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Town Positions - Openings

- Are you concerned with the Town's operations? - Run for Office
- Do you want to insure the Town continues with its work? - Run for Office
- Would you like to see things different in the Town? - Run for Office

<u>Position</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Application Due</u>
Mayor	January 2015	May 19 to May 30
Council Seats (2)	January 2015	May 19 to May 30
Natural Resources Board (2)	July 1, 2014	Anytime
Planning and Zoning Board	July 1, 2014	Anytime
Special Municipal Officer (Paid Position)	April 30, 2014	Anytime
Town Economic Development Board	Now	Anytime

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

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Natural Resource Board

Please Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday evening, May 17, 6:00 pm at Town Hall (top floor), members of the Town's Natural Resource Committee and its Beautification Committee volunteers will hold an auction to raise our portion of funds for a \$3,000 matching grant. These funds will be used to purchase trees for our community.

Attendees are asked to bring a hand-carried item, which will be auctioned that evening. Refreshments will be available. This event promises to be a fun-filled evening with lots of audience participation.

Let's all turn out to support this event.

Public Works Department

If this article sounds familiar, it is, it is a rerun of last month's article. Why, because it is important!

The Public Works Department, especially the snow plowing crew would like to commend the citizens and residents of our Town for their assistance. During this year's snowstorms, there have been very few cars or trailers parked in the roads during the plowing process. This is a great help to the crew and their efforts to clear the snow quickly and efficiently for everyone's safety.

The snow is not the Town's nor is it the citizens. Mother Nature placed it here and we must handle it. We attempt to put as little snow in your driveway as possible, but some of it will end up there, we are sorry. That said; please do not return the favor. Placing snow in the road way is dangerous to those using the roads. We appreciate your tolerance and patience this winter.

Garbage Cans continue to be a problem during the snow removal process.

- Please set cans out on collection day and remove them that same evening
- Please place cans out of the plow area.
- Place them inside your driveway, behind the snow burm.
- The garbage truck's arm can reach into this area and pick up the can.
- Placing the can in the road way does not keep the snow out of your driveway.

Please give our snow plowing equipment the right of way. Most of our equipment is large and heavy. We do not want any accidents.

- Please to not race them to the intersection
- Please do not pull in front of them and then slow down.

If the two items directly above do not apply to you, thank you for your cooperation. We really do appreciate it.

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Planning and Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Star Valley Ranch is composed of five full-time members and an alternate that fills in for member absences. The primary function of the Board is to ensure that all new development and repair and improvement activities of the residents of the Town are consistent with the Town's Ordinances and Planning Principles.

Since the town was a new entity in 2005, the first work of the P&Z Board was to create the ordinances that would provide the guidelines for the future development of Star Valley Ranch. All of the ordinances have to be approved in three readings at the Town Council meetings. The town also adopted the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) as the basis for all new construction in the Town.

The Ordinances are seldom perfect in their conception and therefore are revisited on a regular basis to be modified, clarified, and often expanded. Since the Town also has input into development in their Community Overlay Zone (roughly one mile around our current borders) additional zoning guidelines have been created envisioning future development with the desire to maintain the character of the area and the quality of life for all community residents.

The present members of the P&Z Board do not want to be the only ones to experience this exciting activity. There will always be a spot for new and fresh perspectives of others to contribute to this very fulfilling work. Please let any Board member or Town official know of your interest to participate. The P&Z Board meets at 5PM in the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. These are open meetings and all interested residents are welcome to attend.

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Animal Ordinance
“DOGS”

The new Animal Ordinance has passed its third reading and is now in effect. To review the entire ordinance, please sign onto the Town’s website at www.starvalleyranch.org, select “Town Documents”, then “Code”, then “Animal Ordinance” or come by Town Hall for a copy. We tried to balance a “Dog Friendly Town” with a “Town of Friendly Dogs”.

Whether your dog is big or small, licensing your dog is not only required by Town ordinance, it is also an easy way to be reunited with your lost pooch. All dogs take an adventure sooner or later – a tagged and registered dog is returned to its owner much quicker than a dog that has not been registered. All dogs over six-months old must be licensed within thirty days of taking residence in the Town.

When your pooch decides to go for a walk, make sure your pooch is on a leash when not on your property. Yes, we do have a leash law in our town and we do enforce this leash law for your protection and all of the citizens of our town.

When out walking with your pooch, make sure you are carrying bags to clean up the doo and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. It is so easy to turn away and hope no one saw you leave the pile behind. However, it is not only the law to clean up the poop; it is the right thing to do so we can keep our community beautiful and healthy.

The Town Council was favored during last month's meeting by a presentation from representatives of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Maryanne Christensen, who manages the county's "dispatchers", presented the following information. The intent was to help all of us receive top service when we are in most need of it.

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Emergency "911" Protocol

When you call (911) the Sheriff's Office dispatch, this is what we need from you:

1. The dispatcher needs to know where to go, to get you the fastest help possible.
2. Most important is your phone number for call back. We may need more information during the response to your location, if possible please give all the information the dispatcher requests.
3. If you can do nothing else, get your address to the dispatcher and leave the line open. Cellphones can be traced up to within 40 yards, if the line is open. Otherwise, they have information that only gets them to the closest tower that may be miles from you, even in Idaho.
4. Dispatchers will be asking a lot more questions from callers, everything from caller's address, date of birth, to what happened and so much more. This is to have our information complete and for the safety for residents, as well as responders.
5. The Sheriff's Department has a Facebook page. Search for "Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, WY" On the Facebook page we post information of scams, prescription take back (safe disposal), and so much more!
6. And to add one more thing... old cellphones can still call 911. When they are no longer needed take out the "sim" card and/or deactivate the cellular network. This will ensure a child playing with the phone will not be calling 911. They have to trace every 911 call that comes into our center. It takes a lot of time. Sometimes, it is impossible to get the information on location of a deactivated cellphone.

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Snowshoe Trails in Fox Run Park

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Just a reminder that the Natural Resource Board members have been grooming snowshoe trails on the walking paths within Fox Run Park. This is a great place to snowshoe; over 1½ miles of trails, great views of the mountains and the non-motorized trails make for a very quiet experience. The parking lot at the park is being plowed as well. The trails start from the west side of the parking lot.