



TSVR Newsletter

August 2017

Eclipse

Eclipse Eyeglass Safety

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon will completely cover the sun and the sun's tenuous atmosphere - the corona - can be seen, will stretch from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun's disk.

Plan ahead to decide if you're going to make use of an indirect viewing method or to watch the eclipse directly by using eclipse glasses. If the latter, please check the safety authenticity of viewing glasses to ensure they meet basic proper safety viewing standards.



Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 pm

Events

Coffee with Mayor
Monday, August 28th at 9:00 am

Contacts

Town Hall
307-883-8696
clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org

Public Works
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Maple Trail Now Complete

The Natural Resource Board reports that the Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew has completed the new 0.6 mile Maple Trail. This trail connects the lower end of the Vista-Prater Trail with the Valley View Trail east of the Valley Viewpoint. This new trail will allow hikers to walk a loop to the viewpoint and back to the Green Canyon Trailhead without having to walk down Green Canyon Road! The trail also offers wonderful views of Green Canyon and the valley floor. And it will be



an incredible trail to hike when the Rocky Mountain Maples are in color in the fall. Maps to the Green Canyon Trail System on the Bridger-Teton National Forest are available at Town Hall.

All of these trails have been developed by Town of Star Valley Ranch and SVR Trail Crew volunteers in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and a grant from the Wyoming State Parks, Cultural Sites and Trails.

Eclipse Road Information

Millions of Americans looking at experiencing the ‘Great American Eclipse’.

In a 70-mile-wide zone of totality, America will have its best view of a solar eclipse in 99 years. It will likely be seen by more people than any eclipse in history. Wyoming is expecting upwards of 500,000 people traveling to Wyoming to see the Eclipse.

August 21st, 2017 near the northern portions of Lincoln County a total solar eclipse will begin right around 10.am. The first 1 hour and 30 minutes or so will just be a partial eclipse. Then, at approximately 11:30 a.m. the Moon will pass directly in front of the Sun blocking out the majority of the Sun’s light for 30 seconds to over 2 minutes (the duration depends on your location). After that the Sun will be partially eclipsed until about 1 p.m.

In both Wyoming and Idaho traffic is one of the big concerns. The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) over a year ago started to look at key areas of transportation to help facilitate the movement of people to and from the zone of totality and other transportation-related issues.

Some of the few things that WYDOT has done to facilitate the movement of up to 500,000 tourists in Wyoming are:

WYDOT in conjunction with the Wyoming Office of Tourism interactive map shows the path of the eclipse, community events, public camping locations and other vital information. (<http://www.travelwyoming.com/eclipse>)

WYDOT will be using its overhead message signs to display important messages to travelers. If the department needs to redirect traffic or if there's vital information about an event further down the road, the overhead signs will display that information.

WYDOT will also temporarily stop road construction in the path of totality and along some main highways that people will use to access the eclipse path from Aug. 17 through Aug. 23 to help with the increase in traffic that's expected.

WYDOT will ensure its 37 rest areas are well maintained and ready for the increase in visitors. The rest areas will have extra supplies such as toilet paper and hand soap to accommodate the increase.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol will be increasing patrols within the state during the eclipse. These extra patrols can help ensure that motorists are safe.

The most important thing to remember is that people who are traveling will need to plan on extra time, be patient and most importantly pay attention to other traffic.

For those who think that they must go to Grand Teton National Park be aware that parking will be banned on the main highway through the park. The park service plans to route eclipse traffic off the main highway onto nearby roads. They will become reversible one-way roads on the day of the eclipse, facilitating people who arrive in the morning and leave in the afternoon.

FireWise



The slash pickup may be over for the year but it's not too late to sign up for the Firewise program. Let me come out and take a look at your property and give you suggestions and I will give you a code to the Lincoln County Landfill in Thayne and you will be able to dump your slash for free. The Firewise program will pick up the \$10.00 gate fee. Give me a call or send me an email Patty Pringle (307)679-8574 or ppringle@lcwy.org

ECLIPSE FOOD AND GAS

With all of the traffic and thousands of tourists traveling through Lincoln County many residents on their way to see the "Great American Eclipse" it is important that residents be proactive and be prepared. This means that individuals need to plan ahead and do their shopping early.



In other locations of the country news media is already telling people to treat the Solar Eclipse like an Ice or snow storm. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd stated to news agencies in Kentucky, "If you don't plan ahead, plan to wait in line. The week before the eclipse, go out and do your grocery shopping fill up on fuel, the pumps will be busy and some pumps will be empty so stock up just like you would if you were anticipating a snow or ice storm."

