



TSVR Newsletter

November 2017

FOUNDERS Day

Congratulations!

**The Town of Star Valley Ranch celebrates its
12 year anniversary on Nov 8th.**

Come celebrate with cake at our next Town Hall Meeting on November 8th.

Here are a few fun facts about our Town;

1. We are youngest/newest town in Wyoming.
2. We rank the 3rd best water in the state.
3. We have a total of 6 school bus routes.
4. More than 67% of our residents are full time.



We look forward to the next 12 years and to the growth and accomplishments to come!

Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 pm

Events

Coffee with Mayor
Monday, November 27th at 9:00 am

Contacts

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

Public Works
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Happy THANKSGIVING and SAFE TRAVELS

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.



Big holidays just around the corner - comes increased highway travel. **Below is some information on safe winter driving from the Wyoming Department of Transportation;**

Winter storms can develop quickly and without warning across Wyoming's high plains and mountains, so it's important for drivers to prepare themselves and their vehicles for any conditions they might encounter on the road.

Make sure your tires are inflated to the recommended pressure and your brakes are in good working order. Replace old windshield wiper blades and add windshield antifreeze to window cleaning fluid. Keep the fuel tank full, and check all the other engine fluid levels. Make sure your headlights, taillights and turn signals are functioning properly.

Keep all lights free of ice and snow, and use low beams when driving through blowing snow. Make sure all your windows and mirrors are clear before starting your trip, and remember to clean snow off your shoes before you get in the car, because slippery accelerator and brake pedals are a safety hazard.

Check road and weather conditions before you leave by dialing 511 or going to the [511 Travel Information Web page](#). Always buckle your seat belt before hitting the road, and once out on the highway, adjust your speed for conditions. More winter driving tips and recommendations for a winter survival kit to carry in your vehicle are included in WYDOT's [Winter Wheelin' in Wyoming](#) brochure.



CHIMNEY SaFety



Enjoying a warm, cozy fire requires a clean, safe fireplace. Here are some tips for keeping it that way:

- Have your chimney cleaned yearly.
- Burn firewood only.
- Have chimney cap installed to keep debris from blocking chimney.
- Install carbon dioxide detectors and smoke detectors.
- Never leave a fire unattended with children in the house.
- Keep a nonflammable rug in front of the fireplace.
- Never use a vacuum to clean up ashes, because live coals may remain in those ashes.

Fireplace coals can remain hot enough to start a fire up to three days, so always wait at least that long before removing the ashes.

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 November 27th



Proper ASH Removal

Whenever you burn a solid fuel, such as wood, coal, or pellets, in your stove, fireplace, or insert, you will be left with ashes to remove. The frequency of this ash removal will depend on the type of fuel being burned and the species of the fuel (e.g. softwoods vs. hardwoods, anthracite coal vs. bituminous). Small bits of hot coals removed, mixed and buried within the ashes, represent a hidden danger. These hot coals can stay dormant for weeks when buried in ashes. The ash acts as an insulator keeping coals from burning out. All these coals need to flare up once more is oxygen. It's for this reason fire departments often return to a scene to place more water on smoldering timbers and newly flared coals.

What is commonly done is to take the ashes from the appliance and place them into a plain, simple, metal pail. The thinking is that the metal pail will not catch fire. Logical, but a metal pail is not enough. Then, the pail is placed outside on the porch because it's outside and cold. Again, logical but it's not enough.



Most fires related to ash removal start this very way because a lidless pail sits exposed when a winter's breeze comes along, and stirs the pail's contents. The coals become active again, the pail's temperature increases, and the floor can begin to char. Also, the winter's breeze can disperse the now-active coals onto the wood porch and worse problems soon begin.

Proper Ash Removal & Storage:

The proper type of ash "holder" or pail, for ash removal and storage should also be sheet metal. The bottom should be slightly offset from the bottom so that the actual bottom does not make contact with flooring. The edge will and should make contact, but the majority of the bottom is elevated. The pail should have a large wire handle for easy carrying. And, most importantly, the pail should have a lid that closes tightly. This is the key for safety.



Do not place the bucket directly on a wood porch or breezeway floor, but instead, on a non-combustible surface such as stone, concrete, brick, or slate.

WILDLIFE and Dogs

Pet owners are asked to control their dogs around wintering wildlife.

As winter progresses, more and more big game animals move out of the locations where they spend much of the year and into lower lying areas to spend the cold weather months. One of the ever-present problems facing wildlife is conflicts with dogs as the movement of big game animals brings them close to outlying subdivisions in search of food.

Even if the animal is not actually caught and killed by a dog the stress of being chased causes it to use important energy reserves that could be better used obtaining food.



Under Wyoming law, dogs that are found chasing big game animals may be killed by wildlife officers and the pet owners may be cited. Even though the owners may not know their dogs are chasing wildlife, a citation can still be issued.

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or Todd Graham 307.885.3717**

THANK YOU TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Star Valley Ranch and the Natural Resource Board would like to thank all of our Trail Crew Volunteers for a great summer season. Over 50 members of the Trail Crew logged over 1,200 volunteer hours maintaining our trail system and constructing the new Maple Trail. We especially thank and congratulate **Susie Johansson, Trail Crew Volunteer of the year** who alone donated over 100 hours to constructing and improving our hiking trails! Thank You Susie!!

ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Please **READ** and **Follow** these instructions in order to avoid inconvenience and additional costs to you at a later date.

1. All dogs or cats over six-months old shall be licensed within thirty (30) days of taking residence in the Town.
2. Each dog or cat license shall expire on **December 31st** of the calendar year for which it is issued and each dog or cat shall be licensed annually thereafter.
3. Registration fees will be waived for Certified Service Dog or Cat with proof of Certification as prescribed by a Physician or a Certified Trainer.
4. No licensing fee will be prorated for a partial year nor shall a refund be issued for any license fee already paid.
5. License is not transferable. In the event the License is lost or destroyed during the calendar year for which it was issued, a duplicate will be issued at a fee of \$2.
6. The owner's signed confirmation of address and contact information along with the animal's current spayed/neutered (altered) and rabies vaccination receipt from a certified veterinarian shall be required for registration and license renewals. Please email a photo of the animal (with name attached) to: clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org

CLASSIFICATION	FEE	LATE FEE (after January 15 th)
Altered dog or cat	\$10.00	\$5.00
Unaltered dog or cat	\$25.00	\$5.00

Please verify information, make any necessary changes and complete any blank lines.

Owner(s) Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Physical Address: _____
 Home Phone Number: _____ Cell/Work Number: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Plat # _____ Lot# _____

Name of Animal: _____ Dog: ___ Cat: ___ Previous Tag # _____ or N/A
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes ___ No ___ Color: _____ Breed: _____
 Rabies Tag # _____ Rabies Expiration Date: _____

I certify the above information to be true and accurate.

Owner(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN HERE - TOWN CLERK DATA ONLY

Date License Issues: _____ License No. _____ Check # _____

Copy of Cert taken: Y/N Proof of Spayed/Neutered Received: Y/N Digital Picture Received: Y/N

Received by: _____