

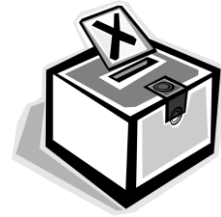


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Election Day



Tuesday, August 19th 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Town Hall

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Town of Star Valley Ranch Candidates
Town Mayor and Councilmen

Mayor's Position:

- Kathleen Buyers
- ~~Bob Horton~~ (Withdraw)
- Edwin Koch

Councilman's Position (two seats):

- Dick Johnson
- John Lynch
- Ron Mueller

The Primary Election is very important,

...In the County and State races, you will vote for one candidate per seat per party.

The vast majority of County Commissioner candidates are all on one party's ticket. To repeat oneself, the Primary Election is very important!

...In Town and City governments, there are no party affiliations. Instead, in the Primary Election, the field of candidates is narrowed down to two candidates for each open seat for the General Election's ballot in November. Because we have only three candidates, if there are write-ins for the Councilman position, the "write-in" with the most votes will have the opportunity to be included on the General Election ballot.

The Primary Election in Wyoming is Tuesday, August 19, 2014. You can register to vote at Town Hall through Monday, August 4th or on Election Day. As in the past, if you are a registered voter, absentee ballots are currently available from the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at <http://www.lcwy.org/departments/clerk/voteregistration.php> or call (307) 877-9056.

PLEASE exercise your right to VOTE

Primary Ballot Candidates

United States Senator - Republican

- Arthur Bruce Clifton (R)
- Mike Enzi (R)
- James "Coal Train" Gregory (R)
- Thomas Bleming (R)

United States Senator - Democrat

- William Bryk (D)
- Al Hamburg (D)
- Charlie Hardy (D)
- Rex Wilde (D)

United States Representative - Democrat

- Richard Grayson (D)

United States Representative - Republican

- Cynthia Lummis (R)
- James Adams Senteney (R)

Governor - Republicans

- Cindy Hill (R)
- Matt Mead (R)
- Taylor H. Haynes (R)

Governor - Democrat

- Pete Gosar (D)

Secretary of State - Republicans

- Ed Buchanan (R)
- Pete Illoway (R)
- Ed Murray (R)
- Clark Stith (R)

State Auditor - Republican

- Cynthia I. Cloud (R)

State Treasurer - Republican

- Mark Gordon (R)
- Ron Redo (R)

State Sup. of Public Instruction - Democrat

- Mike Ceballos (D)

State Sup. of Public Instruction - Republican

- Sheryl Lain (R)
- Bill Winney (R)
- Jillian Balow (R)

State Representative—H.D. #22 - Republican

- Marti Halverson (R)

State Representative—H.D. #22 - Democrat

- Natalia Macker (D)

L.Co. Commissioner (2 Seats) - Republican

- Jerry T. Harmon (R)
- Paul C. Jenkins (R)
- Robert Edward King (R)
- T. Deb Wolfley (R)

County Coroner - Republican

- Michael R. Richins (R)

County Attorney - Republican

- Joshua Smith (R)

County Sheriff - Republican

- M. Shane Johnson (R)

County Clerk - Republican

- Jeanne Wagner (R)

County Treasurer - Republican

- Kathy H. Tomassi (R)

County Assessor - Republican

- Kendall Erickson (R)
- Debbie Larson (R)

Clerk of District Court - Republican

- Kenneth D. Roberts (R)

Precinct Committeeman - Republican

- Robert (Bob) Manning (R)

Precinct Committeewoman - Republican

- Sheryl Manning (R)

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Town of Star Valley Ranch Mayor

- Kathleen Buyers
- Bob Horton (*Withdrew*)
- Ed Koch

Town of SVR Councilman (2 Seats)

- Dick Johnson
- John M. Lynch
- Ron Mueller

Master Plan Update

Refining our Community Vision

Following the incorporation of the Town of Star Valley Ranch in November 2005, the Town completed and adopted a municipal master plan in 2008. Since that time, many of the recommendations contained in the plan have been pursued and completed by the Town; others remain in progress. As time passes and changes occur, it is important that our Town continues to refine its vision for future development of the community. To do this, the Town has once again retained Pedersen Planning Consultants who assisted the Town with its preparation of the 2008 master plan report.

An important aspect of the master plan update is to gain your insights and aspirations for our community. Pedersen Planning Consultants is preparing a community survey that will soon be published on our municipal website for your review and consideration. It is our hope that you will take the time to complete this important survey so that revised strategies for future community improvements can reflect your concerns and your vision for our Town.

In addition to the community survey, you may also desire to provide Pedersen Planning Consultants with questions or other comments that perhaps are not addressed by the community survey. If so, feel free to contact Jim Pedersen, Principal Planner, at 970-887-3759 or 307-760-2922 or via e-mail: pedersenplanning@gmail.com.

Aside from the revision of various types of background information concerning the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Pedersen Planning Consultants will also be meeting jointly with members of the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Board, Economic Development Board, and Natural Resources Board to identify specific community development issues and opportunities and related strategies for addressing them. Consequently, you may also wish to suggest possible recommendations to your Town Council and board representatives.

