

### **Gardnerville Town Board**

### **AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

	audits on small businesses, and agriculture facilities of any size to lower energy consumption and make business more sustainable through savings on energy bills. Presentation by Rachel Cason, Marketing, Desert Research Institute.
2.	Recommended Motion: No motion required.  Funds Available:   Yes    N/A
3.	Department: Administration
	Prepared by: Tom Dallaire
4.	Meeting Date: July 2, 2013 Time Requested: 20 minutes
5.	Agenda: Consent Zadministrative
	Background Information: The Town was contacted and asked if Desert Research Institute would be able to do a public presentation to the Town Board in an effort to get the information on the program out to the general public. The presentation is included in the board packet and will be presented at the meeting.
6.	Other Agency Review of Action: □Douglas County □ N/A
7.	Board Action:
	□Approved □Approved with Modifications □Continued

### Desert Research Institute



### Energy Savings Program



### **Desert Research Institute**

The goal of this program is to identify energy waste and report ways to save costs

This waste can be remedied by:

- Simple and cost effective upgrades
- Improve behavioral habits
- Properly installing equipment

The DRI Team will identify the areas where simple upgrades can lead to significant savings. Your business will receive a state-of-the-art report analyzing the necessary changes.

### How can DRI help your business?

Our team will conduct an energy assessment on your building using state-of-the-art equipment. Based on the findings, you will receive a report analyzing the areas for necessary improvement.

### **About DRI?**

The Desert Research Institute conducts cutting edge research in air, land, life and water quality across Nevada, the United States, and abroad.

We are a **non-profit** organization with a goal of finding energy waste in rural Nevada and providing a remedy for the issue. Our statements are objective, as we are not interested in selling a product or service.

DRI is a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education, NSHE.

### How much does it cost?

Traditionally these assessments cost over \$1,000. However, the USDA has contracted with DRI to subsidize the Assessments. Each assessment starts at \$80 for those who are customers of Southwest Gas Co.



### Desert Research Institute



### Committed to the future of rural communities.

### Average Savings are \$10,000 per year

Some common areas of simple changes are insulation, refrigeration, and lighting. The report will contain an analysis of how to improve each of these areas.

### Refrigeration:

Refrigeration accounts for up to 50% of energy costs. Often, the unit is improperly installed or poorly managed. DRI will determine if motors and insulation are working properly, as well as identifying leaks and being sure to check that the unit is operating at efficiency standards.

### **Building Envelope:**

Building envelope is an analysis of the building itself (depicted in the image on the first page). Changing weather stripping and other structural improvements can save hundreds of dollars per year.

### Insulation:

The DRI assessment team will identify areas that are in need of improved insulation, saving your business hundreds of dollars on water heating and food storage costs.

### Lighting:

DRI has vast experience and research with lighting, and can determine whether the lighting in your business is up to efficiency standards. Updated lighting technology will add to your businesses yearly savings.

### Solar:

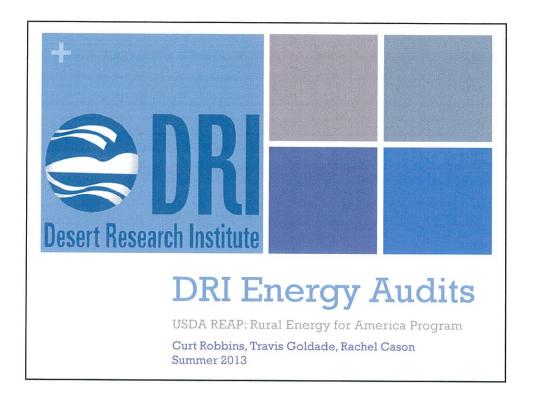
Beyond your standard energy assessment, the DRI Energy Team is capable of determining if solar heating is practical for your business as solar is a practical and economical energy source in Nevada's unique climate.

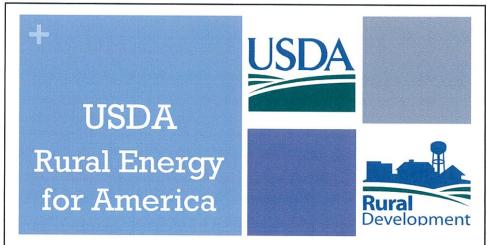
### USDA & REAP

Rural Development Energy Program This program is funded by a grant from the USDA REAP division. The goal of this program, as well as DRI, is to lower energy consumption and make business more sustainable through savings on energy bills. The grant makes it possible to apply for reimbursement of the cost of recommended energy-efficient upgrades.

### Desert Research Institute Contact Information

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Rachel Cason: (775) 843-9719
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- Subsidized level II Energy Audits
- USDA pays 75% of the cost
  - SW Gas will also cover 50% of that cost
- Rural Small Businesses and Agriculture Facilities of all sizes
- Grant ends October 2013



- The Desert Research Institute is Non-Profit
- Academic research: member of the Nevada Higher System of Education
- DRI's research starts in our community and expands around the world

### Level II Energy Audit

### Energy Survey and Analysis

- Evaluate the buildings/facilities energy systems in detail to define potential energy conservation measures (ECM's)
- Energy Consumption:
  - electricity
  - fuels
  - water
- Audit Includes:
  - building envelope
  - HVAC
  - hot water
  - electrical loads (i.e. lighting)
  - process uses (i.e. dairy, laundry, kitchen, etc.)
- Renewable Energy applications



