



## *SVR Newsletter*

### *February 2015*

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### **More Fire Hydrants Coming to a Street Near You.....**

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**Congratulations!** The Town of Star Valley Ranch was recently approved by the SLIB board for 2.9 million in funding for the first phase of a 12 million dollar PVC pipe replacement project, which the town has broken down into several phases. This project will replace PVC pipe that is over 40 years old, undersized, inadequate in depth, and has inadequate valves. This new project will also create; 25 new fire hydrants (approximately), 23,500 linear feet of new pipe, numerous valves for improved pressure, and improve water directly and indirectly to approximately 370 residents. This money will enable the Town to replace water lines thru-out areas in the Northern most part of the town and a few additional water lines along main roads. See the Town of Star Valley Ranch website for more information. The safety of our town remains one of our top priorities and we are excited for this project to begin this summer.

#### **Scheduled Meetings**

Town Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
at 7:00 PM

#### **Events**

Coffee with Mayor  
At Town Hall  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 to 10 am

#### **Contacts**

Town Hall  
307-883-8696  
[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)

Public Works  
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666

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# Please... Do Me No Harm.....

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**Dear SVR residents:** People commonly make the mistake in thinking that feeding me in winter is helpful. Like most things in life, this sounds like a simple solution. But it's not that easy, and in fact, supplemental feeding may do more harm than good to me and my family-n-friends.

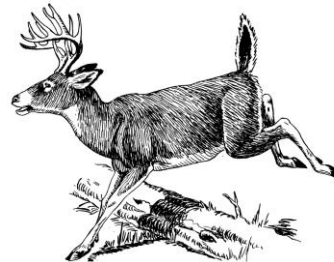
Winter weather conditions can put stress on us. With the ground covered by a foot or more of snow in some areas, we are forced to eat woody browse, old dead leaves or even tree bark and lichens. It's not the best food stuff in the world but we have been eating it for many years and somehow are able to manage fairly well on it (at least in winter). My digestive system is tuned to winter forage and

can make the most of these low-quality foods. I may lose 20-30% of my body weight over the winter, but it is how I have learned to survive.

My rumen (stomach) contains millions of living microorganisms, which allows my digestive system to handle just about anything. The trouble is, these microorganisms are specialists and accustomed to digesting woody browse, I am unable to tolerate corn or apples, even though I will gobble them up. You may feel that the one apple you feed me is harmless, but remember that if every neighbor is feeding me one apple, that adds up. We do not do well on radical changes to our diets and a corn or apple meal is a radical change from the diet of twigs and dead leaves we've been on for the past month or more.

When I am artificially fed, my belly feels really full, but my digestive system struggles to digest it. Should I be fortunate enough to live through this belly ache that I can't readily digest, chances are I will be unable to handle woody browse when I do eat it.

Sure, winter stresses me out, but filling me up with indigestible foods is not the way to go. Just allow me to continue to feed off of fallen tree limbs that have dropped to the ground, the tender tips and buds have plenty of nutrition and I will eat my fill. Since I have been eating similar stuff all winter, branch tips and buds can be readily digested - and I can grow up to look like him.



Thank you,

**Your Neighborhood Deer**

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## Coffee with the Mayor

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Star Valley Ranch Town Hall is serving “Coffee with the Mayor”. Residents are invited to join Mayor Kathleen Buyers for coffee and casual conversation the last Monday of each month from 9am to 10am.

Have a question for Mayor Buyers? Come hear the answers over a cup of joe.

Coffee with the Mayor will meet at Town Hall, located at 171 Vista Drive. This is another communication tool and a chance to get to know the Mayor, visit Town Hall, and see your town government at work.

*The next “Coffee with the Mayor” will be held on February 23rd, 2015.*

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## Like US on Facebook

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Hurray! The “**Town of Star Valley Ranch**” has a Facebook page. Be sure to “like” us and then invite your friends to do the same. Get updates on town meetings, announcements, and upcoming events. Not only can you use this site to keep updated on current town happenings, but we also want to use this site as a tool in case of emergencies to get information out quickly and efficiently.



