



TOWN OF MINDEN

Fall 2013



THE CHAIRMAN'S FALL CHATTER

2013

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We hope you enjoyed your summer, even though it ended on a smoky note. Fall is already upon us bringing new events and activities for the Town. Our successful Farmers Market will stop at the end of September. We hope you took advantage of this weekly event and enjoyed the fresh produce, goodies and gifts from the various vendors. We look forward to the Market's return next summer.

October will bring a number of events to the Town. The annual Scarecrow Festival sponsored by East Fork Art Artist Association is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th in the Minden Park. Also the Safe Street Halloween night will be held in the CVIC Hall on Thursday, October 31st. We hope you and your family will join in on these fun annual Minden events.

Our two annual holiday events, the Lighting of the Gazebo and the Parade of Lights are scheduled for the evenings of Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th. Put these fun and joyful events on your calendar today and plan to attend.

I would like to welcome our new Citizens' Advisory Committee members to our Town's organization. This group will be another way to receive input and share information regarding our town's priorities and direction. Please review the list of current members (see the back page) and share your thoughts with them as well as our staff or any of the Board members.

Enjoy the fall season! *Charlie Condron*

Town of Minden Administration and Public Works Offices will be closed on November 28th and 29th (Thanksgiving Day weekend), Christmas and New Years Day. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!



Minden's Holiday Weekend! December 6th & 7th

Friday Night

Join Santa for the Gazebo lighting at Minden Park at 6:00pm. Free Hay Rides for light gazing, Smores, Hot Cider, Cookies, and Live Music! The 11th Annual Weinachts Fest (Christmas Festival) including food, gifts and crafts will be held on Esmeralda Avenue.

Saturday Night

Come watch the 18th Annual Parade of Lights from Gardnerville ending in Minden Park. Gather around on Esmeralda after the parade for firepits with smores and hot cider. Reindeer Games and children's crafts in the CVIC Hall with a special demonstration from West Coast Martial Arts. Live Music on Esmeralda Avenue as well as the 11th Annual Weinachts Fest.

Come join the fun and celebrate a wonderful kick off to the season!

Upcoming Events..

9/27 ~ CVAC Film Festival "Tahoe Adventure Film" (CVIC Hall)

10/5 ~ Scarecrow Festival (Minden Park)

10/11 thru 10/13 & 10/18 thru 10/20 ~ CVCT "Blithe Spirit" (CVIC Hall)

10/31 ~ Safe Street Event (CVIC Hall)

11/1 ~ CVAC "Ririe-Woodbury" Dance Competition (CVIC Hall)

11/2 ~ CVAC "Ririe-Woodbury" Dance Workshop (CVIC Hall)

11/14 thru 11/17 ~ Library Book Sale (CVIC Hall)

11/23 ~ Kiwanis Turkey Bingo (CVIC Hall)

12/6 ~ Gazebo Lighting (Minden Park)

12/7 ~ Parade of Lights (Downtown Minden)

12/8 ~ Carson Valley Sinfonia Concert (CVIC Hall)

12/12 ~ CVCT Young Thespians (CVIC Hall)

12/14 ~ Carson Valley POPS Concert (CVIC Hall)

12/21 ~ United Blood Services Drive (CVIC Hall)



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Cold Weather
is on it's way!
Don't forget to
winterize your
pipes!

LET'S LIGHT UP MINDEN!

In celebration of the Minden Holiday Weekend, we would like to encourage our residents to have Christmas lights up by December 6th. We would love to offer a map of decorated homes on our website for everyone looking to enjoy the seasons festivities. Anyone interested in having a pin point on the map please contact the Town's Administrative Offices.

The Leaf Brief...

Just a few notes and reminders on fall leaf disposal.

- * Please do not rake them into the street. The Street Sweeper can clog from excessive amounts, and they may have to go around your curb if there are too many.
- * Please fill up your brown can with leaves first (no bags), then you can bag up your extra and set them out for extra trash day, your 3rd trash pickup of the month.

Please place trash cans in the gutter instead of the sidewalk. This will free up the sidewalk as well as allow the trucks to pickup faster. Residents in a cul-de-sac should use the sidewalk for cans to help with truck turning radius.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE!

There will be NO trash pick up on 11-28 (Thanksgiving) and on 11-29 (Family Day). If your trash day is Thursday, you need to put your cans out Wednesday. NO GREEN WASTE PICKUP THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING.



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
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Robert Kelly, Maintenance Assistant I
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Question of the quarter: Why is Jake's Wetlands overgrown? Why doesn't the Town eliminate algae in the ponds there?

Answer: The Town used portions of Martin Slough to create Jake's Wetlands. The goal was to establish a natural riparian environment to mitigate water run-off and encourage wildlife. The native plants selected for Jake's are thriving and behaving as intended in a wetland environment. The only unexpected plant growth problem is the corn sprouting there. Visitors sometimes feed corn to the geese and this corn is flourishing in the rich soil. In addition, there are no actual ponds at Jakes, merely natural water collection points. Algae growth is naturally managed by adjusting water levels to mimic water runoff patterns. Our Staff does not use chemicals to treat the water because of the negative impact those chemicals would have upstream and down on the environment.

Have a wonderful Fall Season! - *Jenifer*

In addition to popular traditions from years past, the events committee has a number of new and exciting activities planned for the 2013 Christmas celebration. Minden Staff take great pride in decorating the Town for the holidays. We sincerely hope you will consider joining us this year to light up Minden. Together we can make this a holiday season to remember!

Adjacent to Jake's Wetlands is a vacant lot owned by the Town, which was identified as a potential trailhead for the Martin Slough Trail. I am pleased to report the Town was awarded \$66,000 in grant funding for a trailhead at this location. The Board has directed staff to seek input from Minden residents regarding a site plan for this project. All interested residents are welcome to attend the future public meeting. Additional information will be posted on the Town of Minden website regarding the meeting date and time.