attach themselves to the twigs, leaves, branches, and fruits of host plants.

Common on backyard trees, ornamental shrubs, greenhouse plants and houseplants, over 1,000 species of scale insects exist in North America. They are such oddly shaped and immobile pests that they often resemble shell-like bumps rather than insects. In many cases, heavy infestations build up unnoticed before plants begin to show damage. Large populations may result in poor growth, reduced vigor and chlorotic (yellowed) leaves. If left unchecked, an infested host may become so weak that it dies.

Here are a few suggestions on how to treat for scale:

- To get rid of scale insects prune and dispose of infested branches, twigs and leaves.
- When scale numbers are low they may be rubbed or picked off of plants by hand.
- Dabbing individual pests with an alcohol-soaked cotton swab or neem-based leaf shine will also work when infestations are light.
- Commercially available beneficial insects, such as ladybugs and lacewing, are natural predators of the young larval or "crawler" stage.
- Natural pesticides, like insecticidal soap and d-Limonene can also be used to kill the larvae. However, these products have very little persistence in the environment, so several applications during egg-hatching will be required for effective control.
- Horticultural oils work by smothering insects and will control all pest stages, including adults which are protected from most other insecticides by their armor coverings.
- You can also use a systemic, in which case a nursery would be able to advise you on its use.



Diseased Trees

Planting Trees

The Importance of Mulching

A newly planted tree's best friend is mulch. It is very important to remember to mulch your tree after you have planted it.

- Mulch is valuable for your trees' health and care because:
- Mulch insulates the soil helping to provide a buffer from hot and cold temperatures.
- Mulch retains water helping to keep the roots moist.
- Mulch keeps weeds out to help prevent root competition.
- Mulch prevents soil compaction.
- Mulch reduces lawn mower damage

Steps to Adding Mulch Around Your Tree

1. Add mulch to the base of your tree by removing any grass within a 3 to 10 foot area depending on the size of your tree.
2. Pour natural mulch such as wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle.
3. Keep the mulch from touching the trunk of the tree.



Tree Trimming

A reminder to residents with trees along the road: Please trim your trees back away from all traffic signs and trim to a height of 12' to allow the street sweeper access to the curb. Thank you to the residents who have trimmed their trees back already. Due to the scale infestation we are losing a lot of trees. When the street sweeper comes in contact with a low hanging branch of a diseased tree, it is transferred to the next tree that was not trimmed. If you have a landscape strip the trees between the sidewalk and the road are the homeowner's responsibility. If residents are trimming trees themselves, a good example would be the trees at Stodick pond (corner of Elges & Kittyhawk). Douglas County Code 18.06.080 states general maintenance of sidewalks, including sweeping, removal of snow, ice, weeds, and maintenance of grass, shrubs and trees are the homeowner's responsibility.

Health, Sanitation, Safety & Other News

Clean Up Bin

The Town of Gardnerville Health & Sanitation Department offers a 2 cubic yard bin that can be delivered to your home for a week at the rate of \$25/per pickup. If you have sod or dirt that you need to dispose of, only a quarter to a third of the bin can be filled due to the weight limit of 1200 lbs. The bin needs to stay on a flat hard surface so the trash vehicles can pick it up easily and the wheels of the bin don't sink into dirt or soil. If you have questions or would like to order a bin, please call the town office at 782-7134.

Refuse Info



We ask your help in keeping fuel costs down by using the following tips:

1. Have your can out by 5:30 in the morning or the night before on trash/greenwaste day.
2. Keep cans 10 feet away from obstacles and 3 feet between each can, if possible.
3. Make sure you are using the correct can on the

correct day (trash can or greenwaste can. Some greenwaste cans have not been switched out yet and are blue with a reflector on the top) Greenwaste is the vegetation you rake or mow. Please do not put dirt or rocks or other garbage in the greenwaste can.

4. If you live in Arbor Gardens or any other subdivision where you do not have a curb, please place cans with wheels facing the house. If you do have a curb, place can in street with wheels against the curb.

5. If you live on a cul-de-sac in Kinglane pull your greenwaste can to the main road to be picked up. The truck we use to pick up the greenwaste is too large to maneuver safely in the cul-de-sacs.

