



# TSVR Newsletter – August 2018

## Candidate Edition

### Upcoming Elections

Election time will be here before we know it. Here is a listing of the individuals who plan to run. The Primary Election will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, at the Public Works/Town Hall Building, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Make sure to come out and vote!

**Mayor:** Kathleen M. Buyers, Edwin A. Koch

**Council:** John M. Lynch, Orman Briggs Horton III, Lee R. Hansen, Don Baillie, Robert L. Hayes



### Candidates and Cookies: Meet and Greet

The Candidates for Town Mayor and Town Council are hosting a meet and greet on August 9, 2018, 6:30 pm at the Cedar Creek Park Pavilion. Come meet the candidates and have dessert with us.

### Re-Elect Mayor Kathleen M. Buyers



As your Mayor, I have focused the last four years on trying to make the Town of Star Valley Ranch a better and safer place for its residents.

I have been instrumental in securing \$12 million in Wyoming State funding to improve our water system over the last four years. On completion of the 2019 Project the Town's water system infrastructure will have been completely replaced. These collective projects included 116 fire hydrants and 93,500 feet of water line. In 2016 the Town purchased two diesel powered generators that will,

in the event of a power outage, provide the power to keep our water system properly functioning.

Under my leadership the Town has chip sealed 8 miles of road and will chip or asphalt another 5 miles of road in September of 2018. Upon completion of the 2019 water project Vista East and Vista West will also be resurfaced.

On the public safety front, the Town developed an Emergency Action Plan in 2016. The Town purchased two AED machines and all Town staff have become CPR trained. In 2016 the Town of Star Valley Ranch was the first Town in the State of Wyoming to be deemed a U.S. Fire wise Town. I continue to focus on speeding in the Town with the "Drive 25" program which includes more road signage and electronic speed signs coming in early 2019.

In expanding the recreational opportunities at Fox Run Park we now have a dog park. This is in compliance with the usage plan of the BLM.

Since taking office I have modernized communications, we now have e-billing for water, a Town Facebook and Twitter account and a monthly radio interview. We also have Coffee with the Mayor which gives residents an opportunity to discuss Town issues with me.

For the last four years I have worked hard to make our Town a better place to live. If trusted with this position for the next four years I can assure you that when finished, our water system will be second to none. I will continue to be fiscally responsible and do my best to improve roads as funds become available. Together we can continue to make Star Valley Ranch the Town we can all be proud of.

## Ed Koch

Hello, my name is Ed Koch and I want to serve you as the Mayor of The Town of Star Valley Ranch. My wife Carolyn and I have been pleased to call The Town of Star Valley Ranch our home since 2008.

I served as a Councilman on your Town Council for over 8 years, late 2008 thru 16. My tenure on the Town Council included responsibility for the Town's Financial Budgeting and Reporting's, Public Safety, Personnel and Community Involvement. During that time I helped lead the Town to develop and grow by working and communicating closely with the other Council members and employees, town residents, subject matter experts, and local, civic and State leaders. I was an active member in every phase of the Town's operation, the Water Department, all town boards and was the Town's representative on statewide boards and committees. My military service in the US Coast Guard taught me the overwhelming importance of teamwork, service and dedication to the overall mission, fulfilling individual responsibilities and being ready and willing to assist other. This experience, combined with almost 40 years in retail and corporate banking, and my time on the Town Council, I believe makes me well qualified to be your Mayor.



As Mayor I will work to improve our Town's quality of life with an emphasis on improving communications with all the residents and with the Star Valley Ranch Association, continue improving the areas of Roads and Water and Public Safety.

Please feel free to contact me direct (307-883-3770 or eakoch@msn.com) to share and discuss your thoughts, opinions and priorities. Based on my qualifications, experience and desire to serve, I humbly ask for both your support and your VOTE.

p.s. Don't forget you can vote Absentee – call 307-877-9056 to request your ballot. Thank you.

## John Lynch

I was born and raised in Ogden, Utah and served in the US Air Force. I later spent more than 30 years as a law enforcement officer in Maine and the State of Utah. Throughout my life, I have spent considerable time enjoying the wonderful natural resources of Star Valley, and specifically our community. I have been a full time resident in the Town of Star Valley Ranch since October 2012, and live here year round.

I have served as a Town of Star Valley Ranch Council member for four years, and also the Natural Resource Board as a volunteer, member and council liaison. I am currently serving as liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board. We are one of the few towns in the county doing building inspections. I am hoping to bring the Town up to current IBC and IRC Building Codes and improve our zoning ordinances, to protect the quality of our beautiful community.

Since election, I am extremely interested in seeing the town succeed in their master planning, and completing important projects. These include a top priority for roads, water, and public safety. The roads need to continue to be improved and chip sealed. The water system upgrades must continue to be completed to replace the deteriorating and inferior water pipes; to provide sufficient pressure for all home use, and fire hydrants. I will also continue to focus on various aspects of public safety on the ranch. We have backup generators in place on our wells and are working toward a Fire District and EMS District to provide better service.

I appreciate your support, and if elected, look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the town council.

## Lee Hansen Bio

I was born and raised in eastern Montana. I went to college at Montana State University in Bozeman and graduated in 1969 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. I joined FMC Corporation that year as a process engineer in Green River, Wyoming. FMC's Green River facility was very large having over 1100 employees and 9 separate industrial processing plants including an underground trona mine. There I met and married my wife, Linda. I progressed through three of the plants and then accepted a position at their Group Headquarters in Philadelphia in 1981. We moved back to FMC's



Pocatello plant in 1986 where I managed a Process Engineering department. Our next stop was back to Green River in 1997 where I managed the \$320M Phosphate Plant with 60 employees. I was responsible for everything from budgeting to operations to shipping to customer service to personnel safety and everything else that goes along with managing a production facility.

