

## Town of Minden



# Fall Newsletter



2009

## Go Trash Team! Yay!

The Town of Minden prides itself on having an excellent trash-collection program, and in order to maintain this superior level of service, there are a few guidelines we ask our residents to follow. Together we'll make an amazing team!

- **Make sure your can is out by 6:00 a.m. to ensure that it is there in time for pick up.**
- Place your designated container in the street next to the curb in front of your house. Homes with alley service should place their can on the designated side of the alley.
- Allow 12 inches of clearance between cans, and 5 feet between other obstructions such as cars, power poles and fire hydrants. This spacing is crucial since we use an automated truck to pick up the cans.

- Placing your trash into trash bags inside the curbside container is **very helpful**, especially during windy conditions.
- **Do not secure the lid with bungee cords, rocks, bricks, etc.**

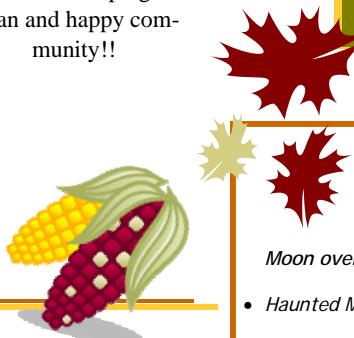
### Special Holiday Trash Schedule:

- If your trash day falls on a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, make sure to have your can out **NO LATER THAN 6:00 A.M.** that day. Our trash collectors will be using two trucks in order to complete their route as quickly as possible so that they can get home to their own families to celebrate the holidays.

- **Do not stack extra trash on top of the lid.**
- On extra trash day, which is on your third pick-up day of the month, place the extra trash a minimum of five feet away from the curbside container. They will come by twice—once to get the can and again to get the extra items.

- It is up to you to keep your can clean. Feel free to hose it out as often as needed.
- The brown green waste recycling containers must only be used for acceptable lawn and garden waste. **Do not use plastic bags for green waste** and do not use your green waste can for regular trash. **We will not empty your green waste can if there is trash inside.**
- Hazardous waste **must not** be placed in our residential cans or dumpsters. For more information on the handling of such waste, please call our office. We're happy to help!

Here's to keeping a clean and happy community!!



## Thanks for keeping us busy!

This summer brought lots of great events to downtown Minden, from Summer Concerts to Farmers Markets to Street Fairs. We would like to extend a huge thank you for supporting these functions, as well as your cooperation with the special parking arrangements, street closures, and other temporary inconveniences necessary for the success of these

events.

We would also like to invite you all to this year's holiday festivities. We have revamped the kickoff weekend to the Christmas season and will be hosting Minden's Weihnachts Fest in conjunction with the traditional lighting of the gazebo and Parade of Lights. The Weihnachts

Fest is a traditional German Christmas Market with specialty booths, German food, nightly entertainment, and plenty of holiday cheer!

We hope to see you there!

## Minden Town Board

### David Sheets

Chairman

### Robert Hadfield

Vice Chairman

### Ross Chichester

Member

### Steve Thaler

Member

### John Stephens

Member

## Upcoming Events:

- CVCT Performance, *Moon over Buffalo* Oct. 9-11, 16-18
- Haunted Minden Tour Oct. 22
- CVAC Concert, *Bearfoot* Oct. 23
- CVAA Art Show Nov. 6-8
- Library Book Sale Nov. 14-15
- Kiwanis Turkey Bingo Nov. 21
- Elks Spaghetti Feed Dec. 4
- Minden's Weihnachts Fest Dec. 4-6
- Gazebo Lighting and Santa Dec. 4
- Parade of Lights Dec. 5