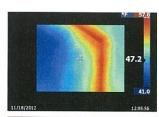
Lighting

- Most commonly audited area
- Upgrade options available:
  - Incandescent to CFL's (LED's)
  - T-12 to T-8 or T-5
  - Metal Halide to High Pressure Sodium
- We only recommend changes with a payback period of less than 5 years
  - Recommended bulbs generally have longer lifespans
- Free upgrades
  - De-lamping & time-of-day lighting

<sup>+</sup>Insulation

- Can often be self-installed
- DRI has experience in thermal research
- There are many applications
  - Hot Water Tanks & Pipes
  - Refrigerant Pipes
  - Refrigerated surfaces
  - Pools
  - Ducting





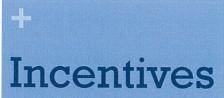


### \*Kitchen & Refrigeration





- Check if equipment is properly maintained
  - Set Temperatures
    - Hot Water & Refrigeration
  - Properly Cleaned
    - Gasket Condition
- Upgrades
  - Cooking equipment (paybacks of 3-5 years)
  - EC Motors (paybacks of 1-2 years)
- Many of the necessary changes are behavioral practices and changes in habit







- Funding and reimbursement
  - SW Gas & NV Energy
  - Cash back for energy upgrades
- - Grants (starting at \$10,000)
  - Low interest Loans







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### Cost

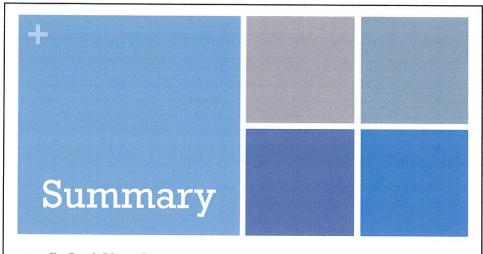
Energy Audit Cost	Cost (\$)
Pre-audit energy consumption examination	\$60
Travel- car expense (round trip $\sim$ 3 hours)	\$250
On-site inspection and data collection (~4 hours x2 engineers)	\$350
Final report (8+ hours); includes renewable energy options	\$300
Total Audit Cost	\$960
25% Client Fee	\$240
Audit cost to project	\$720

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### How to get an assessment:



- 1. Contact DRI Energy Team and let us know you are interested
- 2. Provide a walk-through of the facility for DRI's engineers
- 3. Receive detailed report of energy conservation measures with a payback of less than 4 years
  - Includes assessment of renewable energy options
- Costs \$160 to \$240 per assessment
  - Southwest Gas customers can reduce this cost by half



- Subsidized energy audits
- · Performed by non-profit scientific research center, DRI
- Grant ends October, 2013





### **Gardnerville Town Board**

### **AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

1. For Possible Action: Discussion of a work plan for the Eagle Gas property, APN:

	Street District. The discussion on demolition of the existing facilities and amenities and discuss options for the proposed improvements, and other matters properly related thereto, with public comment prior to board action.
2.	Recommended Motion:
	Funds Available:   ✓ Yes   ✓ N/A
3.	Department: Administration
	Prepared by: Tom Dallaire
4.	Meeting Date: July 2, 2013 Time Requested: 30 minutes
5.	Agenda: ☐ Consent ☐ Administrative
	Background Information: The town took ownership of the Eagle Gas property on June 5, 2013. We have cleaned out the building of garbage, broken glass, and food. We removed the original light poles and footings, bollards and we removed the gas station signs and poles. We have coordinated the tanks and line testing for Monday July 8 <sup>th</sup> .
	I would like to discuss with the board the proposed work plan. I have a draft version developed for the project and it is attached in this packet. We are trying to accomplish big dreams on as little investment as possible. See next page for additional back up information.
6.	Other Agency Review of Action: □ Douglas County □ N/A
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There are several options to choose from and more options after the tanks are tested on the 8<sup>th</sup>, but for right now, I think it is important to gather input prepare some conceptual plans and advertise a public workshop one evening, maybe on site during a wine walk.

- We can leave the building as is; possibly utilize the building until we can apply for funding for the demolition or building removal.
- We can remove the ac area, replace the curb and gutter, create the gateway area now and do the parking lot under grant funds.
- Apply for funding next year through Main Street to do the gateway.
- Apply to NDOT for funding of the curb gutter and sidewalk and start breaking down the town in sections to complete.
- Or leave it as is and apply for demo and improvement grants to do the entire project at once.

I'm sure there are more opportunities for this site that I have not listed.

This site was identified in the Town's Parking District Strategy and proposed as the first of a three (3) phase parking lot. This strategy has not been before the County Commissioners for approval, but they were supportive of the town taking ownership and working the available programs to come up with a beneficial use of the property.