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## Coming Soon

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Information Boards at the Postal Center showing current Town projects and progress, Community Resources, Events, and Education. Look for it in the Month of February.

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# Snow Removal

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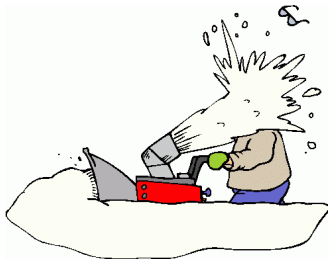
We are into our winter months and would like to remind everyone that is spending the winter here at Star Valley Ranch that road conditions have changed and are becoming more difficult to maneuver and drive on. We hope you have noticed the great condition most of our roads are in and the improvement of 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.

**Please do not inhibit snow removal in any way or 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 for snow plowing in the following order:**

- School bus routes & commercial locations
- Primary thoroughfares
- Secondary roads
- 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.

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# PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

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## THINK SNOW!

It's snow time in TSVR as winter residents know. But perhaps for some lot owners thinking of building a residence in the future, snow issues are not a prominent part of your planning. WELL, they should be! Some of the snow issues to consider when designing that new structure include:

Steep roofs shed snow, the snow pile at the foot of the roof can reach 6 feet by end of winter and before this time, it has blocked doors, buried the base of windows, broken deck railings, and buried stairways (and perhaps during snowmelt, seep under doors and windows).

Gentle roofs retain snow that could bury vent pipes or second floor windows and if so requires removal.

The location and slope of your lot may pose severe access problems such as a steep icy driveway or fronting on a steep icy town street.

Snow removed from your driveway has to be placed somewhere – think about where.

Stairs on the north side of a structure remain icy longer than those on the south side!

The Town Planning and Zoning Board will permit you to build any structure that meets town building codes. That permission does not include a Board analysis of your potential snow problems. So please think snow before you spend money on a house plan or a lot. Even if you plan to be “down south”, your house remains here with the snow!

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## Walkers vs. Snowmobiles vs. Automobiles

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### Rules of the Road



- Yield to everyone
- Stay as far to the right as plowing permits
- Walk single file, toward traffic, and out of the traffic lane when autos pass
- Make sure you have a flag on your snowmobile
- A valid driver's license is required to operate any motorized vehicle on roads
- Slow down, the speed limit for all vehicles is 25 miles per hour

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies will issue tickets to violators**

**Please inform your friends and guests about our rules.  
Thank you!**



# 2015 Water Fees

*(Complete water service regulations and water fee information can be found in Title 4 of the Town code which is available on the website at [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org))*

<u>MONTHLY BILLINGS</u>	<u>IN-TOWN CONNECTIONS</u>	<u>OUT-TOWN CONNECTIONS</u>
Base Fee	\$53.00	(A) \$66.31 or (B) \$66.25 *
Service Fee	Usage X \$.0017 per gallon	(A) T&M** (B) Usage X \$.0021 per gallon
Tax Credit **	\$15.00 ***	Not Applicable
<p>* Based on Out-of-Town Service areas, and which billing option A or B is chosen            ** Actual time and materials specific to each service area plus \$.0021 per gallon over 7959 gallons            *** Credit is based on a portion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale Tax and Property Tax received by the Town</p>		

### Turn on/Turn off Fee

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 8:30AM and 4:00PM. A fee of \$75.00 per hour (minimum one hour) will be charged for all other times. This free turn on or turn off will not be provided if the shut off is due to failure to comply with regulations or pay charges due.

The Town will charge a fee of \$75.00 per hour (minimum of one hour) for wait time when persons have scheduled turn on or turn off services and are not present within ¼ hr. of the scheduled appointment time.

### Unauthorized access to the curb stops or meter pit:

Individuals will be issued a citation and fined up to a maximum on \$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 emergency, individuals must:

Notify the Town's Water Department immediately

Emergency Telephone Number (307) 880 WATER (9283) OR as published

Date – Time – Place – Description of the emergency Pictures (before, if possible and after)

Witness signature (if present)