



TSVR Newsletter – January 2020

Happy New Year!

Deer Feeding is prohibited in the Town of Star Valley Ranch

Within the Town of Star Valley Ranch it is prohibited to provide feed to deer and other wildlife with the exception of bird feeders. Here are just a few reasons why it is a bad idea to feed deer:

- ✓ **Diseases & Parasites:** Diseases and parasites are easily transmitted when high densities of animals congregate at feed sites.
- ✓ **Starvation:** Supplemental feeding alters the natural balance of bacteria in the digestive tracts of ruminants so that they are not able to digest the food eaten and die with their stomachs full of undigested feed.
- ✓ **Predation:** Feeding sites create an artificially high animal density. Concentrated animals attract predatory animals.
- ✓ **Habitat Degradation:** Supplemental feeding creates a situation wherein the population of animals becomes artificially high resulting in a greater demand on the habitat. Over time the habitat degrades from over use.
- ✓ **Disrupted Migration:** Migratory animals follow corridors to find forage in the winter. When animals receive supplemental feed they do not move to their winter range and lose the information necessary to get back there in future years resulting in population decline.
- ✓ **Property Damage:** Even animals artificially fed will continue to browse on nearby vegetation in search for proper nutrition. Damage to our native vegetation such as aspens, spruce, firs and maples, and to our landscaped gardens will be devastating, with the potential to change the character of the Town.
- ✓ **Feeding Stress:** Competition for food is a driving force in animal behavior and exists even at supplemental feed sites. Localized feed sites increase the stress and competition for food.

Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Wed., Jan. 15th at 6 pm
Planning & Zoning Board
Jan. 8th & 22nd at 5 pm
Natural Resource Board
Jan. 7th at 2 pm
New Year's Day and
Martin Luther King Jr Day
Town Hall Closed

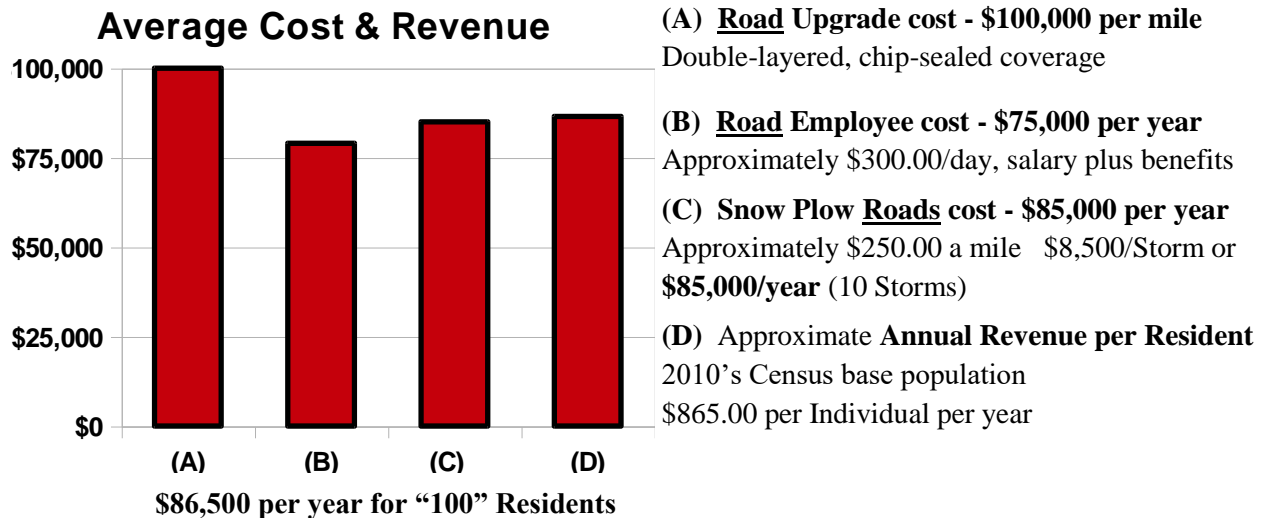
Contacts

Town Hall
307-883-8696
clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org
Public Works
307-880-5325
Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Town of Star Valley Ranch – 2020 Census Road Costs & Revenue Comparisons + Where should I be counted?

(This does NOT include the self-funding Water Utility)

As you review the Town’s costs for **roads**, or as you can see from the chart and information below it takes a lot of Census “population” to generate revenues just to cover a short distance of **road** upgrades, a full-time, **road** employee or to plow our winter **roads**.