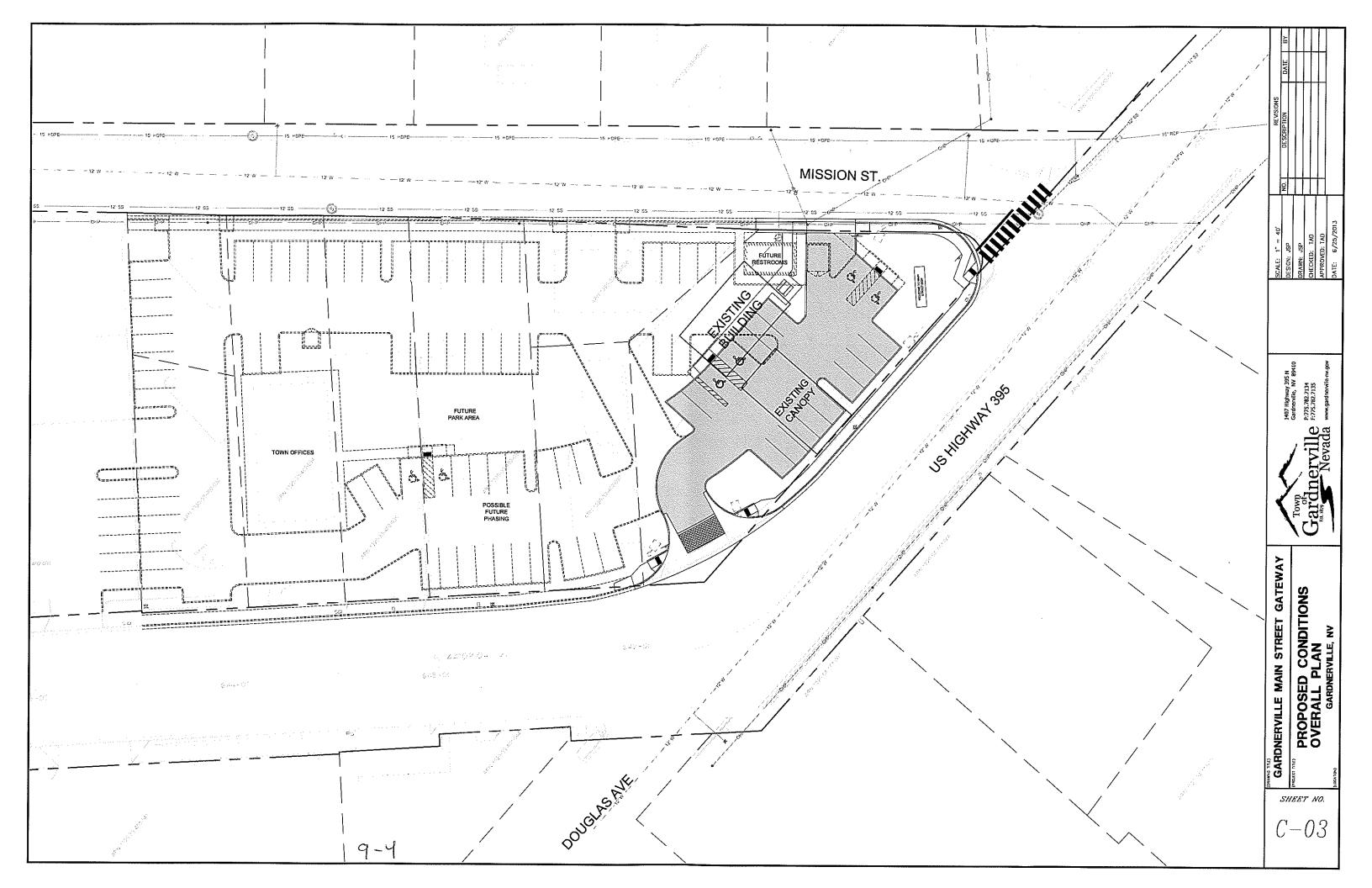
Please see the attached plans. We have added the existing structure locations on the proposed plan to clarify the actual location of the existing building relative to the proposed improvements.

Please come with ideas and thoughts you may have for consideration to the plan we will develop for the public workshop.

