



# Town Record

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## Town Board

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**Bill Chernock, Vice-Chairman**  
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## Town Manager's Message

It appears the labor market has cooled providing some relief to the Town. For the first time in almost five years the Town is fully staffed. In addition, this last summer the Town had two seasonal employees to help water the flowers on Main Street and keep the parks maintained. It has been a number of years since the Town was able to fill both seasonal positions. Having all positions filled has allowed the Town to complete several additional tasks such as street painting, park maintenance and twice weekly street sweeping during the fall. The Town appreciates the commitment made by the Town Board and Board of County Commissioners during this time of rapid inflation and a shrinking labor pool to improve the financial compensation the Town is able to offer to prospective employees.

Work on US Highway 395 continues to impact Town residents and businesses. During the last half of 2023 improvements included installing storm drainage infrastructure, the relocation of waterlines, and installation of intelligent transportation system (ITS) conduit. ITS was installed to allow all the traffic signals in Minden and Gardnerville to communicate with each other improving traffic flow.

Thanks to good weather the contractor was able to work through the end of 2023. The amount of snow fall during the early part of 2024 will dictate when the contractor will resume construction after the New Year. During 2024 more concrete work will occur with the final phase of the project being the rehabilitation of asphalt from First Street to Waterloo Lane. New rapid flashing beacons to aid in pedestrians crossing the highway will be placed at the Gardnerville Station and in front of Raley's at Kingslane. The existing rapid flashing beacon in front of Jerry's Grill will be removed. All work should be complete by the end of summer 2024. This project is being administered by the Nevada Department of Transportation,. The Town has no control over construction phasing or traffic restrictions.

Lloyd Higuera has been elected to serve as chairman of the Town Board for the 2024 calendar year. During Lloyd's twelve years on the Town Board this is the third time he has been elected chairman. Lloyd has served as vice-chairman four times. Bill Chernock, who is starting his second year on the Town Board, was elected to serve as Vice Chairman this year.

Both Lloyd Higuera and Mary Wenner will complete their three terms on the Town Board in December and will retire from Town Board Service. With the retirement of Mary and Lloyd the Town will need two new board members starting in January of 2025. The election cycle is a long one. In order to appear on the November 2024 ballot all necessary forms must be submitted to the Douglas County Clerk between March 4th and 15th. If you are interested in running for Town Board please consider attending our board meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 PM to learn more about the issues and processes the Town Board considers.



## *Gardnerville Projects*

Since the July 2023 newsletter the Town has not completed any capital projects. Only one project is currently scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year.

A slurry seal is scheduled to be completed for the Jewel Business Park Area. The streets included in the project will be Virginia Ranch Road, Charlotte and Larson Way as well as Carrick and Southgate Drive. A 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 the life. Roadways are designed to last twenty years but this can be extended with proper maintenance. A slurry seal should be applied to a roadway every 5-7 years until the structural section of the road has failed (alligator cracking) and a slurry seal is no longer useful.

The Town Board has prioritized two major Capital Projects to be completed over the next three years. These projects include the reconstruction of Industrial Way and the completion of the site improvements at the Gardnerville Station. There is a potential for federal funds to be obtained to help offset the cost of these two projects. The timing of construction will depend on the acquisition of these funds and complications encountered during permitting. At this time the Town has just over \$300,000 set aside to be used as the required match to leverage federal funds. It is anticipated that design of these projects will begin in July of 2024.

The last major project on Industrial Way to rehabilitate the pavement was an overlay completed over thirty years ago. Thirty years exceeds the design life of pavement. Industrial Way sees significant truck traffic. The age of the pavement combined with last years excessive precipitation and the truck traffic has placed the pavement in peril of failure.

The rehabilitation of the Gardnerville Station Site has been a long process. Leaking underground petroleum tanks have been removed and the contaminated soil disposed of. The building has been renovated and is currently in use. Four years ago, an underground storm drain detention reservoir was installed on the site. Last summer outlet piping from the reservoir to the Martin Slough was installed along with a pump. This fall the Nevada Department of Transportation installed storm drains from US Highway 395 to the reservoir to mitigate storm water ponding along the highway. This spring a rapid flashing beacon will be installed on the property to allow for safer pedestrian crossing of the highway. The rapid flashing beacon at Jerry's Grill will be removed. Once all this is complete the design and permitting for the site improvements can begin.

NDOT - Highway 395 Project

## *Health & Sanitation*

**PLEASE BE AWARE:** Greenwaste will stop for the winter on January 2, 2024 and resume on April 2, 2024. If you have greenwaste during this time period you can bring it to the maintenance facility at 1369 Highway 395 or put it into your trash can.

**In July 2023 when the residential trash rate changed, the X can rate should have gone up as well. There was a glitch in the system and the rate was not changed. In January 2024 you will see a change in your X can rate from \$16.80 to \$18.15.**

*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, road construction 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. 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.
5. 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 Code 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.
6. Do not bag greenwaste. It should be loose in your greenwaste can. Greenwaste is only lawn clippings, weeds, leaves or branches smaller than your thumb and no longer than 12 inches. If there is any fruit, animal feces, food scraps, sand, dirt or sod in the greenwaste can it will be left curbside.
7. The Town will no longer be supplying the orange bags for extra greenwaste. You can use your normal trash bags on extra greenwaste days.





# Freedom 5K Fun Run July 4, 2024 in Heritage Park



## Freedom 5K Run/Walk-July 4, 2024 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 18th season of Movies in the Park.* Due to low attendance, we will be showing three movies instead of four this year. The first movie will be on June 14, 2024. Bring your blanket or sand chair and bug repellent. The movie starts at dusk. 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.



Honey I Shrunk the Kids 2023



## Practical Role of Trees

**Windbreaks:** Trees add comfort by diverting the wind. They also lower fuel bills in the winter and make turf irrigation more efficient by reducing evaporation in the summer.

**Living Snow Fences:** Strategically placed rows of trees and shrubs can help control blowing snow, and can reduce snow removal costs. By controlling where snow piles up, it is possible to increase spring soil moisture on lawns, and other areas of grass. By using trees and shrubs preferred by birds, or other desirable wildlife, yet another benefit can be added.

**Attracting Birds/Animals:** Birds earn their keep: a single Baltimore oriole can devour 17 leaf munching caterpillars in a minute. Flickers clean up on ants by the thousands. A pair of scarlet tanagers was observed eating 630 gypsy moths in less than a half an hour. To make certain we continue to have birds, butterflies and other desirable urban wildlife, it is essential to provide water, food and shelter. Trees can be selected to provide food and shelter, including nesting areas and cover for hiding. Each tree and shrub species has a different food value and attracts different animals/birds. Some, like cherries, attract as many as 40 species of birds. (Tree City USA bulletins 13 and 39.)





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## January- June 2024 Dates to Remember



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

**Jan 2** Last Greenwaste pickup for the season  
(No greenwaste will be picked up until  
April 2)

**Jan 10/11** Christmas tree pickup  
(No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands)

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

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

**April 2** Greenwaste Pickup resumes  
5:30 a.m.

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

**May 7** Town Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

### Extra Greenwaste Days

**April 9**

**April 23**

**May 7**

**May 21**

### **May 22/23 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.

### **May 29/30 Limb Pickup**

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

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

**June 14** Movies in the Park, Heritage Park  
Friday night, starts after sunset

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

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