



## TSVR Newsletter – Nov/Dec 2022

### Winter Reminder



Winter is approaching quickly! Make sure you are ready for a snowy Star Valley winter. You will need proper tires and an emergency kit in your vehicle. The Town usually plows at night when 4 or more inches of snow is on the road. It is important that you do not leave your garbage can or vehicle in the road right of way (please refer to TSVR ordinance §72.04 Property in Road Right-of-Way). If you have not spent a winter in Town, you may want to partner with your neighbor or Town staff for some recommendations. For the Town snow removal policy please refer to our website at [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org).

### It's General Election Time!

The **2022 General Election** is **November 8, 2022**. For TSVR residents, the polling location will be upstairs at Town Hall (an elevator is available for those who may need it).

**Absentee ballots** are available from the **County Clerk's Office** 45 days prior to the election. To request a **ballot**, you may call the **County Clerk's Office** at (307) 877-2027 or (307) 877-2021 or by e-mail to: [jpainter@lcwy.org](mailto:jpainter@lcwy.org) or [abrunski@lcwy.org](mailto:abrunski@lcwy.org)

### Scheduled Meetings

#### Planning & Zoning Board

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

#### Town Council Workshops

November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am  
November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am  
December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am

#### Town Council Meetings

November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

#### Water Utility Board

November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### Contacts

Town Hall  
307-883-8696  
[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)

Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666



### **PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR CIVIC DUTY & VOTE!**

The 2022 slate of TSVR candidates is as follows:

Candidates for Mayor:

**Don Baillie & Kathleen Buyers**

Candidates for Council (2 seats/4-year term):

**Lee R. Hansen, Kirsten Merrill, & Ruzena Rok**

## TSVR Mission & Vision Statements 2022

The first TSVR Vision and Mission statements were created in 2006. In the spring of 2021, as part of the Town Master Plan update process, the Mayor and Town Council also moved forward with updating the Town's Vision and Mission statements. The new Vision and Mission statements were developed over the course of 18 months with the help of citizen groups, a survey, and citizen steering committee. On September 21, 2022 the Town Council formally adopted these new statements (shown below) for the Town of Star Valley Ranch.

### **Town of Star Valley Ranch**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Town of Star Valley Ranch is to enhance the standard of life for residents by providing (A) a RURAL LIFESTYLE, (B) OUTDOOR AND INDOOR RECREATION, and (C) QUALITY TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE in (D) a FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER. (E) COMMUNICATION IS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT, and (F) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE IMPLEMENTED in such a way that every resident and neighborhood is served in a timely, safe, efficient, friendly, and effective manner.

### **Town of Star Valley Ranch**

#### **Vision Statement**

The Town of Star Valley Ranch, a (A) BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY in a (B) RURAL SETTING adjacent to the Bridger-Teton National Forest, is a family-oriented community offering a wide variety of (C) INDOOR AND RESPONSIBLE OUTDOOR RECREATION with a (D) SOLID INFRASTRUCTURE and characterized by (E) PLANNED RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.

The complete TSVR Mission and Vision statements along with all of the documents associated with their creation can be found on the Town website. Click [here](#) to find them.

## Animal Licensing

Did you know that cats and dogs in town are required to be licensed once they are 6-months old? If you haven't licensed your pet, you may fill out the permit form and submit payment electronically by visiting the Town website at [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org) and clicking on "How Do I?". Or you can complete and print the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it by Town Hall to register your pet.



## Can Emergency Responders Find Your House?

First Responders need your help to find your home in an emergency. Please make sure that reflectorized address numbers are visible from the street. Per TSVR ordinance §71.06 “Address numbers must be clearly visible from the street at all times of the year.” Do your part so first responders can do their part.

The blue reflectorized home address plates (like the one shown to the right) are still available from Town Hall for a cost of \$20 each. Stop by and sign up for one today and our Special Municipal Officer will see that it is delivered to your home.



## Winter Trailhead Parking

Want to get out and snowshoe or ski on the National Forest this winter? Our town road crews do not plow our trailheads so this is where to park when the snow gets too deep!



- **Cedar Creek:** Park in the small plowed out area just to the right of the junction of the Trailhead Road and Cedar Creek Drive.
- **Green Canyon:** Park in the Green Canyon Circle cul-de-sac just before the Forest Boundary.
- **Prater Canyon:** Park parallel on the north side of Cedar Drive right at the Forest Boundary.

## Happy Birthday Star Valley Ranch!

Congratulations! The Town of Star Valley Ranch celebrates its 17-year anniversary on Nov 8th. Here are a few fun facts about our Town;

1. We are still the youngest/newest town in Wyoming.
2. We are the 99<sup>th</sup> Town in Wyoming.
3. Our Town is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in total population in Lincoln County.
4. We have 35 miles of road to maintain.
5. We have the newest water system in Wyoming.
6. More than 67% of our residents are full time.
7. We now have a population of approximately 1,967 citizens.