(A) **Road Upgrade cost** - \$100,000 per mile
Double-layered, chip-sealed coverage

(B) **Road Employee cost** - \$75,000 per year
Approximately \$300.00/day, salary plus benefits

(C) **Snow Plow Roads cost** - \$85,000 per year
Approximately \$250.00 a mile \$8,500/Storm or
\$85,000/year (10 Storms)

(D) Approximate **Annual Revenue per Resident**
2010’s Census base population
\$865.00 per Individual per year

Should I claim Star Valley Ranch as the location where I “live and sleep most of the time”?

A Sample of the Planned **2020 Census Questionnaire** starts out by stating:

“Before you answer Question 1, count the people in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

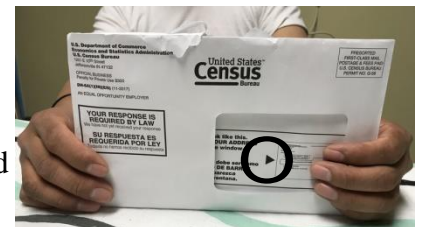
*** Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time”.**

If no-one qualifies for “*this house*”, alternate instructions will be available. We will publish them as soon as we receive the alternate options.

Wyoming State Statutes require “Residency” as a condition to Vote, hold a Wyoming Drivers License, Register an Automobile. The law states: “Your domicile must be in Wyoming.” However, none of this applies. **The U.S. Census** is only concerned with where you **LIVE AND SLEEP MOST OF THE TIME**. So, if you travel to many places during the year, it is NOT a requirement you spend the majority (50%+) of your time in any one single location, just the **MOST OF THE TIME**.

How will I know if my packet is for my Star Valley Ranch “Location”?

The key to ensure that your answer will be posted to the correct location is to double-check your address to the right of the circled arrow “▶” in the packet’s window. Is this your home address here in Star Valley Ranch? and not Thayne or anywhere else you may be on 4.1.2020.



For more information, please visit our Website at: www.starvalleyranchwy.org (Click on: **2020 Census**)
Follow us on *Facebook* at **Town of Star Valley Ranch** and on *Twitter* at **StarValleyRanchWY** or Send us an E-mail question: 2020census@starvalleyranchwy.org

Mayor's Corner -----

Winter Roads

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

Get Involved with Your Community

Are you looking to get involved? Are you interested in community service and would like to participate on the Planning and Zoning, Natural Resource, or Economic Development Board?

Please send an email to billing@starvalleyranchwy.org stating your area of interest.

Culinary Water Rates 2020

The Water Ordinance Updates and Changes have had their final reading and were adopted at the Town Council Meeting on December 18, 2019. A full copy of the approved Ordinance is on the Town's Website at www.starvalleyranchwy.org. Select "Government", then "Town Code" and then "Title 4-Water". The new fees will be reflected in your January billing issued at the end of January 2020.

Snow Removal Reminder

Town Code: 5.05.030 Snow Removal Near Residences. Property owners shall not place snow removed from driveways or private property onto or across the plowed portions of the roadway.....Incident to clearing snow from private property, driveways or ends of driveways; property owners, residents or their agents are prohibited from leaving berms or piles of ice, snow or slush on the traveled portion of any roadway in a manner that could hamper the safe and orderly flow of two way traffic on Town roadways. And please remember NO PARKING ON STREETS OR EASEMENTS this winter.

Trash Container's on Roadway's

Our snowplow operators are having a problem when you place your trash containers on the town roadway. Please, when setting out your trash, place your containers 2 – 3 feet off the roadway and within your driveway apron. If you have any questions please give our Special Municipal Officer, Jim Rodgers, a call at 307-880-2666

Home Address Plates

If you ordered an address plate for your home and have yet to receive it, please give our Special Municipal Officer, Jim Rodgers a call at 307-880-2666.



Weather Cameras Installed

Much appreciation to Bob Strobel owner of the popular cam web site seejh.com, three high resolution cams have been mounted on the Star Valley Ranch Public Works building at no cost to the town. These cameras are part of an expanding network of cams that keep track of the weather across much of Western Wyoming and surrounding areas.

The cameras can be accessed through the Starvalleyweather.com website on the [weather camera link](#). or they can be accessed individually through the following links:

Cedar Creek Cam <https://copyrighted.seejh.com/svrcedarcreek/svrcedarcreek.jpg>

Lost Creek Cam <https://copyrighted.seejh.com/svrlostcreek/svrlostcreek.jpg>

Caribou Mtn Cam <https://copyrighted.seejh.com/svraribou/svraribou.jpg>



Natural Resource Board

Donation for Trees - Arbor Day 2020

\$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 15th for Arbor Day June 13th, 2020 (If not received by May 15th, donations will be applied to the 2021 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