

# Local US Postal Service Mail Delivery

The Town of Star Valley Ranch requests the immediate response of those citizens desirous of local mail delivery. It is now or never for this Town Council to commit its time and resources to pursue, provide and fund local mail delivery service.

**For the Town to continue to pursue this service or abandon the idea permanently, we need to hear from you no later than.....**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please call, e-mail, fax or write us as soon as possible.

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Town of Star Valley Ranch

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Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127

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**I am interested in a USPS Post Office Box for local, central mail delivery in our Town.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full-Time Resident: Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Renter \_\_\_\_\_

Part-Time Resident: More Than Six Months \_\_\_\_\_ Less Than Six Months \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_, Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions & Answers**

*What is an NPU?*

**NPU** – stands for Non Personnel Unit. The best description is a facility just like a standard USPS Post Office without the people to run it. Ours will be a minimum of 500 square feet. Serviced by an individual who is under contract to the USPS and administered by the USPS Office in Thayne

*Where will the NPU be located?*

The physical location has not yet been confirmed; however, it is our desire to first have it located near the front entrance of the town or adjacent to the town boundaries, such as the BLM property adjacent to Hardman Road.

*What is the rental cost of a local mail box?*

**\$0.00** – however, there is a planned one-time cost of approximately \$35.00 for every key.

*How much money will I save by using the Town's NPU?*

Your savings will vary on how often and how far you go to pick up your mail. But as an example; if you went to town for the sole purpose of picking up your mail 3 times a week and drive approximately 15 miles round trip you'll save in the neighborhood of \$10 a week, over \$40 a month and as much as \$500 a year in gas alone. (If you use the Federal Mileage Rate of 48.5 cents per mile, you are looking at something over \$1,100 per year.) Of course, you also save the cost of the annual fee that your current Post Office charges you for a box.

*Will I lose any current services, like winter time mail forwarding service, holding my mail while I'm on vacation or etc?*

**NO** – all current services will continue to be available through the Thayne USPS Office.

*What about "Security" and "Privacy"?*

**Same as today** - All mail is handled exclusively by USPS Employees or USPS Contract Individuals and access to the "back room" is used and controlled exclusively by these same people.

*How will my address look with this new service?*

*Current indications are, that our new addresses (HC stands for Highway Contract) would appear as:*  
SVR Citizen (Your Name)  
HC 61 Box 3000 (or as assigned)  
Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127-xxxx

*With the establishment of local mail delivery, do I have the option to keep my existing mail box location and not move to the Town?*

**YES** – except for the current 32 customers who have a box in the SVRA Maintenance Building.

*If I don't choose to use the Town provided local delivery will my current postal arrangements change?*

**NO** – not unless a change is implemented in that specific location for all postal patrons

*What size of a box will be available?*

**One Size** – approximately 6 inches by 6 inches

*Will I be able to buy a larger box size?*

**NO** – the Town will be installing only one size of box

*What about package delivery?*

**Parcel Boxes** – additional keyed oversized boxes will be provided to accommodate larger packages

*What about excessive mail?*

**Parcel Boxes** – additional keyed oversized boxes will be provided to accommodate exceptionally heavy mail

*Will I be able to mail letters and packages?*

**YES** – there will be letter and small package drops with daily pickups

*How will I receive registered "signature required" mail?*

**Notice** will be placed in your box to pick up your mail at the USPS Thayne Office.

*Will I be required to send change of address notices?*

**YES** – any change in addressing would require address changes

*How long will my mail be forwarded from my previous address?*

**USPS** states they will forward mail up to one year

*Will a NPU prohibit the community from ever qualifying for a regular Post Office?*

**NO** – fact is, according to the USPS personnel we have talked with, this is the only option available to us at this time that could be upgraded to a standard post office. The decision of the USPS however is: "NOT at this TIME".

*Will a NPU help us get our own Zip Code?*

**NO** – Not at this time. We have officially requested a unique Zip Code for our area. The USPS has denied our request at this time.

*What happens if enough citizens do not sign up for mail delivery to a Town NPU?*

**Nothing** – The Town will not be able to justify the expense if the number is small and therefore no NPU. The citizens will not have mail delivery, and you will continue to use your current mail service.

**MORE QUESTIONS?** Please contact Town Hall via any of the avenues listed at the beginning of this notice.