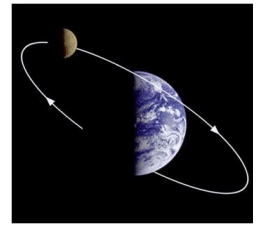


# THE STAR VALLEY ORBIT

The newsletter revolving around our rural lifestyle and pioneer spirit



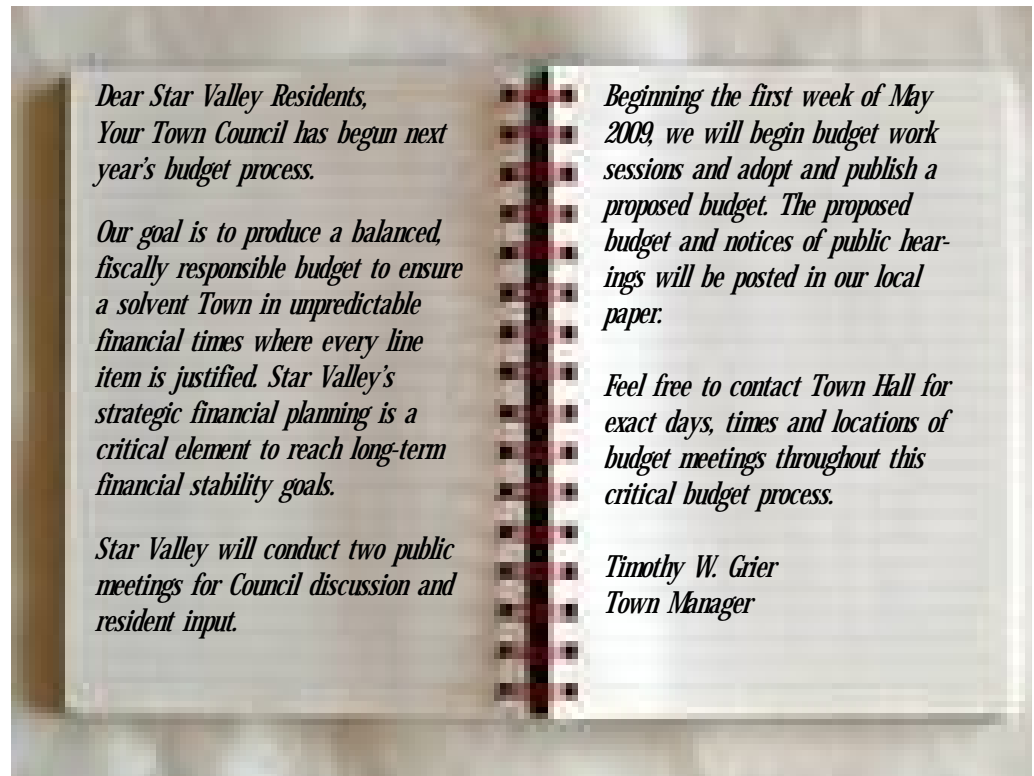
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## Message from your Town Manager



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*Dear Star Valley Residents,  
Your Town Council has begun next year's budget process.*

*Our goal is to produce a balanced, fiscally responsible budget to ensure a solvent Town in unpredictable financial times where every line item is justified. Star Valley's strategic financial planning is a critical element to reach long-term financial stability goals.*

*Star Valley will conduct two public meetings for Council discussion and resident input.*

*Beginning the first week of May 2009, we will begin budget work sessions and adopt and publish a proposed budget. The proposed budget and notices of public hearings will be posted in our local paper.*

*Feel free to contact Town Hall for exact days, times and locations of budget meetings throughout this critical budget process.*

*Timothy W. Grier  
Town Manager*

## Annual Star Valley Days Spring Fling



**Saturday, May 2, 2009  
9:00am—2:00pm**

- Proceeds to Benefit:** Hellsgate Fire Department Auxiliary
- Place:** Moose Lodge, East end of Star Valley on Highway 260
- Food:** Full breakfast; sponsored by Moose Lodge 7:00am-9:00am Lunch; Sponsored by Hellsgate Fire Department Aux, featuring grilled burgers, brats and dogs with all the fixings
- Free for the Kids:** Jumping room, face painting, balloon animals, take pictures of your children on the fire truck
- For the Adults:** Arts, crafts and raffles 9:00am -2:00pm  
Beer Garden sponsored by Moose Lodge from 10:30am -3:00pm

Live music by Larry Ellis and live broadcast interviews from KCMA

For additional information, please contact Hellsgate Fire Department at (928) 474-3835



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](mailto:jcastillo@ci.star-valley.az.us) We are happy to consider all submissions.

