

Town of Minden

A Message from the Chairman

By now I hope that you have taken the opportunity to enjoy the summer weather and incredible recreation opportunities that we are fortunate to have access to here in the Carson Valley. It is also my hope that you participated in the Primary Election for the Minden Town Board. The three positions currently held by Dave Sheets, Ross Chichester, and myself are being vacated as a result of voter-approved term lim-

its. The Minden Town Board is responsible for establishing the policies that provide for administrative oversight, and also for the operational policies that allow us to provide Town Services. As such, I encourage you to be actively engaged in the upcoming election process by providing us with questions you would like to pose to the candidates during the Minden Town Board Candidates Night that



will be held on October 4, 2010. Your active participation in the political process is essential for the Minden Town Board to continue to represent the aspirations and interests of our special community.

Thank you in advance for your engagement with our Town Board Candidates, and on behalf of the Town Board and our employees, we wish you a happy and healthy summer in Minden!

We've Revamped our Website!

[Www.townofminden.com](http://www.townofminden.com)

Summer 2010

Board Members

Robert Hadfield

Chairman

John Stephans

Vice Chairman

Dave Sheets

Member

Ross Chichester

Member

Steve Thaler

Member

Special points of interest:

- July 8: Library Event (CVIC Hall)
- July 9: Concert in the Park — Trey Stone Band
- July 15: CVAC Triata Performance (CVIC Hall)
- July 26: Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival Performance (CVIC)
- July 30: Concert in the Park — Mumbo Gumbo
- August 10: Lifeline Screening (CVIC Hall)
- August 20-21: Main Street Car Show (Downtown)
- August 27: Concert in the Park — Big Bad Wolf
- Sept. 8: Douglas County Town Hall Debate (CVIC Hall)
- Sept. 11-12: Street Celebration (Downtown)
- Sept. 17-19, 24-26: Carson Valley Community Theater, *Perfect Wedding* (CVIC Hall)
- Sept. 30: Carson Valley Arts Council (CVIC Hall)

What's Inside:

The Town of Minden's **Meet the Candidates Night** is coming up on October 4th. This is your opportunity as responsible citizens to get to know the six contenders who are up for the three elected Town Board positions. Included in this newsletter are brief bios submitted by each of the candidates. There is also a tear-off question card for you to fill out and submit to the office with any questions you may wish to have answered by the prospective Board Members.

Roger's Report

Summer seemed to arrive overnight! We had a cool May and then the temperatures soared. I hope everyone is attending the Farmer's Market on Esmeralda Avenue on Tuesdays, the Concerts in the Park (thanks GE!), and the other activities that summer brings.

As you enjoy the warmer months, I encourage you to conserve water as much as possible. Additionally, please take a look at your trees and sidewalks. The Town offers programs to help residents replace damaged sidewalks and plant trees that are located in the Town's right-of-way. Details are available on the new Town of Minden website, www.townofminden.com, or by calling the Town office at 775-782-5976. You are welcome to stop by the Town's office, too! We have fresh coffee every morning and we'd love to see you.

Matt Bernard

Record of Service:

Douglas County Wildlife Advisory Board (15 years, 6 as chairman)
Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, Douglas High School (5 years)
Coach for Various Youth Team Sports
Professional Land Surveyor (1993)
Water Rights Surveyor (2009)

A lifelong resident of Douglas County, it has always been my desire to give back to the community that raised me. An avid sportsman with a love for wildlife, I

am grateful to those before me who preserved natural populations. As a result, it was my honor to serve with the local body that preserves these populations for future generations. With seats opening on the Minden Town Board, I have an opportunity, if elected, to further give back and help shape the future of my community.

I believe my professional experience has provided me with knowledge and tools to distinguish me for a position on the Minden Town Board. Working for Minden-based engineering and land surveying firms over 30 years, my responsibilities

have included water rights, infrastructure design, floodplain regulations, land planning, and project management. Having spent each day since the age of two as a resident or employee in Minden, I benefit from a background and special perspective on the journey Minden has taken, which helps me to see where Minden might yet go. It has been my great fortune to grow up here. This town's future is my future, so I truly care about decisions that affect the Town of Minden. My intent is to carry on the fine legacy set by previous board members and to pursue the goals and objectives they have set forth.



