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In April 2019 Erik Nilssen was selected to be the next Gardnerville Town Manager. Erik was born on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Being the son of an Air Force Officer he was forced to move often, eventually residing in ten states and three countries (United States, Sweden, and the Dominican Republic). Erik earned his first bachelor's degree from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah with a major in Applied Environmental Geosciences and a minor in Mathematics. He was fortunate to start his career as a hydrologist with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (Phoenix, AZ), one of the largest flood control districts in the Western United States.

Although work at the district was interesting, Erik worried about being pigeonholed as a "grading and drainage engineer" and accepted a Civil Engineer position with the City of Mesa, Arizona. The City of Mesa exposed Erik to all aspects of Municipal Engineering including; water, waste water, storm water, transportation, transit, street lights, traffic signals, parks, recreation and commercial facilities. During his time at the City of Mesa Erik completed a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University and earned his license as a Professional Engineer (P.E.).

Looking for friendlier confines to raise his family Erik was hired by Douglas County to serve as the County Engineer in 2012. From 2012 through 2019 Erik managed the Engineering Division of the Douglas County Community Development Department. Major duties of his position included all plan review and inspection of public works infrastructure, obtaining numerous grants, and updating Douglas County Code and the Design Criteria and Improvement Standards. While working for Douglas County, Erik completed a Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Nevada Reno.

Erik looks forward to solving infrastructure challenges, improving the Town's customer service, assisting local businesses in their development and building on the solid foundation laid by Jim Park and Tom Dallaire, the two previous Town Managers. "The feedback I have received from the Town Board and the residents I have spoken with is Gardnerville's Citizens are generally happy with their local government. I will strive to improve the value the taxpayers feel they receive from their Town."

Erik and his wife Ashley were married in 2001 and have three kids. They enjoy skiing during the winter and hiking, fly fishing and swimming in the summer. The Nilssens do not believe there is a better location to raise a family and are grateful for the opportunity provided by the Gardnerville Town Board.

Projects within the Town



Arbor Day



Rotary Trees



Pond Fencing



Garage Sale Signs

Arbor Day 2019 – The Arbor Day Celebration planted 2 Northern Catalpas in Heritage Park this year. Cub Scout Troop 8583 and Girl Scout Troops 287 helped with the event bringing out over 30 children to plant the trees and learn about the importance of trees in our area. The Town has a Certified ISA Arborist on staff to maintain our 700+ town trees.

Eagle Scout Project – Boy Scout, Nathan Caires, and his crew built two Bocce Ball Courts in Heritage Park this spring. Rules are also posted next to the courts. You will want to bring your own equipment for the sport and it was made with real Oyster Shell to give it an official feeling. He brought out many volunteers from the community to help with the endeavor.

Property & Service Approvals– Yager's Garage property between Sharkey's casino and JT Basque Bar & Dinning Hall was approved by the Town board to be repurposed for a parking lot. Firestone Service center was approved by the Town Board to be built on US Highway 395 near Heritage Bank. They will be a full service tire center. Maverik Fueling Station was approved by the Town board to be built near US Highway 395 and Stodick Parkway. This will provide the fourth fueling station to Gardnerville.

Kings Lane Sidewalk is continuing to move forward in the permitting process. The project is funded with Town Funds and State Grants. The project is scheduled to be completed this winter when the irrigation season is over.

Crack Filling – Twenty one pallets of crack fill material were applied in Sunset Park and Chichester Estates this spring. While the cracks are not truly fixed the application of the material, it will help keep water out of the cracks and limit organic growth. We completed this project with Town Staff crack filling half of the material and Superior Asphalt the other half. Next fall and winter we plan on crack filling more in Chichester Estates.

Donated Fruit Trees - The Minden Rotary Club donated twenty four fruit trees to the Town this spring including cherry, apple, and pear trees. They were planted in the open space near the Gilman Ponds by the Rotary, Town Staff, and a master gardner. These trees when bigger, will provide a good food source for both people walking along the path and the local wildlife that live in the open space. This will continue the pocket orchard concept throughout Town.

Pond Fencing - Carrick Detention Pond fencing project was awarded to Tholl Fence. They will be installing a 4' tall fence around the sidewalk in late July along with 6 gates for access. The ultimate plan for the property will be to provide a dog park to residents and visitors.

Street Sealing - Street sealing in the Old Town and Sunset subdivision is slated to be completed in July. The streets will be "Slurry Sealed" with a top coat to protect the asphalt for another 5 years. Sierra Nevada Construction was awarded the bid and will be noticing the impacted residents at least 48 hours in advance.

Rapid Flashing – Rapid Flashing Beacon Crosswalks project is continuing to move forward in the permitting process. There are four lit crossings and ADA upgrades scheduled for the downtown Gardnerville area and is partially grant funded. The project is slated to be completed next summer.