## Town Council Updates

- ◆ Vice-Mayor Bill Rappaport was appointed as Mayor of Town of Star Valley on March 17, 2009. Mayor Rappaport has been involved with the Town since it's incorporation and believes in the "team" concept. He was sworn in as the new Mayor of Star Valley by the Honorable Dorothy Little.
- ◆ Council Member Del Newland was appointed as Vice-Mayor of Star Valley on March 17, 2009.
- ◆ Vern Leis was appointed to the Star Valley Town Council on April 7, 2009. Mr. Leis' term of office will expire with the March 2010 elections. Mr. Leis expressed his desire to work as a team with the other Town Council Members and the importance of taking each situation one step at a time. Mr. Leis was asked if he would run for the 2010 elections to which he replied, "It is like asking for a second piece of apple pie; I haven't had the first bite so I don't know how I will decide about seconds yet".
- ◆ On March 17, Star Valley selected the law enforcement proposal submitted by the Gila County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. The 5-year contract will cost the Town \$383,273 per fiscal year. Town Manager Tim Grier extended his appreciation to Judge McDaniel, recognized in the community as a man of integrity, for negotiating the contracts submitted to Star Valley by the Town of Payson and the Gila County Sheriff's Office.
- ◆ On March 17, the Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Star Valley and Gila County Animal Control Services. The IGA stipulates that compensation for animal control services will be \$50 per dog call during regular hours and \$100 per dog call after hours. All calls for noise nuisance will be received by the Sheriff's Department first and the Department will in turn determine if a call to Animal Control is warranted.

## Water & Sewer Commission Updates

- ◆ The Water & Sewer Commission Members toured the Northern Gila County Sanitary District on February 19, 2009. The Commission is reviewing the District's discharge permit with ADEQ and is attempting to obtain a copy of the District's reuse permit to determine the regulatory climate Star Valley would face if the Town develops their own treatment facility.
- ◆ Garrett Goldman, District Engineer with Tetra-Tech, presented a proposal on March 5, 2009 to the Commission, a proposal for the construction of a sanitary sewer plant in Star Valley. Mr. Goldman encouraged the Commission to move forward with the construction of their own plant to accommodate growth. He projected the cost to be \$10M-15M to build the plant.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Bill Davis met with Hellsgate Fire Chief Gary Hatch on February 26, 2009 and obtained a map of the water lines in Star Valley for fire protection. Mr. Hatch presented to the Water & Sewer Commission on April 9, 2009 to discuss the need for an improved fire protection system in Star Valley.
- ◆ Bob Hibbert was appointed as a Member to the Water & Sewer Commission as the replacement to the late Timothy Bradley.

## Meet Joe the Building Official/Code Compliance Officer



Joe Janusz, Star Valley's Building Official, has been with the Town since August 2008. Joe's duties include plan reviewing, initial inspections during the first phase of construction and follows up with further inspections throughout the construction project. Although no inspection is ever exactly the same, Joe ensures that building and construction codes are in compliance. Joe spends his day primarily inspecting worksites, reviewing blueprints, answering letters or telephone calls, writing reports and scheduling inspections. Recently, Joe worked very diligently to ensure the safe removal of a burned mobile home on Moonlight Drive.

Joe has over 35 years of experience in the building and construction industry, including working for the cities of Chandler, Queen Creek and Gilbert as plans examiner and building inspector and as an owner and general manager of his own custom home building company. Joe has a reputation for outstanding customer service with a quick turn-around for all his projects. The Town of Star Valley is privileged to have Joe the Building Official overseeing the safe construction of all our projects while maintaining that small-town standard of being friendly and personable.