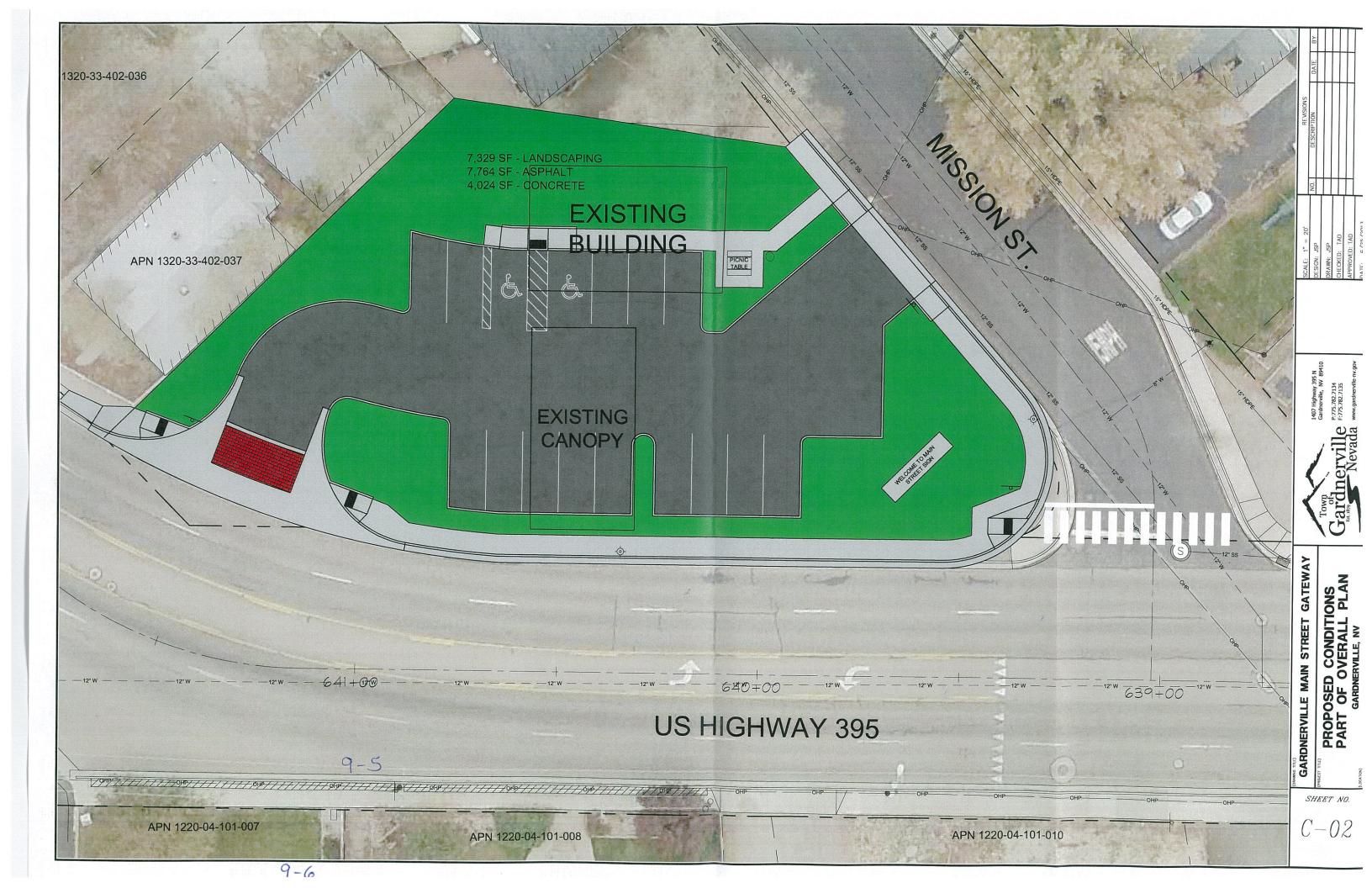


## Work Plan – Eagle Gas Station - Downtown Gardnerville Gateway

Activity	Tasks Necessary to Complete Activity	Task Responsibility	Due Date	Comp. Date	Budget
	Remove the old light poles and fixtures				0
	Beverage signs and window collages Eagle Gas Signs				
	Kerosine Tank				
Initial site cleanup	Garbage and barrels from aournd the back of the	town staff	06/28/13		\$0.00
	building				2
	Replace the metal cover on the roof units				
	Remove bollards and back fill with dirt left on the site				
Call Venders for Ciggerette racks and Refer units	remove the Vender cabentry or discpos of material	town staff			
sell the ice bag freezer	remove from building	town staff			\$1.000
	Remove old remaining icecream - remove unit from				
Sell ice cream freezer	building	town staff			
Remove remaining building contents	Haul away Trash salvage what we can sell and sell it.	town staff			
Contract with State Approved agency for Brownsfield phase II report.	call and coordinate contract and extimated costs	tad			
Apply for brownsfield funding for phase II					
receive the latest report from Krazan, hired by the bank	call and coordinate to recive a copy of the report.	tad	6/30/2013	6/20/1931	
	Coordinate company to test tanks per NDEP				
Leak test underground tanks (4 ust) + 1 heating oil tank & pipes	requirements				
Pursue NDEP petrolum fund enrollment if tanks not leaking					
research the hydrulic lift for removal	see if state or if meusum has pictures of lifts				
Site Design and Site Layout and overall plan concept					
Prepare a couple of alternatives for board review and comment					
Provide public workshop to discuss project and proposed plans for site					
Discuss with NDOT the proposed site plans and obtain feedback to the design					
Advertise and invite business to comment on project					
Final design and board approval to proceed with funding					
Apply for federal Brownsfield funding for site reclamation					
Apply for state park funding					
apply for CDBG Funding - through the county					





