



Town Bulletin #38

October 2013

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Flu Shots

Town Hall
Thursday, October 17
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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Town's Fall Activities

Nuisance Ordinance

We are looking at updating our ordinance. If you have suggestions prior to our revisions please send them in. We want a safe place for our citizens to walk. We want an animal friendly Town. These two objectives are not necessarily conflicting. We just need to work together.

Water Ordinance

It is that time of year for the Water Department to review rates. We must continue our commitment to put the Water Department in a self-funding financial position. However, we anticipate a smaller increase this year. Again, if you have comments, please let us know.

Planning and Zoning

We plan to have our first reading of updates and additions to our zoning ordinance at our October 9, 2013 Town Council Meeting. Comments Welcomed

You can find drafts of these proposed changes on our website following the first reading. (*For most written communications regarding existing ordinances, we publish current version in black, proposed deletions are **bold cross-outs** and proposed additions are **bold red words**. Where color is not available, (proposed additions) are shown inside parenthesis.* Our website is www.starvalleyranchwy.org

Well #1 (Airport Well) Rehabilitation

Work will begin shortly on upgrading the existing well. The well casing will be scrubbed. The screens at the bottom of the well will be cleaned. A new motor and pump will be installed. Thomas Drilling was awarded the bid in September, with a start date of early October. The entire process should take less than 30 days. Funding was previously set aside for this project.

Steel Pipe Replacement Application

We located another section of old steel pipe. We have applied for a 25% grant with a 75% loan, 20 years and -0-% Interest to fund the cost of the Project. We will have a hearing on this project during our normally scheduled Town Council Meeting on October 9, 2013.

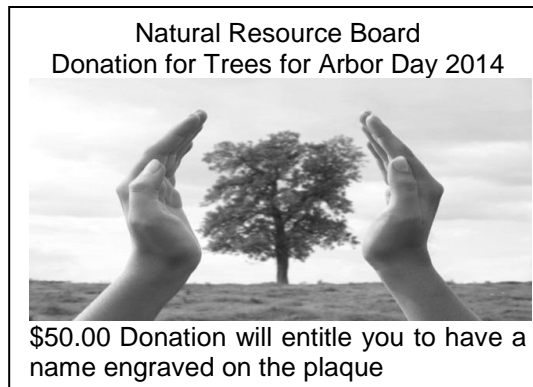
Natural Resource Board

Arbor Day 2014

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our fourth annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 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 at Town Hall.

The Natural Resource to our recognition plaque Hall. A minimum donation of donors, memorials or For names to be recorded donations must be received



Day. Donations can be Town Clerk, Stella Mackey

Board will add the names that is displayed at Town for displaying the names remembrances is \$50. on this year's plaque, by May 1, 2014.

Our fund raising goal for this year is \$2,000 for which we hope to get a matching grant from the Wyoming State Forestry Division.

Fall Tree Planting

Although people consider spring being the ideal time to plant, many trees do better when planted in the fall. You still need to take care of your newly planted trees so they can survive the winter months.

Some species of trees do not do as well with fall planting including dogwood, maple, aspen, poplars and birch. These are best planted in the springtime for better growth and easier adapting to their environment.

The best time to plant your trees is when the soil temperature is still above 55 degrees F. at a depth of 6 inches. The earlier you plant in the fall the better the trees can become accustomed to growing outdoors in the ground.

This year should be good for fall tree planting with the rain we have received. Dig the hole 2 to 3 times wider than the tree's rootball, but keep the depth only as deep as the rootball. It is a good idea to loosen the soil at the bottom of the hole with your spade or shovel. Refill the hole until half full with soil you removed. If there are any big clumps either break them up or toss them away. Tamp the soil gently to remove any air pockets. Finish filling the hole, tamping the soil gently. Water the tree well.

For added protection during the winter months and to help retain moisture, put a 3-inch layer of mulch around the tree. Keep the soil moist until the weather freezes.