Charles Condron

As a 52 year resident of the Carson Valley, with the 22 years spent in the Town of Minden, I am keenly aware of the fantastic quality of the life we enjoy in this beautiful geographical setting. The Town of Minden produces this fine quality of living as a direct result of the town's outstanding leadership over the past several decades. My decision to run for a position on the Board is motivated by my desire to maintain the leadership necessary to continue and expand on this level of quality, not only

for my family, but the many wonderful members of this community.

My longevity within the community, in concert with my training and experience as a retired school administrator uniquely qualifies me for the tasks of a Minden Town Board member. After earning both Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno, twenty-eight rewarding years were dedicated to a career teaching students and administering four different schools here in the Carson Valley.

These experiences will help me in working with the Town of Minden's growing budget, in managing the important people who work for our Town, and in problem solving the many upcoming challenges Minden will face in the future.

I am fortunate to be a candidate in a pool of six very qualified people. I have confidence that the voters in Minden will choose the best three candidates for the future Minden Town Board. I look forward to serving the people of our community.

Robb Hellwinkel

If elected to a position on the Town Board, I can provide experience coming from the private sector as a former business owner/operator.

As an owner in a family business (C.O.D. Garage Co.), my responsibilities covered

a broad spectrum, as well as building rapport with customers, local residents and businesses. This position allows me

the opportunity to give back to the town I grew up in and serve the residents to the best of my ability.

"To make democracy work, we need to be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain."

— Louis L'Amour

Robert Pohlman

My goals as a Town Board member are: To preserve our town heritage and commitment to residents and businesses to retain its quality as a place to live, con-

gregate, and enjoy commercial, cultural, social, and historical activities,

To protect and preserve the town's water rights and retain the quality of our water while fostering the beneficial use of the water and ensure wise use of our wetlands and nature resources for our

children and grandchildren to enjoy, To encourage innovation in the storm water management and quality, and To act in the best interest of the town in each issue before the Board and to seek input from our citizens.

Bill Souigny

I am running for office as a Minden Town Board member because I believe in protecting the significant investments we have in our town including our excellent water and trash services, street maintenance, snow removal, and flood mitigation. I firmly believe we should continue to fully utilize and maintain the Town's CVIC Hall and two beautiful parks. I believe the Town should strive to attract partners within the county for events which will benefit all Town residents as well as the community at large. Under the loyal, efficient, and competent stewardship of the cur-

rent Board, Minden has met these goals while balancing the need for growth with the citizen's demand for an accessible, friendly, and vibrant environment. If I am elected, town residents can be assured of the continuity of policy, my dedication to task, and an open, transparent dialogue. They can be assured I will work to protect our assets and live with our budget while implementing innovative solutions to economic, personnel and infrastructure challenges.



Further, I support the goals of the Minden Town Plan for Prosperity with its insistence of the preservation of our

quality of life, historical heritage, economic viability and the capitalization of the scenic beauty of our natural surroundings. Minden has been my home for over 40 years and I think it's close to being the "perfect" town. I want to help keep it that way.

I believe my extensive state budget and management experience, personal integrity, firm belief in community, along with my volunteerism and long residency have prepared me to serve the town and my neighbors free from conflicts of interest and with an open mind and heart. It would be a privilege to be elected.

Roxanne Stangle

A third generation Carson Valley Native, I have lived in the Town of Minden for 35 years and owned my home for 33 years. I have 2 children and 1 grandchild.

I have been involved in numerous activities for the Town, including the development of the Esmeralda Farmer's Market, 24 years putting on the Spring Arts and Craft Fair, 26 years with the Fall Arts and



Craft Fair, and 20 years with the Christmas Lighting and Craft Fair. Along with other business people in Minden, I have developed a plan and raised funds to put in the clock and small park at the end of Esmeralda and Highway 395 and worked hard with the Town Board on the sidewalk project in Old Town Minden. I served on the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Council for 15 years, and was an active member of Soroptimist International of

Carson Valley for 15 years, and numerous other committees and functions.

I care about Minden and have been involved with Minden for many years and would like to serve on the Town Board and make a commitment to the people of Minden that I will listen and serve the residents of Minden the best that I can.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

Please Detach Here and Submit to the Town Office

Candidate Question Card

Name

(Please Print)

Street Address:

Phone Number:

Please write your question(s) clearly on the back of this slip. When finished, return to the Town Office for consideration in the Meet the Candidates Night Forum.

