

Town of Gardnerville Annual Report 2020

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Town Manager's Message

At the beginning of the year town staff prepares a brief report to share the accomplishments and projects completed during 2020, and to provide information on proposed projects for 2021.

Major highlights for 2020:

- Completed over \$120,000 in street maintenance projects including: slurry seal in Heybourne Meadows Phase 1, the open space bike path, around Heritage Park and Gardner Park and many of the streets in the older part of town, and a crack fill project in the southern end of Chichester Estates.
- Completed the missing sidewalks on High School Street from Douglas Ave to US 395.
- Substantially completed the US 395 ADA Crosswalks and Lighting Upgrades at High School Street and Mill Street. This project had been in the design and planning stages since 2014 and was finally completed.
 Gardnerville Station:
 - Completed 13,000 Cubic Foot Underground Detention Reservoir.
 - Installed two electric car charging stations.
 - Completed High School Street (Maple Street) Storm Drain Extension.
- Studies and Planning Projects completed include:
 - Public arts plan
 - Parks and open space master plan
 - Pavement and sidewalk condition index
 - Town Design Guidelines adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Installation of public art pieces including:
 - Cowboy mural at Mid-Town Plaza
 - Bronze statue of man and two dogs at Sharkey's
- The Town was able to complete the public bid for important additions to the Town's fleet including:
 - New flatbed arrow board pickup.
 - New solid waste collection truck
 - New riding lawnmower

Seventh online customer service survey and awarded a free year's worth of trash service from the town Health and Sanitation department to Vicki Owen. 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.



Major lowlights for 2020:

• COVID-19 had a major impact to the Town's and Main Street Gardnerville's events including:

- Cancellation of the Sweep the Town Event
- Cancellation of the 4th of July Freedom Festival
- Cancellation of four movies in the park
- Major reduction to Carson Valley Days
- Reduction to the Main Street Fall Festival
- Cancellation of the Christmas Kickoff and Parade of Lights.

These events are a major contributing factor to the quality of life for Town of Gardnerville Residents and their cancellation was not done in haste or without forethought. Town Staff hopes by spring of 2021 events are able to be held as normal.

• Due to the virus, it became infeasible to use the Town Administration Building for monthly Town Board Meetings. Maintaining a consistent Town Board Meeting venue proved difficult with the CVIC Hall, Douglas County Community & Sr. Center and virtual board meetings held in various format were used. No Town Board Meetings were missed or postposed.

• Projected sales tax was reduced in the town's preliminary budget by approximately \$43,000 anticipating COVID's impact on consumer spending.

Comments or suggestions of projects, areas you would like to see improvement in, or projects you would like to see the town pursue.

Upcoming Project for 2021:

- Outlet piping and new pumps must be installed from the Gardnerville Station to the Martin Slough. This project will only be completed if NDOT has the funding to repave US Highway 395 in Spring of 2022. The project is currently in the design and permitting phase.
- Cemetery Lane Reconstruction will occur in Spring 2021. This will remove all existing asphalt and replace with new asphalt as well as storm drain, sidewalk, curb and gutter repair. The project will also install Americans With Disability Act compliant curb ramps.



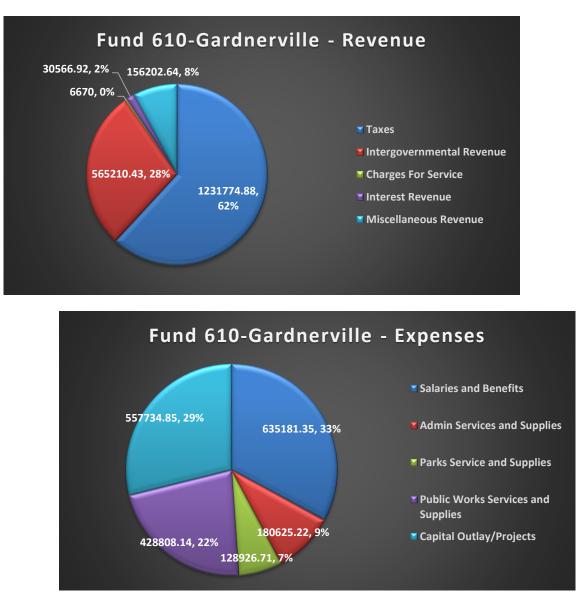
On behalf of the Gardnerville Town Board and Staff, our sincerest thank you for living in and doing business in Gardnerville during 2020 and best wishes for 2021. Please feel free to contact the Town Administrative Office at 775.782.7134 with any comments or suggestions of projects, areas you would like to see improvement in, or projects you would like to see the town pursue.

Sincerely, Erik Nilssen, P.E. Gardnerville Town Manager









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