6. If you need a second trash can please call the town office. The second can is an extra \$5 a month.

7. We do not take large appliances, furniture, tires or any kind of hazardous waste (batteries, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, freon cylinders, propane cylinders, wet paint, oil, antifreeze, aerosol cans, household chemicals and cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, lighter fluid or anything that is combustible, flammable, corrosive or toxic. All these items can be taken to the transfer station on Pinenut Road.

8. Trash must be contained in the can with the lid closed.

9. Since we are going into the winter months, please do not place hot ashes in your trash can. Make sure they are completely cold. Ashes can smolder for days and damage your container. The cost for a new can is \$60. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

10. The street sweeper is scheduled to sweep on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. When time allows staff sweeps extra times in the spring and fall, usually on a Monday or Tuesday.

Sidewalks & Public ROW

Please keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. When snow exceeds 6" town staff plows the snow to the side of the road. Please help out by keeping vehicles in your driveway. If possible, keep gutters free flowing so water doesn't pond or freeze. Douglas County Codes 12.08.040 prohibits putting snow on sidewalks or streets. Douglas County Code 18.06.080 states general maintenance of sidewalks, including sweeping, removal of snow, ice, weeds, and maintenance of grass, shrubs and trees are the homeowner's responsibility.

Temporary Signs

Please be aware that Douglas County Code 20.696.200 prohibits garage sale signs except on the property on which the sale is taking place. Not only are they illegal, but taping or otherwise attaching signs to utility poles damages the pole. You may call the town office at 782-7134 to report the location of signs. Please do not allow our street signs to look like this →



Enter to Win a Year's Free Trash Service

Go online and take the 2015 Town Customer Service survey for a chance to win a year's free trash service. Go to the link and click on town survey (<http://www.gardnerville-nv.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=145>) If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to come into the office and fill out the survey. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Kickoff on December 3, 2015.

Project Santa Claus

The Town of Gardnerville administration office is a drop-off location for unwrapped toys if you want to donate to Project Santa Claus. Please drop off your donations by December 11th. They are searching for new scooters, tricycles, books, board games, hats, mittens or gloves and other unwrapped toys for children from ages infant to 17 years old to be distributed to Carson Valley children in need of a little Christmas cheer. At this time they are only taking donations of bicycles in new condition. If you would rather make a monetary donation it can be mailed to Project Santa Claus, P.O. Box 3031, Gardnerville, NV 89410. Contributions are tax deductible. Project Santa Claus is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization under the Carson Valley Kiwanis Foundation ID # 27-3581522. For more information contact 775-339-8882. You may leave your unwrapped toy with your food donation on December 9th or 10th at the curb and we will drop off the toys collected to Project Santa Claus on the 11th or you may also bring your toy donation to the Christmas Kickoff at Heritage Park.



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Town Board Meetings are held at 4:30 pm, the first Tuesday of the month at the Town office.

Upcoming Town Events

Tenth Annual Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff

will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015. This year Santa will arrive at 4:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. Carriage rides will be available until the fireworks begin. The entertainment and refreshments will start at 5:30 p.m. Join us for an old fashioned evening of entertainment, a musical light show and a spectacular fireworks display.



2014 CV Kickoff

If you miss the pavilion light show, it is rebroadcast evenings from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. December 7 through January 4. Just tune your radio to 89.9 FM to hear the music as you drive by Heritage Park. (See attached flyer for more details.)

Our sponsors for the fireworks this year are: **Gardnerville Health & Sanitation and Carson Valley Inn**. We greatly appreciate their generosity. We can still use further help. If you would like to make a donation for the fireworks please stop by the town office or go online to the town website www.gardnerville-nv.gov and click on Fireworks/CV Kickoff donations on the left hand side of the page.

Movies in the Park

Join us for the 11th season of *Movies in the Park*. The first movie will be on June 24, 2016. Bring your blanket or sand chair and bug repellent. The movie starts at dusk. There will be limited concessions available at the park. Please check the town website in April for the movies to be shown. Some movies are not appropriate for all ages, so please check the rating. We provide a rating link for each movie.