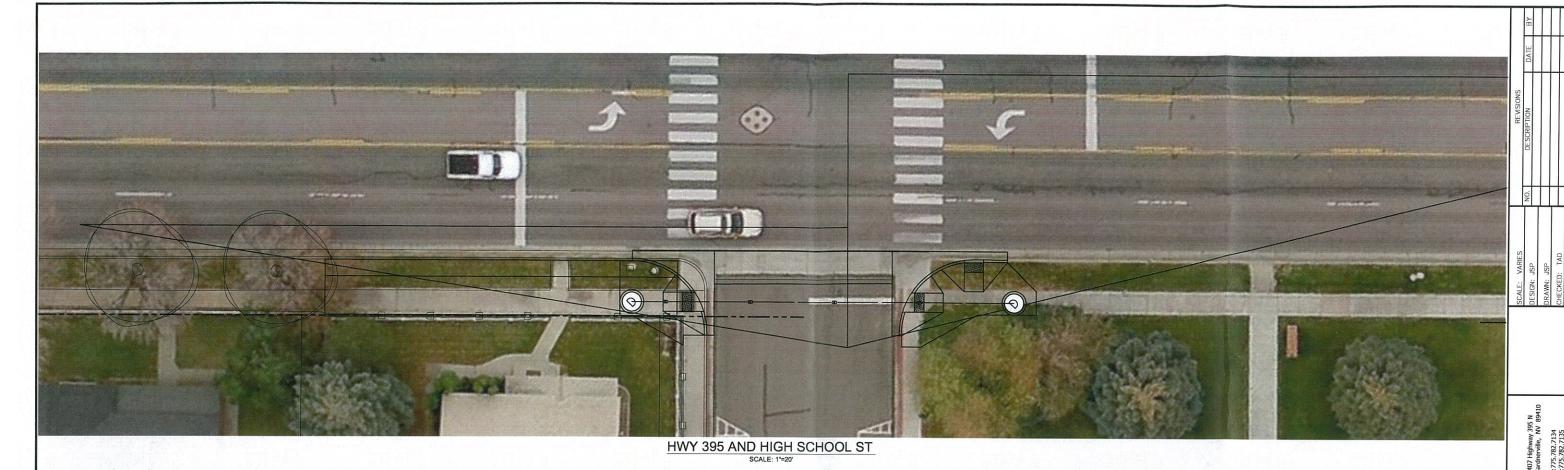




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1.	For Possible Action: Discussion and provide direction to staff regarding the concerns recently expressed by two of the local business owners adjacent to the Town's roadside trees located within downtown Gardnerville, and discussion of installing a single roadside tree and sidewalk at 1462 Highway 395, (APN: 1320-33-401-011), with public comment prior to board action
2.	Recommended Motion: To provide direction based on board discussion and approve the sidewalk, tree grate and tree installation at 1462 Highway 395. Funds Available: Yes
3.	Department: Administration
	Prepared by: Tom Dallaire
4.	Meeting Date: July 2, 2013 Time Requested: 30 minutes
5.	Agenda: Consent  Administrative
	Background Information: Town Staff has received complaints over the past two months about the size of the trees in front of the Overland and the size of the shrubs at the single family residence north of the driveway into the Overland from Highway 395. The owners of the Overland would prefer to cut the tree down and replace them with shrubs. When those trees were put in, she was told the trees would not get that big. Now they are blocking the building signage. The trees are getting blamed for the lack of business. Staff would like to discus any viable options with the Board for the trees, at the very least trimming the tree as to not block the building signage. Staff fears that with trimming of the tree tops, the tree will eventually die and need to be replaced.
	Staff has been approached by the owner of 1462 Highway 395 to install the wider sidewalk, tree grate and plant a tree. We have a plan for what that will look like. The tree will not interfere with the sight visibility from adjacen driveways. Staff would like to proceed with NDOT approval.
6.	Other Agency Review of Action: Douglas County
7.	Board Action:
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1462 HWY 395 SCALE: 1"=10"



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HWY 395 AND HIGH SCHOOL ST FY 2012-13 REHABILITATION

GARDNERVILLE, NV

SHEET NO.

### **Gardnerville Town Board**



### **AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

1.	Monthly Report of activities for June 2013.
	Funds Available: ☐ Yes ☐ N/A
2.	Department: Main Street Program
	Prepared by: Paula Lochridge
3.	Meeting Date: July 2, 2013 Time Requested: 5 minutes
4.	Agenda: Consent Administrative
5.	Background Information: See attached
6.	Other Agency Review of Action: Douglas County N/A
7.	Board Action:
	Approved —Approved with Modifications
	☐ Denied ☐ Continued



To: Gardnerville Town Board

Fr: Paula Lochridge, Main Street Gardnerville Program Manager

Re: Program Manager's Report for July 2, 2013

- Paperwork required for the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs grant have been submitted. Labyrinth project expenses were just under \$4,000 with well over \$5,000 in volunteer hours spent on this project... and still more volunteer work is needed. Labyrinth project at Heritage Park Gardens is really taking shape. See enclosed photos of progress.
- Heritage Park Gardens benefitted greatly thanks to the donation of 100 Austrian Pines from Genoa Trees. These trees were sold for \$45 each or 5-\$200.
- We have received an acceptance letter on the local level for our application to Nevada Department of Agriculture for their Nevada Specialty Crop Grant funding. Now it'll be submitted to USDA on the national level and we should know if we're accepted by this fall. The requested amount is \$5,000 to go towards the Heritage Park Gardens Children's Garden section focusing on an educational component.
- Revolving Loan Fund update:
  - Per our loan fund liaison, we have another loan application turned in and awaiting review by the loan committee with the potential of another one being submitted soon.
  - We've requested an extension from USDA RD to extend the remaining revolving loan funds (\$26,000) from our initial grant into the next fiscal year.
- Our June wine walk was successful with nearly 400 people joining us and approximately 150 of those were new to the event. In fact, the Historian Inn said that they had four of their rooms reserved in advance for the event by folks from out of town.

### Businesses Comings and Goings:

 Nevada Unique grand opening was June 15<sup>th</sup>. Nevada Unique Store is a place to find small batch, hand crafted items unique to Nevada. We have gourmet foods, seasonal local produce, jewelry, art work and so much more. Local made products for local folks.

- O **Unique Boutique**: (formerly Urban Jungle) Unique Boutique is a little bit of everything fun and exciting in one shopping experience. They are bringing you thrift store prices in a boutique shopping experience. New, gently used and locally handcrafted items will be featured in their new store with the added bonus of a place for kids to play while mamas do a little shopping.
- A new business, Polka Dots, will be opening in July in the old Ruby Rose location.

### Upcoming events and dates:

- Monthly Morning Coffee Meetings Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 am.
- Freedom 5K Fun Run/Walk event, partnering with the Town of Gardnerville. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 am 12 pm *(Volunteers needed)*
- Movies in the Park, July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walk on July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Movies in the Park, July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Movies in the Park, August 9<sup>th</sup>
- Old Town Days, September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Harvest Celebration, Heritage Park Gardens on October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cash Mobs will resume in October, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Main Street Gardnerville Program!

