



# Town Record

Town of Gardnerville's Community Newsletter

January 2022

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## Town Manager's Message

Hosting the complete calendar of Town and Main Street Gardnerville events during 2021 was a great pleasure! It was wonderful to be out again with our residents and visitors and provide recreation and leisure for everyone to enjoy. The highlights were the four movies in the park between June and August, the Christmas Kickoff, the Main Street Farmers Market presented by Sierra Chef, and the monthly wine walks from May through October. COVID, and smoke from the wildfires made hosting the events difficult but not impossible. Thank you to all who supported and attended the events.

The Town is anxiously watching the funds distributed by the federal government by both the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) and the recently passed federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Douglas County has received half of its ARPA allocation and has until the end of 2024 to spend the funds. At this time the County has not determined where the funds will be used. The funds are very limited on what they can be used toward, but the currently designed storm drain from the Gardnerville Station to the Martin Slough does qualify. The Town is hopeful the federal funds can replace the local funds which have been set aside to complete this project and the local funds can be used toward a future project. The storm drain must be in prior to the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) reconstruction of US Highway 395. The US 395 reconstruction will be the largest project within the Town of Gardnerville since the Douglas County Community and Sr. Center a decade ago. The initial plan was for the highway to be reconstructed in the Spring of 2022. This project will remove and replace all the existing asphalt between first street in Minden and Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. The project will also replace much of the damaged concrete, upgrade existing curb ramps and driveways and improve the storm drain network. The project was scheduled to begin in Spring of 2022, but now is estimated to begin in Spring of 2024. NDOT has done several "band aids" to keep the existing pavement together that hopefully has the pavement another two years of life. This project is holding up the completion of the sitework at the Gardnerville Station. The highway must be complete, the storm drains upgraded, and the final configuration of the "S-Curve" known before the Town spends funds on constructing the parking lot.

There are going to be some major changes over the next year on the Gardnerville Town Board. Ken Miller and Linda Slater, who have both served for eleven years, are not eligible for another term. Although they will still represent the residents of Gardnerville through 2022 it is time to plan for the future. If you have had interest in serving on the Town Board previously or thought about running a campaign, next year would be a good opportunity. Any candidate wishing to run for local office must file the proper paperwork with the Douglas County Clerk between March 7th and March 18th, 2022. If you are interested it would be good to start attending the Town Board Meetings to get an idea of the challenges, projects, and developments which are facing the Town in the upcoming years.

Thank you all for a successful 2021. For projects were completed within the Town and direction was provided several key issues affecting the future of the Town. We hope that 2022 will be successful for all our residents on a personal and professional level. I look forward to helping the Town move forward and making Gardnerville a wonderful place for all those who live here or visit.

## ***Town Projects Updated***

### ***How is the Town Spending Your Money?***

The Town has several projects scheduled for the first half of 2022. The inflationary pressures which have become a problem nationally are affecting the Town as well. These projects can only be completed if funding is available. Depending on the cost of the first projects, the latter projects may need to be canceled or reduced. The Town Budget is already well below what is needed to complete routine maintenance of our infrastructure. If inflation continues the current level of infrastructure maintenance the Town completes may need to be reduced.

### ***Heritage Park Pavilion Reroof and Ladder:***

The Pavilion at Heritage Park is approaching 20 years old. The shingles which were installed on the Pavilion are nearing the end of their design life. The Town wishes to replace the shingles as well as have a ladder mounted to the side of the pavilion. Currently the only way to access the roof of the pavilion is either by extension ladder or bucket truck, both of which have a set of safety concerns. This project has completed the design phase and has received the necessary building permits. The project is anticipated to start construction no later than April 11, 2022. Estimated cost \$35,000.

### ***Bell Street Reconstruction:***

This is the major project for the Town in 2022. This project will remove the deteriorated storm drain pipe under the roadway, install ADA compliant sidewalk ramps, extend the sidewalk along the south side of the street, and repair damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk as well as remove all existing pavement and replace it with new pavement. The project will also remove the existing stainless-steel street light at the Bell Street/Gardner Street Intersection and replace it with a decorative Town Streetlight. This project is completing design and is under permit review by both the Nevada Department of Transportation and Douglas County. The anticipated construction start date is in May 9, 2022. Estimated cost \$320,000.

### ***Miscellaneous Concrete Projects:***

Depending on the final bid costs of Bell Street, the Town will try and use any additional funds in the budget to replace some of the damaged concrete within the Town (there is no shortage to choose from). The priority projects include the replacement of two valley gutters in Arbor Gardens (on Sugar Maple Drive and Scarlet Oak Drive), the installation of signage at the K-9 Korral Dog Park, and the removal and replacement of three existing dead trees on US 395 by Gilman Ave (one tree will be permanently removed and the concrete sidewalk filled in where the tree was). If funds are available there is deteriorated

sidewalk along Douglas Avenue and High School Street which needs to be replaced and a few concrete pads for bike racks to be installed in Heritage Park. Depending on funding we are hopeful that this project will be started on May 9, 2022.

### ***Slurry Seal Project:***

Every year the Town tries to complete a slurry seal project. Slurry seal does not reconstruct the asphalt but it does rejuvenate the pavement with new oil and adds a fine “friction course” to the roadway to extend its life. Roadways can last twenty years and with the proper maintenance the life can be extended. A slurry seal should be applied to a roadway every 5-7 years. At some point a roadway loses its structural integrity and a slurry seal does not help so the asphalt must be removed and replaced. This year there was not enough money to complete a slurry seal project. The Town hopes to complete a slurry seal in July of 2022 after the new budget starts for the roadways in Stodick Estates and Arbor Gardens.

