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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – DATE CHANGE

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has officially changed their regularly scheduled, monthly council meeting dates. Until further notice, all regularly scheduled, monthly council meetings will be held on the **second WEDNESDAY** of each month.

DATE CHANGE - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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BLOOD DRAWS

Star Valley Medical Center

STAR VALLEY RANCH TOWN HALL

6:00 AM to 10:00 AM

By APPOINTMENT only

307.885.5827

Tuesday, April 23rd
Tuesday, April 30th

Thursday, April 25th
Thursday, May 2nd

The previous blood draws at our facility have been increasingly successful. Last year, 125 citizens of our Town took advantage of this Star Valley Medical Center service in just two days. Due to this success rate, they have doubled their planned availability for our citizens.

Please check the Star Valley Independent for alternative locations, times, testing options and associated costs.

Please call (885-5827) to make your appointment and then mark your calendar!

A JOINT RESOLUTION

The Town and Association have been working together to update the standing joint resolution between the two organizations. Both organizations believe this is important for a better understanding of all. The Town passed resolution 13-03-12-001 at Council Meeting on March 12. It is scheduled for the SVRA Board to consider it at their April Board Meeting.

Town of Star Valley Ranch / Star Valley Ranch Association
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES
Resolution

RESOLUTION for the Town of Star Valley Ranch and the Star Valley Ranch Association to jointly agree and state the duties and responsibilities related to their common grounds and constituents.

WHEREAS the Town of Star Valley Ranch (Town) and the Star Valley Ranch Association (Association) have similar geographic boundaries and most of the Town's citizens are Association members and

WHEREAS the Town was formed for the betterment of its current and future citizens and

WHEREAS the Association intends to continue its existence for the betterment of its current and future membership and

WHEREAS both aforementioned entities desire to provide their respective constituencies quality services in the most effective and efficient manner possible and

WHEREAS both of the aforementioned entities agree that each have areas of greater ability as well as lesser ability in achieving the overall betterment of their respective constituencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Star Valley Ranch Association and the Town of Star Valley Ranch within the common boundaries of the two entities declare mutual agreement on the following statements of fact:

- At the time of this signing the major and sole responsibilities of the **Star Valley Ranch Association** are:
- Maintenance, development, and administration of all recreational facilities and common areas owned by the Association
- Maintenance of the irrigation water sources and systems
- DCCRs
- The general business of the Association

At the time of this signing the major and sole responsibilities of the **Town of Star Valley Ranch** are:

- Maintenance and improvement of culinary water system
- Maintenance and improvement of all roads within town boundaries
- Planning, Zoning, and Control of new construction or improvements to lots
- Provide for EMS, Fire Suppression, and Public Safety Services
- Creation and enforcement of town ordinances, resolutions and other general matters of the Town

From time to time there may be instances where either party may undertake a project that is similar to the responsibilities of the other. During these instances, the parties will schedule a meeting to clarify what is planned and why, in an attempt to maintain a cooperative environment.

Spring is “nearly” here

The weather appears to be nice enough and warm enough to consider turning off those anti-freeze, “trickle” taps. Although the 4,000 gallon per month maximum billed has expired, please remember that initially the warm weather pushes the existing ground frost deep into the ground.

The Town is happy to announce, that with all the improvements in our water system’s infrastructure, we have only had one major freeze related leak in the system this winter. Unfortunately, there have been several freezes on the consumer’s side of the meters.

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MUNICIPAL COMPLEX UPDATE

We have received our “needs and requirements” report from Plan One. It is currently on our web site at: www.starvalleyranchwy.com. This report may be accessed under “About Us”, then click on “Future Municipal Complex” and finally selecting the “Needs and Requirements” report. The report can also be viewed at Town Hall.

We hope to take this report and with some additional local, knowledge, begin to put together a basic floor plan for the public to review and comment on. So, stay tuned. Please keep in mind, the Town will proceed slowly and will continue to ask for public opinion on our efforts and plans each step of the way.

Q. Why not just stay where we are? **It is financial!**

- A. The current leased facility (Town Hall) will continue to be a desirable alternative.
 - a. We leased the facility for 5 years (ends 6/2014) at the height of the real estate boom. Therefore, our rent is very high compared to either current lease rates or a new building.
 - b. We are trying to renegotiate a much lower lease or purchase option.

Q. What will it cost the community, if we build new? **No additional cost!**

- A. We plan to apply for a grant from the Wyoming Business Council for all of the new building except the offices for Town Hall.
 - Grants for “non-town hall” portions of the building are currently limited to a total of \$500,000.

There are no known grants available for the construction of the “Town Hall” portion of this building

- The Town has set aside \$650,000 in a special reserve for this portion, which is the balance of building.

