

United States Postal Service Mail Delivery For Town of Star Valley Ranch's Residents

A meeting with the United States Postal Service (USPS) representatives was held in May of 2007 year at the Town of Star Valley Ranch's Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to seek a common, consistent answer to the current postal issues and how to address the mail delivery needs of the residents of the Town of Star Valley Ranch. A major concern was that residents were receiving different, conflicting answers regarding mail delivery options. The field representatives of our US Senators and US Representative, who sponsored the meeting, were joined by USPS representatives, SVRA Board of Directors, Town Councilman and concerned citizens. As a result of this meeting, the Town selected a Committee to identify and investigate mail delivery options.

Options discussed and investigated:

Options	Owner	Initial Cost	Expansion	Problem
Cluster Box Units (CBU) Grouped Units Several CBUs located on the roads near each major entrance into the Town	SVRA	Up to \$200 per Box	More of the Same	Traffic Congestion / Safety Hazard
Cluster Box Units (CBU) Single Units Single CBUs located throughout the Town close to individual homes	SVRA Or Town	Up to \$200 per Box	More of the Same	High Maintenance / Safety
Non Personnel Unit (NPU) Current Expand the current post office boxes housed in the SVRA maintenance shed	Private	Up to \$75.00 per Box	NPU, CPO or Post Office	Limited Space / Building Slated for Destruction
Non Personnel Unit (NPU) New Build a building to house mail boxes called a Non Personnel Unit.	Town	Approx. \$35 per Key Fee	NPU, CPO or Post Office	Needed Town Sponsorship
Contract Post Office (CPO) Entrepreneurial Community Service Station or a "Contract Post Office" (Etna / Alpine)	Private	Unknown	NPU, CPO or Post Office	Lack of "Entrepreneur" Interest
US Post Office (Similar to Afton / Thayne)	USPS	Free	Size	Denied by USPS

CLUSTER BOXES: It was pointed out that unless cluster boxes were install for each lot within the Town's boundaries, expansion of these cluster boxes would be difficult, and a new home resident within the area of these cluster boxes may not have access to the closest cluster box to their home. Placement of these cluster boxes could, in the future, limit any additional delivery to the Town and could also prohibit the Town from ever getting a United States Post Office. The issue of safety, maintenance, and security of the cluster box area would also have to be addressed.

NON PERSONNEL UNIT: A NPU functions very similar to a standard US Post Office with the **exception that it is an unmanned mailroom with no retail services.** You may receive mail, parcels, send letters and certain packages at a NPU. Snowbird services (i.e., mail forwarding, etc.) would continue to be the same as today and would be available through USPS in Thayne.

USPS POST OFFICE: The Committee's request for a new USPS Post Office and a unique ZIP CODE were both denied at this time by the USPS.

Facts:

- There are nearly 550 known PO Boxes (in the surrounding area) that are being rented and paid for by residents of the Town of Star Valley Ranch.
- There is a "Mail Box" waiting list at most of these same locations, with only service currently available, "General Delivery".
- There were 1465 citizens in our Town as of 2006 when a special US Census was completed.
- There are over 925 homes inside the Town's limits.
- There are currently 804 registered voters in the Town's precinct.
- There is currently a Highway Contract Route (HCR) serving 32 postal units within the Town limits.
- There is a prediction that 150 to 200 new homes will be built within the Town limits within the next 5 years.

Since May, numerous meetings have been held to discuss the best solution for mail delivery in the Town. The committee has had the input, guidance and council of a professional USPS advisor. It has been suggested that the best solution at this time is to have a Non Personnel Unit (NPU) provided by the Town to house USPS boxes. On November 13, 2007, a letter was received from the USPS Manager, Consumer Affairs and Claims, stating "the USPS will provide mail delivery service" if the Town of Star Valley Ranch were to provide the housing for a Non Personnel Unit (NPU). A new Highway Contract Route (HCR) would be established to accommodate the delivery to the installed boxes. The Town Council is now in the process of seeking a facility for Town Hall within or near the Town, which would include a (NPU) room to house the mail boxes, if at all possible.

We need to know how many of the residents of Star Valley Ranch would be interested in receiving their mail delivered to a Star Valley Ranch NPU. The proposed boxes would be 6" x 6" with larger parcel lockers for larger delivered parcels. The boxes would be provided **free of charge**. There would be a one-time, non-refundable key charge of approximately \$35.00.

If you are interested in obtaining a post office box within/near the Town limits, please return the following information via e-mail addressed to svrtown@silverstar.com with the subject line indicating: "Mail Box."

I am definitely interested in a Post Office Box at the Non Personnel Unit housed at Town Hall. I understand that the Post Office Box is free but a one-time, non-refundable, \$35.00 key fee will be assessed at a later date.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

(Select One): You **MUST** pay taxes to the Town or be a full time "Renter".

Full-Time Resident: Owner _____ Renter _____

Part-Time Resident: More Than Six Month _____ Less Than Six Months _____

Other _____, Explain: _____