

GWC News For You

Fall 2018

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Gardnerville
WATER
COMPANY

YOUR WATER COMPANY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Spotts, Chairman
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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mark Gonzales, Manager/Engineer
Kristien Bennett, Financial Officer
Trebeka Itzen, Office Assistant

TECHNICAL STAFF

Mark Lovelady, Senior Operator
Jon Summers, Operator II
Jonas Austin, Operator

Board of Director's meetings
held the second Tuesday of
every month at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meetings:
November 13, 2018
December 11, 2018
January 8, 2019
February 12, 2019
March 12, 2019

**When doing
repairs, utilize the
building's shut-off
valve. Do not turn
off the water at the
meter pit!**

Emergency Irrigation Restrictions Lifted

The 4th of July is supposed to be a fantastic time of fireworks and fun but the Gardnerville Water Company's well #2 and #6 decided to have fun too. Both wells went down, on the same day. The well casing failed allowing rocks to enter the well and filled the wells with mud. The rocks destroyed the motors and well components. The casing, motors and pumps were replaced. The wells scrubbed and cleaned and now running again.

GWC does a complete rehabilitation, videoing the well interior, cleaning the well, inspection of motor, pumps and components and replacement where needed, of each well every 10 years. Both wells in question had been rehabbed within the past 5 years.

GWC has 7 wells - 5 on the "lower" pressure zone - this is from the Gardnerville/Minden Town's border to Elges Ave - and 2 wells on the "upper" pressure zone - Elges Ave to Wa She Shu Casino and Travel Plaza.

GWC learned a lot through this process. We need to increase redundancy. Two wells on the upper pressure zone is inadequate to provide customers with water supply and provide appropriate fire protection if one fails. So we have purchased property to add another well site in the upper pressure zone. GWC will utilize it's capital reserves and development fees to pay for this project.



Well #6 - rocks inside the well



Well #6 - mud covering the well casing

GWC Names New Management

The Gardnerville Water Company Board of Directors promoted Mark Lovelady as general manager. Mark has been with the Gardnerville Water Company for over thirty-two years. He is currently their senior operator.

Board President Jason Spotts commented that Mark brings many years of water utility operations experience. Mark will continue the strong customer service, high quality water, well ran distribution system and well-trained staff that Gardnerville Water Company is known for.

At their December 2017 meeting, Mark Gonzales current manager/engineer told the board that this would be his final year as he will retire December 2018. Gonzales has been with the Gardnerville Water Company for sixteen years.

Mark said he is pleased and excited to work with the Board of Directors and the customers. Mark grew up in Gardnerville and graduated from Douglas High School. He is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Preparing For Winter

Autumn is a beautiful time of year, and a good time to start thinking about winterizing your home. Below are some tips on how you can prevent headaches and extra expenses that might occur when Winter comes:

- ◆ Turn off your irrigation
- ◆ Insulate water pipes
- ◆ Locate your home shut-off valve
- ◆ Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, hose connections, and faucets
- ◆ Remove all hoses from hose connections
- ◆ Close foundation vents
- ◆ Keep garage door closed
- ◆ When you're away, keep your thermostat at 55 degrees or higher



Christmas Kickoff

Carson Valley Christmas Kickoff
Thursday, November 29, 2018
4:00pm - 7:00pm at Heritage Park

Enjoy an old fashioned holiday event complete with live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon, Santa and fireworks. The Town of Gardnerville board members and staff will be serving Dutch oven cobblers, spiced cider and hot cocoa. GWC Board of Directors will serve popcorn.

The Town Christmas tree and the Heritage Park Pavilion will be lit. The musical light show and the fireworks will be the grand finale.