



# TSVR Newsletter – March 2021

## Calculating Snow Load on Rooftops



The winter of 2020/2021 is turning out to be a snowy one. Some homeowners are asking “is there too much snow on my roof?” Since the Town of Star Valley Ranch building codes were implemented in 2008 builders are required to provide an engineered roof that supports a

minimum of 100 lb./sq. foot. If your home was built before 2008 you need to check with your builder or engineer to get an estimate of the snow load for your home.

So how much weight is now on your roof? It depends on the “snow water equivalent” of that snow layer. Right now, measurements in the Star Valley Area are indicating 18% of our snowpack is water. Since a cubic foot of water weighs 62.4 lbs., we can calculate that each cubic foot of snow weighs  $0.18 \times 62.4$  or 11.23 lbs. If there are 3 feet of snow on your roof then to total load is  $11.23 \times 3 = 33.7$  lbs./sq.ft. Well within the 100 lbs./sq. foot design standard.

## Winter Snow Plowing

With the heavy snow that we have received in February it is extremely important we help out our Town Road Crews so they can keep our roads plowed and open. Our operators have 35 miles of road to plow and this takes time. Give them a break.

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

### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
Planning & Zoning Board  
Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm  
Natural Resource Board  
April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm  
Town Hall Hours  
8 am to 6 pm  
Monday thru Thursday

### Contacts

Town Hall  
307-883-8696  
[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)  
Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666



## February Snow Report

Thanks to a snowy February the snow pack has substantially improved in Star Valley Ranch. As of Wednesday February 24, the monthly snowfall total is 73.8 inches with a water content of 3.87 inches. This was generally the case throughout Star Valley and surrounding mountains this month.

Following are the observations on February 24 for the past 5 years at Star Valley Ranch. The water year begins on Oct. 1st.

Year	Snow Depth(in)	Season Snow Total(in)	Precipitation Total(in)
2021	41	160	10.95
2020	37	193	12.88
2019	37	160	13.05
2018	17	122	11.93
2017	38	200	21.52

Surprisingly considering the actual snow depth is the greatest on this date in the last 5 years, actual water year totals are the least which includes both rain and melted snow. The winter of 2016-2017 was substantially wetter including snowfall. Thanks to Jack Hales for this information! You can follow Jack's weather narrative at <http://blog.starvalleyweather.com/>

## Are You Planning on Building?

There are steps you must follow before you begin construction:

1. Develop Plans
2. Apply for Permit from the Town
3. Apply for Permit from the Association
4. Receive Approved Permits
5. Begin Construction.

For more information on the Town permitting process go to:

<http://starvalleyranchwy.org/forms-permits/>

For more information on the Star Valley Ranch Association permitting process go to:

[www.svrawy.com/homeowners/forms/](http://www.svrawy.com/homeowners/forms/)



## 811 – Call Before You Dig



**BEFORE YOU DIG:** Calling 811 is the most important step! Wyoming law requires that you call at least 2 business days before you intend to dig. Call 811 (or if you are calling from out of-state 1-800-849-2476)

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

## Be Speed Aware

Speeding in residential neighborhoods represents the single greatest complaint issued to police departments and city council representatives throughout the U.S.

The speed on all roads in Star Valley Ranch is 25 miles per hour.

Help keep our Town safe and keep it at the limit.



## Star Valley Ranch Community Garden Update

Thank you to everyone who has been supportive of this endeavor. The Parks and Landscaping Committee, a part of the Natural Resource Board, will create a place in our Town for individual summer gardens in unobstructed sunshine, protected from browsing deer and digging critters. Fence installation is scheduled, the tanks have been delivered, the snow, there is still snow.

Response has been terrific in fact we have gotten more requests for garden plots (stock tanks) than there are available tanks. We will draw names, lottery style. March 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to apply for a garden tank. If you are interested in applying for a garden spot contact us at [svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com)



Use of the Community Garden is on an annual basis only. You may apply or reapply each year. There is no charge. A free-will donation to cover the cost of water is suggested.

## Winter Trailhead Parking

During the winter months many of our trailheads are not available due to deep snow. So here are places to park near each of the trailheads:

**Prater Canyon:** Park on the left side of Cedar Drive at the National Forest Boundary in Prater Canyon. Sign indicates parking area.

**Green Canyon:** Park along Green Canyon Circle, the last cul-de-sac on the left of Green Canyon Drive at the Forest Boundary. **DO NOT PARK ON GREEN CANYON DRIVE.** A sign indicates the parking area in Green Canyon Circle.

**Cedar Creek:** Park in the plowed area at the junction of Cedar Creek Drive and the Cedar Creek Trailhead access road. There is room for 3 or 4 cars. **DO NOT PARK ON CEDAR CREEK DRIVE.**



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

**Arbor Day and Natural Resource Donation**

**Town of Star Valley Ranch**

**171 Vista Drive #7007**

**Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127**