



Town Record

July 2024

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Town Manager's Message

The town's budget is complete and has been approved for the new fiscal year which starts July 1st. Revenues to the general fund increased significantly (7.1%) since the last year. This was mostly due to an increase in revenues from property taxes. Between 2018 and 2023 only one new home was built in Gardnerville. This left our tax base fairly static. Last year approximately two dozen homes were built which provided some increase to our property tax base. The general fund provides the income which funds all basic government service including maintenance of the town's parks, buildings, and roads.

The other major town fund is the health and sanitation (H&S) fund. The revenue for this fund is directly collected from Gardnerville residents and businesses for the removal of solid waste. This fund collects approximately \$1.5 million per year and provides service to 1,900 homes and 250 businesses. Solid waste rates were increased by 12% on Jan 1, 2022 and 8% on July 1, 2023. Unfortunately, pressure on the fund has increased rapidly. The H&S fund is expected to lose \$80,000 during the next fiscal year. The fund is able to absorb this loss by using reserves which were saved to purchase a new trash truck but the fund cannot absorb these losses for a second year. The town board has directed the town manager to start the process of looking at a rate increase which would become effective on July 1, 2025.

There are a few major expense increases which have left the H&S fund unable to cover its costs. Landfill fees in Carson City have increased from \$56 per ton to \$74 per ton over the last two years. Carson City had not raised their rates in over a decade and an increase was expected. A 33% increase was larger than the town had estimated in their previous rate structure. Over the last two years landfill expenses have increased from \$300,000 per year to \$400,000 per year. For years green waste disposal was free resulting in a significant cost savings to the town. Now green waste is the same \$74 per ton to dispose of as solid waste. Two years ago, the green waste budget was \$10,000, for the next year it is \$45,000.

The town has historically maintained seven sanitation trucks. Currently we are down to six as one truck suffered major internal engine damage and was scrapped. With seven trucks, a new truck must be purchased every three years. In 2020 a new truck was \$300,000. The same truck was \$450,000 last year. It is expected when a new truck is purchased in two years it will be at least \$550,000. The town currently has three of six trucks which will be older than twenty years by the time they are replaced. These trucks have passed their design life and are expensive to maintain and unreliable. Their replacement is critical in order to provide reliable solid waste service.

Town Manager's Message (Cont'd)

The last major pressure on the fund is employees' salaries and benefits. The pandemic and ensuing labor shortages and inflation has changed the costs for employees. Two years ago, the town only had two of five sanitation positions filled. Picking up trash was a daily challenge. This year the town has all five positions filled however the budget for employees' salaries and benefits has increased by \$130,000 since July 1, 2022.

As with everyone's budget, increases in gas, electricity, water, and sewer have also led to increased costs for the town. The town board will be examining solid waste rates over the next few months. As a reminder, every dollar collected in solid waste fees must be used to run the solid waste utility. Maintaining rates at their lowest while keeping the solid waste utility poised for future success is at the forefront of the town manager and town board members' discussions.

Town Projects

How is the Town Spending Your Money?

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2024 the town spent approximately \$100,000 in repairing and maintaining local roads. Town crews installed "crack fill" on Virginia Ranch Road, Larson Way, Charlotte Way, and Carrick Lane on the south end of town and on Ox Yoke Court and Lasso Lane in Heybourne Meadows. A crack fill introduces a tar like substance into the cracks of a road to keep moisture from getting below the pavement which slows deterioration.

A "slurry seal" was then installed on the southern roads listed above at the end of May. 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 was made aware that it has received a \$1,260,000 Community Project Funding Federal Grant to aid in the reconstruction of Industrial Way. Industrial Way is a half mile long road near Wal Mart located at the south end of town that is home to many businesses. The town has not received complete instructions and time frames for the grant at this time. Once these are provided the town will move toward the design phase. A complete schedule will be forthcoming.

Federal grants are not generally made available to maintain local roads. Local jurisdictions adjust their tax rates to cover the costs of local road maintenance. If a local jurisdiction wishes to have low taxes but cannot afford to maintain their roads the federal government does provide funds to make up the difference. The federal government has provided

significant amounts of grants and federal funding after the pandemic through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. This provided the rare opportunity for the town to secure federal funds to repair a local road. Senators Rosen and Cortez-Masto as well as Congressman Amodei were instrumental in aiding the town in acquiring these funds. Due to property tax cap limits set by the state legislature property tax rates cannot be increased within the Town of Gardnerville. With the current caps the town is unable to maintain and repair roads faster than the rate at which they are deteriorating.