Sweep the Town Project – Sweep the Town event was hugely successful this year. There were sixty eight volunteers that came out to sweep the town and help with the yearly cleanup. Winter brings lots of dirt and debris into hard to reach areas. Thank you Main Street Gardnerville for championing this project.

Garage/ Estate Sale Signs – Please remember that Douglas County Code 20.696.100.Z only allows 2 yard sales signs to be installed on your own property during the yard or garage sale. No signs are allowed to be taped to the town stop signs, light poles, NV Energy power poles, or street signal poles. The tape adhesive is damaging to the decorative poles, and in some cases removes the paint and or powder coat from the pole. Many of these signs are unretrievable after an event is over becoming unsightly. The signs also reduce visibility for drivers at intersection. Town staff has been directed to remove signs which are not located on private property. We appreciate your care for the public poles.

Main Street Flowers

Many thanks to Douglas High School Future Farmers of America, Smith Valley School Future Farmers of America & China Springs Youth Camp for cultivating the flowers that beautify the Main Street Gardnerville Corridor. The flowers are now up along US 395 and Town Staff is maintaining them. A noticeable difference making Gardnerville colorful and special.

Health & Sanitation

2019 Free Trash For A Year Raffle Closes Nov. 15 for all participants

Don't forget to provide your input on the town's online customer service survey for your chance to win a year's free trash service. at <https://www.townofgardnerville.com/services/trash-collection/> The survey will be active Aug 1, 2019.

The Town of Gardnerville's greenwaste recycling is picked up on Tuesdays and delivered to Bently Agrodynamics off of Stockyard Rd/Hwy 395 in Minden. Town residents may also leave bagged greenwaste at the Town Yard (1369 Hwy 395) between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon- Fri. just to the

right of the entry gate within the orange fence area. Larger branches can be delivered to the yard as well and dropped off at the green waste area. Staff will chip up the material for ground cover in the Herritage Park Community Garden area.

Two-yard bins are available to be delivered to residents homes for \$26.00 collection fee per dump. Recycling drop off locations throughout the Carson Valley: Topaz Ranch Estates/ Gardnerville Elementary School/ Pau Wa Lu Middle School/ Jacks Valley Elementary School/ Douglas County Animal Shelter (aluminum only)/ Smiths Food and Drug Store, Benefits Boy Scout troops 495 (aluminum only)/ Town of Minden Public Works Facility on Buckeye Road.

New Hires

One new staff member for the Health and Sanitation department started in June. We expect he will make a fine addition to the Gardnerville family as we strive to provide excellent service. We will also have two additional seasonal employees to help water the hanging flowers and assist with public works and park duties.

Pruning Correctly for Tree Health

Proper pruning can be good for trees. However, people often damage trees in the name of pruning. Proper pruning avoids flush cuts or stub cuts, which injure trees and destroy a tree's ability to keep disease organisms or insects out. A flush cut damages the branch collar. Proper pruning begins with selecting the appropriate tree for the planting site. Know the soil type and drainage. Don't plant trees that grow large, such as a sycamore, in small places, under power lines or close to buildings. Start pruning after three years of planting to establish the framework shape of the tree. Prune only one-quarter of the entire tree each year. Prune regularly to maintain the structure of the tree. Use sharp tools when you prune. Don't work near power lines. Hire a professional arborist if the pruning job requires a ladder, a chainsaw, if the tree has been storm-damaged, or limbs are greater than two inches in diameter.



Events

Come and enjoy an evening with family and friends this summer at our **Movies in the Park** event. **Movies being featured:** Incredibles 2 - July 12; How to Train Your Dragon 3 - July 26; and Mary Poppins Returns - August 9. Our sponsors for this year's movies are Carson Valley Medical Center; Bodywise Physical Therapy-Fitness; Mark Smith Tire Center dba Les Schwab; D'Ascoli Orthodontics, Valley Pediatric Dentistry, Heather M. Parsons, DMD; ReMax Realty Affiliates; Northwest Martial Arts and Alex Uribe, State Farm Insurance.

Join us for the **13th Annual Christmas Kickoff** on December 5. Be there early for carriage rides around the park starting at 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting) to give everyone a better chance to get a ride. Santa will arrive at 4:30 and the entertainment/cobbler, hot cocoa and cider start at 5:30 p.m. Popcorn is provided courtesy of the Gardnerville Water Company.



