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Happy 4th of July



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Candidate's Night
Town Mayor and Councilmen

Wednesday, July 9th
From 5:00 to 6:45 PM:
Town Hall

Please join us to hear what our Town Candidate's vision is for the future of our Town. The Primary Election is very important, as it will narrow our selection to two candidates per available seat.

As in the past, absentee ballots are available from the County available Clerks Office at <http://www.lcwy.org/departments/clerk/voteregistration.php> or call (307) 877-9056.

The Primary Election in Wyoming is Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Know your candidates ahead of voting. Know what they stand for and their plans for our Town's future.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has a total of three seats open on the Council; one for Mayor and two for Councilman. In Town and City governments, there are no party affiliations. Instead, in the Primary Election the field of candidates is narrowed down to two candidates for each open seat for the General Election's ballot in November.

Mayor's Position:
Kathleen Buyers
Bob Horton
Edwin Koch

Councilman's Position (two seats):
Dick Johnson
John Lynch
Ron Mueller

Master Plan

The Town has received a Wyoming Business Council (WBC), Community Development Block Grant for \$15,000.00. It is a Planning Grant to update our current Master Plan.

Most of the goals and objectives in the 2008 Master Plan either have been completed or implemented. It may seem we have accomplished a lot; actually, we have only scratched the surface.

Nothing is free, therefore we must spend our money wisely, and with the full understanding of the immediate benefits and costs as well as the additional burden, these projects may pose on our future resources.

It is time for an update. We have or will shortly have the following plans completed and in place: 2nd Edition of our Community Assessment, Culinary PVC Pipe Upgrade Plans, Economic Development Plan, Road Improvement Plan, Source Water Protection Plan, Surface Water Plan, Community Complex (Town (Hall) Project. All of the above plans need to be prioritized and merged into an overall comprehensive Master Plan.

The Town solicited and received proposals from two planning firms to develop an updated Municipal Master Plan; Better City and Pedersen Planning Consultants (PPC). The Town has had very satisfactory experience with both firms. Pedersen Planning Consultants developed the 2008 Town Master Plan. PPC was selected to develop the new updated Master Plan in our regularly scheduled, February, 2014, Council Meeting. We are currently waiting for the WBC's agreements to sign; we will then sign contracts with PPC to proceed. We anticipate that all contracts will be signed in July.

There will be surveys and public meetings for input and suggestions. This will be a great opportunity for our community to voice your desires and opinions on the direction and priorities of our Town, both immediately and in the years to come. Make sure you are involved. We need your direction.

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Municipal Complex

Town of Star Valley Ranch Community Complex / Town Hall

Our horizon for a new building(s) is about four years. Our current lease will end June 30, 2018. Rents are much more expensive than owning a building of your own, when you consider there are grants to help offset the cost of new construction.

The Town Council and on a separate date those volunteers who serve our Town had the opportunity to meet and discuss a new municipal complex for the Town. Each of the attendees has had the opportunity to voice their views and concerns with the project of developing new Town facilities. The results of these meetings have produced the following information:

Vision Statement
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The Community Complex should further the mission of making our community “a great place to live”.

The function of the Community Complex is intended to serve the needs of our citizens first. This includes housing administrative services provided by the Town including general, financial, public works, and public safety services. It is recognized that the Town Hall building is an investment in the future. Long-term value, flexibility, and efficiency are important.

The building(s) should also promote a sense of family and of community, reflecting the special place that is Star Valley Ranch. The architecture should be timeless and reflect our heritage. The form and function of the building should accommodate and promote positive daily social interaction with and between the residents of the Town.

“Must have” vs. “Want to Explore”
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Must Have

- 4 offices (minimum) + counter area
- Extra “Visitors” office
- Lobby / waiting area
- Council Meeting Chambers & Public Meeting Space
- Restrooms
- Code Enforcement Admin Space
- On-site records storage
- Warming Kitchen
- Emergency Power
- “Drop-off” Facilities
- Parking
- Green Space
- Expandable Footprint
- ADA Compliant

Want to Explore

- Clinic
- Emergency Mgmt. Center
- Postal Center
- Executive Conference Room
- Fire / EMT
- Full Kitchen
- Exercise Room
- Community Gathering Area
- Private Commercial Facilities
- Racquetball Courts
- Walking Area
- Library
- After-school activity Center
- IT Center
- Theater
- SVRA Facility

Milestone Tasks
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1. Refine and adopt project vision statement
2. Contact and coordinate with potential partners (clinic, post office, SVRA, private business, etc.) to gage their interest, feasibility, and needs.
3. Develop preliminary concept(s) and budget(s)
4. Public outreach
5. Finalize concept and budget
6. Project funding applications and alternatives
7. Design/Construction

There will several opportunities for you to voice your comments and suggestions in the future. However, any early input would be appreciated by the Council. Thank you!