The town board set aside funding to complete the design and permitting for the Gardnerville Station site improvements. The goal is to design and permit the project over the current fiscal year. The design will include the landscaping and paving to complete the site work. The goal will be to construct the improvements at the end of summer 2025 or in spring of 2026. The work at the station has been incremental over the last decade including environmental cleanup due to leaking gas tanks, installation of electric car charging stations, building improvements, drainage improvements and most recently sidewalk and drainage improvements by the Nevada Department of Transportation. The town looks forward to completion of the site improvements.



Slurry Seal



Tree Trimming

A reminder to residents with trees along the road: Please trim your trees back away from all traffic signs and trim to a height of 12' to allow the street sweeper access to the curb. Thank you to the residents who have trimmed their trees back already. If you have a landscape strip the trees between the sidewalk and the road are the homeowner's responsibility. 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.

Goldfish in Mountain View Pond

The Town has received several calls from residents about seeing Goldfish in the Mountain View Pond. Goldfish in a private pond are beautiful but turn them loose in the wild and it becomes a big problem. Goldfish are an invasive species. They can live up to 25 years and reproduce rapidly. They also have voracious appetites. They dig along the pond bed uprooting plants and fighting with wild fish for food. As a result, when released into natural water bodies they can quickly demolish all food sources that the rest of the fish depend on. Once these invasive species are in a water body, they are not easy to remove. If you catch a goldfish while fishing the pond, please do not release it.



Health & Sanitation

For your large cleanup jobs, dumpsters are available to rent at the rate of \$31.45 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: We no longer offer the orange bags for greenwaste. Please use whatever trash bag you would normally use for yard debris. See Calendar for dates.

Extra trash - If you have extra trash we have stickers you can purchase for \$1.50 for each bag/can. Fall Cleanup is November 6/7, whichever is your regular trash day.

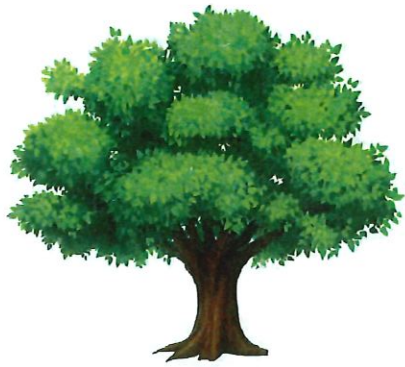
Limb pickup is November 13/14. Limbs should be bundled with rope and no more than 3' X 2'.

Trash Raffle

If you'd like to try your luck at winning a year's free single family basic trash service with the Gardnerville Health & Sanitation Department, fill out the form that will be active online between July 1 and November 15 and you will be entered in the drawing. The link will be posted on our website and on Facebook. You can also drop off the entry from this newsletter at the town office to be included in the drawing if you do not have electronic access. The winner will be chosen at the Gardnerville Christmas Kickoff on December 5, 2024. You do not have to be present to win.

Street Lights

If you notice a broken street light you can either call the Town of Gardnerville office or report it on Nevada Energy's site at <https://www.nvenergy.com/outages-and-emergencies/streetlight/report-issue>. Be sure to have the street light number, the address where it is located and the nearest cross street.



Tree-mendous Tips

Purpose of the Tree

Think clearly about the purpose of your new tree. (shade, privacy, aesthetics, windbreak, etc.)

Know the limitations of the site where you will be planting (overhead lines, confined root zone, dry climate, clay soil)

Select the species or cultivar to plant that best matches the conditions you identified.

Examine the tree before you buy, and buy for quality.

Buy trees from places with knowledgeable staff to answer questions about care of trees.

Look for physical characteristics in your trees

Bare-root seedlings - Roots should be moist and fibrous.

Containerized seedlings - soil plug should be moist and firm. Avoid tall, spindly tops. Well developed roots are more important than the height of the seedling.

Plant a tree so it lives

Carry trees carefully: When transporting, load and unload gently, being careful not to break branches. Always provide support beneath balled or potted plants. Proper preparation will encourage root growth. Dig or rototill an area around the hole at least twice the diameter of the ball or container. An area up to five times the diameter is recommended if soil is particularly compacted. Backfill with native soil unless it is clay or other undesirable fill material. In that case, mix in soil amendments according to instructions from a local nursery or bring in as much good topsoil as possible. Tamp gently and add water to fill large air spaces to give your tree its first good drink in its new home. As the tree grows, be sure to water the surrounding soil area to encourage root spread.

(Article from Arbor Day Foundation Bulletin 19)

Town/Main Street Events Update

MAIN STREET GARDNERVILLE

5K FUN RUN SERIES

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MAIN STREET Gardnerville FUN RUN SERIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH HAVE A CLASSIC

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH FREEDOM 5K

SATURDAY, OCT 16TH RUN IT PINK

LET'S GET MOVING ON MAIN STREET!

