



# Town Record

Town of Gardnerville's Community Newsletter

January 2021

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## Town Manager's Message

Although 2020 has been a year of progress for the Town, we look forward to saying "goodbye" to 2020 and welcoming 2021 with open arms. I know this year has been a challenge for all of us in one manner or another. Hopefully 2021 brings a loosening of the COVID-19 grip which has been firm over the last nine months. Despite the pandemic the Town has made progress in some areas and been hindered in others.

Infrastructure improvements continue to be a major focus for the Town Board. Over the last year the Town completed two rapid flashing beacons on US Highway 395 on Mill Street and High School Street. The Town installed a new storm drain system on Maple Street. At the Gardnerville Station a 13,000 cubic foot stormwater detention reservoir was installed and two new electric car charging stations were furnished. Sidewalks were installed at High School Street between US Highway 395 and Douglas Avenue. Eighty thousand dollars of slurry seal was completed on Town roads to extend pavement life.

The Town Board was able to hear and approve numerous developments within the Town Boundaries. Last December the Town Board adopted new design guidelines to ensure future development is constructed with high quality materials and features as well as enhanced architecture. A tentative subdivision map including fifty-one condominiums was approved on Gilman Avenue across from Chichester (it is actually the final phase of Chichester to be developed). Another one hundred and ninety single family homes were approved as Ashland Park, east of Chichester, which has been identified for development since the 1996 Master Plan. These two projects still need to obtain site improvement permits so it may be sometime before you see construction. A site improvement permit was approved for the final phase of Heybourne Meadows (Ranch at Gardnerville) within the Town boundaries which will add another eighty-one homes. Growth within Carson Valley is a sensitive topic. The Town Board has always supported high quality growth in the correct locations. As Town Manager, I believe the additional tax revenue is necessary in order to maintain our infrastructure at an acceptable level and provide amenities to improve the lives of our residents.

Lastly, over the year the Town Board was able to approve a public arts plan which may be found on the Town's Website. With the help of Main Street Gardnerville, we expect two of the projects to be completed in the short term. The Town has been working on a Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The final touches are being applied in order it to present to the Town Board for consideration. A sidewalk and pavement condition assessment was also completed to aid Town Staff in prioritizing street and sidewalk replacements.



## ***Town Projects Updated***

### ***Hellwinkel Shop***

The Town has been working for over a year to improve the Hellwinkel Shop (the smaller of the two barns on the Towns' open space property). The Town lacks indoor storage space for seasonal equipment (parks maintenance equipment, Holiday decorations, etc.) and planned to add a concrete floor to the shop, extend power, improve the doors and add outdoor lighting. During the permit review process, it was required for the Town to extend water to provide fire hydrants within 400-feet of all portions of the shop as well as an all-weather access road for fire trucks. The Town is working with the project engineers and designers as well as reviewing the budget to determine if the project is still feasible.

### ***Kingslane Sidewalk***

Since 2012 the Town has been working with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to provide improvements at the Kingslane intersection with US Highway 395. The project was originally requested to complete the missing one hundred feet of sidewalk at the south end of Kingslane, north of the Waterloo Center (Pizza Hut, Pet Station, etc.). Believe it or not, when the sidewalk was constructed this was the south boundary of Gardnerville and there was no reason to extend the sidewalk further. The project has grown to include a rapid flashing beacon to help pedestrians cross US Highway 395, improvements to the Martin Slough irrigation channel along the west side of the highway and replacement of the culverts to enhance the floodplain hydraulics and increase capacity. This has expanded the permitting to go through numerous federal, state, and local agencies. There is an additional complexity that once irrigation season starts, April 1st, no construction can begin until August plus the temperatures have to be above 40 degrees to pave. The Town has finally received all the permits for construction and has been given approval by NDOT to construct the project. The project will bid on December 18th. If reasonable bids are received the project will start construction on February 24th.