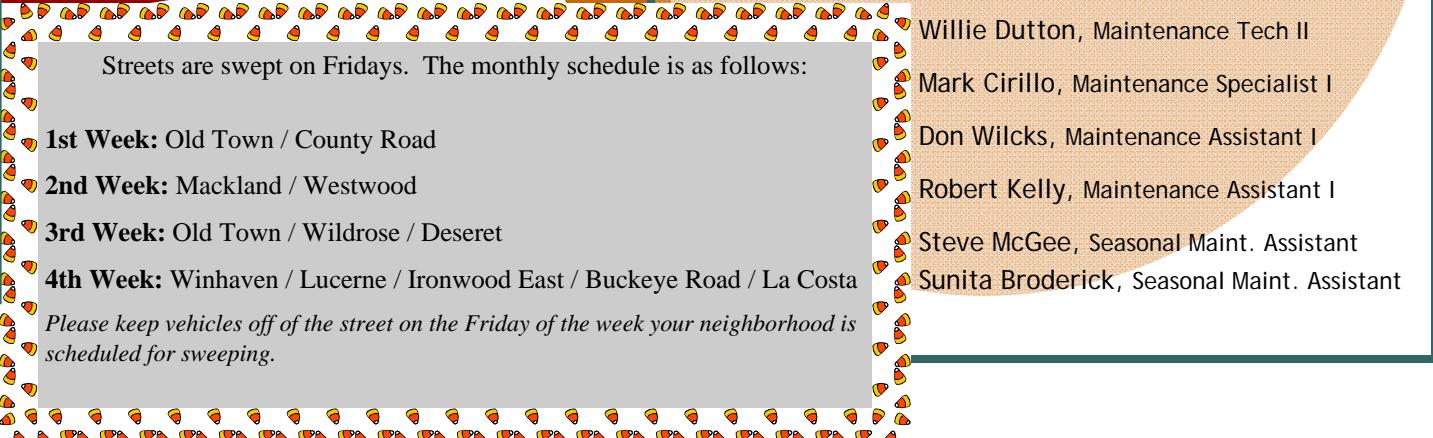
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**The Minden Town Board Meeting is held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the CIVIC Hall. Agendas and Minutes are posted at:**

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



## Slurry Sealing in Mackland

Each year, Minden evaluates its residential roadways to determine the best preventative maintenance or rehabilitation method to extend the life of the Town's roads and improve those that have reached the end of their useful life. By undertaking a program of planned pavement maintenance, considerable savings in rehabilitation costs may be achieved. One of the many tools for preventative maintenance is the placement of slurry seal. Being much more cost-effective than some of the other maintenance strategies, the Town of Minden recently decided to test it out in the Mackland subdivision to see whether or not this is a procedure we will consider to fulfill future preventative maintenance needs.

The slurry seal is a mixture of fine aggregate and emulsified asphalt that is mixed together and then applied to residential roadway surfaces to extend the life of the existing asphalt. The slurry seal protects against the elements

for 3 to 7 years and is a very cost effective treatment which requires just a one-day road closure rather than the multiple weeks of construction that is involved with the more intensive rehabilitation efforts.

The slurry seal tends to lose some of the aggregate within the low traffic areas for the first three months and will require some street sweeping to remove the loose aggregate that collects in the gutters. Additionally, in the first few weeks after the initial application, hard turns on the slurry seal may show wheel marks which do not affect the seal and will disappear with time. After three to six months (or shorter with heavier traffic flows), the slurry seal

should become relatively smooth and will no longer ravel. Within a year of application, the color of the slurry seal will fade to a gray that matches most asphalt roadways.

The table below provides a comparison of the cost for preventative maintenance such as Gilsonite and Slurry Sealing to major rehabilitation methods such as Overlays and Reconstruction.

Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation Methods	Approximate Cost per Square Foot
<b>Gilsonite Street Sealing</b>	\$0.10 to \$0.11
<b>Slurry Sealing</b>	\$0.15 to \$0.20
<b>2' Grind and Overlay with Pav-ing Fabric</b>	\$2.00 to \$2.25
<b>Road Reconstruction</b>	\$3.50 to \$4.50