Movies in the Park 2015 - Jumanji

Main Street Gardnerville

Main Street Gardnerville (MSG) is in its 7th year thanks to the support of the Town and the Community. With the exception of one paid staff member, we are an all-volunteer organization of approximately 100 individuals who give their time and talents to various projects and events for the purpose of revitalizing our downtown district.

In keeping with our mission, the Main Street Gardnerville Program takes great pride in our community and strives to make it a place that people, both locals and tourists, want to come and spend time.

Main Street Gardnerville was voted "Best Non-Profit" in the Record Courier's annual Best of Douglas County campaign. And our very own Carol Sandmeier was voted "Best Volunteer"! We have an incredible community with many fantastic nonprofit groups so this is an amazing honor. It truly takes a community to make such programs successful, so thanks to all who support nonprofits and thank you to all who took the time to vote for us.

Since our inception in late 2008, our volunteers have logged close to 26,000 hours working on projects such as Heritage Park Gardens; Flower Baskets & Adopt-a-Pots; Sidewalk Gallery; 2% Revolving Loan Fund; Community Clean Up Days as well as a variety of different events including "Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walks", "Freedom 5K Fun Run/Walk" and our inaugural "Slaughterhouse Lane Coffin Races".



Speaking of the coffin races, our first "Slaughterhouse Lane Coffin Races" event was well attended by both participants and spectators. Nearly 400 folks filled Heritage Park for this first time family-friendly event, held on October 10th. People are already making plans for their entries for our next one so mark your calendar for October 8, 2016!

MSG is a community based self-help program involving various members of the community with the shared vision of revitalizing the downtown. Even though we focus on the downtown district, it benefits the entire community.

Our MSG program is succeeding thanks to the financial support and volunteer efforts of the residential and business communities. Members, sponsors and volunteers are needed, and appreciated, for a variety of events and projects. Visit us on line for more

information, www.MainStreetGardnerville.org, email: Info@MainStreetGardnerville.org or call: 775-782-8027.



Christmas Drive by Food Drive at the Carson Valley Inn, December 11th.

The Town of Gardnerville will again be participating with the collection efforts for the food drive that will help our own Carson Valley Food Closet supply food to the families in need this year. You can simply leave your donated food on top of or next to your garbage can on the normal trash pickup day, Wednesday, December 9th or Thursday, December 10th and Gardnerville staff will pick up the donated food and deliver it on behalf of the Gardnerville residents to CVI on December 11th. Or you can drive by and donate your food between the hours of 6 am to 6pm on December 11th at the parking lot of the Carson Valley Inn. They are looking for the following items; Although non-perishable items are accepted, some suggestions include:

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| o Canned Meats | o Canned Fish | o Rice |
| o Peanut Butter | o Macaroni & Cheese and Pasta meals | o Powdered Milk |
| o Baby Formula, Baby Food | o Complete Meals-Stews, Chili, | o Oatmeal |
| o Canned Fruits, Juice and Vegetables | o Dry Cereal | o Pasta |
- Ravioli, Hearty Soups, etc.



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January- June 2016 Dates to Remember



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| Dec 1, 2015 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. | April 5 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. |
| Dec 3, 2015 | Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff Heritage Park, 5:30 p.m. | May 3 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan 5 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. | Extra Greenwaste Days | |
| Jan 5 | Last Greenwaste pickup for the season (Place greenwaste cans out with trash if you have greenwaste) | April 5 | |
| Jan 6/7 | Christmas tree pickup (No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands) | April 19 | |
| Feb 2 | Town Board Meeting Town Hall 4:30 p.m. | May 10 | |
| March 1 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. | May 31 | |
| April 5 | Greenwaste Pickup resumes 5:30 a.m. | May 11-12 Spring Cleanup | |
| | | For Residential customers extra trash may be put out on your regular trash day. Keep extra bags or boxes at least three feet from trash cans. | |
| | | May 18-19 Limb Pickup | |
| | | limbs (3' X 2') secured with rope. Keep bundles at least three feet away from trash cans. | |
| June 7 | Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m. | June 24 | Movies in the Park, Heritage Park Friday night, starts after sunset |