

# Town Record



Town of Gardnerville Community Newsletter

## Manager's Message

July 2026

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The town board has made several updates to the "Town Record" newsletter. Previously mailed to all residents twice a year, the Town Record will now be issued quarterly. This change allows the town to share updates more regularly and keep residents better informed about local matters.

The Town Record will now be included with the quarterly solid waste bill. The town board has directed staff to use a third party billing service to prepare and mail these bills, which has allowed the town to eliminate one part-time office assistant position. This change is also expected to reduce postage and printing costs. If you do not receive a physical solid waste bill, a link to the Town Record will be included in your email statement. Previous editions can be found on the town's website under "What's New" followed by "Town News."

The town is always looking for more efficient ways to share information with residents. In addition to the Town Record, the town Facebook page provides the most up to date announcements, and the town website is regularly updated with additional details. Members of the public can sign up to receive email notifications when agendas and supporting documents for town board meetings are posted. Town staff also issue press releases for urgent or significant news. Staff are available by phone or email to answer questions, and contact information for town board members is posted on the website. If you have suggestions for improving how we communicate with residents, please contact the town offices.

## How Is the Town Spending Your Money?

### Gardnerville Station:

Great news! The work at Gardnerville Station is officially complete. Herback General Engineering wrapped up construction on May 19th, bringing to a close a major community investment. The base bid for the project came in at \$541,971, and while change orders are sometimes necessary when working on older sites, all adjustments stayed within the authorized 10% limit. Final costs are still being tallied, but the project remained well-controlled.

After thirteen years of stewardship since acquiring the station, we're excited to announce that no further major capital improvements are needed. A great deal has been accomplished: the old fuel tanks have been safely removed, contaminated soil has been disposed of, and electric vehicle charging stations now stand where fuel pumps once

## How Is the Town Spending Your Money? (continued)



Gardnerville Station before



Gardnerville Station after

did. A large underground stormwater detention system has been installed to help reduce flooding on the highway, along with pumps and storm drains on Mission Street to carry water to the Martin Slough.

The building itself has been beautifully rehabilitated and is now ready to serve as a welcoming public meeting space. Fresh pavement, new curbs, sidewalks, landscaping including trees and shrubs create an inviting environment for residents and visitors. Amenities like a bench, waste receptacle, and bike rack make the space even more user-friendly, and three new streetlights brighten the car-charging area for added safety.

With this project complete, the Town is excited to shift its attention and funding to the next set of community priorities. Thank you for your continued support as we work to enhance Gardnerville for all who call it home.

### **Industrial Way Reconstruction:**

The town board awarded a contract to Qualcon Contractors Inc for the reconstruction of Industrial Way. The project will reconstruct the half mile loop roadway at the southern end of town. All the existing pavement will be removed and replaced. Any damaged concrete including curb, gutter and valley gutter will be reconstructed. The project is scheduled to start no later than July 7th. The work will last for approximately 45 days.

The bid by Qualcon was for \$1,346,676. The department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided \$1,260,000 towards the project as part of an Economic Development Initiative Grant. The town will pay for the additional \$86,676 as well as any change orders and for the materials testing. This project will be a major improvement to one of the town's most deteriorated roadways.

### **Mountain View Pond Dock and ADA Improvements:**

The town received a grant from the Nevada Division of State Parks for \$80,000 to help install a dock, and an Americans with Disability Act compliant access from the Snaffle Bit Trailhead to the pond. The improvements will provide better vehicular access to the boat ramp for the public to launch non-motorized watercraft.

The town will need to match at least 50% of the grant. The project is currently out to bid. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-August and will take up to 45 days to complete.

### **Other Open Space Projects:**

Based on the update to the Mountain View Open Space Master Plan, town staff is installing four "shade nodes" in the vicinity of the Mountain View Pond. These shade nodes each contain a few trees and a bench or two. The shade nodes will serve as resting points along the trail and provide a respite from the sun during the summer months.

