

## Martin Slough Nature Park Trails

*Last fall the trails in the Martin Slough Nature Park were replaced as part of continuing efforts to provide the community the best in recreational amenities. With excellent pricing received, the Town Board expanded the project to include trails near the ponds as well as the trail on public open space behind CVMS.*

We're continuing to work towards the eventual goal of providing a multi-use path from Lampe Park north to Minden. To help in meeting this goal additional open



*Martin Slough Trail*

space along the Martin Slough is being pursued for acquisition through the State Land's "Question 1" program. The Town Board and staff would like to thank the Hellwinkel family for working cooperatively on this potential expansion project.

### Water Rights for the Martin Slough

Once again, we are asking for donations of unused water rights. Since 1999 more than 50 property owners have donated water rights to the Martin Slough Nature Park facility. If you are a property owner who has water rights that cannot be used any longer and wish to leave a legacy to the community, consider donating this resource to the Town for use on the Martin Slough. Many neighborhoods have properties that have no physical way of receiving irrigation water. The ditch system in those areas simply doesn't exist. You have the Town's commitment that donated water rights will not be sold, traded or used for any other purpose than in keeping water available for use in the Martin Slough Nature Park.

## Pine Nut Watershed

One of the major goals of the Town Board is to be proactive in addressing drainage in and through the community. As part of this goal and with life, safety and property in the forefront, the Town Board authorized a professional services contract with Manhard Consulting at their March 2009 meeting. The staff at Manhard will be continuing to define and model the potential storm water flows from the 34,560 acres of the Pine Nut watershed that drains directly into Gardnerville.

The ultimate goal of this restudy is to provide the best possible flood zone map for FEMA consideration and adoption. FEMA uses maps such as the one that will come from this project to define potential flood hazards and dangers. Flood insurance rates and requirements are also determined through these types of maps.

Readers will probably remember the current flood mapping issues that Douglas County is working to clear up with FEMA on the Buckeye drainage to the north of Gardnerville affecting Minden. The County is also using Manhard Consulting in the appeal process with FEMA. It's important to have the best possible maps so that areas potentially affected by flood waters are accurately identified.

Manhard has already made excellent progress on the Pine Nut restudy. Revised calculations point to a potential 55% reduction in the 1977 posted flow-down from 6,564 cubic feet a second to 3,377 CFS. This is encouraging news! As an example, one cubic foot per second is roughly equal to 8 containers of milk passing by each second. While the potential flow in a 100-year storm event is anticipated to be lower than the 1977 figure, work will still have to be done in order to store storm water and convey it back to the Carson River.

Gardnerville is working closely with Douglas County as regional flood issues are addressed. And please note that flood insurance is available for all properties regardless of location. For more info log on to [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).



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Town Board Meetings are held at 4:30 pm, the first Tuesday of the month at the Town office.

# Upcoming Events

**“Red, White & Blue Celebration- Join us at Heritage Park on July 4th.** The festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. with a presentation of the colors by the Douglas High School Junior ROTC Tiger Battalion. The Carson Valley Pops Orchestra will delight the audience with patriotic favorites. We have requested a flyover from the National Guard. Ice cream will be served. Bring sunscreen, chairs and if you have an umbrella or small shade canopy consider bringing that also. There will be a shade canopy and some chairs provided by the Town.

Carson Valley Sertoma's **Oktoberfest is September 27 at Heritage Park** from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Al Gruber's 6-piece polka band sets the mood to dance. Enjoy the traditional German fare of delicious sausages and sauerkraut.

## Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff

Start your holiday season at Heritage Park on December 2, 2009. Santa will be there for the kids. The Sierra Bell Ringers will entertain with the beauty of bells chiming in the crisp night air. The Carolers invite you to sing along to seasonal favorites. Enjoy steaming hot chocolate or apple cider and delicious dutch oven cobblers. We will have another great light show for your enjoyment.

## Informational Items

**Temporary signs** - please be aware that "garage sale" and other temporary signs CANNOT be taped or otherwise put on street lights or street sign posts. Not only is this against Douglas County Code, tape adhesives quickly ruin painted surfaces. You have a significant investment in poles and posts, especially the decorative type. You may call the Town offices and report the location of signs at 782-7134.

**Tree Care Tip** - When planting new trees, stakes should only be used when absolutely necessary. If stakes are used, it's a good idea to remove them the next year or earlier.

