



Town Record

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Town Manager's Message

I am wondering if anyone remembers what "normal" feels like? Maybe there never was normal, but it feels like normal used to be more common. Of course, over two years ago COVID really impacted normal. Even now, COVID still impacts the Town. Since the last news letter labor shortages have become a new problem nationally, and here in Gardnerville as well. The Town lost approximately twenty five percent of its employees to other agencies during the first half of the year and two recruitments for new employees were fruitless. If you run into the remaining employees please thank them. Picking up solid waste, maintaining the parks, and watering the flower baskets has long seemed routine, but currently even providing routine services is difficult. Inflation is also placing a significant burden on the Town budget. To this point there has not been a diminution of services.

Locally there are many accomplishments to celebrate. The Martin Slough Bike Path has been completed from Jakes Wetlands in Minden to the Gilman Ponds in Gardnerville. This connects to an existing Town bike path from the Gilman Ponds to Toler Lane. What an amenity for the Community! The Mountain View Pond south of Snaffle Bit Court was expanded by the Heybourne Meadows Development and currently bubblers and landscaping are being installed to improve the water quality and pedestrian experience. One of my goals this year is to work with the Nevada Division of Wildlife to have the pond stocked with fish for angling. Muller Parkway is in the design phase and will hopefully break ground for construction in the near future. Although it does not affect the Town directly, Douglas County recently purchased fifty-seven acres of land north of Buckeye Road for the construction of a new Judicial and Law Enforcement Center as well as additional county offices. Lots to celebrate locally as many of these projects have been contained in various planning documents for decades.

The Town would like to recognize and congratulate the Gardnerville residents who will be seated as Town Board Members starting January 1, 2023. There were three seats available on the Town Board and only three people filed paperwork to occupy the vacant seats. There will not be any elections on the ballot for Town Board positions this November. Mike Henningsen is the current chairman of the Town Board and will serve a second four-year term. Bill Chernock who was previously the executive director of the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce will join the Town Board for his first term. Jim Park who was the long time Gardnerville Town Manager is returning to serve the Town as an elected official. All will be great additions with varied backgrounds to guide the Town into the future.

Town Board

- Mike Henningsen, Chairman**
- Lloyd Higuera, Vice Chairman**
- Ken Miller**
- Linda Slater**
- Mary Ann Wenner**

Town Administrative Staff

- Erik Nilssen, P.E., Town Mgr**
- Geoffrey LaCost, E.I., PW Superintendent**
- Carol Louthan, Admin Services Mgr**
- Marie Nicholson, Secretary**
- Eunice Gil-Salinas, Office Assistant**

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Town Parks/PW Staff

- Eric Matus, Interim Maintenance Supervisor**
- William Kline, Maintenance Tech**

Town Sanitation Staff

- Winter King, Sanitation Specialist Sr.**
- Kurt McRae, Sanitation Specialist**
- Scott Leigh, Sanitation Specialist**

How is the Town Spending Your Money?

The Town has completed several projects during the first half of 2022. Inflation caused the cost of the projects to be much higher than anticipated but the projects still fit within the Town's budget. Like the Town, contractors are having a hard time retaining enough staff to complete projects. No one bid on the Heritage Park Pavilion Reroof and Ladder. Only one contractor bid on the Miscellaneous Concrete Projects job. Two contractors bid on the Bell Street Reconstruction project. Thankfully both the Bell Street Reconstruction Project and the Miscellaneous Concrete projects will be complete by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Heritage Park Pavilion Reroof and Ladder:

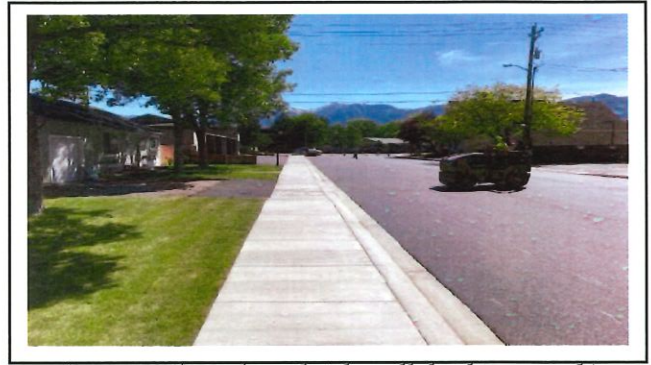
This project was released for bids in January and no contractors were interested in the work. The Town has released the project for bids again with the hope that schedules may be a little lighter than they were during the summer. If a bid is received, work will start on September 12th and last for thirty days. Due to inflation, the estimate for the project is now \$65,000.

Bell Street Reconstruction:

This project was completed in June of 2022 and Bell Street is now a "thing of beauty." The project removed the deteriorated storm drain pipe under the roadway, installed ADA compliant sidewalk ramps, extended the sidewalk along the south side of the street, and repaired damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk as well as removing all existing pavement and replacing it with new pavement. NV Energy removed the existing stainless-steel streetlight and the Town installed a decorative street light. The Town's estimate for the project was \$320,000. Two bids were received and the low bid was Qualcon Contractors Inc for \$429,265.



(old south curb – no sidewalk looking east)



(new south curb and sidewalk looking south)

Miscellaneous Concrete Projects:

Even though the cost of the Bell Street Reconstruction exceeded the Town's estimate there were funds available to complete the Miscellaneous Concrete Project. Some of the saved funds were because the Town spent less on salaries than budgeted due to staffing shortages. The project included 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 Highway 395 by Gilman Ave (one tree was permanently removed and the concrete sidewalk filled in where the tree was). The Town also installed two concrete pads for bike racks in Heritage Park. The cost was almost double the estimate and only one contractor, Action Concrete LLC, was interested in doing the work.

Gardnerville Station Outlet Piping:

The schedule for the Gardnerville Station Outlet Piping has become clearer. The Town must install a storm drain system from the underground detention reservoir constructed in February of 2020 at the Gardnerville Station to the Martin Slough prior to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) reconstructing US Highway 395 through Town. The Town will construct the outlet piping starting September 19th and lasting thirty days. NDOT plans to reconstruct the pavement and make drainage improvements on US Highway 395 in the Spring of 2023. The Board of County Commissioners did provide the Town \$250,000 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to help offset the cost of the storm drain. This will provide some relief to the Town's budget due to inflationary pressures.



(Old Metal Pipe))



(New Concrete Pipe)



(Old Sidewalk Ramp)



(New Catch Basin)



(New Valley Gutter & Sidewalk Ramp)

Health & Sanitation

There are no changes to either the commercial or residential trash schedule for the winter holiday season this year. Christmas & Near Year's fall on a Sunday.



For your large clean-up jobs, dumpsters are available to rent at the rate of \$29.12 per dump.

If you rent a dumpster please do not move it off the pavement/asphalt/cement.

It may be easy to move the dumpster when it is empty, but it cannot be easily moved when it is full.

Extra Greenwaste Days: You can either use your own trash bags or pick up the orange bags we have at the office

Extra trash - If you have extra trash we have stickers you can purchase for \$1.50 for each bag/can.



Please Note: Starting with the October trash billing, we are changing the date automatic payments are charged from the 10th of the billing month to the 20th of the billing month.



Bear-Resistant Trash Containers

At the May 2022 Gardnerville Town Board meeting the Board approved offering bear-resistant trash containers to residents upon request. The containers will be picked up on a weekly basis just like the trash containers now in use. Residents would need to reimburse the Town for the direct cost to provide these totes. The cost per tote is approximately \$300. The containers carry only the manufacturer's 6-year warranty.

These containers are meant to be left outside so you do not have to worry about bears breaking into your garage because of odors.



Please Note:

The Town of Gardnerville does not service or replace these containers.

