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Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year



Star Valley Ranch

Congratulations

2015 Town Council

Mayor:

Kathleen Buyers

Councilmen:

Marc Jones

Ed Koch

John Lynch

At the January 2015 swearing in of Mayor and the new Council members, Kathy Buyers Council seat will be declared “vacant”. The new Council may appoint a Councilman for a two-year term (Town Code 2.08.040 - Filling a Vacancy).

If you are interested in serving as a Town Councilman, please send your statement of interest and a brief resume of your experiences to Town Hall.

E-mail: svrtown@silverstar.com

Call: 307-883-8696

Mail: SVR 171Vista Drive, Star Valley Ranch 83127-5158

Natural Resource Board

Arbor Day 2015: The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our fifth annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Fox Run Park. This year our goal is to add 5 to 6 trees to the park and dedicate our new tree watering trailer which was purchased with our 2014 tree planting grant from the state of Wyoming!

This year we expect a visit from young and old! It should be a grand



Smokey Bear. Bring the kids, day!

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established a fund for the purchase of trees and irrigation supplies for the 2015 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. Donations must be received by May 1 to be recorded on the plaque for 2015.

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**Natural Resource Board
Donation for Trees for
Arbor Day 2015**



***\$50.00 Donation will entitle you to have a name engraved on the plaque
Donations must be received by May 1 for Arbor Day June 6, 2015
(If not received by May 1' donations will be applied to the 2016 celebration)***

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____ Date _____

Do you want a name on the plaque? Yes _____ No _____

Is this donation in memory of an individual? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes to the above, please print the name you want engraved on the plaque

Return to Stella Mackey at town hall or mail to:

**Arbor Day Donation
Town of Star Valley Ranch
171 Vista Drive
Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127-5158**

Town's Winter Roads

We are into our winter months and would like to remind everyone that is spending the winter here at Star Valley Ranch that road conditions have changed and are becoming more difficult to maneuver and drive on. We hope you have noticed the great condition most of our roads are in and the improvement of roads when compared to those of past years. The Town will continue to make the effort to maintain the roads in the best condition possible.

The Town normally will plow snow after a base is established on the road so damage does not occur to the road itself. A significant amount of snow fell on the first storm. The snow was cleared but we still need to establish a base to protect the road. Many times with the first storm, because of the warmth in the ground, slush will develop and make driving difficult. The Town will do its best to make all roads passable but would ask for your patience until this base is built up and normal plowing can take place.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch completed several road projects this past summer. Many of the roads have added gravel and improved materials on them. This creates favorable road conditions for plowing snow during winter weather. The road improvement project will continue throughout next summer in an effort to improve their condition.

Please do not inhibit snow removal any way, any time. Some precautions for the winter months would be:

- Stay out of the way of the snow removal equipment.
- Give the snow removal equipment plenty of room to operate.
- Do not park in the roadway.
- Make certain that your garbage containers are behind your property line.
- Do not push, shovel or blow snow into the road.
- When dropping off children or waiting for the school buses;
 - Please do not park.
 - In the Road
 - Facing the Traffic
 - Near Intersections

Roads will be prioritized in the following order:

1. School bus routes & commercial locations
2. Primary thoroughfares
3. Secondary roads
4. Cul-de-sacs

Snow does not fall evenly all across our Town. Snowplowing priorities will be adjusted according to snowfall amounts. We try to start plowing when the snow depth on slopes is about 4 inches and on flats at about 6 inches.

We are looking forward (as much as we can look forward to winter) to good road conditions and the ability to get where we want to go safely and in a timely manner.



Lincoln County Sherriff's Report



Sheriff's Office
 Lincoln County
 State of Wyoming
 1040 Justice Center Dr. - P.O. Box 1364
 Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101
 307-877-3971
 421 Jefferson Street, Ste 301- Afton, Wyoming 83110
 307-885-5231
 M. Shane Johnson - Sheriff

With the winter season upon us, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to remind Star Valley Ranch citizens about the use of snowmobiles and off road recreational vehicles in town limits. The crossing of private property or riding in undesignated areas, such as the golf course greens, is prohibited. When crossing roadways cross at a ninety-degree angle, yielding to oncoming traffic. We would also like to remind all riders to use protective gear at all times to prevent injury. Snowmobiling can be a great winter activity. Drive responsibly. Let us all do everything we can to keep snowmobiling safe and fun for everyone. Use common sense, good judgment, and be respectful of others property to make the upcoming winter season enjoyable for all.

Minors are prohibited from operating any off-road recreational vehicle upon any public streets. Off-road recreational vehicles are prohibited upon public streets, unless the person has valid registration, insurance and possess a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement. Any person who is under the age of 18 must wear a protective helmet.

Please feel free to contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with any questions that you may have.

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Radon

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas and comes from the natural breakdown (radioactive decay) of uranium. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today.

Radon is everywhere and fixing a radon problem is very straightforward. If your home has not been tested you can go on-line, just search RADON, you can find test kits to order starting at about 15.00 dollars. If you are buying or selling a home your realtor can get the test kit for you.

If your home has high concentrations of radon there are ways to reduce it to acceptable levels. Radon problems can be fixed. Test your home first if it tests high you can seek the help of a radon-mitigation professional, you may wish to look at the list of Certified Radon Mitigators for our state.