### ***Gardnerville Station***

Although much progress was made on the Gardnerville Station over the last year it still remains in an unfinished state. The next project which will take place is the installation of stormwater pumps and outlet pipes to take stormwater from the recently installed underground detention reservoir to the Martin Slough. This work will be completed in Fall of 2021. NDOT is planning on reconstructing US Highway 395 through Town in Spring of 2022. At that time NDOT will connect to the underground detention reservoir. The Town is a nervous that due to loss of tax revenue NDOT may need to delay this reconstruction, but at this time the Highway reconstruction project is proceeding as planned. In Summer of 2023

the site improvements at the Station should be completed and the site will be something all Gardnerville Residents can take pride in.

### ***Cemetery Lane Reconstruction***

This project will reconstruct the pavement, damaged sidewalk, and provide new American With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps along Cemetery Lane from US Highway 395 to Douglas Avenue. The design is complete and the NDOT permit is almost ready. If the Town receives favorable bids on Kingslane this project will be delayed until the final cost of Kingslane is known. If no one bids on the Kingslane project or the bids are too high this project will be completed in Spring 2021.



***Health  
& Sanitation  
PLEASE BE  
AWARE: Green-  
waste will stop  
for the winter on  
January 5, 2021  
and resumes on***

**April 6, 2021.** If you have greenwaste during this time period you can bring it to the maintenance facility at 1369 Highway 395. 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.
4. We do not take large appliances, furniture, tires, TV's 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 after calling Douglas Disposal. (775-782-5713)
5. 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.

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 \$26/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.



Please keep sidewalks free of ice and snow. When snow exceeds 6" town staff plows the snow to the side of the road. 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.

## Tree Tip

### *What can be done about damage to trees from de-icing salt?*

De-icing salt in winter doesn't have to be a fact of life in northern climates. While salt compounds are relatively inexpensive and widely available, their corrosive effects on concrete, bridges and other highway structures - to say nothing of automobile bodies - can be significant. Salt also damages trees in a number of ways.

A favorable option, growing in popularity, is a more environmentally friendly compound called calcium magnesium acetate. This product is no more corrosive than water and has little or no negative impact on trees, wildlife or waterways. While the cost per ton is more than salt, some studies show that it actually saves more money in the long run. And while finding it in stores has been a challenge in the past, it is now becoming more readily available.

#### *Other ways to prevent salt damage are:*

- \* Use coarse sand instead of salt
- \* Use any de-icer sparingly
- \* Avoid shoveling or dumping salt-contaminated snow or ice near trees or lawns where roots are present
- \* Where salt spray is a problem, select salt-tolerant species for planting



## Upcoming Town Events

### Freedom 5K Fun Run July 4, 2021 in Heritage Park



Freedom 5K Fun Run 2019

### Run for the Wreath!

A portion of every entry will be donated to Wreaths Across America to place a wreath of every soldier buried at Gardnerville Garden Cemetery.

**Run/Walk will begin at 8 am**

For more information please visit

[www.MainStreetGardnerville.org/purchases](http://www.MainStreetGardnerville.org/purchases).

## Movies in the Park

*Join us for the 16th season of Movies in the Park.* The first movie will be on June 25, 2021. 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 2018 - CARS 3



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Gardnerville, NV 89410

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## January- June 2021 Dates to Remember



**Jan 5, \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
CVIC Hall

**Jan 5 Last Greenwaste pickup for the season**  
(No greenwaste will be picked up until  
April 6)

**Jan 6/7 Christmas tree pickup**  
(No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands )

**Feb 2 \*Town Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.**  
CVIC Hall

**March 2 \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

**April 6 Greenwaste Pickup resumes**  
5:30 a.m.

**April 6 \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

**May 4 \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

### Extra Greenwaste Days

**April 6**

**April 20**

**May 4**

**May 18**

### **May 19/20 Limb Pickup**

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

### **May 26/27 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.

**June 1 \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

**June 25 Movies in the Park, Heritage Park**  
Friday night, starts after sunset

**July 4 Freedom 5K Fun Run, Heritage Park**  
Race starts at 8:00 a.m.

**July 6 \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.**  
Location TBD

*\*Due to COVID, the locations of town board meetings may change based on Governor directives and available facilities*