We look forward to the next 17 years of growth and many accomplishments to come!



## Vandalism of Your Parks & Community Garden

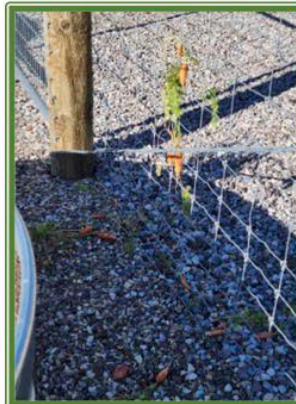
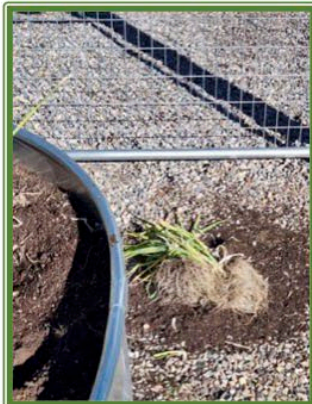
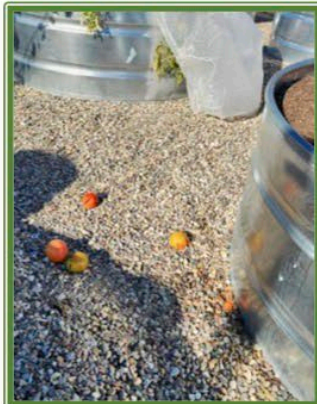
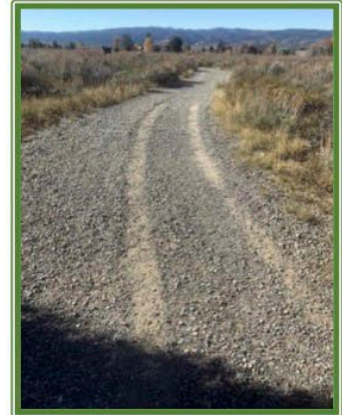
### Notice for Town of Star Valley Ranch Residents

A spree of vandalism occurred in the Town of Star Valley Ranch (TSVR) during the months of September and October 2022 at Fox Run Park and the Crop Circles Community Garden.

***We need your help to bring those responsible to account!***

***The TSVR Natural Resources Board is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification of the individuals responsible for this spree of vandalism.***

- On or about 17 October, an ATV entered and proceeded to joyride around the exercise loop of Fox Run Park causing damage to the walking path. Fox Run Park is a non-motorized park and has signage clearly indicating “No Motorized Vehicles”.
- On or about Friday 14 October, vandals entered the Crop Circles Community Garden (most likely by scaling the fence) and destroyed still growing vegetable crops planted by community gardeners. Tomatoes were smashed and splattered, leeks and carrots uprooted and flung against the garden fence. Tomatoes were also thrown over into Canine Commons Dog Park.



*TSVR and NRB volunteers have spent numerous hours creating the parks and natural areas our residents and families have come to enjoy. Please help us put an end to this destruction of community property!*

- On or about 5 September, vandals damaged three Exercise Loop signs in Fox Run Park by shattering plexiglass. Signs had to be disassembled in order to remove and replace the broken glass.

If you have information about who is responsible for these acts of vandalism please contact:

Jim Rodgers  
TSVR Special Municipal Officer  
Ph: (307) 880-2666

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



# Water Utility **CORRECTION**



## to the Water Utility's September Newsletter Article

An attempt of full disclosure of a citizen's comment regarding the Water Utility's article in the September newsletter. The citizen identified an error in a summary total and brought it to the Council's attention at the Council Meeting during which the citizen stated several times the newsletter was deceiving and deceitful.

The citizen observed that the difference between the total of the major revenue sources as published and the budgeted revenues was over \$350,000 instead of just over \$100,000, if it had been correct. (see below)

The next line read: **"The difference between revenue numbers is made up from a planned use of Reserve Funds and Fines, Interest, Miscellaneous Fees, etc. And, the need to review any increases in our rates."** The question was did this error negate the Board's recommendation for a rate increase of \$2.00 in 2023? *Answer: No, our rate recommendations are based on the results of a Water Rate Model, not on newsletter data.*

We sincerely apologize for this error and as Chairman of the Water Utility Board and author of the newsletter I take sole responsibility for this error.

The error can be found about two-thirds of the way down the article in the line; **"Total Planned Revenues"** which showed the total amount of only the first three detailed revenue source estimates and **DID NOT INCLUDE** the fourth source of revenue, "53.15 Service Connection Fee for \$262,500.