Tentative Schedule:

4:00 Wagon Rides Begin

4:30 Santa arrives

5:30 Lighting of the Heritage Park pavilion, entertainment/holiday treats/gazebo light show

6:30 - Fireworks (weather permitting, can start anywhere between 6:00-6:30)



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July - December 2019 Dates to Remember



July 2 Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

July 12 Movies in the Park
Heritage Park - Incredibles 2
@ sunset

July 18 Wine Walk

July 26 Movies in the Park
Heritage Park - How to Train your
Dragon 3
@ sunset

August 6 Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

August 9 Movies in the Park
Heritage Park - Mary Poppins Returns
@ sunset

August 9-11 Splash Dogs - Heritage Park

August 15 Wine Walk

Sept 3 Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

Sept 19 Wine Walk

Oct 1 Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

Oct 5 Heritage Park -Fall Harvest Festival &Coffin Races

Extra Greenwaste Days

Tuesday, October 8

Tuesday, October 22

Tuesday, November 5

Tuesday, November 19

October 23/24 Fall 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. **No large items (refrigerators, furniture, appliances, etc.) or hazardous waste (tires, batteries, paint, etc)**

Nov 5 Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

November 6/7 Limb Pickup

Picked up on your regular trash day- limbs (2'X 4') secured with rope. Keep bundles at least three feet away from trash cans.

Dec 3 Town Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
1407 Highway 395 N

Dec 5 Gardnerville's Christmas Kickoff - 4:30 p.m. - 6:45
p.m.
Heritage Park

Gardnerville Station

Many residents are wondering about the unfinished condition of the Town owned Gardnerville Station at the corner of Mission Street and Highway 395. There are a few projects at the site which must be completed prior to paving and landscaping the parcel making it look "complete." The Town obtained a grant from Nevada Energy to install an electric vehicle charging station on the parcel. Contracts have been signed with Simerson Construction to complete the work. The charging station should be installed by October 31, 2019.

Additionally, large underground storm water tanks must be installed as the final phase of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) prior to any landscaping and paving. The storm water tanks will eliminate the water ponding on the "S" curve section of Highway 395 during large rain events. Town staff has been working with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to connect additional storm drains to the Town provided underground storm water tanks and widening the "S" curve to make it easier for trucks to maneuver through that section. Town staff anticipates the storm water tanks will be installed by the end of 2019.

Once the electric charging station is functional and the underground storm water tanks are installed Town staff will begin the final planning to complete the site. Although funding has not been dedicated to the project staff is excited to complete the restoration of the site and turn it into a property that is used by residents, visitors, and service groups.

Highway 395 Pavement Condition

Many of you have called to voice concerns with the condition of the pavement on US 395 through the downtown area. The wet winter of 2019 has caused significant deterioration to the pavement. NDOT has stated they plan to repave Highway 395 through Gardnerville in 2022. Both Town and County staff and elected officials are concerned the highway pavement does not have another three years of serviceable life. The Douglas County Board of County Commissioners wrote NDOT in May of this year to express their concern with the condition of the highway and asked NDOT to expedite the reconstruction of the highway through Gardnerville. Highway 395 is not under the jurisdiction of the Town of Gardnerville or Douglas County and we are not able to directly work on the highway.

Residents wishing to request improvements to Highway 395 through Gardnerville are advised to contact Mike Fuess, P.E. District Engineer at 775-834-8300 or mffuess@dot.state.nv.us or by letter 310 Galetti Way, Sparks, NV 89431. NDOT is tentatively scheduled to present their Transportation Improvement Plan to the Board of County Commissioners at the August 1st Board Meeting. Residents may express any concerns to NDOT during the public comment portion of the meeting.



Thursday, July 4, 2019

Run/Walk starts at 8 am

Onsite Registration

7am - 7:45am

Registration—Fun Run/Walk

\$30 in advance/\$35 day of event

\$25 in advance/\$30 day of event for

Veterans, Active Military and Children

6-13. Children 5 and under are free.

Discount for teams/groups of 4 or

more

Register online at

www.MainStreetGardnerville.org/purchases



Carson Valley Lions Club will be hosting a "Pancake Breakfast" Starting at 8 am - \$7

Followed at 11:30am by a concert in the park with Carson Valley Pops Orchestra with Voices of the Sierra Choral Group



Agility Club

Quicksilver Agility Club demonstration following race approximately 9:45am



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Deck yourself out (and your dog too!) in a patriotic costume and show off your American spirit! Price for best dressed



#GardnervilleHeroes #GivingInJuly

NEW this year! A portion of every entry will be donated to Wreaths Across America to place a wreath of every soldier buried at Gardnerville Gardner Cemetery on December 14th

MOVIES IN THE PARK

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF ENTERTAINMENT UNDER
THE STARS AT HERRITAGE PARK

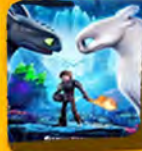
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Night at the
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How to Train Your
Dragon 3

Mary Poppins
Returns

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Dates and movies are subject
to change due to weather and
availability

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