Town staff will work on installing signage along the Martin Slough Trail. The trail stretches from Jake's Wetland in Minden to Lampe Park in Gardnerville. At some points the trail may not be as visible for access. Town staff hopes to make the connection points along the trail more obvious to aid anyone who wishes to explore the entirety of the trail.



## TREE-MENDOUS TIPS

*How can trees be used to attract watchable wildlife?*

“Watchable wildlife” in which most people are interested, are birds, and mostly the little songsters. To attract them around home, just keep in mind the three things they need most - water, food and cover. Trees can contribute significantly to two of these.

**Cover** - In all seasons of the year, trees are needed by most bird species for roosting, nesting and hiding. Dense crowns provided by trees like spruces, firs and pines meet these needs particularly well.

**Food** - Most trees offer food value to birds, with the exception of fruitless cultivars. For diversity, consider planting trees with summer fruits like cherries and mulberries, but in northern climates also plant those that bear fruit that persists into winter and spring. Hawthornes, sumacs and mountain ashes are examples.



The Town of Gardnerville staff, Girl Scout Troop 52 and their friends celebrated Arbor Day on April 24, 2026. Thirteen trees, among them Northern Catalpa, London Planetre, Heartland Catalpa, Horse Chestnut, Montmorency Cherry and Linden Redmond, were planted along the Mountain View Pond trail. Later this year benches will be placed where the trees will eventually shade the area.

## PROPERTY RECORDING ALERT SERVICE

The Douglas County Recorder's Office proudly offers a free service for property owners and notaries to monitor recording activity.

Subscribers who opt into this free service receive automated, secure, and timely email alerts whenever a document containing monitored information is recorded in the Douglas County Recorder's Office.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER  
VISIT [DOUGLASCOUNTYNV.GOV/RECORDER](http://DOUGLASCOUNTYNV.GOV/RECORDER)  
OR CALL (775) 782-9025 TO LEARN MORE



## Register in 4 Simple Steps



- Scan the QR code on the front of this card or visit [douglascountynv.gov/recorder](http://douglascountynv.gov/recorder) and click the blue bar below the Property Recording Alert Service icon.



- Click Register and create your password protected account.

Verify your email address



- Check your email account and follow the prompt to Verify the registered email address.



- Log in to Add Name(s) and Parcel number(s) you wish to monitor.

*IMPORTANT: Alerts cannot be sent until all 4 steps have been completed. Registering for this service does not guarantee prevention of fraud.*

## Health & Sanitation Greenwaste

Greenwaste=vegetation (do not bag greenwaste)

### ❖ Acceptable Greenwaste

1. Grass
2. Leaves
3. Flowers
4. Branches up to 1” in diameter
5. Pine needles
6. Weeds

### ❖ Unacceptable - not considered greenwaste

1. Plastic
2. Dirt, rocks
3. Food/paper
4. Animal waste
5. Painted/treated wood

The town pays a lower rate to dispose of clean greenwaste. Contaminated greenwaste makes solid waste fees more expensive for all



## Reminders!

- ❖ Keep automatic payment info up to date. If you have a new expiration date or a new card be sure to let us know.
- ❖ Have cans out by 5:30 a.m. If possible, cans should be three feet apart.
- ❖ Bag your trash on windy days.
- ❖ Payment drop box in parking lot by flagpole - available for after hours payments or if you do not want to come in the office.
- ❖ Pay online, check balance and payment history at <https://www.townofgardnerville.com/services/trash-collection/>
- ❖ Two yard dumpsters are available for cleanups at \$42.46 per dump - can be kept for a week. 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 782-7134.
- ❖ 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)

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### *2026 Gardnerville Trash Raffle*

The Town Health & Sanitation Department is offering a free year of trash service to one single family home customer in Gardnerville (a \$393.96 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](mailto:togville@douglasnv.us) Entries will be accepted until November 13, 2026. The winner will be drawn at the Gardnerville Christmas Kick-off on December 3, 2026. 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.