Town/Main Street Events Update



Tree Tip

Thank a Tree For Good Health

Trees are a valuable community asset for many reasons, but public health may be among the least known. As early as 1882, landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted said that the influences of nature "touch us so quietly that we are hardly conscious of them." The health benefits from trees and other greenery are examples of these quiet providers, and their benefits can be broken into these four categories:

PHYSICAL

Trees filter the air, sequester carbon, and provide oxygen. Their shade also reduces gasoline evaporation and even prolongs the life of asphalt surfaces.

HUMAN ACTIVITY

Studies have found that community trees encourage healthful outdoor activities that fight obesity, reduce cholesterol, and even increase brain functions.

RESTORATIVE POWER AND STRESS REDUCTION

A series of research studies have shown that trees restore us, whether we are recovering from an operation or trying to get through the work day. Driver stress is also reduced, and blood pressure can be lowered.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

By encouraging people to be outside, trees have been found to provide benefits such as reducing crime and promoting creativity in children.



Run/Walk starts at 8:00 a.m. at Heritage Park. Registration is from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. if you have not already registered online.

Register Online at www.tinyurl.com/Freedom5KFunRun

Movies in the Park



Movies in the Park- How to Train Your Dragon 2011

Movies in the Park started on June 22nd with the movie *Star Wars: A New Hope*; July 8th, *Maleficent*; July 29, *The Rookie*; and August 12, *Jumanji* (1995).

Please join us and enjoy being back in the outdoors. Our sponsors for this year's Movies in the Park are:

Lisa M. Koch Agency LLC dba American Family Insurance
Alex M. Uribe State Farm Agency
Valley Pediatric Dentistry
Northwest Martial Arts



**4TH
OF
JULY**



The
**Carson Valley Pops
Orchestra**

**At Heritage Park
in Gardnerville**

**A Concert of
Patriotic Songs**

**July 4, 2022
11:30 am**

Sponsored by
the Town of Gardnerville





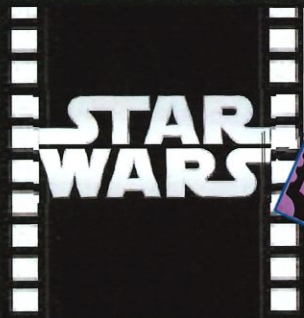
Presents:

LIGHTS MOVIES CAMERA ACTION IN THE PARK

2022

Join us this summer for our 15th 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: A New Hope



The Rookie



Maleficent



Jumanji

Movies are subject to change
due to weather & availability



Sixteenth Annual Christmas Kickoff

Thursday | December 1, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

Heritage Park Pavilion

Come early and enjoy

Entertainment:

Electric carriage rides and Santa will arrive at 4:30 p.m.

Light Show & Fireworks:

Entertainment & treats begin at 5:30 p.m.

*Musical Light Show

Lighting of the Heritage Park Pavilion

Fireworks by PyroGuys (weather permitting)

Music:

Food:

All About Dance Kids

Dutch oven cobblers

Hot cocoa

Dance Workshop Kids

Spiced cider provided by the Town of Gardnerville

Sierra Lutheran High School Choir

Popcorn provided by Gardnerville Water Company

Santa will be leaving with the carriages @ 6:30 p.m.

If you don't get to see Santa, he will be in

Minden - 12/2/22 in Minden Park

Genoa - 12/3/22 for breakfast





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July- December 2022 Dates to Remember



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

**July 8 Movies in the Park - Maleficent
Heritage Park**

**July 29 Movies in the Park - The Rookie
Heritage Park**

**August 2 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.**

**August 12 Movies in the Park, - Jumanji
(1995) Heritage Park**

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

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

Extra Greenwaste Days

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

October 26/27 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 2/3 Limb Pickup

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

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

**Dec 1 Gardnerville Christmas Kickoff
5:30 p.m. Heritage Park**

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

**Jan 3, 2023 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 pm.**

Jan 3 Last greenwaste pickup until April 4, 2023

**Jan 4/5 Christmas tree pickup on your regular
trash day. (No tinsel, lights, ornaments or
stands.**