During the course of the master plan update, which is scheduled for completion in November, Pedersen Planning Consultants will provide us with monthly updates of its progress and an overview of what is being learned and what our Town is saying about where we go from here.

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Under Age Drivers

It is illegal for a non-licensed person to operate a motorized vehicle (motor bikes, ATV and golf carts) in the Town. Please be responsible and monitor the situation among your family and friends. We do not want another fatality in our Town.

Natural Resource Board

Firewise Day

Saturday, August 23rd has been designated Firewise Day for the Town of Star Valley Ranch. An event, jointly sponsored by the Town and the Association will be held across from Town Hall on the 23rd from 10 AM to 1 PM. Representatives of the County Firewise Program will be present as well as the Thayne Volunteer Fire Department, Wyoming Division of Forestry, the USDA Forest Service and Smokey Bear! They will all be there to answer questions and help homeowners keep their properties fire safe! We hope to see you there!!

Trails Assessment and Planning

The Natural Resource Board has begun working with the USDA Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest on developing a hiking trail plan for the national forest lands adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch. This includes lands in and around Green, Prater and Cedar Creek Canyons. A report on this planning effort will be presented to the town at the August Town Council Meeting. We need your input!

Firewise Assessment

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is in the process of obtaining Firewise Community Certification and part of this process is to conduct a Firewise Assessment. On Monday, June 30th a Firewise field assessment was conducted within the Town of Star Valley Ranch

The purpose of this assessment is to identify wildland/urban interface fire issues within our Town and to make recommendation to the Town Council and the Natural Resource Board on actions that we need to take to mitigate some or all of these issues.

Over the next month or so the NRB, in conjunction with our partners, will be developing a report on the findings of the June 30th assessment. This will be presented to the Town Council at the August meeting.

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War On Weeds

A special thanks to our Lincoln County Weed and Pest management and crews. Also thanks to Star Valley Ranch Association and all the volunteers who joined our ranks and had a great day ridding our Town of noxious weeds.

Attention - Town Mail Center - Box Holders

For those of you who have a mailbox at the Town's Mail Center, we have good news! You should have received a letter from the United States Postal Service informing you of your new "Mail Address". Your new mailing address is your street address followed by Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127-XXXX.

Patience is the word of the day! Apparently, this is a significant change for the local Post Office in the delivery of mail to our location. Questions and problems should be directed to the Post Office in Thayne or as the letter indicates, please call Daniel Kunkel at 303-853-6644. They must work out the kinks in the system.

There is no need to notify anyone nor change all your inbound mail addresses immediately. You will receive your mail if it is addressed to either your current route number: HC 62 Box 7xxx OR your new street address and 9 digit zip code.

The USPS has requested that you use the new address immediately for all your return addresses, all new contacts as they happen and you can change the old ones at your leisure.

Our thanks to Senator Enzi, Representative Lummis and their respective staffs for their support, help and involvement in this project. A special thanks to Dan Kunkel of the USPS in Denver, CO for his work on making this change happen.

No new ZIP CODE however, but another step towards improving our mail and package deliveries. Depending on the vendor or suppliers software, this change may or may not help with the ZIP CODE showing "Thayne" as our Town. We are still working on this part of the problem.

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Trash Containers

Please store trash in areas that are secure from big animals. On pickup day, please set your containers out as late as possible and bring them in as soon as possible. We love our bears and big cats, but please do not set up a feeding station for them.

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Help Prevent Forest Fires

Thanks to everyone for making our 4th of July a safe and sane weekend. As we head into fall the danger of forest fires increase. Please be aware of open fires and fireworks.


Let the Town's Special Municipal Officer know of any concerns or the compliance of your fire pit before you light a recreational fire.

Townhomes - Apartments - Duplexes

The Planning and Zoning board recently finished preparing ordinances for Multiple-Family Residential Zone MR-1 and Multiple-Family Residential Zone MR-2 (drafts are available at Town Hall or on our website. The Town Council plans to review and vote on the third and final reading of these ordinances in our next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Wednesday August 13 at 7:00 PM. Public comment is welcomed at the meeting, the P&Z Board meetings, by email or phone.


These ordinances include terms like townhouses, apartments, duplexes, licensed care facilities, schools...etc.! These ordinances are for the area beyond the Town's boundary known as the Town overlay zone. The overlay zone is the area from the border of our Town out one mile; most towns have them, but we did not.

This is a big deal for us as a Town, in the future as development is proposed in the overlay zone. We will have guidelines and some control over what happens right next to our Town! These MR-1 and MR-2 ordinances are intended for that overlay zone only and do not affect any of the zones already established in the Town of Star Valley Ranch. We are preparing for the future.



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Please RESPECT Private Property

With the exception of our roads, all property within the boundaries of our Town is private property. Please do NOT cross private property without permission with any kind of vehicle or even when walking or skiing.