Paula Lochridge,

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Main Street Gardnerville Program Manager







The labyrinth project at Heritage Park Gardens is taking shape.

### Inside Scoop

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SHANNON LITZ

Yu Shimizu-Parker of Gardnerville works on the labyrinth at the Heritage Park community garden on Saturday morning.

### Volunteers grow Heritage Park Garden

by Carvn Haller challer@recordcourier.com

Volunteers cheered and applauded as the first section of the Heritage Park Gardens labyrinth was complete Saturday.

As an accent to the 17-bed community garden, the labyrinth is a circular meditative walking path lined with painted rocks, leading to a larger rock in the middle.

"As you walk it's a meditation to get to the center. A lot of big gardens have something like this, and it's a different component to the garden," said Carol Sandmeier, garden committee chairwoman. "The paths are wide enough for wheelchair access. We're naming the big rock in the center 'Tom,' after the town manager."

As well as constructing the labyrinth, a dozen volunteers planted vegetables, pulled weeds and cleaned up during a garden work day.

The various garden beds are adopted by individuals, and community groups like Boy Scout Troop 33, that grows vegetables for the food closet.

"They've already donated 12 pounds of lettuce and radishes," Sandmeier said of the flourishing garden bed.

The garden also includes demonstration beds such as the Master Gardeners of Douglas County's edible landscaping bed, and the square-foot gardening

"The garden not only provides space, but teaches adults and children how to grow healthy food in a small space," Sandmeier said. "We see people harvesting food and working together as a community, and that makes us feel good. We've turned this field of weeds into something that will benefit the community for a long time."

Sandmeier said the garden committee applied for a \$5,000 grant to add a 40-by-70-foot children's garden in the future.

The garden would include plots for children, and offer educational classes on growing their own food.

"The more children learn to grow their own food, the healthier our community," Sandmeier added.

Sandi Morrison began volunteering in the garden 18 months ago as a way to get out of the house. Saturday she helped plant a new bed of tomatoes and eggplant.

"I love it. I have a good time. Sometimes I just come out here and do whatever needs done," the Minden resident said. "If you're new here like I was it's a great way to meet people and see what's going on in the area."

Morrison also paints rocks as a fundraiser for Heritage Park Garden.



SHANNON LITZ

Sandi Morrison of Minden plants tomatoes in the community garden at Heritage Park on Saturday morning

She said the plant marker rocks that say potatoes, or radishes, or beans are a popular item, and make a nice addition to anyone's garden.

She will be selling them at the Gardnerville Fourth of July celebration.

Minden resident Ron James handles the infrastructure of the garden.

"The ladies know the plants, and I help build the structure like the fencing, the walking paths, the beds. It's interesting to see what you can grow here," he said. "I think there's so many benefits to being involved in nature and knowing how things grow. There's miracles going on all around here. The biggest thing I enjoy is creating the opportunity for other people to explore their pleasure in nature."

Barbara Bardecker planted 20 pumpkin plants for the Oct. 5 fall festival open house.

From those plants, she is expecting to grow 90 pumpkins to give away to children.

"It takes about 90-120 days to grow depending on the variety. Last year, we had 10-to-15pound pumpkins," she said. "It's

Community garden plots with irrigation are available at Heritage Park Gardens located next to Heritage Park in downtown Gardnerville. Annual prices cover the growing season from April 1 through March 30.

4' x 5' -- \$30

DETAILS

4' x 10' — \$50

4' x 15' — \$70

For more information to rent a plot, or to volunteer and/ or donate, contact Carol Sandmeier at cjsandmeier@ aol.com, or Paula Lochridge at PLochridge@mainstreetgardnerville.org, or 782-8027.

fun watching the kids when they come in. That's the future, teaching little guys how to grow their own food and live off the land."

The Heritage Park Garden Committee is always looking for volunteers, and no experience is necessary.

For more information, email Sandmeier at cjsandmeier@aol. com, or Paula Lochridge at PLochridge@mainstreetgardnerville.org, or call 782-8027.

### Pick a plot and get growing!

prices cover the growing season from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> ocated next to Heritage Park in Park Gardens, conveniently





## Heritage Park Gardens

beautify...To cultivate and nurture A place to learn, grow, share, and our community..



cjsandmeier@aol.com Carol Sandmeier

Paula Lochridge

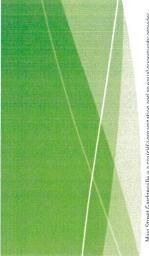
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# Heritage Park Gardens...Growing Now!

Special Events: Daffodil Day in April, Annual Open House/Plant Swap & Sale in June, Children's planting also in June, and Fall Harvest Celebration in October.

**Garden Plots**: Available in  $4' \times 5'$ ,  $4' \times 10'$ , and  $4' \times 15'$ .

Demonstration Plots: Douglas County Master Gardeners' Edible Landscaping, Cooperative Extension Native Plants Club, and Square-Foot Gardening.

**Volunteer Workdays and Committee Planning Meeting**: Workdays are held monthly/semimonthly. Garden Committee meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3 pm at Gardnerville Town Offices.