Bear Watch

It is very important for the safety of all citizens as well as the bears that we do everything possible to keep our garbage out of the bear's reach. On pickup days, set your garbage cans out that morning and take them back as soon as possible. Please do not leave them out over night!

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Unlicensed ATV / Motorcycle Drivers

We apologize to our law-abiding citizens for running this same article more than a couple of times. However, speeding and non-licensed drivers of motorized vehicles are a big problem in our Town. Please help everyone have a safe place to live, by notifying the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department of any observed infractions.

The Lincoln County's Sheriff Department has added additional patrols that focus on traffic and traffic violations. Violators are being cited and fines are being assessed. Please be aware of the rules governing our use of vehicles within the Town limits and on Town roads.

We are sorry to report that recently over **\$390.00 in tickets** have been paid. Please slow down!

State of Wyoming traffic regulations govern all roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch. All operators of motorized conveyances on SVR roads, including operators of ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles, cars, and trucks are responsible for adherence to those regulations.

Basic Rules of the Road for operating ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles, cars, trucks, or other motorized vehicles on the roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch

- **All drivers of motor vehicles must hold valid driver's licenses.** This includes drivers of ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, and snowmobiles, cars, trucks and other motorized conveyances.
- **Parents, guardians, or others who permit unlicensed drivers to operate motorized vehicles on Town of SVR roads will be subject to citation and fines** and may be held civilly liable in the event of injury to persons or property resulting from the actions of unlicensed drivers.
- **Drivers must obey all speed limits.** The speed limit on all roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch is 25 mph. The speed limit on Muddy String directly adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch is 35 mph.
- Drivers must obey all traffic signs, signals, and advisements including stop and yield signs. When no signs are present, always use caution at intersections and yield to other vehicles.
- No vehicles, including snowmobiles, are permitted to enter onto or to cross private property. Please respect and protect the property of others.
- Refer to the Wyoming Department of Transportation's website to download the Wyoming Driver's Handbook and a complete list of traffic regulations.

To our Snowbird Citizens: Farewell! Have a great winter! Hurry back!

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Planning and Zoning Board

This month the Planning and Zoning Board reminds you of two subjects that deserve your close attention.

The first one is Outside Lighting.

Light pollution can be a real problem when it diminishes our ability to view and admire the beauty of our starlit skies at night. If we use outside lighting that is too bright it severely reduces the wonderful natural light from the stars above. Sometimes they cannot be seen well or not at all. This is very evident in large cities where nightlights are more prevalent and to a smaller extent here in Star Valley Ranch. Unless we are careful about our outside lighting now and in future years, we will gradually lessen substantially the heavenly show that now adds so much to the exceptional natural beauties we all enjoy so much.

Star Valley Ranch Town code 9.05.140 Outside Lighting for new construction reads, (in part)

B) ...No line of sight to a glaring light source is permitted from 5 feet or more inside a residential property line or public right-of-way property line by an observer viewing from a position that is level with or higher than the ground below the fixture.

C) 2. An outdoor light fixture emitting more than 1200 lumens, except motion detector activated lighting, shall be full cutoff and fully shielded to an observer at the property line.

Visit the website "Globe at Night" for interesting information about our night skies.
www.globeatnight.org

The second subject is Wild Fire Prevention that of protecting our beautiful natural landscape and homes from accidental destruction by fire.

Almost everyone enjoys a bright and warm fire in their fireplace or stove. However, one thing we sometimes do not realize is that a cozy inside fire can cause an unwanted fire outside by sending sparks or larger embers out through the chimney onto dry rooftops, weeds, or trees.

There is a reliable and affordable mechanism that those who have fireplaces or wood/coal burning stoves can place on their chimneys which greatly reduces the possibility of this happening. It is called a "spark arrestor". It can be purchased at the hardware store and installed by yourself, a hired handyman, or your chimneysweep.

Newly built homes on the Ranch are now required to have them, but there are many older homes, built before that requirement was made, which do not have one. If you have a fireplace or wood/coal burning stove, please check your chimney and - if you do not already have one - make our town and surrounding area much safer from fire by installing a spark arrestor soon.