Join us for our inaugural WE RUN THIS TOWN 5k Fun Run Walk Series! Register and complete all three fun runs, and you will get a commemorative "I Run This Town 2024" Tee shirt to boast your efforts!

HERITAGE PARK
1461 EZELL STREET, GARDNERVILLE, NV

RACES START AT 08:00 AM

For more information visit our Annual Events Page:
mainstreetgardnerville.org



The
Carson Valley Pops Orchestra

A Concert of Patriotic Songs

At Heritage Park
Gardnerville

July 4, 2024
11:30 am



Sponsored by
the Town of Gardnerville



Movies in the Park



Movies in the Park- Honey I Shrunk the Kids - 2023

Movies in the Park started on June 14 with the movie *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*. July 19th will be *Super Mario Brothers*; and August 16th is *Barbie*.

Please join us and enjoy being back in the outdoors after a long winter. Our sponsors for this year's Movies in the Park are: Northwest Martial Arts, Mark Smith Tire Center-Les Schwab, Carson Valley Health, Valley Pediatric Dentistry and Bodywise Physical Therapy



Main Street Fall Fest

Harvest Festival and Annual Slaughterhouse Lane Coffin Races hosted by Main Street Gardnerville. Join us for music, activities, demonstrations, crafts and food.

Gardnerville's Christmas Kickoff

Join us on December 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for a cold winter's evening of Christmas Cheer. There are fire barrels around to keep warm, Santa for the kids, refreshments, entertainment and fireworks for everyone.

Just a Drop in Farmers Market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, and more all organically grown



May 15th - September 5th | Heritage Park
Wednesdays 8 am till 1 pm | 1443 Courthouse St Gardnerville Nevada
justadropinfarmersmarket.com

Heritage Park Farmers Market
Every Wednesday 8-1 May through September
Fresh vegetables, fruits and more.



The purpose of the Wine Walks is to invite people to see what the downtown has to offer. Over 50 businesses participate each year in the five wine walks, creating an opportunity to explore the many unique, locally-owned businesses. Come and just walk with friends and neighbors to take advantage of the shops staying open late.



2024 Gardnerville Trash Raffle



Thank you for participating in the 2024 Gardnerville Trash Raffle. The Town Health & Sanitation Department is offering a free year of trash service to one single family residential customer in Gardnerville (a \$291.84 value). To be eligible to win you must be a current customer of Gardnerville Health & Sanitation and you must provide your name, address, phone number and, your email address (if you have one). You can either bring the form into the office, mail to Town of Gardnerville, 1407 Highway 395 N, Gardnerville, NV 89410 or email the form to togville@douglasnv.us or fill out the form online at our [Town of Gardnerville.com](http://TownofGardnerville.com) trash services page on the website. Surveys will be accepted until November 15, 2024. The winner will be drawn at the Gardnerville Christmas Kickoff on December 5, 2024. We will contact the winner and a credit will be applied with the first billing in January. You do not need to be present to win. Please only enter once. Multiple entries will not be accepted.

You must be a customer of Gardnerville Health & Sanitation to be eligible

*Contact Information:

Name: _____ Address _____, Gardnerville, NV

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ or

Email _____

Gardnerville's Christmas Kickoff

18th Annual

Santa Arrives at 5:00 p.m.

Electric Carriage Rides

*Entertainment and
treats begin at 5:30 p.m.*



Musical Light Show

Fireworks

*Provided by PyroGuys
(weather permitting)*

Entertainment

To be determined



December 5, 2024

Food

Dutch Oven Cobblers

Hot Chocolate

Spiced Cider

Popcorn

Come and enjoy

Cobblers & drinks provided by Town of Gardnerville

Popcorn provided by Gardnerville Water Co.





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July- December 2024 Dates to Remember



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

July 4 Main Street Freedom 5K - Heritage
Park

July 19 Movies in the Park - Super Mario
Brothers - Heritage Park

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

August 16 Movies in the Park, - Barbie -
Heritage Park

Sept 3 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

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

Extra Greenwaste Days

Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, October 22
Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, November 19

November 6/7 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 13/14 Limb Pickup

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

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

Dec 3 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
4:30 p.m.

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

Jan 7, Town Board Meeting, Town Hall
2025 4:30 pm.

Jan 7 Last greenwaste pickup until April , 2025

Jan 8/9 Christmas tree pickup on your regular
trash day. (No tinsel, lights, ornaments or
stands.