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

\*Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email your entry to [togville@douglasnv.us](mailto:togville@douglasnv.us) You can also mail or bring the entry to the town office at 1407 Highway 395 N, Gardnerville, NV 89410

# Movies in the Park



Movies in the Park started on June 5 with the movie CoCo. Minecraft will be shown on July 10 and Transformers One will be shown on August 7. **Sponsors for this event are: Carson Valley Health & Valley Pediatric Dentistry**



The  
**Carson Valley Pops Orchestra**  
**A Concert of Patriotic Songs**

At Heritage Park  
Gardnerville

July 4, 2026  
11:30 am



Sponsored by  
the Town of Gardnerville

# MAIN STREET GARDNERVILLE EVENTS 2026

<p><b>January</b></p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p>23th Main Street Monday coffee @ "The Hub" 8 am</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>23rd Discover Downtown &amp; Mingle</p>
<p><b>April</b></p> <p>23rd Volunteer Gala 25th Heritage Park Garden Spring Forum &amp; Expo 27th Main Street Monday coffee @ "The Hub" 8 am</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>9th Sweep the Town Wine Walk 21st <b>FIRST</b> Third Thursday Wine Walk 30th Heritage Park Garden Plant Faire</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p>5th Movies in the Park TOG 13th CV Days Classic 5k Fun Run/Walk 18th Third Thursday Wine Walk 22nd Main Street Monday after hours @ "The Hub" 5pm <small>*Farmer's Market every Wednesday 8 am-1 pm Heritage Park</small></p>
<p><b>July</b></p> <p>4th Freedom 5k Pops in the Park Concert 16th Third Thursday Wine Walk 10th Town of Gardnerville Movies in the Park 27th Main Street Monday coffee @ "The Hub" 8 am <small>*Farmer's Market every Wednesday 8 am-1 pm Heritage Park</small></p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <p>7th Town of Gardnerville's Movies in the Park 20th Third Thursday Wine Walk 24th I Scream for Main Street Ice Cream Social <small>*Farmer's Market every Wednesday 8 am-1 pm Heritage Park</small></p>	<p><b>September</b></p> <p>17th <b>LAST</b> Third Thursday Wine Walk <small>*Farmer's Market ends Wednesday, 8 am-1 pm Heritage Park</small></p>
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>3rd Annual Coffin Races &amp; Fall Festival 17th Run This Town 5k Fun Run/Walk - Think Pink!</p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p>7th Dia de los Muertos Festival</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>3rd Town of Gardnerville Christmas kickoff 5th Christmas on Main Shop Main Street kickoff 5th CVCC Parade of Lights 12th Wreaths Across America Garden Cemetery 31st Heritage Park Garden Candlelight Labyrinth Walk</p>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS, VISIT: [mainstreetgardnerville.org](http://mainstreetgardnerville.org)**



## July- September 2026 Dates to Remember



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| <p>July/Aug/ Sept Just a Drop In Farmers Market every Wednesday in Heritage Park 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p> | <p>July 10 Movies in the Park - - Heritage Park - Minecraft the Movie - starts at sunset</p> |
| <p>July 4 Main Street Freedom 5K - Heritage Park - Race starts at 8:00 a.m.</p>                            | <p>August 4 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall - 1407 Hwy 395 N - 4:30 p.m.</p>                   |
| <p>July 4 Pops in the Park - Heritage Park 11:30 a.m.</p>  | <p>August 7 Movies in the Park, - Heritage Park - Transformers One - starts at sunset</p>    |
| <p>July 7 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall, 1407 Hwy 395 N - 4:30 p.m.</p>                                    | <p>Sept 1 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m.</p>  |
|  | <p>Oct 6 Town Board Meeting, Town Hall 4:30 p.m.</p>   |