### ***Gardnerville Station Outlet Piping:***

The Town must install a storm drain system from the underground detention reservoir constructed in February of 2020 from the Gardnerville Station to the Martin Slough. When the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) reconstructs US Highway 395 they are going to install storm drains into the Town’s underground detention reservoir. The Town must then install a storm drain network from the underground detention reservoir to the Martin Slough. NDOT was originally going to reconstruct US 395 in Spring 2022 but that has been delayed until Spring of 2024 and additional delays would not be surprising. The project is completing the permitting phase and funding has been set aside, however the Town is not urgent to complete the project prior to NDOT’s connection to the reservoir. The Town is also hopeful the Federal APRA Funding can be used to complete the project and the Town can save the money it has set aside for construction. This project is in the “waiting phase” as schedules and funding align. Estimated cost \$250,000.



CEMETARY LANE PROJECT 2021

# Health & Sanitation



## **PLEASE BE AWARE: Greenwaste will stop for the winter on January 4, 2022 and resumes on April 5, 2022.**

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.
3. Please be patient if your trash is not picked up at the expected time. Due to new staff, truck breakdowns, and weather, we may be running later than normal. Please do not call the office until after 2:00 p.m. We will make sure your trash is picked up the following day if we have been unable to pick it up due to extenuating circumstances.
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 \$29.12/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 (775)782-7134.

6. 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

### Trees Help Tame Stormwater

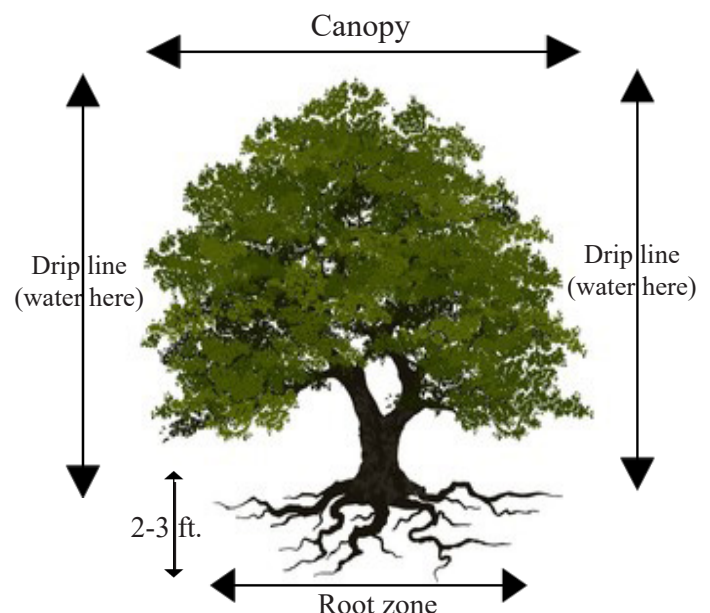
Evapotranspiration (the process by which water is transferred from the land to the atmosphere by evaporation from the soil and other surfaces and by transpiration from plants) from trees is an important part of the water cycle we depend on for life-giving rain. In fact, there is a Native American saying, "If the forest disappears, the sky-roof of the world will collapse; nature and man will perish together." On the other hand, trees play an important role in any community when there is too much rain. The canopy and bark of trees retain thousands of gallons of rainwater when a storm strikes. This water would otherwise rush to a community's already heavily burdened storm drainage system.

- \* Depending on the age or size of the tree and local conditions, weekly watering may be sufficient.

- \* Expand your watering area.

- \* Avoid wetting leaves with irrigation water if possible.

- \* Use curb cuts, roof drains, and swales to direct rainwater to trees.







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Gardnerville, NV 89410

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## *January- June 2022 Dates to Remember*



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

**Jan 4** Last Greenwaste pickup for the season  
(No greenwaste will be picked up until  
April 6)

**Jan 5/6** Christmas tree pickup  
(No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands)

**Feb 1** \*Town Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

**March 1** \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

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

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

**May 3** \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

### Extra Greenwaste Days

**April 5**

**April 19**

**May 3**

**May 24**

### **May 18/19 Limb Pickup**

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

### **May 25/26 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 7** \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

**June 24** 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 5** \*Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

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Freedom 5K Fun Run 2021

## Freedom 5K Fun Run

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in  
Heritage Park**

**For more information please visit**

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

**Run/Walk starts at 8:00 a.m. at Heritage  
Park. Registration is from 7:00 a.m. if you  
have not already registered online.**

**Register Online at**

**[www.tinyurl.com/Freedom/5kFunRun](http://www.tinyurl.com/Freedom/5kFunRun)**

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## Movies in the Park

**Town of Gardnerville will be hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> annual  
Movies in the Park event!**

**Movie showing will begin at dusk starting on**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Movie showings:**

*Star Wars: A New Hope*

**Maleficent**

**The Rookie**

**Jumanji (1995)**

**Order of movie showings to be announced**



Movies in the Park: Despicable Me - 2014

Presents:

# MOVIES IN THE PARK

**2022**

Join us this summer for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual  
Movies in the Park at  
Heritage Park

Enjoy evenings with your family and friends! Bring your low  
back chairs and blankets. Movies will begin at dusk.

**STAR  
WARS**

*Star Wars: A New Hope*

June 24th

July 29th



*The Rookie*



*Maleficent*

July 8th

August 12th



*Jumanji*

Movies are subject to change  
due to weather & availability