

Town of Gardnerville
Amnual Report
2021

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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 2021, and to provide information on proposed projects for 2022.

#### Major highlights for 2021:

- Invested over \$130,000 in street maintenance which included installation of crack fill material and a slurry seal in the streets around Carson Valley Estates including Toler Lane.
- Reconstrued Cemetery Lane which removed all the old asphalt and damaged concrete, installed all new asphalt and upgraded all the curb ramps to be compliant with the American With Disabilities Act (ADA). This was only the second street the Town has reconstructed in the last decade (Southgate Drive) and the total cost was \$261,054.
- Received, equipped, and placed into operation a new front load solid waste truck. This is the first front load solid waste truck the Town has added to its fleet. The truck reduces the average route time by approximately an hour. Total cost to order and equip the solid waste truck was under \$400,000. The truck replaces Truck 608 which was manufactured in 2002.
- Purchased an easement across the Hellwinkel Trust Property for the installation of a new storm drain.
- Completed an assessment of the well being of the Health and Sanitation Fund. Increased solid waste fees by 12% starting on January 1, 2022 and 8% on July 1, 2023.
- Assisted Douglas County in the completion of a retail marketing analysis and strategy of downtown Minden and Gardnerville as recommended in the 2018 Plan for Prosperity.
- The Town was able to complete major equipment purchases of:
  - o New pickup truck to replace Truck 610.
  - o A new John Deere Gator and Snowplow to plow parking lots, sidewalks, and parks.
  - o A new dump trailer.
- The Town was able to return to a more traditional schedule of events which included:
  - o Four movies in the park.
  - o A full Christmas Kickoff.
  - o Freedom Festival including the 5k and concert.
- Major development approvals included:
- o Approved a Special Use Permit for the 159 unit manufactured home community, Stoneridge Villas and completed the annexation process to add twenty-nine acres into the Town's limits.
- o Approved a tentative parcel map for 190 single family residential homes north of Stodick Park called Ashland Park and agreed to annex an additional fourteen acres into the Town's limits.







2021 Christmas Kickoff

#### Major lowlights for 2021:

- The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) had scheduled a major reconstruction of US 395 through the Town of Gardnerville for Spring of 2022. Due to right of way issues the project has been officially delayed eighteen to twenty-four months, however the actual delay may be longer. This delay has required the Town to postpone the stormwater outlet project at the Gardnerville Station.
- The Kingslane Improvements which had been under design and permitting for the better part of a decade was finally released for public bids. Bids came in over \$200,000 above estimate which lead the Town Board to reject all bids and cancel the project. It is hopeful some of the elements of the project will be complete when NDOT completes the reconstruction of US 395.
- Staffing was an issue with the Town in 2021. Only one of two seasonal maintenance assistance jobs were filled over the summer. The Town lost two seasoned employees and for a time only had two of five positions in the Health and Sanitation Division filled.

#### **Upcoming Project for 2021:**

- The reconstruction of Bell Street will take place in Spring of 2022. The project will remove and replace all existing asphalt, remove and replace a deteriorating 24-inch storm drain, replace all damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The project will install ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalk along the south side of Bell Street from US 395 to Gardner Street.
- Slurry seal the roadways with Stodick Estates and Arbor Gardens.
- A miscellaneous concrete project will be completed to install two valley gutters in Arbor Gardens, new signage at the K-9 Korral, repair damaged sidewalk on Douglas Avenue and install bike racks at Heritage Park.
- Reroof the Pavilion at Heritage Park and install a mounted ladder for roof access.
- The construction of the Gardnerville Station Outlet Piping may be completed depending on NDOT's schedule for the reconstruction of US 395 through town.

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











## **Fiscal Year 2020/2021**











