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CULINARY WATER FEES for 2013

The Water Ordinance updates and changes have had their final reading and were adopted at the Town Council meeting on 12/11/12. There are some changes in services, fees and new designations of our service areas. A full copy of the approved ordinance is on the Town’s website (www.starvalleyranchwy.org) select “Town Documents”, then “Town Code” and then “Title 4 – Water”. You may also request a copy by calling Town Hall at 307-883-8696.

There is Good News and Bad News!

The “Bad” news is we must again raise the rates however, there is some “Good” news as we are nearing our committed rate objectives. Our first large payments on the loans are due in late 2013. Because of our rate structure, the Town will have sufficient funds to meet those commitments.

The new fees will be reflected in next month’s water bills being mailed out at the end of January.

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Walkers vs. Snowmobiles vs. Automobiles

PLEASE do not be DEAD RIGHT!

- Yield to everyone
- Please stay as far to the right as plowing permits
- Walk single file, toward traffic, out of the traffic lane when autos are passing you
- Make sure you have a flag on your snowmobile
- A valid driver’s license is required to operate any motorized vehicle on the Town’s Roads
- Slow down, the speed limit for all vehicles is 25 miles per hour
- Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputies will issue tickets to violators

Please inform your friends, relatives and guests about our rules and enforcement plans. Thank you!

TOWN'S "SECOND" MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PRE-DESIGN MEETING

Wednesday Night – January 9, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

Our first meeting went very well. The purpose of the first community meeting on November 14 was to aid the Town of Star Valley Ranch in defining the Town Complex project. What should the project consist of? Will the project be phased and how? As a group, Plan One Architects and SVR citizens together defined the design concept that will ultimately be approved. At the end of this first meeting, the team ended up with a list of goals, identified concerns with the project, and generated a list of spaces, their respective needs, their sizes, and any special requirements (individually and collectively). The ultimate end result of this first meeting was a set of written instructions (a program) for the project. The full report of the meeting may be found on the Town's website www.starvalleyranchwy.org under "About Us".

The second meeting's purpose will be to generate some concept plans for the project, using the results of the November meeting as a starting point. Plan One Architects will use a rapid, intense, and creative work session. The design team and community members will focus on a particular problem and arrive at a collaborative solution.

The meeting will review the project analysis, site analysis and project program generated at the November meeting, and use that information to develop diagrammatic floor plans. Possibilities might include: compact, linear, wings, multiple floors, etc. We will discuss advantages and disadvantages for each e.g. net-to-gross efficiencies, energy efficiencies, accessibility, access to views and the exterior. At the end of this January 9 meeting, we will end up with a conceptual plan study and site study from which the ultimate design team will be able to generate a building design.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, have ideas, thoughts or critiques, please send us an email (svrtown@silverstar.com) or write a letter or fax (307-883-TFAX). We would like as many inputs and ideas as possible this first phase. Thanks

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CARS – GARBAGE CANS – ETC.

The snow is here! Just a reminder to make sure your garbage can is placed inside your property line on garbage day. Remove it from the side of the road as soon as you can after the company has picked up your garbage. The bears may be hibernating, but our snow removal crews and the raccoons are still out!

Snow tires and chains are the order of the day. We live in a high snowfall area, please equip your automobiles properly. If your car cannot make a hill or for any other reasons you cannot reach your destination, please do not leave your vehicle parked in the roadway. Short time parking is available in the lower parking lot of Town Hall.

We have over 30 miles of roads to clear of snow and we do not want to damage anyone's property or especially someone. Help our road crew get their job done, fast and efficiently. We will all benefit. If you have concerns, call Town Hall or our Special Municipal Officer (880-2666) for help!

Town Economic Development Board
Winter in the Valley – Rick Nelson

With winter upon us, it is easy to do one of two things – one, escape the snow and cold and head south for warmer and drier weather or two, hunker down and nestle in for the long haul and hope that the season is short and cabin fever is not too severe. There is a third option that actually makes the valley one of the best seasons of the year. This third option involves getting out and embracing the weather, beauty and activities found in our little part of the world. In the outdoor world, there are tremendous opportunities for winter activities – some of North America’s best downhill skiing and snowboarding can be found all within 90 minutes at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and Snow King Mountain Resort in Jackson Hole or Grand Targee Ski Resort near Driggs, Idaho. For the cross-country skiing enthusiast, there are miles and miles of groomed trails and backcountry to explore. Here on the ranch, the SVRA now grooms nearly 10 beautiful kilometers of trail for cross-country and snowshoe use on the upper Cedar Creek and Aspen Hills golf course. For the very adventurous, there are amazing backcountry ski and snowshoe adventures to be found up in the national forests and parks. For those with snow machines, the area is a Mecca for some of the finest backcountry snowmobiling in America. There are plenty of other outdoor options – including horseback riding, world class Cutter Races, dog sledding and various winter town festivals.

Meanwhile, there are fun events and activities to be found indoors. A great example of this are the events put on by the Star Valley Arts Council. The Arts Council has been responsible for bringing to the valley the Bar J Wranglers, Shakespeare In The Park (here at SVR), local Art Shows, local band performances, film festivals, free summer art camps for kids, and the recently formed Star Valley Jr. Music Festival. Their next valley wide event is the Star Valley Arts Council’s annual fund-raiser dinner and dance on Saturday, February 9, 2013. The event will be a dinner, live dinner music and after dinner dancing with an area jazz band at the Thayne Community Center. More information is available at StarValleyArts.org. There are a million reasons why you choose Star Valley Ranch for your home and base camp – we hope that winter on the ranch and the valley are one of them. Enjoy!!!

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Planning and Zoning

The P&Z Board has been busy working on the SVR Community Plan Overlay. The Board sent out 2886 surveys and 557 (20%) were filled out and returned. The Board has compiled the survey results, the results were very positive. An open meeting was held on December 5, 2012, to discuss the survey and the results. Twenty-eight property owners from within the overlay district attended the meeting. John Woodward Lincoln County Planner Director also attended. The survey was presented and followed by a discussion period. Some of the comments from the survey and the open meeting have been included into the plan. The revised plan will be submitted to the County Planner in mid to late January for the County to proceed with its 30-day discussion period. You should receive a letter from the county indicating that the town has requested a zoning amendment and requesting your opinion. A positive response from you would be appreciated. The Community Plan proposal will be reviewed by the County P & Z Commission at their February 27, 2013 meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the P&Z Board Clerk, Yolanda Navarrete (307) 883-8696 or email svrh2o@silverstar.com.

