



TSVR Newsletter – June 2020

COVID-19 and Town Events

On Due to the need to apply social distancing and respond to COVID-19 the Natural Resource Board has canceled all large planned events for this spring and summer including Arbor Day, War-on-Weeds Day and the Star Valley Ranch Garden Tour. Some smaller events such as our Star Parties and Sunset Hikes may still go ahead depending on conditions. Notifications will be made via the town email list.

Are you getting TSVR email notifications? If not go to the following link and enter your email address to get the latest email information.

<https://starvalleyranchwy.org/2016/01/06/newsletters/>

Please follow the CDC health directives and stay safe:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, face and nose.
- Put 6 feet of distance between you and other people
- Cover your face and mouth with a cloth covering when you are in public.
- Your cloth covering is to protect other people and their cloth covering is to protect you.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently.

Mid-Valley Fire District

We continue to support the efforts of Thayne Fire to make the Mid-Valley Fire District a reality. The process has changed since last year.

Unincorporated county residents from Etna to the narrows will have the opportunity to vote on the Mid-Valley Fire District during the 2020 general election. Approximately one to two years after the Fire District is formed the Town of Thayne and Star Valley Ranch will vote to be part of the Fire District.

It is extremely important that we educate our friends in the unincorporated county of the importance of having Fire District in our part of the valley.



Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
June 17th at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board
June 10th & 24th at 5 pm

Coffee with the Mayor
Cancelled until
further notice

Contacts

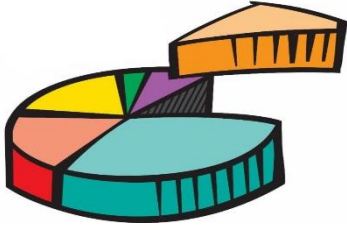
Town Hall
307-883-8696
clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org

Public Works
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Annual Town Budget

The Town's Treasurer and Town Council have worked numerous hours reducing our expected revenue and expenditures in our general fund annual budget. The Town Council passed the first of three readings at the April 15th Regular Town Council Meeting. The Town has four separate budgets which includes the general fund operations and capital budget which receives tax dollars. The water department's operating and capital budget by statute, is an enterprise fund which must be managed as a business. You can find the first reading of the budget on the Town's webpage www.starvalleyranchwy.org.



Firewise and Fire Restrictions for 2020

It is that time of year again that we are cleaning up our yards and around our homes and it's not too late to sign-up for Firewise for 2020. If you are not a registered participant in the Firewise program give Lincoln County Firewise Coordinator, Patty Pringle a call at 307-679-8574. She will work with you on a Firewise assessment of your property and work with you to develop a plan to reduce your wildfire risk.



For those residents that are participants in the Firewise program, roadside pickup of hazardous fuels will be July 20th, 21st and 22nd. Material should not be placed along the road until July 1st in lengths not greater than 8 feet. Prior to July 1st material must be stored more than 10 feet from the edge of the roadway. This should only be natural wildland fuels; no construction waste or other trash.

Remember that per our Town Code: 8.01.050 Open Fires A: *Open burning of any trash, tree trimmings, leaf and grass rakings, or other such debris is prohibited.*

Town Road Right of Way

With Water Improvement Project 2019 starting in the April of 2020 the Town road right of ways will be utilized for the new water line and fire hydrants. Citizens need to remove any landscaping that is in the road right of way. Town Ordinance 5.04.020 allows the Town to remove the landscaping at your expense or you may remove the landscaping yourself. The Town is not liable for damage to any landscaping on the Town road right of way.

New Map of Star Valley Ranch Area Trails Now Available

The Star Valley Ranch Trail Committee has completed a new map of the trails we maintain in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest. Copies of the maps can be obtained from Town Hall or the Mail Center or they can be downloaded by clicking on this link:



<https://starvalleyranchwy.org/2020/05/15/star-valley-ranch-trails-map-2020/>

All of the Star Valley Area Trails are now open but as of press time but the upper ends of both the Prater Canyon and the Cedar Creek trails are still snow covered.

Discharging a Firearm on National Forest land

Using a firearm on the Bridger-Teton National Forest is permitted but a weapon cannot be discharged within 150 yards of any structure/development or occupied area including developed recreation sites such as trailhead. Firearms cannot be discharged across a road or body of water, or in any manner that endangers a person. Incendiary or tracer ammunition is prohibited.



COVID-19 Safety on the Trail

Going for a hike on our area trails? Please follow the following guidelines:

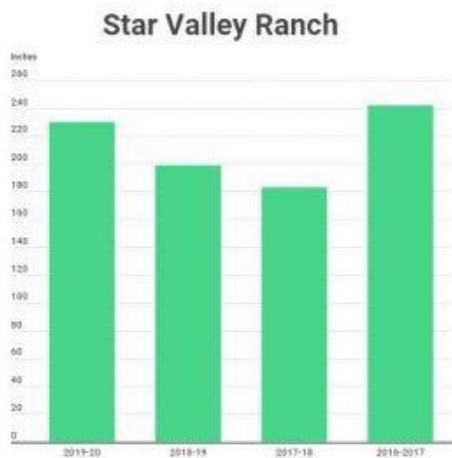
1. Practice social distancing. Keep 6 feet from others at all times during your hike.
2. Do not gather in groups. Hike within members of your household only.
3. Communicate with others as you pass them on the trail. Step off the trail and face away from other hikers as they pass by.

Storage of Recreational Vehicles within the Town of Star Valley Ranch

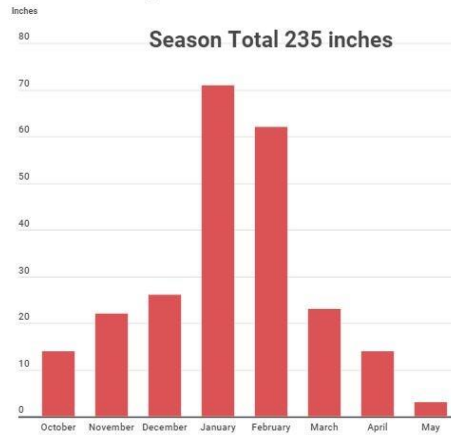
Just a reminder to residents that per town ordinance motorhomes, trailers and campers “shall be kept only be on a lot where a principal dwelling currently exists; and be inside a building or stored in the rear or side yard on a gravel or paved driveway of the owner’s dwelling”. (Ord. 9.05.150 B)

Winter Snowfall Summary

How snowy was it this past winter in Star Valley Ranch? Very! Our local retired meteorologist, Jack Hales shared these two graphics of this past winter. The 235 inches of snow was the most recorded over the last 4 winters. It was indeed a very snowy season!



Star Valley Ranch Snowfall 2019-2020



Three Ways to Stay Informed to Things Happening in Town

1. Submit your email address at <https://starvalleyranchwy.org/2016/01/06/newsletters/> and get the town newsletter and other email updates
2. Like Us on Facebook “Town of Star Valley Ranch”
3. Follow us on twitter “StarValleyRanchWY”