

# Town of Gardnerville Annual Report

2015



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## Town Manager's Message

At the beginning of the year town staff prepares a brief report for you - the resident, property owner and/or business owner within the Town of Gardnerville in order to share the accomplishments and projects completed during 2015, and to provide information on proposed projects for 2016.

Major highlights for 2015 were:

- Gardnerville Station and adjacent contamination gas tanks were removed from the site through a grant from CDBG. Stantec performed the conceptual design work for the existing building through a grant from CDBG as well.
- Hellwinkel Channel is for the most part complete a huge accomplishment after four years of flood studies and redesign of the flood channel/pedestrian trail.
- The fireworks show at the town's Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff event. We appreciate this past year's sponsors (Carson Valley Inn, Continuum Packing Solutions LLC employees, Starbucks, Randy & Linda Slater, Stewart & Cynthia Hill, Mary Wenner, Jonathan Parker & Yu Shimizu Parker and two anonymous donors) We continue to need additional sponsorships each year. We will be looking for new ways to fund this event.;
- Third online customer service survey and awarded a free year's worth of trash service from the town Health and Sanitation department to Layla Pierson and family. We thank her for her survey entry and input. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey for supporting our effort in supplying residents with excellent customer service;
- Boy Scout Projects around town;

Upcoming Project for 2016:

Crosswalk Improvements - flashing beacons to warn oncoming 395 traffic of pedestrians in crosswalk.

Kingslane Sidewalk - sidewalks installed between Judy's Window Coverings and Kingslane. We are working with Nevada Energy to located a new meter onsite for required streetlights and beacons.

Gardnerville Station - ongoing - work will be done as grants are obtained, or if funding is identified by the town board.

Main Street Gardnerville (MSG) held their first coffin race in October. It was so much fun everyone can't wait for the event to be held again. We are looking forward to the spring flowers down main street. The second New Year's Labyrinth walk was held in the garden area.

On behalf of the Gardnerville Town Board and staff, our sincerest thank you for living in and doing business in Gardnerville during 2015 and best wishes for 2016. Please feel free to contact the town administrative office at 775.782.7134 with any comments or suggestions of projects, areas you would like to see improvement in, or projects you would like to see the town pursue.

Sincerely, Tom Dallaire Gardnerville Town Manager



GAS TANKS BEING REMOVED AT GARDNERVILLE STATION

## Administration

Town Administration provides overall support for Town operations and serves as point in ensuring the Town Board's policies and goals are met. Department duties include accounts payable and receivable, purchasing and contracts, legal services, and public communications.

a. The Town website continues to be updated by staff.

b. The Gardnerville Main Street Program continues working on ways to attract people to the Gardnerville downtown core and recognize the shopping potential offered by our downtown businesses.

c. Geoffrey LaCost transitioned from engineer to Superintendent of public works in November. He is responsible for public works, parks and health and sanitation.. Congratulations Geoff!!

## **Parks and Recreation**

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains community parks, open spaces, the Martin Slough area, and provides support for town activities.

a. Received the "Tree City USA" recognition for the twelfth consecutive year.

b. The tenth season of Movies in the Park continued with four great movies (*Jumanji*, *Remember the Titans, How to Train Your Dragon 2 and Guardians of the Galaxy*) for



residents and visitors to enjoy at Heritage Park. This event would not be possible without the contributions of local businesses: Bodywise Physical Therapy, Carson Valley Medical Center & Urgent Care, CLE Hospitality, D'Ascoli Orthodontics, Grand Prix Express Car Wash, Mark Smith Tire Center (Les Schwab), Parigini Orthodontics, ReMax Realty Affiliates, Starbucks Carson Valley Roasting Plant and Distribution Center. We appreciate their support.

c. On Arbor Day 2015, the Town, along with Girl Scout Troops 287, 331 and Cub Scouts from Troop 411 celebrated with a tree planting at the Arbor Gardnes mailbox parcel and a tree at Gardner Park. Each scout was given a tree to plant at home.



d. Other annual events held at Heritage Park included; July 4th Freedom 5k Fun Run and Yankee Doodle Dash.

JULY 4 - FREEDOM 5K



e. The second Splash Dogs event was very successful. We set up a shaded area, bleachers and port-a-potties. Water was donated by the Gardnerville Water Company.

f. Heritage Park continues to be used for various events like Sertoma Club's Oktoberfest.

g. The Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff, which again featured a fireworks display by Lantis Fireworks. Entertainment ,Christmas Carolers, and the musical light show. We were pleased this ear to have the All About Dance Kids join in the festivities. They were a wonderful addition.

h. The Town of Gardnerville/Main Street Gardnerville float won best government float in the Parade of Lights

## **Public Works**

The Public Works Department maintains 40 + lane miles of local streets, the Town's storm drain conveyances, controls weeds within the public right of way, provides snow and ice control measures in inclement weather, and all other maintenance associated with the street network. Review of development projects and design of road maintenance and repair projects is provided through the Town Manager/ Engineer.

