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2014 Happy New Year 2014

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Town-Observed Holidays for 2014

* January 1, 2014	New Year's Day
* January 20	Equality Day (Martin Luther King Day)
* February 17	Presidents' Day
* May 26	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day observed for purpose of flying Senator Thomas' U.S. Capitol Flag
* July 4	Independence Day
* September 1	Labor Day
* October 13	Columbus Day
November 8	Founders' Day Observed
* November 11	Veterans Day
* November 27	Thanksgiving
* November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
* December 25	Christmas
* December 26	Day after Christmas
* January 1, 2015	New Year's Day
(*Town Hall closed)	

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Law Enforcement Stats

(Previous 30 days)

	<u>Cases / Citations</u>	<u>Incidents</u>
Court	2 for \$430.00	
Special Municipal Officer	1	17
Sheriff's Department	0	19

Culinary Water Service Fees

Appendix 4.10-A - Effective 12/18/2013

(See Town Website www.starvalleyranchwy.org or Town Hall for the complete ordinance)

General: The fee schedule in this appendix is established for calendar year 2014 billing periods but will remain in effect until revised by future ordinance. The new water rates will become effective for the January, 2014 billing period. The January, 2014 billing is for the water services that are provided generally in the month of January and for which the water service bills will be sent out in early February.

A Water Connection...

...may have been made to a property prior to the Town acquiring the water system, for which the Town has no knowledge, and has not charged the appropriate water fees. If the owners of said property can provide proof that they paid a water connection fee to the previous owners of the water system, they will, in lieu of paying the System Development Fee, be allowed the alternative of paying all past Flat Fees and Base Fees that would have been charged had the Town had knowledge of the service, plus interest at the rate specified elsewhere in this appendix. This alternative is not available to the owners of property where the service has been disconnected or removed as a result of delinquent payments. If the owners of the said property cannot provide proof that they have paid a water connection fee, they will be required to pay the appropriate System Development Fee before the water service will be provided.

THE APPROPRIATE FEES WILL BE ALLOWED A 10% REDUCTION IN FEES IF THE TOWN IS NOTIFIED AND THE FEES ARE PAID PRIOR TO July 1, 2014.

Turn On/Turn Off Fees:

To better accommodate all citizen requests, any water turn on and turn off request must be scheduled in advance and to the quarter hour. The Town will not charge a water turn on or turn off fee when scheduled by the previous day or earlier and the work is performed during the Town's published workday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. The Town has the option to waive the prior days' notice in cases that can be directly attributed to current repairs where the water must be shut off at the meter or curb stop.

Unauthorized access to the curb stop or meter pit: (This is a Federal Offence)

Individuals will be issued a citation and fined up to a maximum of \$750.00 penalty per incident if the service is turned on or off by anyone other than an authorized agent of the Town, except in case of an emergency as defined in Section 4.01.020 – Emergency.

In case of an emergency,

An individual must:

Notify the Town's Water Department immediately

Emergency Telephone Number (307) 880-WATER (9283) OR as published Document and send to the Town in Writing:

Date – Time – Place –

Description of the emergency Pictures (before, if possible and after)

Witness signature (if present)

Base Fee:

Residential Fees:

<u>Billing Period</u>	<u>Base Fee (¾ inch)</u>
Within Corporate Limits	\$48.00
Area #1	\$48.00
Area #2	\$48.00
Area #3	\$60.00
Area #4	\$48.00
Area #5	\$48.00

Base Fee Credit:

<u>Billing Area</u>	<u>Period Credit</u>
Within Corporate Limits	\$15.00

The credit is applied to the Base Fee for water services within the Town corporate limits. Credit is based on a portion of Property Taxes and the 5th Penny Sales Tax as determined by the Town Council.

Water Service Fee (Usage):

<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Per Gallon</u>
Within Corporate Limits	\$0.0016
Area #1	\$0.0020
Area #2	\$0.0020
Area #3	\$0.0020
Area #4	\$0.0020
Area #5	\$0.0020

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Snow Machines and All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's)...

...are a popular pass time and means to get around Town. They are welcome and legal on our roads as long as traffic laws are obeyed. These laws include: obeying speed limits, coming to a complete stop at stop signs and staying off all private property without permission.

Natural Resource Board

Snowshoe Trails in Fox Run Park:

The Town of Star Valley Ranch, Natural Resource Board has begun grooming snowshoe trails on the walking paths within Fox Run Park. This is a great place to snowshoe; over 1 ½ miles of trails, great views of the mountains and it is very quiet!

If you can walk - you can snowshoe, and this holds true for even the youngest members of the family. Snowshoeing is low impact and about as strenuous as walking down a trail. A blanket of clean white snow muffles noises so you only hear the trail crunching underfoot. Because snowshoes give you good traction and balance, you can look around as you walk, watching for birds, deer and animal tracks. It's great exercise and Fox Run Park is a great place to enjoy it!

Arbor Day 2014:

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our fourth annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 7th, 2014 Fox Run Park. This year our goal is to add up to 20 new trees to the park and install a water source for the irrigation of these trees.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established a fund for the purchase of trees and irrigation supplies for the 2014 Arbor Day. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Clerk, Stella Mackey at Town Hall. The Natural Resource Board will add the names to our recognition plaque that is displayed at Town Hall. The minimum donation for displaying the names of donors, memorials or remembrances is \$50 or more. For names to be recorded on this year's plaque, donations must be received by May 1st, 2014. Our fund raising goal for this year is \$2,000 then we hope to get a matching grant from the Wyoming State Forestry Division.

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SNOW REMOVAL

We are trying to do our part to minimize snow-berms in driveways. Unfortunately, there will be some berms no matter what we do. We are sorry, but our budget does not allow clearing individual driveway entrances.

Snow Plowing Priorities

1. School Bus Routes and Emergency Equipment Building
2. Commercial Locations
3. Main Roads
4. Secondary Roads
5. Cul-de-sacs
6. Grooming and clean up may follow in a day or two following major storms

Snow does not fall evenly all across our Town. We try to start plowing when the snow depth on the slopes is about four-plus inches and on the flats at about six-plus inches. **Therefore, snowplowing priorities will be adjusted based on existing snowfall conditions.**

Please do not inhibit snow removal in any way or at any time.