



Town Record

Town of Gardnerville's Community Newsletter

January 2025

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Town Manager's Message

How nice is it to have four lanes of traffic flowing through downtown Gardnerville again? That was a long year for everyone involved. The town would like to thank Sierra Nevada Construction and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the excellent work they did, but we won't miss them. Reconstruction of the deteriorating highway through town has been a priority for the county commission for the last half decade and we are excited to see the work done. NDOT still needs to upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps to be compliant with the American With Disabilities Act (ADA) however there is no set schedule to complete that portion of the work at this time.

January will welcome two new town board members to direct the affairs of the town. Two vacancies were available on the board due to term limits for Lloyd Higuera and Mary Wenner. Both Lloyd and Mary completed twelve years on the board. Only two residents filed to fill the vacancies, so they were automatically seated on the board. We welcome Rocky Walling and Barbara Smallwood to the board. Both bring experience which will be unique and welcomed.

Due to declining health Mike Henningsen resigned his position from the town board in May 2024. Mike had a "service soul" and loved to give of his time to the community. Besides serving on the town board Mike enjoyed serving on the board of the Douglas County Historical Society. He also gave of his time to the Boy Scouts of America and Kiwanis. We miss Mike and his optimistic disposition and know that he would have gladly completed his term if his health would have allowed.

Fellow Kiwanian Dan Hamer was recommended by the town board to fulfill the remainder of Mike's term. This recommendation was ratified by the county commission in August. Dan will serve until December 31, 2026 at which point he could run to be elected to the town board. For years the Gardnerville Town Board has been semi static. Starting this January, the longest tenured board members will have been seated for two years. Town staff looks forward to working with the new board members and their priorities and vision for the town.

Health & Sanitation

PLEASE BE AWARE: Greenwaste will stop for the winter on January 7, 2025 and resume on April 1, 2025. 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 2025 your trash rate will change. Below are the new rates.

Town of Gardnerville
Solid Waste Collection Rate
Proposed Rate Adjustments (services not listed are not affected)

		Current Fee	July 1, 2025	Difference
90 Gallon Residential Tote	Monthly	\$24.32	\$32.83	\$8.51
Extra Tote	Monthly	\$6.05	\$8.17	\$2.12
Green Waste Tote	Monthly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Two Yard Residential Clean Up	Each Use	\$31.45	\$42.46	\$11.01
Two Yard Commercial Bin	Each Use	\$29.77	\$40.19	\$10.42
Four Yard Commercial Bin*	Each Use	NA	\$75.38	NA
Office Residential	Monthly	\$20.31	\$27.47	\$7.11
Minimal User	Monthly	\$6.05	\$8.17	\$2.12

*Four Yard Commercial Bin Not Previously Available
It is anticipated that additional increases will not be considered for at least four years.

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 your trash/greenwaste day.
2. Keep cans 10 feet away from obstacles and 3 feet between each can, if possible.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. We now send our greenwaste to Full Circle Compost. They give us a lower dump rate if there is little or no trash in the greenwaste. Do not bag greenwaste. It should be loose in your greenwaste can. Greenwaste is only lawn clippings, weeds, leaves or branches, 1" or smaller and no longer than 12 inches. If there is any animal feces, food scraps, sand, dirt or sod in the greenwaste can, we will either tag it or it will be left curbside. The can could possibly be taken away if there are three infractions.
6. You can use your normal trash bags on extra greenwaste days (See calendar). Keep bags three feet away from trash can if at all possible.



775-782-7134
www.townofgardnerville.com
Yard Waste Only



NO PLASTIC BAGS IN TOTE! Yard Trimmings in plastic bags will NOT be collected.

How is the Town Spending Your Money?

Since the last newsletter, the town completed two minor projects to improve the sidewalks within the town. A contract with Precision Concrete Cutting for \$15,017 was awarded. Precision Concrete surveyed "old town" and cut all uplifted sidewalk joints to be under 1/4" and in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. This work was completed in September. Another contract with V&C Construction (worth \$23,350) removed and replaced uplifted sidewalks within the Arbor Gardens Subdivision. The majority of the sidewalks within Arbor Gardens are owned and maintained by the property owners, however the town owns and maintains some of the sidewalks in the subdivision. The town hired the contractor and allowed property owners to pay into the project to have many sidewalks rehabilitated at the same time.