#### Town Projects:

a. Hellwinkel Flood Trench and Trail was completed. Impact Construction was the low bidder and did a great job on the improvements. NV Energy undergrounded the power from Gilman Lane to Toler Lane. The pedestrian path at the ponds in Chichester was connected to Toler Lane at GES. We invite you and your family to enjoy this quiet, peaceful stroll along our newest open space area.

b. The Town continues to make progress on the redevelopment of the Gardnerville station (former Eagle Gas) Stantec was chosen for the design phase and Bramco Construction pulled the gas tanks. The town was reimbursed for the expenditures from the CDBG grant funds.

c. Town staff has reviewed the plans for several developments and have been working with the developers and construction crews for these projects.

#### d. Eagle Scout Projects:

• Harvest-Toler landscape - Boy Scouts led by Tanner Maxwell cleaned Toler Lane of overgrown weeds, relocated river rock and planted day lilies at the intersection of Harvest and Waterloo.

• Arbor Lineal - Jared Funk and his team of scouts constructed a 10'X12' arbor to provide shade on the newly renovated lot at the main USPS cluster box for a future seating area.



CHRIS MERITT AND CREW WORKING ON ARBOR LINEAL

• Arbor Lineal - Chris Meritt created a decorative walkway and planted shrubs on the parcel.

• Town office - Aziz Syammach's team planted 16 perennial plants, removed mulch and installed 20 tons of DG in the landscaping areas at the town office.

• Waterloo islands (east side) - Zack Laningham's team split the propagated 20 perennial plants, relocated river rock and installed 30 tons of DG landscaping on two large median islands.

• Waterloo islands (west side) - Micah Miller's team relocated river rock and installed 40 tons of DG.

e. *Replaced* 1995 Ford bucket truck with a 2008 Ford 550 Versalift through Utility Crane and Equipment in Rialto, California. This upgrade increases our reach from 27' to 35' in height

## Completed Development Projects within the town:

- a. The Ranch at Gardnerville Phase IIAB
- b. Heybourne ditch completed.

## **Health & Sanitation**

The Health and Sanitation Department collects and transports both residential and commercial municipal waste, performs street sweeping, operates the curb-side greenwaste pickup program, and maintains the Town's fleet of collection vehicles.

a. Third online town customer service survey completed by residents and raffle held for a year's free trash service awarded to Layla Pierson and family, a residential trash customer. We thank everyone for filling out the town survey. Stay tuned to the town website for the 2016 customer service survey.



LAYLA PIERSON & FAMILY, WINNER OF YEAR'S FREE TRASH SERVICE

b. Continued maintenance of all town vehicles.

c. We continue to dispose of the refuse at the Ormsby Landfill and limit the amount of refuse going to Douglas Disposal, keeping the cost to our customers at the lowest price possible. Bently has started charging for greenwaste this year. So far the feee to town customers doesn't reflect this additional cost. We have been working with Douglas Disposal to try to get a better rate for dumping local. We hope to see that accomplished in 2016.

g. The trash truck we purchased last year is still having issues. Mike Rowe, town attorney, is handling the problem.



610 IS THE TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE FUND ADMINISTRATION, PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS IS PROVIDED BY THIS FUND.



## Fund 611-Gardnerville H&S - Revenue



## Fund 614 - Gardnerville Capital Projects/Equipment - Revenues

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THE 614 FUND IS USED FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES ON PROPERTY, VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT.



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## Main Street Gardnerville

## Highlights of Main Street Gardnerville Accomplishments

### Organization Committee

- 1. Program voted "Best Non-Profit in Carson Valley" and one of our volunteers, Carol Sandmeier, voted "Best Volunteer in Carson Valley" through the Record Courier's annual "Best of" promotion.
- 2. Presentation made during the 2015 Legislature requesting the creation of a statewide Main Street Program.
- 3. Received the "Tour Around Nevada" award.

#### **Promotion Committee**

- 1. Secured the Great Race, in partnership with the Town of Gardnerville, for an event in June 2016.
- 2. Held our inaugural Slaughterhouse Lane Coffin Races in October. This event proved to be a success. It will now become an annual event.
- 3. Partnered with East Fork Gallery on their annual Scarecrow Festival to take place with the Heritage Park Gardens Fall Festival event.
- 4. Successful wine walk season based on income not attendance
  - a. averaged 52 businesses participating in 2015. We averaged 50 businesses in 2014. (Does not include the number of businesses that our district businesses partnered with.)

### District Vitality (formerly Economic Restructuring) Committee

- 1. Business Directory Updated.
- 2. Business Tracker Updated for 2015:
- 3. Revolving Loan Funds are still available at a 2% interest rate offered to qualified businesses within our district or to businesses that want to move into our district.

#### **Design** Committee

- 1. Two new benches were installed within the district. They are located in front of the Masons building and in front of the Overland Restaurant & Pub. All 15 benches were decorated for the holidays.
- 2. A new location for the Basque Mural was selected. It will be place on the Masons Building facing the south.
- 3. Light Pole Banners installed throughout the district.
- 4. Managed The Heritage Park Garden Projects with a volunteer subcommittee:
- 5. Managed the Main Street Flower program through a volunteer subcommittee.

#### Coffin Races 2015

Bench Dedication

