



Town of Minden

Summer Newsletter

Update from the Chairman on Town Projects...

Greetings! There has been a flurry of work going on in the Town of Minden during the last few months, and for some of you who have been directly affected, I am sure you are glad to see the work come to fruition. The County Road Waterline will be completed by the time this newsletter is published. This project completes the upgrade of existing pipelines that connect two of the Town's wells to the 16" pipeline that runs down 6th Street and Buckeye Road. This project increases our capacity to deliver water as well as the overall reliability of the Town's water system.

Our annual paving rehabilitation project is also finished. This work included reconstruction and the repaving of several roads in the Town. I know that

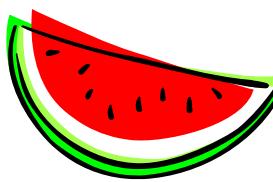
both of these projects seemed to take a long time to complete, and some of the Town's streets were not paved for over a month from the time that the initial work was started. We feel your pain and we have heard your cries for some relief, so next year we plan to put forth an extra effort to minimize the amount of time that the streets are in disrepair during the rehabilitation project.

Also wrapping up is the annual street sealing project. We seal every road in the Town every four years. This maintenance, along with crack sealing performed by the Town crew, helps extend the life of the roads. The Town of Minden is

and has been very proactive in providing the Town's residents with the best maintenance that we can afford on an annual basis. We invest your tax dollars back into the Town so that we can provide you with some of the best maintained streets and the best water system in the country.

We understand that maintenance does at times inconvenience you as the resident, but we hope that the final results are worth

this inconvenience. Comments, suggestions, or questions regarding any of these projects should be directed to Greg Hill, Town of Minden Public Works Superintendent.



New pipes, New roads...
Welcome, Summer!

It's that time again...

It is time once again to update our Water and Trash service rates.

The Town of Minden prides itself on being financially self-sufficient, operating without borrowing. The only way to continue in this fiscally responsible manner without compromising our quality of service is to ensure that the fees we charge will give us a sufficient enough income to keep up with the associated maintenance and expenses for our Town operations. It is important to note that new facilities

and increases in capacity that result from growth are paid for by the growth itself through connection fees, not your rates. The rates we charge are simply to maintain the best possible service to our existing customers.

With careful consideration, the Town Board has performed a thorough evaluation of our rate structure and its financial impact on our budget. It has been determined that a 5% increase on both trash and water rates is necessary to keep operations running efficiently while still building up a strong

enough reserve to cover any foreseeable repairs and upgrades. This rate increase will go into effect on July 1, 2009.

This is the first rate increase in two years and we realize it comes at a time of economic hardship for many of you, but not increasing the rates this year will make a much steeper increase necessary in the future. The 5% raise is the most practical way to protect you from that sort of rate hike while simultaneously protecting our Town Assets.

Minden Town Board

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Trim those

Trees and Shrubs!

- Pedestrians should be able to walk on the sidewalk with no obstacles.
- Motorists should have clear visibility, unobstructed by your landscaping.

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

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



**Hazardous Waste
is an issue for all
of us...**

Improper disposal of hazardous waste puts more than just the environment at risk. Mixing flammable materials or harsh chemicals in with the rest of your trash poses a huge threat to the safety of the waste collectors and landfill employees, as well as to any property that is nearby if the materials were to leak or ignite. What's more, any hazard-

ous materials that are not properly treated have the potential to infiltrate the groundwater, which is not only a huge danger to the vegetation that feeds directly off of this water, but could also contaminate our drinking water supply. Bottom line, we all have a significant duty to protect our environment *and* our own health and well-being by responsibly disposing of the hazardous waste we generate.

Our Staff...

Town Administrative Staff:

Trish Koepnick, Senior Secretary

Amber Smith, Accounting Clerk

Town Maintenance Staff:

Greg Hill, Public Works Superintendent

Andy Concannon, Maintenance Specialist II

Tom Haar, Maintenance Specialist II

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

Willie Dutton, Maintenance Technician II

Don Wilcks, Maintenance Assistant I

Robert Kelly, Maintenance Assistant I

Steve McGee, Seasonal Maint. Assistant I

Douglas Disposal Residential Household Hazardous Waste Program

Do you have household hazardous waste such as: Paints, Stains & Solvents, Herbicides, Pesticides & Fertilizers, Aerosols Cans, Flammable Materials, Household Chemicals & Cleaners?

Residents wishing to dispose of these items can call Douglas Disposal at 775-782-5713 to make an appointment for drop-off at no charge. HHW Technicians are available on Thursdays (2pm-4pm) or Saturdays (9am-11 am) excluding public holidays.

YOU MUST CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

- All containers must be sealed and clearly labeled as to content.
- Leaky or unidentified containers cannot be accepted.
- Staff must keep the container in which the material is delivered.
- No container over five gallons in size; 20 gallon limit per trip.

Fees apply for propane cylinders, televisions and computer monitors, freon cylinders, PCBs and fluorescent bulbs.

**Got
Electronics?
Try Best Buy!**

Best Buy's **Green Together** program will allow you to bring in just about anything electronic, usually for free.

They do charge \$10 for some items, such as TVs and laptops, but they'll exchange that \$10 fee for a \$10 gift card! Everybody wins, and you can be sure that your unwanted gadgets are taken care of appropriately! Yay!

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