The Town of Gardnerville does not have any major capital or maintenance projects scheduled to be completed by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2025). The town did enter into a design contract with Stantec Consulting to complete the design and permitting for the Gardnerville Station. This design work is underway and consists of paving, concrete, and landscape work at the station (1395 Highway 395 N). It is anticipated this project will start construction in late summer of 2025 or early spring of 2026.

The town also entered into a design contract with Lumos & Associates for the reconstruction of Industrial Way. Similar to the project that just occurred on US 395 this reconstruction will remove all the existing pavement from Industrial Way and place all new pavement in the roadway section. The construction of this project is possible due to a \$1.26 million dollar grant from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. The town still does not have all the details of the grant but is hopeful that this project will be completed in Summer of 2026. The grant does require the project to be completed by 2034.

Freedom 5K Fun Run

July 4, 2025 in
Heritage Park



Freedom 5K Run/Walk-July 4, 2025 Run for the Wreath!

A portion of every entry will be donated to Wreaths Across America to place a wreath on the graves of our country's fallen heroes in Gardnerville Garden Cemetery.

Run/Walk will begin at 8 am

For more information please visit
www.MainStreetGardnerville.org/purchases.

Movies in the Park

Join us for the 19th season of Movies in the Park. The first movie will be on June 13, 2025. 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



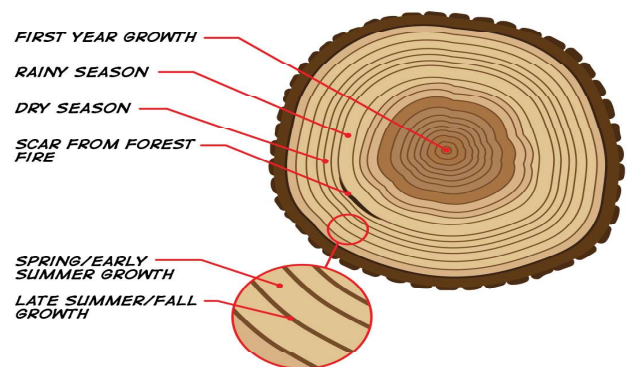
TREE-MENDOUS BENEFITS

Tree Facts

Trees are the longest living organisms on Earth. The Bristlecone Pine is one of the oldest living trees in the world.

Tree rings can predict climate change. Dating a tree by studying its rings is called Dendrochronology. Rings not only reveal a tree's age, but they can indicate the occurrence of natural disasters, such as a volcanic eruption or a drought event. In years of good growth, the ring is thick. It is thin when resources are scarce. Increasing heat has adverse effects on tree growth due to high potential evapotranspiration - the rate at which plants lose water through their leaves. Such studies help us understand the impact of climate change.

Look for alternating light and dark rings in the trunk of the tree. Start counting dark rings in the middle of the stump or cross-section of the tree. Continue counting outwards until you reach the last dark ring. The total number of dark rings is the tree's age in years.



Trees can defend themselves against attacking insects. They can flood their leaves with chemicals called phenolics when insects begin their raid. They can also signal danger to other trees so they can start their own defense. Willow trees, for example, emit certain chemicals when they are attacked by webworms. Other willows then produce more tannin, making their leaves harder for pests to digest.

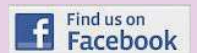
Trees can help you find your way in the woods. Moss grows on the northern side of the tree trunk where there is more shade. The rings of a tree can also help. The rings grow slightly thicker on the southern side with more light.



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January- June 2025 Dates to Remember



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

Jan 7 Last Greenwaste pickup for the season
(No greenwaste will be picked up until
April 1)

Jan 8/9 Christmas tree pickup
(No tinsel, lights, ornaments or stands)

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

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

April 1 Greenwaste Pickup resumes
5:30 a.m.

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Town Hall

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

Extra Greenwaste Days

April 8

April 22

May 6

May 20

May 21/22 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 28/29 Limb Pickup

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

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

June 13 Movies in the Park, Heritage Park
Friday night, starts after sunset

July 1 Town Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall

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