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Public Works Department
“Road Work”

Spring is coming...! The department is ready and prepared to address the condition of our roads as soon as we can do the work effectively.

You have or will notice as soon as the road surface has dried out enough to grade, that we are doing a rough grade. That means only a surface grade to smooth the surface. Although this may appear to fill in some of the potholes, it does not fix them. Please continue to drive with caution.

Once the roads have dried out completely, (and hopefully before the spring rains) we will start the serious grading. This usually will include cutting the surface down below the bottom of the potholes, additional road base where needed, applying dust guard and then a final rolling of the surface.

The top priority will obviously be dry roads, followed by the same scheme as our snowplowing priorities; main commercial areas and bus routes first, well traveled secondary roads second and then the less traveled roads and cul-de-sacs. As always, “weather permitting”.

Have a happy spring!

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Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

The Town Council is delighted to have both Senator Dan Dockstader and Representative Marti Halverson talk with all of us about this year’s Wyoming legislative activities. Please come and listen to what our state legislators have done, as well as, what may be in the future.

“AUCTION”

Natural Resource Board - Beautification Committee
MAY 17, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
Town Hall (Top Floor)

Join us for some fun and maybe a special item for your home, yard or just you. Invite your neighbors and friends, meet and greet our returning snowbird residents, stop by on your way home from work or come alone. No need to eat before you get here, we will be selling hot dogs, soft drinks, coffee and desserts

Reminder: Have you selected an Item you wish to donate for auction? Funds raised will be used towards a matching grant to enable the Natural Resource Board to purchase trees for our community.

Any item you would like to donate which is too large to carry upstairs to the auction, you may provide a picture of it along with a description and we will put it up for bid. We will be accepting hand-carried donations at the Town Hall on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 3:00-6:00pm or, you may bring your item with you the next evening beginning at 5:30pm.

Those that do not have an item to donate but would like to attend, by all means, please come join us. This event promises to be a lot of fun for everyone!

Any questions, call: Carolyn Koch 883-3770 or Terry Azevedo 883-0176

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Water Usage

As of March 25, the 4,000-gallon cap on the maximum billed during the months of December through March has ended. Your May 1st bill will reflect actual gallons used from March 25 through April 25.

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Fire Wise - Spring Yard Cleanup - Fire Wise

We want to help! If you plan to have the Town pickup limbs and branches under the Fire Wise program, please contact the road department to arrange location and size of piles IN ADVANCE. Thank you **FREE SEMINAR – AFTON CIVIC CENTER – SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Planning and Zoning Board
“PLANNING AHEAD TO AVERT POTENTIAL FLOOD DAMAGE”

During the past few months, Sunrise Engineering has been working under contract with the Town of Star Valley Ranch (major funding provided by a grant from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development) to research and project possible flooding that can occur in and around the Town. A flood can happen because of runoff from fast melting snow, levee breaks, severe thunderstorms, or cloudbursts resulting in more water than can be accommodated by the natural waterways and drainage channels of our canyons and community. Flooding has occurred here as recently as two years ago.

A verbal report was presented by a representative of Sunrise Engineering to the Mayor, Town Council and staff, and then to the Planning & Zoning Board on March 5, 2014. The results of the study, which is based upon the possibility of a “once in a hundred years” storm, will enable the Town officials and property owners to be made aware of possible routes of water flow and high water levels on or near their property. Verbal suggestions for Town Officials and residents accompanied the report along with charts covering an overlay of the entire Town and surrounding areas. The charts show a photographic look at the town identifying individual lots, roads, and water channels. They will be extremely interesting and useful to Town Officials, current lot and homeowners as well as potential property buyers. The information provided in the report does not predict complications, such as debris damming, then breaking up and suddenly allowing excess water to flow. Written recommendations are not yet available but will be forthcoming following review and approval of the Department of Commerce. We hope this will be completed in the next 30 to 60 days

A study of the charts can alert the viewer to the threat of water damage that can be anticipated on and around their property. They can then prepare and work toward making the improvements or changes that are necessary to avert damage to their homes and/or lots. Some suggestions might include where a home should be placed and which direction it should face on the lot, whether or not to have a basement, where to build protective landscape berms and/or retaining walls. Property owners are responsible for selecting and accomplishing those tasks that may be recommended or which they perceive to be beneficial for flood preparedness on their own properties.

Town Officials will follow up on recommendations that pertain to the Town, such as road levels and crown heights, drainage ditches, levees, and similar flood protection projects located within the Town.

Please watch for further information concerning when and where the flood charts, written recommendations and other information will be available for public viewing and study. The Planning and Zoning Board holds open meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall at 5:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.

Town Openings

Are you thinking about running for Town office? Whether you agree or disagree with the current Town's administration, you are encouraged to come to Town Hall and learn what and how the operation is working today. With an informed knowledge base, you can formulate and address your position with the voters. Run on facts, not rumors! We will not tell you how, but we sure can point out where some of the "gotchas" are!

<u>Position</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Swear-in Date</u>
Mayor	May 19 to May 30	January 2015
Council Seats (2)	May 19 to May 30	January 2015

<u>Position</u>	<u>Application Due</u>	<u>Start</u>
Natural Resources Board (2)	Anytime	July 1, 2014
Town Economic Development Board	Anytime	Now

Please contact Town Hall if you are interested in serving in any of these positions.

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Annual Town Budget

The Town Council plans to have the first reading of the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget at the April 9th Council Meeting. Anyone interested in the process or the results may contact our Town Administrator, Gregg Wilkes at 883-8696.

Although the four Summary Budgets seem simple and brief, there are literally hundreds of line items that make up the Town's Budget. The Council has and will meet several more times over the next two months in workshops to fine-tune the expected revenues and the planned expenses for this coming fiscal year.

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Dog License

Thanks to each of the two hundred and forty-eight dog owners who have licensed their dogs this year. Although the discount for early, license renewal has lapsed, the need to have your dog licensed is still required. Please contact Town Hall (883-8696) to arrange the purchase of your 2014 Dog Tag. The cost of a tag is far less than the fine alternative.