### STAR VALLEY BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Permit fees are calculated using the following multipliers per square foot of area.

#### COMMERCIAL

hotel/motel, office bldgs, apt house, auditorium, church- - - - -	.465
restaurant, theatre, library, fire station, public bldg, school elderly care home, medical office- - - - -	.675
warehouse, public garage- - - - -	.325
retail store, industrial plant, gas station, bowling alley- - - - -	.385
bank, jail, hospital, convalescent hospital- - - - -	.895

#### RESIDENTIAL

Living space- - - - -	.614
Non-living space- - - - -	.223
Covered deck- - - - -	.102
Open deck- - - - -	.084



\*\*add 50% of total for plan review for residential and commercial

## Featured Business of the month.

**R & D TIRES**

Randy and Debra Gildersleeve have been the proud owners of R & D Tires since October 2007. Their shop offers new and used tires, custom wheels, computerized balancing, tire rotation and tire repairs and are now featuring Napa batteries. If they don't have your particular tire in stock, it can be ordered and available within a day or two. When asked what gives their shop an edge over their competitors, they stated, "Prices. Also, as a family owned and operated business, we view our client as friends rather than customers".

The Gildersleeves hope to expand someday in the future, but stated that "we will always keep that small-town feel". Randy has over 20 years experience in the tire business and considers himself a perfectionist, which is why you won't find any employees at their shop. He does all his own work, is honest, straightforward and upfront.



The Gildersleeves were both born in the Midwest and moved to Phoenix 25 years ago. They discovered Star Valley one day on their way to their cabin in Christopher Creek. They decided that Star Valley was a perfect location for a tire shop because "We want to be part of a growing community and grow with it. The Gildersleeves thank the Town of Star Valley for their support along with all their friends and customers.

Location: 3902 E. AZ Highway 260, Star Valley, AZ 85541

Hours of operation: 8AM—5PM 7 DAYS A WEEK

Phone number: (928) 474-4955

**SENIORS - DID YOU KNOW?**

- ◆ The Town of Star Valley, in conjunction with the Payson Senior Center, transports seniors on **MONDAYS** from 9am-3pm. The transportation only costs \$10 for the year by purchasing a rider ship card through the Town. There is no per ride cost.
- ◆ The transportation allows you the flexibility in scheduling appointments for the doctor as well as running errands such as grocery shopping, going to the post office and to the bank. You can also socialize with friends at the Payson Senior Center.
- ◆ Please contact Stephanie @ Town Hall for further information and to sign up for the program.

May 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 5/1-First Friday on Main
- 5/2-Spring Fling
- 5/5-Town Council Mtg
- 5/7-Water & Sewer Comm Mtg
- 5/10-Mother's Day
- 5/12-P&Z Comm Mtg
- 5/14-Streets & Roads Comm Mtg
- 5/14-11:30-1:00PM Business Buzz-Payson Airport
- 5/19-Town Council Mtg
- 5/21-Floodwater Task Force Comm Mtg
- 5/21-Payson HS Graduation
- 5/23 & 5/24-Payson Loggers' Sawdust Festival
- 5/25-Memorial Day-Town Hall closed

## Water Conservation Tip of the Month

### Water use in the home

Toilets	28%
Clothes washing	22%
Showers	21%
Faucets	12%
Baths	9%
Toilet leakage	5%
Dish washing	3%

Replace your clothes washer, the second largest water user in your home. Energy Star™ rated washers that also have a Water Factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy per load. This saves you money both on your water and energy bills.

No matter what kind of clothes washer you have, here are some basic tips that can reduce water use for clothes washing:

- Operate the washer with full loads only – even if the machine has an adjustable load setting. A full load is the most efficient way to wash clothes.
- If your washer has a variable water volume setting, select the minimum amount required per load.
- Pretreat stains to avoid rewashing.
- Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads.
- Check your clothes washer hoses regularly for cracks that could result in leaks.
- Washing in cold water saves energy and lowers your energy utility bills but does not save water.
- Use less detergent or the appropriate “HE” clothes washing detergent, if directed by the manufacturer.



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