

Spring 2010 Newsletter

Town of Minden

Message from the Chairman

Minden Town Board

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The winds of change have brought spring to our beautiful valley and our Town to welcome an eventful awakening in Minden. Over the next several months the Town will begin a series of major construction projects to enable us to meet our promise to help our fellow residents of the Carson Valley to have access to Minden water instead of facing Federal mandates for more expensive water treatment alternatives. In conjunction with these extensive water projects, the Town will begin construction of a new Town maintenance facility at our booster station on Buckeye Road. This new facility has been in the planning stage for many years

when the Town Board recognized that our current facility would not meet our current and projected needs. All of these improvements are designed to continue to provide our residents with effective and efficient services well into the future.

As Town Board Chairman, it is also my pleasure to introduce Roger Van Alyne to you as the new Town Manager. Roger is a resident of the Carson Valley and come to us with extensive engineering and public works management experi-

ence. The Town Board is pleased to have Roger join us in this period of growth and change. His personality and experience will blend well with our current staff, and will provide the Town with needed expertise to assist the Town Board in managing our business affairs and construction projects.

Please feel free to stop in the Town Office and introduce yourself to Roger. As always, we welcome and respect your thoughts about our Town and the services we provide.

Have a great spring!

—Robert Hadfield, Chairman





Save Some Money, Save Some Earth!


Spring in Minden:

- April 11th: Pops Orchestra at the CVIC Hall
- April 24th: Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow at the CVIC Hall
- April 24th: Tai Chi Day at Minden Park
- May 14th—16th, 21st—23rd: CVCT Performance at the CVIC Hall
- May 18th: Business Council Town Hall Debate at the CVIC Hall
- May 28th: Concert in the Park at Minden Park—Shane Dwight at 6:30 p.m.
- June 4th—6th: Minden Street Celebration in Downtown Minden
- June 11th-13th: CVAA Art Show at the CVIC Hall
- June 15th: Library Book Fair and Ice Cream Social
- June 18th: Concert in the Park at Minden Park—Beatles Tribute—Imagine at 6:30 p.m.


Most everybody loves the convenience of bottled water, but before you spend your hard-earned dollars on bottled water at the grocery store, here a few considerations to take into account:

 Bottled water is no safer than our tap water, but bottled water costs about 1,900% more.

 Community water supplies are tested far more frequently than for bottled water. Our annual Consumer Confidence Report is available to you at any time.

 Minden is blessed with some of the purest water in the country—our supply comes straight from underground wells without any storage tanks or treatment facilities— and no plastic bottles that are shipped all over the world!



 According to Recycling-Revolution.com, Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! — and most of them are thrown

away!

Then there are the comparative shopping results...



One gallon of bottled water = \$1.43—\$8.00

One gallon of soda = \$2.80—\$4.60



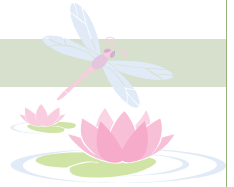
One gallon of milk = \$3.79—\$4.24

One gallon of lattes = \$35—\$52

One of

gallon table wine =

Earth Day is April 22!



Roger's Report



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Look what we saved!

We are now actively pursuing other areas where we might be able to make this big of a reduction in our energy



As mentioned in the last newsletter, we replaced some of our traditional Christmas lights with energy efficient LED lights last holiday season. The numbers confirm: this was a great move— aesthetically, financially, and environmentally.

Gazebo Lighting

Electricity Usage Comparison

| 2008 / 2009 | | 2009 / 2010 | | Savings |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Traditional Lights | | LED Lights | | |
| 11/14-12/17 | \$ 335.74 | 11/16-12/17 | \$ 151.33 | \$ 184.41 |
| 12/17-1/15 | \$ 286.20 | 12/17-1/15 | \$ 111.94 | \$ 174.26 |
| | \$ 621.94 | | \$ 263.27 | \$ 358.67 |
| | | | | 58% |

Did you lose something? Items lost in Minden Park are often brought to the Town Office. Give us a call or stop by with a description of your missing item and we'll be happy to return it if it's been turned in.



As many of you know, our three senior Board Members will be termed out at the end of this calendar year, and the open positions will be filled through the general election this November. Prior to the general election, the Town will host a Meet the Candidates session that will give all of our residents the opportunity to meet their prospective new representatives. Please join us! We will keep you posted with the specific date and time once it is determined.

The Minden Town Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the CVIC Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Agendas and Minutes are posted at:

<http://ctr.co.douglas.nv.us/agendas.asp>

Meet the Team!

Town Manager:

Roger Van Alyne, P.E.

Town Administrative Staff:

Trish Koepnick, Senior Secretary

Amber Smith, Accounting Clerk

Janice Sedgwick, On-Call Assistant

Town Maintenance Staff:

Greg Hill, Public Works Superintendent

Andy Concannon, Maintenance Supervisor

Tom Haar, Maintenance Specialist III

B.J. Strauser, Maintenance Specialist II

James Smith, Maintenance Specialist II

Shane Mortensen, Maintenance Technician II

Rick Humphrey, Maintenance Technician II

James Anderson, Maintenance Technician II

Mark Cirillo, Maintenance Technician I

Willie Dutton, Maintenance Technician II

Robert Kelly, Maintenance Assistant I

Ted Herling, Maintenance Assistant I

Spring Cleaning? Don't forget about the Residential Dumpster Program!

- Dumpsters are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis— so **call ahead!**
- You are entitled to **two** free rentals per year. After that there is a \$17.60 **per dump** fee.
- No hazardous materials can go in the dumpsters. Call our office or Douglas Disposal if you are not sure if your item is hazardous.