



Heritage, Community, Prosperity

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Town Manager's Message

Each year the Town of Gardnerville pens a brief report sharing some of the highlights and accomplishments of your local Town government as we serve you-the resident, property owner, and/or business owner here in the Gardnerville community. As a community and nation we have, and are continuing to, face the toughest economic times in recent history. The Town is not immune to the downturn, and your elected Town Board continues to share a collective philosophy of providing the best possible services and infrastructure care within available budget resources.

The honor and privilege to serve the community is shared by the entire Town organization. Be assured that you have a forward-thinking Town Board who sets vision based on the community's expectations and desires, and a Town staff that shares an unbridled passion for public service-striving "to leave things better at the end of the day than they were at the beginning".

On behalf of the Gardnerville Town Board and staff, our sincerest thanks for 2009 and best wishes for 2010.

Sincerely,

Jim Park

Jim Park, ICMA-CM, CPCM, C.P.M.
Gardnerville Town Manager



MOVIES IN THE PARK - WALL-E

MOVIES IN THE PARK - WIZARD OF OZ



Administration

Town Administration provides overall support for Town operations and serves as point in assuring the Town Board's policies and goals are met. Department duties include accounts payable and receivable, purchasing and contracts, legal services, and public communications.

- The Town Operations Manual was updated and expanded to reflect changes and additions to Town Board policy.
- Staff retrofitted the Town Hall interior lighting using an NV Energy "Sure Bet" rebate with energy-efficient lighting and controls that reduced utility costs and improved lighting within the building.
- The XM computerized maintenance management system was upgraded to provide paperless work order issuing, tracking, and close-out, which reduced staff time necessary for these actions while also reducing office supply expenses. The XM database was also updated with critical asset information that will allow greater efficiencies to be realized with the work order system in the field.
- A comprehensive database of residential and commercial parcels within the downtown district was compiled and updated in-house to provide trend information in the area.
- The Town website was updated monthly by staff throughout the year. A comprehensive update was also done to bring the site into compliance with ADA requirements.
- Staff prepared and submitted a grant request for \$960,000 to the Nevada State Lands Question 1 Round 10 to expand the Martin Slough project on land from the Hellwinkel Ranch.
- Staff developed and submitted two Rural Business Enterprise Grant applications on behalf of the Main Street program. Both applications were selected and approved for funding.
- Town Board Member Tom Cook continued to represent the Town Board on the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Board of Directors. Mr. Cook also serves in the capacity of Chairman for the Nevada Rural Housing Authority Board of Directors and on the non-profit Desert Winds Group Board of Directors. Desert Winds is a recognized Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) working to provide additional affordable housing opportunities throughout rural Nevada.
- The Town Board authorized a three-year no-cost agreement with CGI Communications to provide streaming video segments highlighting the Town of Gardnerville accessed from the Town's website 24/7.
- Staff submitted a Round 10 application for funding from State Lands Question 1 to potentially expand linear parkway area and flood channel storage along the Martin Slough. This application also provides for historic preservation, and if approved, the Hellwinkel Ranch barn and outbuildings may be perpetually conserved.



Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains community parks, open spaces, the Martin Slough area, and staff provides event support for Town activities.

- Received the "Tree City USA" recognition for the seventh consecutive year. The award was presented to the Town Board at the April meeting.
- Movies in the Park series continued with four wonderful family evenings at Heritage Park.
- 3rd Annual "Red, White, and Blue" 4th of July celebration at Heritage Park featured a flyover by the Nevada Air National Guard.
- The Nevada Division of Wildlife stocked the Martin Slough ponds several times, providing both residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy fishing at Douglas County's only urban fishing ponds.
- Other annual events held at Heritage Park included the Valley Cruiser's annual Rock-a-thon Car Show co-sponsored by the Gardnerville Town Board and the Sertoma Club's annual Oktoberfest.



RED, WHITE & BLUE 7/4/09



EDDY STREET RECONSTRUCTION & BANNER POLES

Public Works

The Public Works Department maintains 40 lane miles of local streets, maintains the Town's storm drain conveyances, controls weeds within the public right of way, provides snow and ice control measures in inclement weather, and all other maintenance associated with the street network. Review of development projects and design of road maintenance and repair projects is provided through the Town's professional civil engineer.