Water Billing

First, a very serious “Thank You” to all who continue to pay your water bill on time and without additional collection efforts on the Town’s part. Your actions allow the Town to save a lot of money and time. This savings is reflected in keeping our water “usage rates” as low as possible. The cost of one case of bottle water (48 – 16.9 oz bottles is about \$6.69) is about the same as 4,470 gallons of Town water. (And, ours tastes better!)

Town Code - Title 4 Water

Chapter 1 Utilities – Culinary Water - Ordinance 2008-01

Chapter 10 - Water Service Fees - Ordinance 2011-03

- Meters are read on or about the 25th of each month.
- The bills are mailed on either the last day or the following first day of each month.
- Bills are due upon receipt.
- An account is delinquent if not paid within twenty-one (21) calendar days following the billing date.
- A penalty for late payment, the greater of \$5.00 or 5% of the amount billed will be assessed, each billing cycle, on payments that are delinquent.
- Interest will be charged on the delinquent payment amount at the rate of 1½%, compounded, for each full billing period or portion of a billing period that the payment is delinquent.

Water Billing and Collection Report				
Month Ending: February 28, 2013	This			
	<u>Month</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>JAN</u>	
<u>Billing</u>	<u>Taps</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Amount Billed	1061	\$38,461.10	\$37,354.33	
Outstanding Accounts Receivable	85	\$5,704.17	\$5,815.37	
<u>Collection Status</u>	<u>Taps</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	
PAID IN FULL	976	92.0%	94.8%	
1 Month Delinquent	75	7.1%	4.0%	
2 Month Delinquent w/ Payment Program	1	0.1%	0.5%	
3+ Month Delinquent w/ Payment Program	1	0.1%	0.0%	
Disconnected Services:				
Houses	8	0.8%	0.8%	
Vacant Lots	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Total	1061	100.0%	100.1%	

Star Valley Medical Center

In cooperation with

Town of Star Valley Ranch and Leisure Valley, Inc

Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who returned their survey questionnaire. The Town and the Medical Center Executives will further analyze this information. We will use this information in our plans for the future. If you have questions regarding any specific item, please contact the Town Hall at 307-883-8696 or at svrtown@silverstar.com.

Total surveys distributed:	1650
Total surveys received:	265 (16% return)
Total individuals represented:	602 (2.27 per household)
Ages represented:	
<18	13.1%
18 – 24	1.2%
25 – 40	9.6%
41 – 64	26.0%
65+	51.9%
Sex represented:	
Male	48.1%
Female	51.9%
Primary Care Doctor:	
Average Visits per Year	2.11%
“In Valley” Doctors	49.3%
“Out of the Valley” Doctors	50.7%
Consider Changing	63.5%
Ranking of Services Listed	<u>1,732</u>
Primary Care	23.4%
Annual Blood Draw	20.2%
Flu Shot Clinic	19.5%
Massage Therapy	11.3%
Physical Therapy	11.0%
Pediatric Care	6.9%
Spinal Manipulation	3.9%
OB Care	2.5%
Behavioral Health	1.3%
Ranking of Services NOT Listed	<u>93</u>
Emergency Care	41.9%
Orthopedics	10.8%
Cardiology	8.6%
Urology	6.5%
Each one of the other selections were less than 5.0%	

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Arbor Day 2013

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our third annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 8th at Fox Run Park starting at 10:00 AM. This year our goal is to add additional new trees to the park.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established an account for the purchase of trees for planting on Arbor Day. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Clerk, Brenda Bauer at Town Hall. The Natural Resource Board will add the names to our recognition plaque, which is displayed at Town Hall.

The minimum donation for displaying the names of donors, memorials or remembrances is \$50.00. Donations must be received by May 1, 2013 for names to be recorded on this year's plaque.

The Beautification Committee will concentrate on Town owned property, Fox Run Park and the Town's entrances, as well as the evaluation and establishment of other related priorities.

Association's Corner

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Join the Star Valley Ranch Association Board of Directors!

There are two, three-year positions and one, one-year position available on the Board this year. We invite members in good standing to join the Board of Directors. Election Packets will be available at the SVRA office on April 1st. Completed candidate petitions and election packet materials are due back to the SVRA office by April 23rd.

Board members have monthly workshops and a regular meeting on the third Saturday of each month. Additionally, Directors chair or participate as members in standing committees.

There is still much to be done at the Ranch and we need motivated people to assist us in establishing the foundation for tomorrow. The Directors receive no payment for their services, but creative, competent Members are needed to serve.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the SVRA office, or one of the current Board members.

The Election this year will be June 22, 2013. Please participate and vote!

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