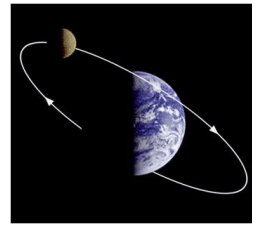


THE STAR VALLEY ORBIT

The newsletter revolving around our rural lifestyle and pioneer spirit



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Your Town Mayor



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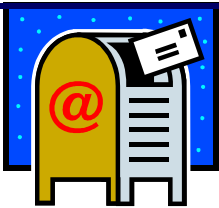


Mayor William Rappaport's term began in March 2009 and has served the Town of Star Valley since its inception. Bill was instrumental in the incorporation of the Town when he served as President of the Diamond Star Water Coalition and then served on the first elected Town Council as a Member, Vice-Mayor and now Mayor.

Bill has been a resident of the Rim Country since 1997. In 2004, he and his wife Sharon moved to Star Valley in hopes of a quiet retirement from the dental profession. Due to his past experience as president of an HOA in Scottsdale, he was soon elected as the Vice-President of The Knolls Homeowners Association, his path as a Star Valley activist had begun.

Another one of Bill's proudest accomplishments is being a founding member, publisher and CEO of the Rim Country Gazette for two years.

Bill stated "I have lived and traveled most of the country, and Star Valley is without a doubt the best place I have ever been. Just moving here for the people alone, has been worth it. I have never had more friends and met nicer, more caring individuals".



If you have an article that you would like to include in The Star Valley Orbit or wish to receive our newsletter electronically, please email Josie at: jcastillo@ci.star-valley.az.us We are happy to consider all submissions.

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER



Hello everyone and welcome to my first Clerk's corner. For those that don't know me, My name is Stephanie Jones and I am the new Town Clerk. I was born and raised in the State of Arizona and spent most of my years in Mesa. I graduated from the University of Arizona in 2003 prior to moving to the Payson area. I am pleased to be serving the residents of Star Valley and hope to continue for many years to come.

During the first week of September, I attended a Pre-Election forum put on by the Gil a County Recorder's office in globe. It was very informative and educational. I am gearing up for the March 2010 election and have lots of reading to do. ☺ I, along with the Star Valley Town Council and Town Manager, attended the League of Cities and Towns Conference in Oro Valley. It was my first time attending the Conference and I met many new acquaintances and I learned quite a bit from various speakers and peers.

My job is consistently changing; there is never a dull day in the office. I also assist the Town Attorney with photo enforcement cases and dismissals which keeps me pretty busy.

Josie, my Deputy town clerk, has been hard at work on this newsletter (thank you Josie) as well as providing clerical support to the water and sewer commission. She is also intent on jazzing up our website and making it user friendly. She is a great lady to have in the office.

My finance administrator, Chancy and I have been working diligently on providing the Town Council with a well defined budget. The numbers are consistently being "crunched" in Town Hall. She attends three town commission meetings on a monthly basis and provides clerical support to our hard working volunteers. She also strives to keep staff fat and happy with her yummy homemade treats. What a delightful young lady.

I encourage you to come down and meet the wonderful staff at town hall - we would love to get to know you.

Sincerely, Your Town clerk

Streets and Roads Crew digging into “shovel ready projects”



Your Town Streets and Roads Crew have been hard at work on various projects throughout Star Valley. The following are projects that are in the works or scheduled for the upcoming months:

- ◆ **CRACKSEALING:** This is the least expensive method of road maintenance and prevents water from getting into the pavement. Applied at the right time, cracksealing will prevent or delay pothole formation. The Streets and Roads Crew have completed the cracksealing project on Cornerstone Road, Houston Creek Landing and The Knolls Communities.
- ◆ **STOP BARS:** Stop bars are a solid white line extending across all approach lanes to a STOP sign or traffic signal which indicate the point to which vehicles are required to stop. Star Valley is installing stop bars using intersection-grade heavy duty material engineered for enhanced visibility, durability and flexibility. The first stop bar was installed on Moonlight and Garrels Drive, with more scheduled for the months of October and November.
- ◆ **STREET RESURFACING:** Bids are currently being requested for paving, asphalt and double-chip sealing of the streets for this project. Meetings between the Streets and Roads Commission and the Town Council are continuing for final approval of this project.
- ◆ **MISC PROJECTS:** Other projects currently in the works are installation of culverts, road re-striping, shoulder work, road settlement repairs, weed control and street signs installation.

The Town is working hard to take a proactive approach to these much needed repairs. The longer roads go without repair, the worse they become and the more it will cost to fix them. According the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of highway and street construction has jumped 66 percent since 2000 and continues to rise.

When you see the “ROAD WORK AHEAD” sign, please use caution when proceeding. Safety and appreciation for our Streets & Roads Crew and all their hard work, is well deserved.