### 2013 Season Goals

- Increase number of garden plots
  - Continue supporting Children's planting garden
- Provide assistance to Boy Scout in growing produce for Food Closet
  - Dedication of labyrinth/public
- Production of "Garden Goodi
- Develop plans for Children's

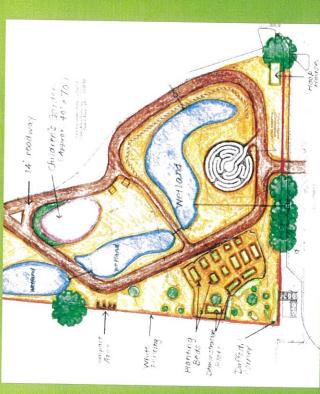
Heritage Park Gardens is a project of Main Street Gardnerville in cooperation with the Town of Gardnerville



Sharing Garden: Produce harvested from this plot is donated to local Food Closet. (maintained by Boy Scouts during 2013 season)

- 2 Special Events
- What did we accomplish in 2012 (our 1<sup>st</sup> year)?

   Twelve hay bale raised beds
   Demonstration Gardens
   Sharing Garden for the Food Closet
   Compost Area
   Drip Irrigation System
   Fencing
   Hoop House



Heritage Park Gardens Master Plan

### Heritage Park Gardens Tree Sale

### Austrian Pine \$45 each or \$200 for five trees

All sales benefit Heritage Park Gardens, a local Community Garden



### Come Pick Your Own!

at Heritage Park Gardens by special appointment. Available tree sizes: 6' – 7'



Trees are generously donated by Genoa Trees



For questions or to purchase tree,
please contact
Carol Sandmeier
(cjsandmeier@aol.com) or
Paula Lochridge
(PLochridge@mainstreetgardnerville.org)



### Gardnerville celebrates July 4 with walk and artfest

### **Staff Reports**

The Town of Gardnerville and Main Street Gardnerville will host a "Freedom 5K Fun Run-Walk and Yankee Doodle Chalk Artfest" 7 a.m. to noon July 4 at Heritage Park.

Residents are asked to wear their patriotic colors and participate a run-walk around Heritage Park, Martin Slough Nature Trail and Carson Valley Middle School cross country and running track.

Cost to register for the Fun Run-Walk is \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of event. Advance registration will guarantee participants a Freedom 5K T-shirt. Deadline for advanced registration is June 21. A limited number of T-shirts will be available the day of the event. Registration forms available for download at www.Main-StreetGardnerville and www. gardnerville-nv.gov, and at the Town of Gardnerville office at 1407 Highway 395 in Gardnerville. Submit the forms, with payment, to the Town of Gardnerville or Main Street Gardnerville at this same address.

The "Yankee Doodle Chalk Artfest" is hosted by the Carson Valley Arts Council and East Fork Gallery. Registration fee is \$20 in advance and includes the chalk. Applications are due by June 20. Registration forms available from the Carson Valley Arts Council at 1572 Highway 395 in Minden or on their website at www.cvartscouncil.com. Registration forms also available at the East Fork Gallery, 1503 Main Street, Suite K in Gardnerville. Mail to CVAC, Attn: Chalk Artfest, 1572 Highway 395, Minden, NV 89423 or drop off at the East Fork Art Gallery or Gardnerville Town Office.

During the event, families with children under 12 can visit the "Family Chalk Doodle Fun Zone" from 8 am-noon for free (no preregistration needed).

The Carson Valley Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast 7-11 a.m. The \$6 breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverage.

Vendors are being sought (limited space available). To participate, contact the Town of Gardnerville/Main Street Gardnerville offices at 782-8027 or 782-7134.

Visit the Town of Gardnerville's website at www.gardnerville-nv.gov or Main Street Gardnerville's website at www. MainStreetGardnerville.org for registration forms and more information.



### **FLOWER GIRL**



SPECIAL TO THE RC

Smith Valley School student Skyler Wellnitz helped grow the flower baskets that adorn Main Street in Gardnerville.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gardnerville in bloom Editor:

Volunteers from the Main Street Gardnerville Flower Committee are dedicated to ensuring the town appears to residents and visitors alike as one continuous flower garden. Soon everyone will once again enjoy flowers in both hanging baskets and flower pots lining Main Street.

The flowering petunia baskets are grown by students and staff at three local schools as part of their horticultural endeavors. The funds paid to the schools provide a means for the community to support both the students and the agricultural science programs. Again, the goal this year is to hang 68 baskets on light poles along Main Street. One can still sponsor a basket for \$85 and enjoy fresh flowers throughout the summer without having to water.

In previous years the flowers and plants for the Adopt-a-Pot program were purchased through local nursery suppliers. This year for the first time Skyler Wellnitz, a student at Smith Valley School, under her FFA Advisor, Andy Miller, took on the task of growing the plants for the Adopt-a-Pots.

Once these plants were well established, the Flower Committee volunteers along with Smith Valley School students created 62 beautifully planted pots to adorn the streets of Gardnerville.

Some merchants have adopted these flower pot arrangements to showcase their store entrances. Residents are encouraged to consider adopting one or more for their favorite merchant in recognition of, and as a thank you for, their community services.

Please help keep "Main Street in Bloom" and support the volunteer efforts by sponsoring a basket or adopting a flower pot. Contact the Main Street Gardnerville office at 782-8027 to make your arrangements today.

Linda Dibble

Flower Committee Chair Main Street Gardnerville Program

### Donors make bus a reality

### **Editor:**

The staff and parent volunteer group of Trinity Lutheran Childcare Center & Kindergarten want to thank our donors for contributing to our "Wheels on the Bus" raffle and to the public for purchasing raffle tickets.

