



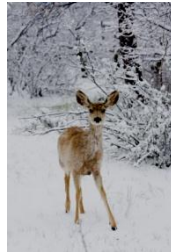
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Please Do NOT Feed the Animals!

Both proponents and opponents of winter-feeding have the deer's best interest in mind. However, even well designed and executed winter-feeding programs do not significantly increase the mule deer's survival.

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Again, be a good neighbor! The concentration of supplementally fed mule deer will most likely lead to:

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1. The increased destruction of plants and trees in the surrounding area
2. An increase in the attraction and presence of predatory animals (Coyotes and Mountain Lions) to our area.

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Cold Temperatures

When in doubt - leave your water running at night

The Town's water ordinance takes into account that several homes need to leave their water running to prevent their pipes from freezing.

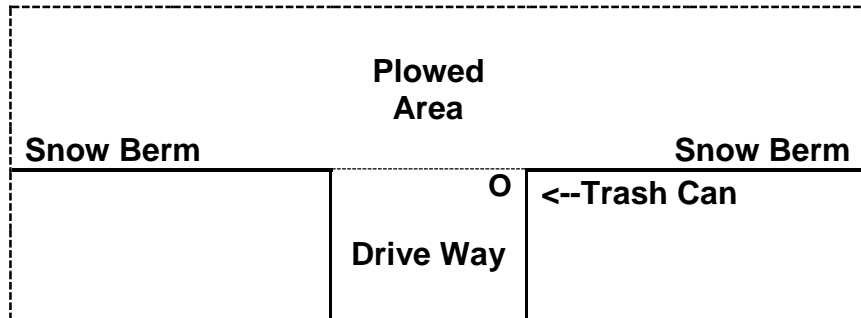
This has been an exceptional year, in spite of the low temperatures. To date there have been only two reports of a resident with frozen pipes and none for the Town due to the weather. We believe this is mainly due to the proper installation of the new pipes when we replaced the old steel pipes.

The maximum water usage that is billed from December through March is 4,000 gallons per month. At the current rate of \$0.0015 per gallon, your water usage portion of the water bill would not exceed \$6.00 per month for in Town users. Those services outside of Town's rate of \$0.00187 would not exceed \$7.48 per month.

This is a very small amount compare to the expenses to fix frozen pipes.

CARS – GARBAGE CANS – ETC.

The snow is here! Just a reminder to make sure your garbage can is placed inside your property line on garbage day. Remove it from the side of the road as soon as you can after the company has picked up your garbage. The bears may be hibernating, but our snow removal crews and the raccoons are still out!



Snow tires and chains are the order of the day. We live in a high snowfall area; please equip your automobiles properly. If your car cannot make a hill or for any other reasons you cannot reach your destination, please do not leave your vehicle parked in the roadway. Short time parking is available in the lower parking lot of Town Hall.

We have over 30 miles of roads to clear of snow and we do not want to damage anyone's property or especially injure someone. Help our road crew get their job done, fast and efficiently. We will all benefit. If you have concerns, call Town Hall or our Special Municipal Officer (880-2666) for help!

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Natural Resource Board

Arbor Day 2013: The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our third annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 8th in Fox Run Park starting at 10:00 AM. This year our goal is to add additional new trees to the park.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established an account for the purchase of trees for planting on Arbor Day. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Clerk, Brenda Bauer 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, memorials or remembrances is \$50.00 or more. Donations must be received by May 1, 2013 for names to be recorded on this year's plaque.

Board and Committee Openings

All positions are on a volunteer basis. You are welcome to attend any of our Town's Board Meetings to see them in action. They are a great group of people. If you have questions or interest, please contact Town Hall (svrtown@silverstar.com or 307-883-8696).

Town Economic Development (TED) Board is looking for one individual for a future board position. This individual should be interested in researching businesses that would be successful in the town's commercial district. Supporting the town with communication through technology and supporting the Lincoln County Economic Development Board. This is a three-year term.

Natural Resources (NRB) Board has an open seat. This position is a three-year plus term that will end on 6-30-16.

The mission of the NRB: "Protect and Promote the safe and environmentally conscientious use of Natural resources, including vegetation, soil and water resources of The Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming".

No prerequisite or qualification are required, just an open mind and a willingness to help.

The creation of a Town **Beautification Committee** will be considered at this month's regular scheduled meeting. If the committee is established, there will be several volunteer opportunities. This will include Committee Members with Green Thumbs.

The Beautification Committee will concentrate on Town owned property, Fox Run Park and the Town's Entrances, as well as the evaluation and establishment of other related priorities.

Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board has one seat available.

The P&Z Board reviews and acts on applications for building permits. They assist in developing building regulations and in planning and regulating the future development and growth of the Town of Star Valley Ranch.

Please send your interests and background to Town Hall: email, letter or in person.

Water Rates

This is your first bill with the new 2013 updated Title 4 - Water rates as passed in Ordinance 2012-11-26. The current outlook is the Water Department is close to meeting its obligations and commitment to the Wyoming Water Development Commission to be totally, self-sufficient.

The new rates are as follows:

	In-Town Connections		Out-of-Town Connections	
	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>%Increase</u>	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>%Increase</u>
Base Rate:	\$47.00	13%	\$47.00 - \$58.74	13% - 43%
Base Rate Credit:	\$15.00	0%		
Service Fee (Usage):	.0015	7%	.0015 - .00187	7% - 34%

In-Town Connection increases during the winter maximum of 4,000 gallons usage:

	<u>2012 Bill</u>	<u>2013 Bill</u>
Base Rate:	\$41.00	\$47.00
Base Rate Credit:	-\$15.00	-\$15.00
Service Fee: (4,000 gallons)	\$0.0014 = \$5.60	\$0.0015 = \$6.00
Total Bill	\$31.60	\$38.00

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<p>Star Valley Ranch Association February 2013</p> <p><u>SVRA Board of Directors Request Public Input</u></p> <p>The Annual Star Valley Ranch Association Newsletter and assessment packets were mailed earlier in January. Included in the packet was an update on the Barn/Silo Redevelopment, which included sketches and floor plans of the proposed building. Your input is important. Please send your comments to the SVRA offices at svrawy@silverstar.com or call at 307-883-2669. You may also view the plans on the SVRA website, www.svrawy.com.</p> <p>We had a good discussion of the plans during our January Board meeting and the Board anticipates another discussion at the February Board of Directors' Meeting on February 16. However, you are encouraged to provide comments before then to help incorporate potential changes into the next meeting. We want to make this facility as useful to the members as possible and value all of your thoughts and comments.</p>	
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