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**Town of Star Valley Ranch Weather Station**

Due to the generous donation of one of our Town's residents, we now have a weather station and web cam at the Town of Star Valley Ranch's Public Works shop by Fox Run Park. The weather is always up to the minute.

Go to the Town's website <http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org/> to access either the weather station, or the web cam and click on the link at the bottom of the home page.

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**Culinary Water Service Fees - Effective 12/15/2011**

The Culinary Water Service Fee schedule is being established for calendar year 2012 billing periods and will remain in effect until revised by future ordinance. The new water rates will become effective for the January 2012 billing period. The January 2012 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.

The Town wants to thank all water users for their water conservation efforts in 2011. There was no shortage of water this year due to the abundant snowfall last winter, fixing leaks, and conservation efforts resulting from metering the water and charging for actual usage.

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## Postal Delivery Boxes Available

There is some indication that the U.S.P.S. may be closing down some of the Post Offices in our valley.

The Town has approximately 200 residential boxes available for those who live here. Our boxes have a one-time key fee of \$35.00 plus tax for a total of \$36.75. Which is inexpensive compared to an annual box rental fee elsewhere. The unmanned Postal Unit is located on Vista Drive and has just undergone outside improvements.

These boxes are available on a first come first served basis. For further information call 883-8696 or to signup please come to Town Hall.

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## Summer Brings Higher Water Usage

(No need for your vegetation to be brown)

The July billing brought about residents' concerns of higher water usage needed to keep their landscaping green. We have found our residents' usage to be:

- Low end 20,000 to 45,000 gallons + base fee = charges of \$48 - \$83.
- Middle ground about 50,000 to 60,000 gallons + base fee = charges of \$84. -\$90.
- Higher end 65,000-110,000 gallons + base fee = charges of \$111- \$174

Average usage was from 30,000-55,000 gallons for those watering their lawns. To some, that seemed like a high amount. Several voiced their concern and thoughts.

To put into perspective, this kind of usage is only for three months July, August, and maybe September. Then **usage** should drop dramatically, for the fall/winter months, and down to zero for those who leave in the winter.

When you look at the average for the whole year you will see the amount paid should be close to the previous year and in some cases even lower. Feel free to contact our office at any time if you have a concern or more questions on your water usage. 307-883-8696, or e-mail the water department: [svrh2o@silverstar.com/](mailto:svrh2o@silverstar.com/)

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## Walking Paths on Fox Run Park

Many people walk and/or jog to benefit their health and well-being. We encourage everyone to participate in these activities.

Some people may not be aware of the walking paths and exercise equipment that the Town has constructed at **Fox Run Park**. For those that may not know where the park is located, the entrance is at the intersection of Hardman Drive and Middle Branch Drive. There is a parking area for your vehicles, picnic shelters and a rest station.

The paths are laid out in a way that allows a good variety of distances to walk and one route has a dozen pieces of wellness equipment complete with instructions for their use.

No powered vehicles are allowed on the paths so it is much safer than walking on the Town roads. **Remember the Dog ordinance is strictly enforced, there is a leash law, and all that is dropped, must be picked up.**

There are many different species of vegetation to make for a pleasant and interesting walk, the paths all have gentle slopes and you don't need to worry about traffic. We are proud of the improvements the Town has made to **Fox Run Park** and hope you will be please with them too.

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## TSVR Planning and Zoning Board

Steve Ashworth has been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. Steve was an original Board member and Chairman. He also recently served on the County's Planning and Zoning Board, both as a member and Chairman.

There are new Town Codes for driveways, accessory buildings greater than 120 square feet and fences. Changing existing driveways that now exit onto town roads in anyway, require a building permit. Paving an existing driveway and ending the paving at the property line does not require a permit. Accessory buildings greater than 120 square feet must be built to the 2006 International Residential Building Code. First before starting any fence or excavating call One Call of Wyoming, 811 from a landline or a cell phone. Call 48 hours in advance. Beware of any propane lines, as they do not locate propane lines.

Before starting any new construction or remodeling project, contact Town Hall first to see if any permits are required or come to any Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Planning and Zoning meetings are held the first and third Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall.

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# Natural Resource Board Informational Meeting

The Natural Resource Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. A draft Community Forest & Vegetation Plan will be presented. We encourage residents to attend this meeting.

## Vision & Objectives

### A. Vision:

To protect, sustain and promote the health and safety of the forests and vegetation within the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming.

### B. Objectives:

- a. To provide the citizens of Star Valley Ranch an understanding of the type and condition of forest and vegetation resources with the town.
- b. To provide a strategic approach to sustaining the forest and vegetation resources of the Town of Star Valley Ranch.
- c. To provide the citizens and employees of the Star Valley Ranch with a range of “best management practices” for the care of trees and vegetation within the town.
- d. To provide a list of tree species, that will maximize the chances for planting and growing success.
- e. To maintain forest and vegetation management practices that allows the vegetation within the town limits to blend with the surrounding natural environment.
- f. To provide information and management practices to minimize the impact of uncontrolled wildfire on the Town of Star Valley Ranch.
- g. To provide the town with a realistic and achievable budget for the management of tree and vegetation resources.

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