Wyoming Department of Transportation

Improvements to US 89 planned for future work

This meeting is very important to our Town's citizens. The decisions made, based on input and comments, will have an influence not only on the current section of road but also on the future sections from Etna to Thayne and further south. Your attendance is highly recommended. Make sure your comments are before the decision is made, not after it is too late to change.

An Open House meeting has been scheduled for **July 8, 2014**. You are encouraged to drop by anytime between **6:00 PM and 8:00 PM** at the Star Valley Community Center (Etna Community Center) at 107736 US Highway 89 in Etna. At this meeting, information on the project history, purpose and need, and a current scheduled timeline will be available. Alternatives will be presented and there will be presentation boards with resource information such as maps and roll plots available for you to examine and review. WYDOT officials will be on-hand to answer any specific questions or concerns you may have.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are proposing improvements to 9.25 miles of US Highway 89 in Lincoln County, Wyoming, between the towns of Etna and Alpine.

US 89 is functionally classified as a Rural Principal Arterial route and designated as part of the National Highway System (NHS). The primary function of this route is the safe and efficient movement of people and goods over long distances while allowing for limited access to adjacent lands. As part of the National Highway System, US 89 is considered a strategic national highway that is critical to national security and economic viability. This highway also provides visitors a route to the Jackson Hole region and two major national parks.

A Scoping meeting was held in Alpine in 2008 to introduce the proposed improvements to US 89, North of Etna, and to begin the process required by NEPA, or the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA helps agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision-making processes by considering the environmental impacts of the proposed actions. An EA, or Environmental Assessment, is one of the beginning stages of that process. For more information about NEPA and EAs, visit www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation has created a Web site to provide more information about the Etna North Project. This new Web site will provide the public with another way to obtain some of the most frequently asked for documents and data. The Web site, www.etna-north.com, contains information about the goals of the project and the needs of the Star Valley transportation corridor. It also gives a description and graphic of the alternatives that were examined. In addition, there is information on the newest alternative that was not presented at the last public meeting. WYDOT continues to work towards its goal of improving transportation in the Star Valley corridor.

"This is the perfect time for residents to get that personalized attention and get answers directly from the engineers involved," WYDOT Resident Engineer Mike Garner said.

The Town and Association Declare

“War on Weeds”

Friday July 11th at Fox Run Park

9:00 AM

By definition noxious weeds are non-native, invasive plants that have negative impacts on agriculture, native vegetation, wildlife, public health, recreation and other natural resources.

Because of the potential impact of weeds on our community, the Town of Star Valley Ranch, the Town’s Natural Resource Board and the Star Valley Ranch Association have declared that Friday, July 11th be designated “War on Weeds” day. We hope to get as many members of our community as possible to “enlist” in the “War on Weeds.

Please plan to join us at the Fox Run Park and participate in the day’s activities! We are planning to have several projects that residents can help with aimed at the removal of noxious weeds from our community. In addition, Travis Osmond from Lincoln County Weed and Pest and his teams will be here to:

- Help residents identify noxious weeds on their property
- Have activities for kids to learn about noxious weeds
- Assist in developing a strategy for control
- Help calibrate sprayers
- Recommend an herbicide and assist in proper mixing
- Have herbicide available for sale
- Provide instruction on proper application of product for best results
- Provide crews to work with volunteers on projects on public property

We will have refreshments in the morning and hotdogs for lunch. So please come on out, learn about what you can do to help in the fight against noxious weeds in our town.

WAR ON WEEDS



WEED NEED YOU!

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Trash Containers

Please store trash in areas that are secure from big animals. On pickup day, please set your containers out as late as possible and bring them in as soon as possible.

17th Annual
**Star Valley Ranch Association
Independence Day Celebration**
Friday, July 4th 2014
Cedar Creek Park

- 7:25 a.m.** 10K Race - Trail Run –
See Registration Info Below
- 7:30 a.m.** VFW Flag Ceremony at the
Pavilion
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Pancake Breakfast - \$3.50
- 8:15 a.m.** 5K Race - Trail Run –
See Registration Info Below
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** 3 on 3 Basketball
- 10:30 a.m.** Assemble for Golf Cart,
Bike, and Trike Parade
- 11:00 a.m.** Golf Cart, Bike, and Trike
Parade
- 11:30 a.m.** Kids Races
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch Begins
Hamburgers - \$4.50
Hotdogs - \$3.50
(Includes Chips and Drink)
- 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Carnival - Games, Train
Ride, Dunk Tank, Bounce
House, Pie Auction, Raffle,
Face Painting, and
much more!!



Registration forms for 5K/10K at the SVRA office or: www.svrawy.com/2014-independence-day-celebration

Register Early! Registration Cost - \$20. Register before June 28th save \$5. Registrations will not be accepted after 7:00 a.m. on July 4th.

*For more information contact: Star Valley Ranch Association
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