With your help, we raised over \$17,000 towards our new school bus.

The kids will now have amazing memories

### 'Seed' money being sought for Basque mural project

### **Staff Reports**

Main Street Gardnerville is seeking funding for a Basque mural project.

Beverly Caputo, a local artist, is working with Main Street Gardnerville to create this Basque-themed mural.

The mural will be 12' x 16' in size. The composition will contain the profile of a Basque sheepherder holding a lamb. Next to the herder will be his faithful companion, a dog, with his flock grazing in the background against the

backdrop of Job's Peak. The work of art will be contained within the shape of the State of Nevada.

This will be a public mural painted on Marine plywood panels that will be top coated with a protective clear coat as a sealer. The mural will be portable; but currently a site has been selected for initial exhibition. It will be displayed on the side of a building within the Main Street Gardnerville District with excellent visibility from the street along Highway 395.

Packets of seeds will be

given out to those wishing to support this project in exchange for "seed money" donations collected during the upcoming Thirsty Third Thursday wine walks, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19.

The donation locations for June's wine walk will be Joyce's Fine Jewelry, 1503 Highway 395 N Unit A and the Historian Inn, 1427 Highway 395.

"As an added bonus, you will be able to keep track of the donations on a banner which will be installed on the South side of Battle

Born Wine," organizers said in a press release.
"There have already been generous donations by individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations; but we are still in need of additional funding to bring this project to fruition."

For more information or to donate to this project, contact Paula Lochridge at 782-8027 or plochridge@ mainstreetgardnerville.org.

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### A COUPLE OF BUCKS



**KURT HILDEBRAND** 

Two bucks, still sporting their fuzzy antlers, lie in the shade in Genoa last week.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Independence through volunteerism

### **Editor:**

In 1989, George H.W. Bush during his inaugural address invoked the vision of a "thousand points of light" and invited the nation to take action through service to their fellow citizens. During his presidency, he distributed 1,020 Daily Points of Light Awards and placed volunteer service at the top of his agenda.

That spirit of volunteerism continues today through the President's Volunteer Service Awards where last year 130,000 awards were distributed. Volunteering has always been a part of the American fabric dating back to Benjamin Franklin and the establishment of the first volunteer fire department in 1736.

Volunteerism within America crosses all political lines and such diverse individuals as Bill O'Reilly and Jon Stewart have connected in volunteer efforts. As part of the Points of Light yearly activities, Washington D.C. hosted a conference on volunteers and service June 19-22.

More than 5,000 people were expected to attend and promote volunteerism, showcasing the power of service to bring together divergent ideas and perspectives.

With our national attention on so many unpleasant issues at this time, this conference as well as our own Independence Day seemed like the perfect opportunity to refocus, maybe for only a moment, on what we do best in this country. The power to improve our communities does not just begin with the president or in places far from home. Volunteerism is demonstrated everyday by local agencies, organizations, churches, your neighbor, and quite possibly, even you.

Volunteering is a commitment, but a commitment that is based on what you can give. Perhaps you feel that you are stretched too thin and could not possibly make time in your day to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for variety of a things and your commitment can be tailored to meet your ability to give.

Maybe you are not willing to pick up a shovel and dig a garden; but you might be able to assist with developing an electronic link for a service organization.

Quite possibly, something as simple as dropping off a delivery for a service organization would be greatly appreciated. Or, you may only be able to volunteer for a few days a year. It doesn't matter.

Until you have volunteered, you will never know that the service you provide becomes more satisfying to you than you would ever imagine. And, as research has shown, when volunteerism is high within a city or town the quality of life for the entire community improves.

So, take time to digest the information presented here and think about something you have always wanted do that may benefit an individual, a group, or a community. Then, take that next step and get involved. Volunteer. Who knows? The person who will benefit the most from your service may even be you.

**Dorette L. Caldana** president and volunteer Main Street Gardnerville

### Nice day for breakfast in the park

### Editor:

June 8 was a beautiful day in Minden Park. The sun shined brightly as neighbors and residents of the Town of Minden gathered to watch the Carson Valley Days parade. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed plates of bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes as they waited anxiously for the procession to begin, increasing the number of complimentary Minden breakfasts served this year to 383. It is on that note that I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Minden Board and the residents of the town, to express our sincerest thanks to the following individuals and organizations which helped to make the second annual Minden complimentary breakfast a huge success. To our event partner Model Dairy: your generous donation of dairy products including eggs, milk, butter and creamer made this event possible, not to mention delicious. The town looks forward to partnering with you on future events including our Fourth of July celebration in Minden Park featuring Model Dairy popsicles and ice cream.

The Carson Valley Inn was also an event sponsor, lending the town use of food warmers and serving utensils for the second consecutive year.

Special thanks go to the Carson Valley 20-30 Club for allowing Minden to be part of the Carson Valley Days tradition. The board members and I tip our hats to Todd Wilcks, Steve Wilcox, Bruce Scott, Les Armer, Bob Strauser, Michael Carey and Minden staff members who either helped with the breakfast, or proudly represented the town with members of their families on the Minden Chuck Wagon.

Finally, thank you to the fans of the breakfast. It was an honor serving this community and a joy to see your smiling faces as you came back for a second helping of Minden goodwill.

If you did not make it to breakfast this year, please consider joining the Minden Town Board next year in Minden Park. We'll be here with our aprons ready to serve you from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. or until the food runs out.

Jenifer Davidson Minden Town Manager