**Portable Basketball Goals** - Having portable Basketball goals in the street is not safe and could be a liability risk for the property owner. Please help out and keep this type of equipment in the driveway. It really helps us out with monthly street sweeping the as well, which is done the first week of each month (weather permitting).

## Fishing Ponds

The Martin Slough fishing ponds on Gilman Avenue are being stocked again this year by the Nevada Division of Wildlife. There was an excellent article in the March 15 Record Courier featuring NDOW and the ponds. Uncaught fish from the annual fishing derby are also slated to be released for public enjoyment, thanks to Bob Ellis and the Fishing Derby Board of Directors. All state regulations for fishing are in effect at the ponds (valid fishing license and stamp needed). There is a strict 3-fish per day limit. If you think someone is abusing the limit, you may report it to Operation Game Thief at 800-992-3030.

## Trash Rate Increase

The Town of Gardnerville will need to increase fees for trash service starting July 1 of this year. Trash service fees go directly to offsetting the cost of providing the service. The Town doesn't "make money" with the trash fund and a portion of revenues are kept in reserve to fund trash truck and equipment replacement. Town rates are still among the lowest in the region, if not the lowest overall.

Current Rates		New Rate			New Rate	
		1.5%	July 1, 2009	2%	January 1,2010	
Residential, quarterly	\$49.75	\$0.75	\$50.50	\$1.00	\$51.50	
Residential, minimum user, quarterly	\$13.50	\$0.25	\$13.75	\$0.25	\$14.00	
Commercial 1-1/2 yard, each pickup	\$16.00	\$0.25	\$16.25	\$0.33	\$16.58	
Commercial 2 yard, each pickup	\$21.63	\$0.33	\$21.96	\$0.44	\$22.40	
Commercial 2 yard compacted, each pickup	\$41.50	\$0.63	\$42.13	\$0.85	\$42.98	
Office Residential, qtrly ea 90 gal tote	\$50.25	\$0.75	\$51.00	\$1.00	\$52.00	
<b>Flat rate service adjustments</b>						
2 yard cleanup dumpster each pickup	\$15.00		\$25.00		\$25.00	
Off-route call back, each occurrence	\$ 5.00		\$10.00		\$10.00	
Dumpster rental, monthly	\$15.00		\$16.00		\$17.00	

## Main Street Gardnerville

The Main Street Gardnerville (MSG) program takes a four-point approach, organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. It then directs energy into all of those areas at the same time with an emphasis on incremental improvements that build upon one another. The MSG program focuses on self-help, engaging residents and business owners to invest their time and money in downtown. With our volunteers, and the majority of business owners in the Main Street District that we've talked to so far, the overall feedback is positive, they want to work together to revitalize our community... they have the passion and desire to make it happen.

MSG partners with the Douglas County Commissioners and the Town Board. We're a new organization (less than one year), and the first of its kind in Nevada. During this first year, MSG has:

- Created a board of directors and committees (all comprised of volunteers)
- Been trained on all aspects of the Main Street Program
- Created a strategic plan for the Main Street Gardnerville District
- Hired a Program Manager to coordinate the volunteers, business owners, committees, board members and projects.

Now, we're moving forward.

We've been successful in securing grants and leveraging money. We have various projects in the works for the Main Street district, from streetscape improvements to business interviews, from market research to special events and retail promotions.

To volunteer or to become a member of MSG, please contact Paula Lochridge, Program Manager at 775.782.8027 or plochridge@mainstreetgardnerville.org. Visit the MSG website for more information, www.mainstreetgardnerville.org.



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## Dates to Remember 2009

<b>June 5</b>	<b>Friday, Dusk.</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> Movies in the Park: <i>Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D</i>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>Friday, Dusk</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> Movies in the Park: <i>Wizard of Oz</i>	<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Saturday, 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Red, White &amp; Blue Celebration</b> <i>Carson Valley Pops</i>	<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>	<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Friday, Dusk</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> Movies in the Park <i>Wall•E</i>	<b>Nov. 4-6</b>	<b>Fall Cleanup</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Friday, Dusk</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> Movies in the Park <i>Indiana Jones &amp; the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull</i>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>	<b>Nov. 11-13</b>	<b>Limb Pickup</b>
		<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Sunday, 12:00-4:00pm</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> <i>Oktoberfest</i>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.</b> <b>Town Hall</b> <i>Town Board Meeting</i>
				<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Heritage Park</b> <i>CarsonValley Christmas Kickoff</i>
				<b>Extra Greenwaste Days</b> <b>Oct 6 &amp; 20, Nov 3 &amp; 17</b>	