This is good advice for Lincoln County residents. Go shopping and fill your vehicles up before the rush. Many residents may also see a rush of friends and family that week and will need to be prepared to feed visitors. Be prepared for people who arrive before the eclipse and stay through the eclipse.

For those residents of North Lincoln County with Idaho Falls being in the Totality zone there will be thousands of tourists traveling to Idaho Falls to see the eclipse. This will mean possible heavy traffic and gridlock on highway 26 and in Idaho Falls so plan to either travel before or after the event.



Simply put: Plan ahead as you prepare for your Eclipse party or families get together that week and have plenty of food, medication, water and fuel on hand. Don't be that host who waits until it is too late and then finds that all of the moon pies, sun chips, starbursts and Capri Suns have been sold out and your once in a lifetime eclipse party is a failure.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Star Valley Ranch Town Hall is serving “Coffee with the Mayor”. Residents are invited to join Mayor Kathleen Buyers for coffee and casual conversation on the last Monday of the month from 9 -10 am.

This is another communication tool and a chance to get to know the Mayor, visit Town Hall, and see your town government at work.

The next “Coffee with the Mayor” will be August 28st



SPEEDING ON OUR TOWN ROADS

If you see speeding vehicles (cars, 4 wheelers, motorcycles) or witness under-age drivers, contact the County Sheriff at 307-885-5231. Let them know the time of day you are seeing the increased speeds and/or a description of the speeding vehicle.

Help to become part of the solution and not the problem.
“Keep it at the Limit” and slow it down!



Road Department

The Public Works Department is working on the improvement of the Town Road System. Our public works crew has been adding road base to shorten the steepness of the hill on Alpenglow and Snow Forest and widened the road on Cedar Creek Drive from the pool to the bridge going from one lane to two lanes. The crews also widened the curve on the back side of Hardman Road. The crew is lowering the cul de sac on the top of Vista Drive and adding fill to Birch Circle. Dust guard has been added



throughout the Town. The crew continues to grade roads and try to keep up with the pot holes on our roads. Excessive speed damages the gravel roads by creating a wash board effect and pot holes on the roads. The Town Council and Public Works are looking at chip seal and the possibility of completing a small project in August or September. The annual inventory of our Road Department was completed on June 30th and the results were excellent. Special Congratulations to J.T. for outstanding inventory control.

Septic Tank Tips



Do

1. Know the location of your tank
2. Have your septic tank inspected annually
3. Have your tank pumped at least every 5 years
4. Keep your tank covered
5. Conserve water to avoid overloading the system

Don't

1. Drive or park anywhere over the system
2. Don't plant anything over the drain field except grass
3. Don't build anything over the drain field
4. Don't poison your tank with chemicals



TOWN Water



The Water Department completed the annual testing of all fire hydrants located throughout the Town. Three new water installations have taken place this month and more are scheduled over the course of the summer. The annual inventory of the water department is complete and all inspections passed with flying colors. Special congratulations to Kristin and the water department for great inventory control. Monthly required water testing, in-house testing and daily water checks are taking place for safe drinking water. The Water Improvement Project - 2017 will begin work on Monday, July 17th in the South end of Town.

Please be respectful of the Construction Company. The Town will hold weekly meetings every Thursday morning with Taylor Construction, Forsgren Engineering and the Town Water Department.

Water Conservation Home & Yard

Water conservation has become an essential practice in all regions, even in areas where water seems abundant.

In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers and local watersheds.

Conserving water can also extend the life of your septic system by reducing soil saturation, and reducing any pollution due to leaks.



Water Conservation in the Home

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks
- Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush
- Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads
- Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units
- When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.

Water Conservation in the Yard



- Plant drought resistant lawns, shrubs and plants
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants
- Don't water the gutter
- Water your lawn only when it needs it
- Deep soak your lawn
- Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when its windy
- Use efficient watering systems for shrubs, flower beds and lawns
- Don't run the hose while washing your car
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings

Trail Booster

Town of Star Valley Ranch Trail Booster

You can help the Natural Resource Board and the Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew, build and maintain trails on and adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch. Donate to the Star Valley Ranch Trail Fund and **donations of \$25 or more will receive a free "Trail Booster" T-shirt** to show your support of the Star Valley Ranch trails program. Fill out this form and mail or deliver with payment to Town Hall.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

XL _____ 2XL _____

Make checks payable to: Town of Star Valley Ranch – Trail F

Mail or Deliver to: Stella Mackey, Town Clerk
171 Vista Drive #7007
Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127

