



Town Record

Town of Gardnerville's Community Newsletter

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Town Manager's Message

My favorite holiday is New Year's Eve. Besides eating great food, watching end of year college football games and spending time with my family, I always feel a great sense of optimism that the incoming year will be even more successful than the year previous. To this point all of my optimism toward 2020 has vanished! I am grateful the COVID-19 Virus has, for the most part, not had a significant effect on the health of our residents and hope this newsletter finds you and your extended family safe. What is certain is COVID-19 has affected all of us emotionally, mentally, financially, and socially. The Town is no different. The Town is fortunate that eighty percent of our general fund budget is received from property tax, the other twenty percent comes from sales tax. The Town anticipates less than \$100,000 in reduced revenue collection due to loss of sales tax and reduced commercial solid waste collection. The Town is able to absorb this loss by delaying a capital improvement project. We are in good financial shape compared to many departments and local governments which rely on transient occupancy tax (room tax), which is estimated to be reduced by up to forty percent.

Planned events by the Town have also been impacted. Unfortunately it was necessary to cancel the Town's 4th of July Freedom Festival. This event included a 5k with almost two hundred runners last year and the Town was looking forward to increasing participation this year. Depending on where the virus goes the Town may try and make up the race on Labor Day. The Town's June 19th Movie in the Park was canceled, and again may be moved toward the end of August. At this time the Movies in the Park scheduled for July 17th, 31st and August 14th are tentatively scheduled to be held. Final determination will be made at the July 7th Town Board Meeting. Main Street Gardnerville was forced to cancel its annual "Sweep the Town" Event as well as the first two wine walks. The cancellation of these events will impact Main Street Gardnerville's budget.

In the upcoming months the Town has a few projects which will begin construction. The Town is extending sidewalk on both sides of High School Street from Douglas Ave to Gasoline Alley. A slurry seal which helps to extend the pavement of existing roads will be applied to several streets downtown in the area of Gardner and Heritage Parks, and in Phase I of Heybourne Meadows. The Town also plans to completely reconstruct Cemetery Lane, hopefully in September, but this will depend on how quickly we can procure a permit from NDOT to tie into the intersection with Highway 395. We are also planning on installing two rapid flashing beacons and ADA improvements (similar to the lights by the AM/PM in Minden) at High School Street and Mill Street on Highway 395 to aid the Middle School Students crossing the highway.

I hope the second half of the year is better than the first half. I am proud of the services the Town offers and the projects which we are completing. As always if you wish to discuss any of the Town's operations, projects, or developments please contact me at 775-782-7134 or ehnilssen@douglasnv.us.

Town Projects Updated

****Hellwinkel Shop***

The Town continues to work with TSK Architects to improve the Hellwinkel Shop (the smaller of the two barns on the Town's open space property). The Town wishes to install a concrete floor as well as improve the doors and fix the broken windows. The plan is also to provide electrical service to the shop. The project was submitted for plan review to acquire the necessary building permits. As the shop will be used for storage of equipment and materials the Town is required to install fire hydrants within 400-feet of every portion of the shop. The Town must also provide improved fire access to the barns. After design and permitting is complete, the project will proceed funding dependent.

****Crosswalk Improvements***

This project has been long in the queue for the Town and it finally looks like it is coming to completion. This project will install rapid flashing beacons (similar to the beacons located by AM/PM as you are leaving Minden) at High School Street and Mill Street to aid middle school students crossing the highway. The project was previously bid in April but the bids came in too high. NDOT revised some of their permit conditions which should provide for lower bids. The project is scheduled to bid a second time on June 22nd with construction starting in early September. If bids on the 22nd are again too high the Town will have to consider removing this project from the Capital Improvement Program.

****Gardnerville Station***

Significant work has been completed at the Gardnerville Station and significant work still remains. In February, a 13,000 cubic foot underground reservoir was installed which will hold storm water. NDOT will make the connection to the reservoir when the highway is reconstructed in Spring 2022 thereby reducing flooding along the "S-curve."

Two electric car charging stations were recently installed onsite at the Gardnerville Station. This work was paid for by a grant from NV Energy who also placed new power poles along a portion of Mission Street. These charging stations will be moved to their final locations when the site work is completed in 2023.

The next project at the station will be to install pumps and piping which will take storm water from the underground reservoir to the Martin Slough. This project is currently under design and will be submitted for permitting in the near future. Construction of this project will occur in Fall of 2021 prior to NDOT connecting to the reservoir.

The final site work will be completed in 2023 after all the underground storm drain work is done. The Town realizes the site is in an unsightly condition. The site work cannot be completed until all underground work is done and NDOT has reconstructed the highway or the Town would be at risk of having to do certain improvements twice and delaying other critical projects. We look forward to completing the project and making the S-Curve an area Town residents can be proud of.