I retired in 2004 and moved to Star Valley Ranch where we built a home on a lot we had purchased earlier and became year around residents. In 2009 I was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board and have served in this capacity since then except for a 6-month hiatus. During that time, we created the Ordinances that the Town follows and continue to recommend changes that are needed as the Town grows. I will work tirelessly to complete the projects to upgrade the Town's roads and water system. I am also committed to maintaining our property values by requiring that construction meet current building codes and by improving the standards of construction of all structures in the Town and in the areas surrounding our borders. Maintaining the environmental integrity of our town specifically in monitoring how our liquid waste treatment is handled will also be a top priority. This is especially important for developments around our borders.

I am dedicated to the belief that Star Valley Ranch is the most beautiful area in Wyoming and I will work to keep it that way.

## Robert "Bob" Hayes



Hi ... I am Bob Hayes, a 2018 candidate for The Star Valley Ranch Town Council.

I have been in Star Valley since 2004, and have built, and made my home on Star Valley Ranch. During this time I have taken an active role in the new township, including participation in the original US Census in 2006 helping to establish the initial number of residents in the Town for tax purposes. I have served on committees in both the Town and the Star Valley Ranch Association over the years.

My career background includes 35 years in the aviation industry, retiring as the COO of a regional airline in Montana. I am also a Korean War veteran having served as an air crewman in an anti-submarine aircraft squadron.

The Town has grown and flourished under past administrations and is now looking to finish many projects that are underway and scheduled for completion in the next four years. Our water system is rated as one of the best in the state, and will be completed throughout the Ranch in the near future; A very important project for all is our road system. The roads are being improved and paved as funding becomes available; We have an active Natural Resources Committee that has helped create recreational trails, and has seen many environmental projects in the Town completed; Our Planning and Zoning Board has done an great job in providing the Town with all important plans for growth and security. In addition, a study plan is underway to build a new Town Hall building and Community Center for use by all Town residents. And most importantly, we continually look for ways to improve safety for all residents and visitors to our community.

As we grow we must become better known and have a program to familiarize people in Wyoming, (and other parts of the country) about our real estate opportunities, recreational venues and wonderful country lifestyle on the Ranch. With over 1,000 undeveloped lots we have immense possibilities to attract new residents and to increase our revenue sources to support the many needs that will develop over the years. We must be more pro-active and committed to sharing our community with interested persons to augment our existing Town residents and let them share in the excitement of the exceptional, stable, growing community of Star Valley Ranch.

We must have the input and support from all Town residents to move ahead, please vote! I would appreciate your support, and your vote if you believe as I do that there are great things in the future for Star Valley Ranch and its residents.

Please respond by email to [starvalleyranch@writeme.com](mailto:starvalleyranch@writeme.com), or by US mail at HC 62 Box 7452, Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127. Thank you.

## Orman Briggs Horton III (Bob)

I have been a resident of the Town of Star Valley Ranch since 2012. Served in the Air Force in SAC (Strategic Air Command) and in the Navy on SSBN submarines.

During 38 years working for the federal government I served as a Team Leader fixing radar systems all over the world. Worked as a special project lead in a calibration laboratory. Served on several contracting teams writing RFPs (Request for Proposal), evaluating proposals, and running databases. Largest managed project for the Air Force was over \$800,000,000. Served as an Engineering Project Manager for 10 years for the U.S. Marine Corps.



During the base closure of 1995 I was the Vice President of an employee ownership company representing over 400 employees. That company is still operating today. Also served as the President of an entrepreneur association during base closure. I also owned and operated a research and development company for several years. While I have lived in Star Valley I have served as a member of the Town's P&Z Board and represented the Town of Star Valley Ranch as a board member of the Etna Community Center. If elected to the Town Council I would serve in the best interest of the people of Star Valley Ranch. One of the issues I think is important is the health and safety of the residents of Star Valley Ranch. I would work toward defining health and safety issues and how the Town could address these issues.

The completion of the Town's water project is an important undertaking. Our water is a special resource that needs to be protected and well-managed to ensure good quality and quantity for generations to come. The improving and upgrading of the Town's roads will be one of the next big projects for the town. Our town ordinances are a very important part of how our town operates. Our ordinances need to be clearly defined, well-structured, and well thought out. All

residents and companies that live or operate within our city limits need to be treated equally. Our Town ordinances need to be 100% enforceable. I will not vote for any ordinance that is not enforceable.

I would appreciate your support, and if elected, look forward to serving as a member of the town council.

## Don Baillie

I am running for Town Councilman.

I am a life long Wyoming resident, born and raised in Cheyenne. I was district manager for a welding and medical supply distributor serving southeast Wyoming and northern Colorado. I have built two homes, one in Cheyenne and the one I currently live in. I have lived full time in Star Valley Ranch since the summer of 2003. My service to Star Valley Ranch started with my appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board in June 2010 and continued thru June 2015. I was elected chairman of the Board in February, 2012 and served as chairman until June 2015. I was again appointed to the Board in February 2017 and reappointed in June 2018 for another 3-year term. After building two homes, living continuously on the Ranch for 15-years, having professional management experience, and serving on the P&Z Board, I am fully qualified to serve as an effective Star Valley Ranch Town Councilman.



- We must finish the water project and start upgrading our roads before allocating town funds to lesser-needed projects. This is why the Town was founded, WATER and ROADS.
- I will work to PROTECT THE PROPERTY VALUE OF OUR RESIDENTS by requiring building and zoning standards in the Town and in any subdivision near the Town's boundary.

I would appreciate your support. I can be contacted at [hansenbaillie@silverstar.com](mailto:hansenbaillie@silverstar.com) or (307) 883-1404.