### **As Published:**

***"Total Planned Revenues from the above Fees: TOTAL: \$1,370,225"***

### **CORRECTION:**

***"Total Planned Revenues from the above Fees: TOTAL: \$1,632,725"***

The purpose of this newsletter was to inform our citizens of the major sources of Revenues generated exclusively from Rate Fees and the major components and relationships of Expense items: Loan Repayment and the current year's budget for Operations. In addition, as general information, the line directly below each major summary total was the 2022-23 Water Utilities Operating Budget's Total Revenue and Total Expense as references.

All newsletters are available on the Town's website. Any further questions this article may generate will be answered by the Water Utility Board, please e-mail your questions to the Town's Billing Clerk: [billing@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:billing@starvalleyranchwy.org)

**Again, we apologize for any unintentional, misleading errors we publish!**



# Water Rates

## Rate Recommendation / Explanation

Current Water Utility Board recommendations to the Town Council for consideration. The Council has had the first reading at the Town Council Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### § 54.02 BASE FEE

#### (A) Residential:

<b>¾ Inch Service:</b>	<b>Billing Period Base Fee</b>
Within Corporate Limit	<del>\$62.00</del> <b>\$64.00</b>
Area #1 thru #5 inclusive	<del>\$77.50*</del> <b>\$80.00*</b>
* This fee is for Out-of-Town Services – either Option A or Option B	

#### (B) Commercial:

<b>Service Size</b>	<b>Billing Period Base Fee</b>
¾ inch	<del>\$62.00—</del> <b>\$64.00</b>
1 inch	<del>\$88.00</del> <b>\$91.00</b>
1 ½ inch	<del>\$182.00</del> <b>\$188.00</b>
2 inch	<del>\$278.00</del> <b>\$287.00</b>
4 inch	<del>\$691.00</del> <b>\$713.00</b>

### § 54.10 SERVICE AVAILABILITY FEE:

	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
Residential	<del>\$23.00</del> <b>\$25.00</b>
Commercial	<del>\$40.25</del> <b>\$43.75</b>

Our year-to-year Water “Operating” Budget increased \$150,000 from 2021/22 to 2022/23 which translate to about \$10.50/mth/meter plus the upcoming increase in Loan Payments of approximately \$3.00/mth/lot, however, we feel confident that by using our reserves to smooth the increases to only \$2.00/month/lot again this year is still prudent.

The SAF is used only for loan payments. The Base is split between the loan payments, operating expense and contribution to the capital budget. The September newsletter article had an error in addition for Total Revenues, it has been updated to reflect the correct amount.

We believe we have the ability, pending any significant increase in costs of material, to keep the increases in the \$2.00 range for the next few years.

Our Goals and Objectives were in last month’s newsletter. We believe the above recommendation stays true and consistent with them.

**Thoughtful, solution-oriented input is always welcomed.**





## Town of Star Valley Ranch

171 Vista Drive #7007  
Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127  
Phone: 307-883-8696 Fax: 307-883-8329

### ANIMAL LICENSE APPLICATION/RENEWAL

**Please READ and follow these instructions in order to avoid inconvenience and additional costs to you at a later date.**

1. All dogs or cats over six-months old shall be licensed within thirty (30) days of taking residence in the Town.
2. Each dog or cat license shall expire on **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of the calendar year for which it is issued and each dog or cat shall be licensed annually thereafter.
3. Registration fees will be waived for Certified Service Dog or Cat with proof of Certification as prescribed by a Physician or a Certified Trainer.
4. No licensing fee will be prorated for a partial year nor shall a refund be issued for any license fee already paid.
5. License is not transferable. In the event the License is lost or destroyed during the calendar year for which it was issued, a duplicate will be issued at a fee of \$2.
6. The owner's signed confirmation of address and contact information along with the animal's current spayed/neutered (altered) and rabies vaccination receipt from a certified veterinarian shall be required for registration and license renewals.
7. Please email a photo of the animal (with name attached) to: [billing@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:billing@starvalleyranchwy.org)
8. **\*\*You must pick up tags from Town Hall in order for registration to be valid\*\***

CLASSIFICATION	FEE	LATE FEE (after January 15th)
Altered dog or cat	\$10.00	\$5.00
Unaltered dog or cat	\$25.00	\$5.00

**Please verify information, make any necessary changes and complete any blank lines.**

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Plat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot#: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog: \_\_\_\_ Cat: \_\_\_\_ Previous Tag # \_\_\_\_ or N/A Spayed/Neutered: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Tag # \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* I certify the above information to be true and accurate.

Owner(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

License Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Cert taken: Y/N Proof of Spayed/Neutered Received: Y/N Digital Picture Received: Y/N

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_