



TSVR Newsletter

December 2017

Winter Roads

Roads will be prioritized for snow plowing in the following order. The road crew will generally start plowing at 2am so all main roads and school roads are completed early:

- School bus routes & commercial locations
- Primary thoroughfares
- Secondary roads
- Cul-de-sacs



Snow does not fall evenly all across our Town. Snowplowing priorities will be adjusted according to snowfall amounts.



We try to start plowing when the snow depth on slopes is about 4 inches and on flats at about 6 inches.

Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm

Events

Coffee with Mayor
Canceled for December

Contacts

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

Public Works
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Happy HOLIDAYS FROM TSVR



TSVR wishes you a safe and festive Holiday Season.

“Coffee with the Mayor” will be canceled for December but will resume in February where 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.

Code Red

Emergency Management is encouraging area residents to take advantage of its **CODE RED** notification system. The system is designed to notify people in the event of an emergency.

The system works through the 911 Emergency program. The limitation is that it only goes out to landlines unless you go in and input your cell phone or email. With this program, messages can be sent out geographically within moments.

For more information on the **CODE RED** system visit the Lincoln County Website www.lcwy.org



Ordinance Update



Title 6 “Buildings” has recently been extensively revised by the P&Z Board and has gone through three readings with the Town Council. All Star Valley Ranch residents and contractors building on the Ranch should review the new Title 6 on the Town’s website before applying for a building permit at Town Hall.

COLD Weather - Pets

Exposure to winter's dry, cold air and chilly rain, and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin, but these aren't the only discomforts pets can suffer. To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet's health, please heed the following advice:



- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter.
- After each walk, dry your pet's feet and stomach.
- Bathe your pets as little as possible in cold spells.
- Make sure your animal has a warm place to sleep.
- If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet, keep animals inside.



For more information go the website:

<https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/cold-weather-safety-tips>

ADMINISTRATOR'S Update

Water Improvement Project 2017 – Winter Shutdown



The water project is currently shut down for winter. So far, Taylor Construction has installed 15,099 linear feet of water mains, which equates to 56.5% of the 26,735 total linear feet that will be installed at project completion. Crews will return in May to finish mainlines and make 128 service connections. Expected completion of WIP-17 is around October 2018. At the end of the project construction crews will apply road base to the areas they worked on and smooth everything out for us. The Public

Works crew will attempt to keep roads in reasonably good condition until then.

At the end of this project, 41 additional fire hydrants will be installed throughout the Town. Those who live within a certain distance of one of these hydrants may be able to negotiate better rates with their home owner insurance agencies.

The total cost of Water Improvement Project 2017 is \$2,946,300. Through grants and loan forgiveness programs we were able to reduce the cost to the Town to \$1,473,000, which is only 49.99% of the overall cost, significantly reducing the burden on our customers. The plan is to do the same with the next phase.

Input Needed on Optional 6th Penny Tax

Please take a moment to give us your feedback in this two-question survey. We need your input on the feasibility and potential use of an optional 6th penny tax. Most of the elected officials and town administrators have been looking for a way to temporarily bring in additional funding to take care of much needed projects. Roads improvement (paving) is a pretty universal need cited by many towns. Thank you!

Link to the Survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/57XP3n6ylQ5P76Up2>

Natural Resource Board

When one tugs at a single thing in nature he finds it attached to the rest of the world.
--John Muir

As our day light hours grow shorter and we approach the coming of winter, there are many things to be thankful for. The land, the water, the flora and fauna that is part of and surrounds Star Valley Ranch has once again provided bountiful beauty, peace and opportunities to immerse ourselves in this pristine and extraordinary place. For most residents, this is why we choose this area to live. The author, Wendell Berry wrote, "The earth is all we have in common". Our town of Star Valley Ranch is our place (of the earth) that we all have in common. In this special place we call home, we collectively have responsibility to maintain what makes this place so unique and special. The Natural Resource Board of the town of Star Valley Ranch invites all residents to share and contribute to maintaining the environment that shines so bright on our little part of the world. Two reasons to celebrate and contribute are found in the brief articles below. The first is the town's success in obtaining a \$16,000 Lighting Retrofit grant from the Wyoming Business Council. The second is the opportunity for all to contribute and make remembrances to the 2018 Arbor Day. Arbor Day falls in June and will be the eighth year of tree planting and remembering loved one's on the ranch. Please consider making a contribution this year in honor of a loved one and contributing to the planting of new trees that honor our land for future generations.



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is today.

--Chinese Proverb

Lighting Retrofit Grant



The Natural Resource Board and the Town of Star Valley Ranch were successful in obtaining a \$16,000 grant to convert the exterior lighting on the Public Works Buildings and the First Response Center. The safety/security lights will be replaced with energy efficient LED and full cutoff dark sky compliant fixtures. This project, funded by the Wyoming Business Council, will save the town almost \$3,000 each year in energy costs! This project will also bring the town into compliance with our town lighting ordinance. Work will begin in the next few months.

Mayor's Corner

The Town has applied for a combination grant and loan through the State Land and Investment Board for Water Project 2019. If the funding is approved the project will begin in the Spring of 2019 and end in the Fall of 2020. This project will cost approximately six million dollars of which 50% will be in the form of a loan that will be paid off in 20 years at an interest rate of 2.5%. The first payment on the loan portion will be due to the State in 2021. The loan repayment will be spread to each Water Customer which may add approximately \$8.00 to \$16.00 to Water Bills in the future. This final project will complete the installation of the remaining fire hydrants and all related infrastructure throughout the Town. A map of this project is available for viewing at the Town Hall.



Winter Reminders

Help our road crews get ready for winter - keep the road right of way clear.



1. Debris/wood piles must be moved away from the road. There are no more Firewise pickups this year.



2. Park cars completely in driveway.



3. Pull your garbage can back in after being picked up.

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: _____