



# TSVR Newsletter – January 2021

## Happy New Year!

### New Town Hall Operating Hours

To better serve our citizens, starting January 4, 2021, Town Hall will be open Monday through Thursday, from 8am to 6pm, and will be closed on Fridays. Water service calls for turn on/off will only be scheduled from 8:30am to 4pm Monday-Thursday.

### Swearing in Ceremony

On January 6, 2021 at 9am Councilman Elect Ron Denney and Councilman Elect Taylor Ellis will be sworn into office by Mayor Buyers. Further details will be sent via email and Facebook.

### Water Improvement Projects

Water Improvement Project 2019 will be completed mid-summer. After completion, all construction equipment will be removed from the Town Property on the corner of Vista and Vista West. Water Improvement Project 2021 will begin spring of 2021 in the south and south east part of Town. The contractor will stage their equipment at the Town Shops. We are remarkably close to completing our water projects. Thank you for your patience.

### Community Garden

Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign the Natural Resource Board, Parks & Landscaping Committee will break ground on the SVR Community Garden this spring! A place in the sun, fenced from hungry critters where you can plant your own small summer garden. If you are interested in having a garden spot contact us at [svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com) Space is limited. If we have more requests than plots, we will hold a drawing.

### Scheduled Meetings

#### Town Council Meeting

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm

#### Planning & Zoning Board

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

#### Natural Resource Board

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm

#### New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr Day

Town Hall Closed

### Contacts

Town Hall

307-883-8696

[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)

Special Municipal Officer

307-880-2666





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M. Shane Johnson  
Sheriff



The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to remind Star Valley Ranch citizens and visitors about the use of snowmobiles within town limits.

- The crossing of private property or riding in undesignated areas, such as the golf course greens, is prohibited.
- When crossing roadways cross at a ninety-degree angle, yielding to oncoming traffic.
- Please remember to use protective gear including helmets for your safety.
- Use common sense, good judgment, and be respectful of others' and their property.
- Minors are prohibited from operating any off-road recreational vehicle upon any public streets.
- Off-road recreational vehicles are prohibited upon public streets, unless the person has valid registration, insurance and possess a valid driver's license.
- Any person who is under the age of 18 must wear a protective helmet.
- All traffic laws apply including speed limitations, stop signs and yielding to pedestrians.

Following the laws and guidelines will make for a safe and uneventful winter riding season for you, your family and your neighbors.

Have fun and feel free to contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with any questions.

## Town's Winter Roads

We are into our winter months and would like to remind everyone that road conditions are changing and will become more difficult to maneuver and drive on. Without proper vehicle equipment you will have a difficult time driving on some of the roads in Town during the winter. “You will have a berm in your driveway, you may get stuck and you may hear a snowplow go by at 2:00 am which is all part of living in a mountain Town in the winter.”



Please do not inhibit snow removal any way, any time. Our operators have 35 miles of road to plow and this takes time. Give them a break.

- Stay out of the way of the snow removal equipment.
- Do not park in the road right of way.
- Make certain that your garbage containers are on **your property** and not in the right-of-way.
- Do not push, shovel, or blow snow into the road.

Snowplowing priorities will be adjusted according to snowfall amounts. We start plowing in the early morning hours when the snow depth is about 6 inches.

Please call Town Hall offices directly at 883-8696 with questions.

## Culinary Water Rates for 2021

The Water Ordinance updates, and changes have had their final reading and were adopted at the Town Council meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There are some changes in services and fees.

A full copy of the approved ordinance is on the Town's website ([www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org)) select “Government”, then “Ordinances” and then “Title 4 – Water”.

There is Good News and Bad News!

The “Bad” news is we must again raise the rates however, there is some “Good” news as we are nearing the completion of our water system. Because of our rate structure, the Town will have sufficient funds to meet our loan payments and operate our new system efficiently. The new fees will be reflected in next month's water bills being mailed out at the end of January.

## Water Turn On/Turn Off Fees:

To better accommodate all citizen requests, any water turn on and turn off request must be scheduled in advance and to the quarter hour. This scheduling must be made by the previous day or earlier and the work is performed during the Town's published workday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.



Starting **July 1, 2021** scheduled turn on/ turn off will be a minimum fee of \$50.00. A fee of \$150.00 per hour (minimum of one hour) will be charged for all other times (i.e. Sat, Sun, and Holidays, after 4:00 PM or before 8:30 AM and wait time when persons are not present for the scheduled appointment.

To help avoid these charges, all residents are encouraged to install a stop/waste valve on their waterline, somewhere between the meter and their house.

## Planning and Zoning Board

All of 2020 was a very busy building year. 29 new single-family homes with garages were approved along with numerous other projects.



The Planning and Zoning Board does its best to accommodate the building needs of the construction community and we never want to stand in the way of progress. We are grateful to all of the builders and their crews that are building here in the Town of Star Valley Ranch and your efforts to comply with the ordinances. It appears that 2021 will also be a busy construction season. The Planning and Zoning Board is reminding all

builders and citizens that in order to serve your needs we need to have your cooperation on the following:

1. We need your building plans no later than 8 days in advance of the Planning and Zoning Board Meetings which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our Building Inspector needs time to review plans and to discuss with you any issues that need clarification. The Board needs time to review plans and do a site review which usually occurs no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting. This process gives everyone time to address any issues that might occur and the time to resolve those items in question so there will be no delays.
2. The Town requires that the Building Application Checklist is complete and the Building fees are paid prior to submitting plans to the Planning and Zoning Board.
3. All four corners of the property must be marked with a three-foot stake that is painted with a bright color. The stakes indicate the legal property boundaries have been properly identified.
4. The Town ordinance requires a minimum 30-foot building setback from the road and a Certificate of Placement after the footers have been poured.
5. The Building codes are available to everyone and can be found on the Town of Star Valley Ranch website, here is the link:

<https://www.starvalleyranchwy.org/government/ordinances.php#outer-71> select Title 6.

The Planning and Zoning Board appreciates your cooperation and reminds all members of the community to contact the Town offices prior to taking on any construction project. We are happy to provide you with information and guidance so your project can proceed smoothly. The Building and Zoning Ordinances are in place to protect you and provide you with a community whose housing meets current building standards as proscribed by the International Building Code and International Residential Building Codes. Thank you and here's to another great building year.

# Arbor Day 2021

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The location of this year event will be announced a little later in the spring. The Town of Star Valley Ranch will also be recognized as a Tree City for our 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established a fund for the purchase of trees and supplies for the 2021 Arbor Day and other natural resources work. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Clerk, Kristin Gray, at Town Hall. The Natural Resource Board will add the names to our recognition plaque which is displayed at Town Hall. The minimum donation for displaying the names of donors or remembrances is \$50. Donations received after May 12<sup>th</sup> will be recorded on the plaque in 2022.



## Natural Resource Board

### **Donation for Trees - Arbor Day 2021**

***\$50.00 Donation will entitle you to have a name engraved on the plaque which is displayed in our Town Hall. Donations must be received by May 12<sup>th</sup> for Arbor Day June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (If not received by May 12<sup>th</sup>, donations will be applied to the 2022 celebration).***



Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a name on the plaque?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Is this donation in memory of an individual?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

If **Yes** to the above, please print the name you want engraved on the plaque:

Return to Town Clerk, Kristin Gray at town hall or mail to:

**Arbor Day and Natural Resource Donation**

**Town of Star Valley Ranch**

**560 Middle Branch Drive #7028**

**Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127**