- Eddy Street from Main Street to Douglas Avenue was completely reconstructed. This project included widening sidewalks, installing underground conduit for the future relocation of overhead utilities and installation of street lighting, and a brick planter area at Main Street.
- A major in-house maintenance project that addressed repairing large transverse asphalt cracks in the Chichester Estates neighborhood was completed. This project utilized an aggregate and polymer based material proven successful in other areas of the country with similar weather and road conditions.
- Street trees and tree grates were installed on Eddy Street between Main Street and Courthouse Alley.
- The Cemetery Lane sidewalk repair project began with the removal of elm trees that were beyond saving. This project includes repair of sidewalk areas that were beginning to lift because of tree roots and re-planting of trees with a type less invasive.
- Banner poles were installed to provide the community space above Main Street in downtown for hanging events banners above the road. The banner poles will also be used for cross-street Christmas decorations to be displayed over the holiday season.
- Work continued on the Pinenut watershed hydrology project with the goal of having accurately updated maps ready for submittal to Douglas County in early 2010.
- Staff finalized water usage plan that affirms beneficial use of donated water rights received for the Martin Slough Nature Park area.
- The MicroPaver pavement management system was updated and prepared for GIS integration. Pavement distress evaluations and inspections were scheduled for the street network which will allow pavement condition indexes to be updated for the upcoming fiscal work year.



CRACK SEALING

- Construction plans, specifications, and drawings were being prepared at year's end for both the 2010 Paving Projects and 2010 Sealing Projects scheduled for advertisement in early 2010.
- Annual in-house maintenance work also included right of weed control, traffic sign replacements, snow and ice control operations, and cleaning of above ground storm drain conveyances.

Health and Sanitation

The Health and Sanitation Department collects and transports both residential and commercial municipal waste, performs street sweeping, operates the curb-side greenwaste pickup program, and maintains the Town's fleet of collection vehicles.

- Major rebuilding of one trash truck collection body was completed by staff at substantial cost savings to the Town.
- The Green Waste program was on track to exceed the 7% of total annually collected tons of refuse from the waste stream in 2008. As of the first week of November 10% of the annual amount collected by the Town had been diverted from landfills.
- In addition to curbside green waste recycling, the self-serve green waste drop off point at the Town Maintenance Facility usage increased over 2008. The Town also continued with four extra days of greenwaste curbside pickups, curbside limb pickup, and curbside Christmas tree pickup.



MARTIN SLOUGH

Main Street Gardnerville Program

Started in 2008, the Main Street Gardnerville program is spear-headed by a non-profit and all volunteer Board of Directors appointed by the Gardnerville Town Board. The only operating Main Street program in the State of Nevada, Main Street Gardnerville joins nearly 2200 other communities across the United States in successful grass-roots based economic development and downtown revitalization efforts. The Main Street Gardnerville District represents more than 200 parcels and nearly 200 businesses.

- More than 1700 volunteer hours were given to the program in the past year. These hours, accounting for a value in excess of \$33,000, not only support the program operationally but also as grant “in-kind” match further leveraging program resources.
- Received Rural Business Enterprise Grants from the USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$73,500 for development of a downtown district business activity/market analysis technical study and for the establishment of a below market rate revolving loan fund.
- The annual MSG Strategic Plan was updated and published. The plan is also reviewed quarterly and progress benchmarked for both internal and external use.
- The Main Street hanging flower basket program was doubled in size through community sponsorships, allowing baskets to be placed on every light pole along Main Street. Baskets were grown through partnerships with both Douglas High School and Smith Valley High School.
- Membership in the Main Street Gardnerville program expanded to more than 50 with a diverse mix of both individuals and businesses.
- Produced a myriad of civic events geared at educating the public on the importance of downtown with an emphasis on driving foot traffic into the district. Events such as the “Thirst Third Thursday Wine Walks”, a popular 4 month long series, were instrumental in bringing several thousand additional visitors into downtown Gardnerville.
- The Douglas High School JROTC program assisted with numerous projects on the annual JROTC/MSG work day.



MAIN STREET FLOWER BASKETS



WINE WALK 6/18/09