Town of Payson / Star Valley Gila County Rabies Control

Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Saturday October 24, 2009

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Main Street Animal Clinic

411 W. Main Street

10am—2pm

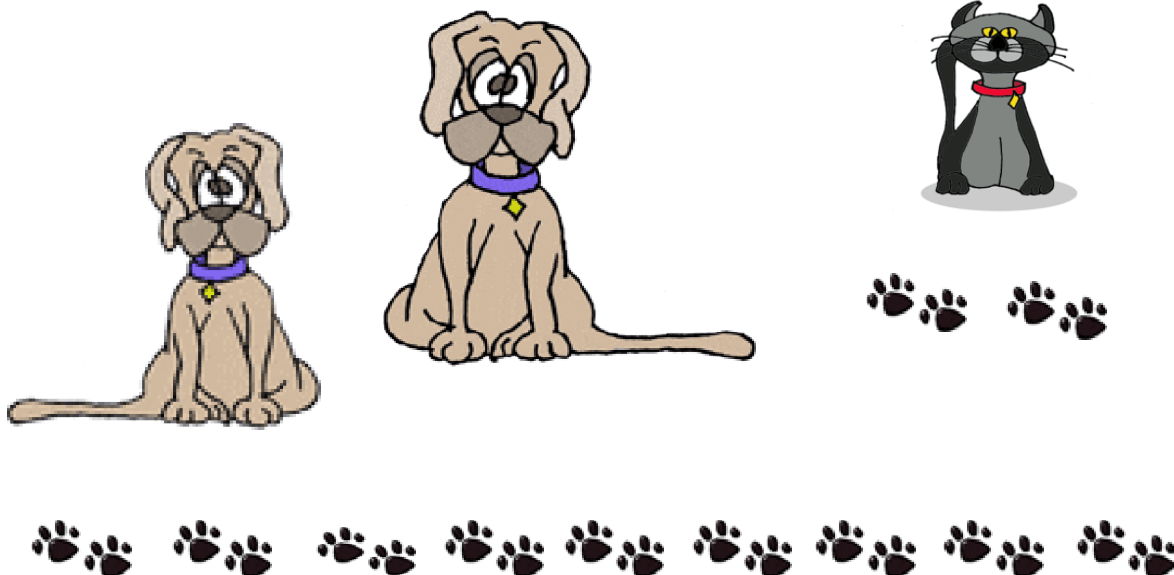
Rabies Vaccination \$10.00

Licensing Fees For All Dogs!!!

UNALTERED ALTERED

Town of Payson	\$20	\$7
Town of Star Valley	\$7	\$5
Gila County	\$15	\$7

Other vaccinations will be available upon request. Your pet is required to be secured at all times. If you have any questions, please call 474-9292



Town Council & Commission Updates

Town Council

- ◆ On August 18, 2009, the Town Council held the second reading Ordinance O 09-06 which changes the location of the Town Council Meetings from the Star Valley Baptist Church to the Star Valley Town Hall. The motion was passed and the ordinance is effective 30 days after approval and acceptance by the Town Council.
- ◆ Thanks to the diligent efforts of Town Clerk Stephanie Jones, the Ak-Chin Indian Community has declared a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 to the Town to assist in the payment of law enforcement services.
- ◆ Lieutenant Scott of the Gila County Sheriff's Office addressed the Town Council and stated that their office responded to 165 calls police request calls. The Sheriff's Office is in the process of generating a detailed police report for Star Valley and the report will be forwarded to Town Clerk Stephanie Jones when it is available. Mayor Rappaport expressed his satisfaction with the service that Star Valley is receiving from the Sheriff's Office.

Water & Sewer Commission

- ◆ The Commission completed the language for water, sewer & fire portion of the Town's Master Plan.
- ◆ The Commission is in the process of reviewing the LFR contract with Star Valley that provides for well monitoring services and well monitoring devices. The Commission has requested that LFR provide a detailed description of their service and their well monitoring data before pursuing a replacement contract not to exceed \$14K.
- ◆ The Commission is on track with the Wastewater Master Plan Project Schedule from Tetra Tech. Based on the study finding from Tetra-Tech, the Water & Sewer Commission will be ready to make a recommendation to the Town Council in Decemeber; Tetra Tech has also offered to make the recommendations to the Town Council after they complete their study.

Streets & Roads Commission

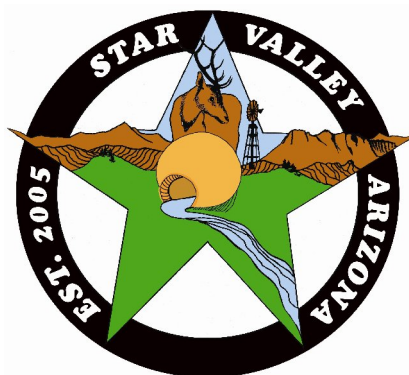
- ◆ The Commission is currently in the process of obtaining bids for double chip seal, paving and asphalt for their street projects. This is a very high priority project for the Commission for the benefit of the citizens of Star Valley in addition to the need to apply the temperature sensitive double chip seal before November. The projects are being supervised by Building Official Joe Janusz and Streets and Roads Crew Member Duke Wilbanks.
- ◆ The Commission approved the relocation of the street sign on Claxton Road to the opposite side of the street above the mailboxes to make it more visible. Additionally, "Private Road" signs will be posted at the end of Town maintained roads.
- ◆ The Commission is considering submitting a grant application through HURF and the Forest Service to obtain funds for double chip seal of Mayfield Road. The application must be submitted by November 2009 to be eligible for the \$75K grant scheduled to be awarded in January 2010.

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- ◆ 10/1-Water & Sewer Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 10/6-Town Council Mtg 6:30pm
- ◆ 10/8-Streets & Roads Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 10/12-Columbus Day-Town Hall closed
- ◆ 10/13-Planning & Zoning Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 10/15-Floodwater Task Force Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 10/20-Town Council Mtg 6:30pm
- ◆ 10/27-Water Work Study

November 2009						
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- ◆ 11/3-Town Council Mtg 6:30pm
- ◆ 11/5-Water & Sewer Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 11/10-Planning & Zoning Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 11/11-Veteran's Day-Town Hall closed
- ◆ 11/12-Streets & Roads Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 11/17-Town Council Mtg 6:30pm
- ◆ 11/19-Floodwater Task Force Comm Mtg-6pm
- ◆ 11/24-Water Work Study
- ◆ 11/26-Thanksgiving Day-Town Hall closed
- ◆ 11/27-Town Hall closed



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