

# TOWN OF MINDEN



2013

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## Thank You!

We want to thank all of you who submitted your Town of Minden surveys! Thank you for the time that you spent to help us improve our community. We appreciate the honest and sometimes funny responses that we got back. If you didn't receive one and would like to submit a survey, please give us a call and we will make sure you get one.

## Town of Minden, in Partnership with Model Dairy, would like to invite you....

On June 8th, to a pre-Carson Valley Days Parade breakfast! What a fantastic treat it was right before the parade last year, and we hope to continue this for many more years to come. Breakfast will be served by the Minden Town Board and Staff from 7:00am to 10:00am in the parking lot on the corner of Esmeralda and Fifth Street.

Make sure to bring your appetite, and we hope to see you all there!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We would like to thank all of you that took the time to fill out our survey on all of our Town activities and services. The input will be valuable in the Town's effort to improve and expand how we can better serve you. The results of the survey are being compiled this month and results will be available for you and our Board soon.

Spring brings many activities to the downtown Minden area. April and May bring many wonderful art programs to our historic CVIC Hall. Music presentations include performances by the Carson Valley Pops Orchestra and two music programs sponsored by the Carson Valley Arts Council. Theater productions presented by the Carson Valley Community Theater and the Carson Valley Middle School Drama Club are also on the calendar, as well as a "Stars of Tomorrow" talent show. May also marks the beginning of our Concert in the Park series. Check out the newsletter's calendar for specific dates and times for these fun and entertaining events and put them on your calendar today.

With mixed emotions I would like to inform the Town of Minden residents that Mr. George Keele has retired from his position as the Town's legal counsel. Mr. Keele has held that position for the past 32 years. Over that time he provided the Town of Minden with stellar legal advice and counsel and has dedicated himself to the health and well being of our Town. We all thank George for his wonderful service and friendship and wish him well in his retirement.

Mark your calendar for the second annual Carson Valley Days Breakfast which will be held on the morning of Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Minden Park. Start your Carson Valley Days Celebration with breakfast served by the Board and our outstanding Minden staff.

As spring arrives and yard cleanup begins I would like to remind you that the green waste pickup (the brown can) will now be picked up on Thursdays. These changes are helping to keep trash rates affordable while landfill use and fuel costs continue to rise. Enjoy your spring and the upcoming warm weather!

Sincerely, Charlie Condon



Don't forget! Town Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30p.m. in the CVIC Hall.



## Spring Events

### April

4/5—Carson Valley Arts Council "Hip Service" Concert—CVIC Hall

4/6—POP's Concert "Great Goofs & Spring Spoofs" - CVIC Hall

4/13—CV Middle School Drama "Goldilocks on Trial"- CVIC Hall

4/19-4/21 and 4/26-4/28 - CV Community Theater Production "Rumors" - CVIC Hall

### May

5/10—Laurence Juber Concert—CVIC Hall

5/11 to 5/12—CVCT "Stars of Tomorrow" Talent Show—CVIC Hall

5/16 to 5/19—Library Book Sale—CVIC Hall

5/21—Minden Farmer's Market begins, every Tues on Esmeralda Ave

5/31—Minden Park Concert "Nathan Owens & the Sound of Motown"

### June

6/1 to 6/2—28th Annual Street Fair & Innliner Car Show—Esmeralda Ave

6/6 to 6/9—Carson Valley Days

6/6 to 6/9—Art Show—CVIC Hall

6/8 Carson Valley Days Parade and Breakfast—Esmeralda

6/11—Summer Reading Kick-Off—CVIC Hall

6/21—Minden Park Concert "Journey Unauthorized"

## Our Personnel working to make it personal!

### Town Administrative Staff:

Jenifer Davidson, Town Manager  
Trish Koepnick, Office Manager  
Rachel Hamer, Senior Secretary  
Sharon Lueck, Office Assistant



### Town Public Works Staff:

Greg Hill, Superintendent  
Carol Mikulski, Office Assistant  
Andy Concannon, Maintenance Supervisor  
James Smith, Maintenance Supervisor  
Dan Kistler, Maintenance Specialist III  
B.J. Strauser, Maintenance Specialist II  
Shane Mortensen, Maintenance Specialist II  
Rick Humphrey, Maintenance Tech II  
Jeff Donahue, Maintenance Tech II  
Mark Cirillo, Maintenance Tech II  
Ray Dragoo, Maintenance Tech I  
Robert Kelly, Maintenance Assistant I  
Charles Cryderman, Maintenance Assistant I

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**Save the date for  
Minden's 4th of July Celebration!**  
Join us at Minden Park on July 4th from 10:00am to 2:00pm for our Annual 4th of July Celebration. Get your little ones ready for our bike parade. Decorating starts at 10:00am and the parade starts at 11:30am. See you there!

In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.

—Mark Twain

Was he speaking of Minden?



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### DID YOU KNOW?

**Walking 5 times around Minden Park equals 1 mile!**



### Got Leaks?

If you have a water leak, you first need to determine whether it is outside or inside your home. Most houses have two shut off valves, generally located near the foundation of the house, one for the main water to the home, the other to the irrigation. Leaks on the irrigation lines can usually be isolated by shutting off the valve that feeds the irrigation system, and can be fixed at a later date. This valve should be turned off each year before winter to avoid leaks caused by freezing pipes. If the leak is inside the house, make sure the line is shut off at the valve before you contact a plumber. Leaks coming from the Town's water meter boxes need to be reported to the Town of Minden. Please do not attempt to shut off the valves from the Town's water meter boxes. If you are not sure where your own home's water valve is located, you can contact the Town for assistance.



## Talking Trash....

Spring Cleaning the yard is upon us! Please remember that **Green Waste** is picked up on **Thursdays** now. Have your brown can out by 6 a.m. and we will take care of the rest. Also, we are no longer picking up residential trash on holiday's, please call us if you have any questions.



### Cracking Up?

You may have noticed workers filling cracks in some of the streets. In addition to regular maintenance, street sealing in the Mackland area is scheduled for the summer of 2013, which includes Wildrose and Deseret. Road Rehab is also scheduled for several areas this summer. Please be careful of the workers when driving through construction zones.

## Jenifer's Journal

Greetings and happy spring from the Town Staff! As we review survey responses, put together a capital improvement plan and assemble the budget for the next fiscal year, the vision for the Town of Minden and its future is taking shape. Many residents used the free response portion of the survey to ask questions and offer suggestions for improvement. Town staff has begun to implement some of your suggestions already including posting the newsletters online at [www.townofminden.com](http://www.townofminden.com). In addition, each quarter, staff will respond in the newsletter to a question posed by a resident and will place the question and responses on a FAQ (frequently asked questions) page on the web for future reference.

**This quarter's question is:** Why does the Town of Minden not currently offer recycling services?

**Answer:** The Town is exploring ways to expand trash services to include recycling in a cost effective way. Recycling would require a substantial investment in infrastructure and equipment.

This may include the purchase of an additional trash truck, recycle bins (if curbside service was provided) and modifications to the maintenance facility to accommodate short-term storage. Reoccurring expenses such as fuel and maintenance costs for trash trucks could also be increased if the materials needed to be transported to South Lake Tahoe for processing. Finally, the Town would need to hire additional staff to provide this service to the residents because the two facilities capable of processing the materials collected by the Town do not offer automated sorting. We have approached Douglas Disposal and the Town of Gardnerville in an effort to jointly address recycling options for this area.

If you are interested in being notified when new information has been posted on the Town's website, please consider friending the Town on Facebook. As always, we appreciate your comments and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

-Jenifer Davidson