****Cemetery Lane Reconstruction***

The Town is planning to reconstruct Cemetery Lane from US Highway 395 to Douglas Ave. Only two roads in the Town have a pavement condition rated lower than Cemetery Lane (Pep Circle and Industrial Way which are also scheduled to be reconstructed within the next five years). Depending on how quickly the Town can obtain an NDOT encroachment permit, the work will occur in Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021.

****High School Street Sidewalk Extension***

A contract has been awarded to ARMAC Construction Inc. to install sidewalks on both the north and south side of High School Street from Douglas Ave to US Highway 395. The work will start around July 13th. This will allow the middle school students to walk to school without venturing into the vehicle travel lanes.

****Annual Slurry Seal***

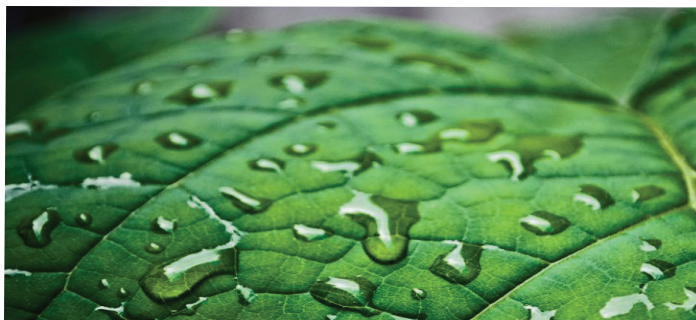
A contract has been awarded to Sierra Nevada Construction to complete a slurry seal on various Town roads. A slurry seal provides a quarter inch thick layer of aggregate and oil to rejuvenate and protect the existing pavement. The work will be completed towards the end of August. Roads to be completed include those around Heritage Park, Gardner Park, Mission Street, Mill Street, High School Street, and Phase One of Heybourne Meadows.



Health & Sanitation

There are no changes to the residential trash schedule for the winter holiday season this year. Christmas falls on a Friday. Commercial trash will be picked up on Thursday and any extra trash from Christmas and the weekend will be picked up on Monday, December 28th.





Tree Tip

Trees Protect our Precious Water

It would be an endless argument trying to decide which is more important for life as we know it - air, soil, or water. All are essential and deserving of our best guardianship.

There are many beneficial roles that trees play, below illustrates how they protect our water resource by:

- ~ Intercepting rain to reduce polluting runoff in urban areas.
- ~ Reducing the impact of stormwater on infrastructure such as sewers and retention ponds.
- ~ Reducing flood waters.
- ~ Preventing soil erosion.
- ~ Shading streams and otherwise improving aqueous habitat.
- ~ Recycling water to the atmosphere through



Scientists have identified and quantified how trees protect our water resources.

LEAVES break the force of falling rain and reduce soil erosion.

BARK stores water via stem flow.

TREE ROOTS bind the soil and guard against erosion. They also take up quantities of water that would otherwise be added to runoff.

Town Events Update

Freedom 5K Fun Run July 4, 2020 in Heritage Park Cancelled



Freedom 5K Fun Run 2019

Due to COVID - 19

For more information please visit
www.MainStreetGardnerville.org

Movies in the Park

Our June showing was cancelled due to COVID -19. We will be waiting on the Govenors announcement on the 30th of June to decide whether the movies for July- August will continue as planned or be cancelled. Please visit our town website and our Facebook page for updates on upcoming events. Here is the list of the movies we hope to show:

July 17 - Thor "The Dark World"

July 31 - Frozen 2

August 14 - Dolittle



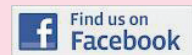
Movies in the Park 2019 - Night at the Museum 2



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July- December 2020 Dates to Remember



July 7, 2020 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

July 17 Movies in the Park - Thor, the Dark
World - Heritage Park

July 31 Movies in the Park - Frozen 2 -
Heritage Park

August 4 Town Board Meeting,
Location TBD 4:30 p.m.

August 14 Movies in the Park, - Dolittle -
Heritage Park

Sept 1 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

Oct 6 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

Extra Greenwaste Days

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

October 29/30 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 more than 6 bags/boxes or cans

November 4/5 Limb Pickup

limbs (3'X 2') secured with rope. Keep bundles at least three feet away from trash cans.

Nov 3 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

Dec 1 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

Dec 3 Gardnerville Christmas Kickoff
5:30 p.m. Heritage Park

Jan 5, 2021 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 pm.

Jan 5 Last greenwaste pickup

Jan 6/7 Christmas tree pickup on your regular trash day. (No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands.