



Town Bulletin #53

January 2015

Your new Town Council will be sworn into office...

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Mayor:

Kathleen Buyers

Councilmen:

Marc Jones

Ed Koch

John Lynch

Open Seat – Two Year

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Coffee with the Mayor



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 first “Coffee with the Mayor” will be held on January 26, 2015.

Farewell and Thanks to all of you

Mayor Boyd Siddoway and Councilmen Kent Harker and Al Redlin would like to thank all those individuals, both employees and the many, many volunteers who spent their time and resources to make this Town a success.

We all have a better place to live because of the additional funding and improvements made to our community over the last nine years.

This last year was no different, the Council’s “**2014 Report Card**” is available on-line at www.starvalleyranchwy.org or an e-mail copy may be requested from Town Hall svrtown@silverstar.com or 307-883-8696.

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Planning and Zoning Board

George A. Redlin

At the end of the year, the P&Z Board lost the support and guidance of the Town Councilman dedicated to the production, functioning, and growth of the Planning & Zoning Board, Al Redlin.

He has been as much a part of the Board as he was a mentor, counselor, and liaison. His sage advice was sought and followed throughout the creation and development of the P&Z processes and procedures, as well as our efforts to create our Town's Ordinances. He has functioned as a contributing member of the Board throughout the years as well as translating all of the ordinances we created into a consistent format for our Town Code.

We cannot thank Al enough for all of his contribution to the P&Z Board over the years. He will be greatly missed.

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!!! ATTENTION !!!

Town Code: 5.05.030 Snow Removal Near Residences

...Incident to clearing snow from private property, driveways or ends of driveways; property owners, residents or their agents are prohibited from leaving berms or piles of ice, snow or slush on the traveled portion of any roadway in a manner that could hamper the safe and orderly flow of two way traffic on Town roadways...

The Town plans to continue enforcing our Town Code.

Fines up to \$750.00 may be imposed.

Redlin – Final Thoughts

The following are thoughts that I have as I prepare to leave after serving on the Town council for its first nine years and being a member of the community for the last twenty years.

Of course, I am proud of what has been accomplished. Our main objectives were few and quite clear when we formed the Town and we set out vigorously to accomplish them.

To me, the most rewarding part of serving on the Town council is the tremendous support that we have enjoyed from the people of our Town. I was expecting my life to be bombarded with complaints when I became a councilman. By far, there have been many more compliments. What may have been feared as complaints have been, for the most part, valid and valuable suggestions. My thanks to the people of our Town and many, many thanks to all of the Town citizens who have come forth to volunteer on our Town boards. These persons have proven to be extremely capable and are providing an invaluable service to the Town. I know that all of the Boards are doing a great job but I have been most closely associated with the Planning and Zoning Board and I want to give them my special thanks. Much of what is now in our Town code regarding building requirements and zoning provisions was generated by your Planning and Zoning Board and this will prove to be valuable to the Town, not only now, but in future years.

The value of the leadership provided by Mayor Siddoway cannot be over expressed. He has been relentless and untiring in his constant support of our Town. His judgment of what needs to be done is always reliable. He has become a trusted individual and a friend to almost everyone that he works with, all the way to the governor's office. This has been invaluable in obtaining financial support for the many needed projects. Star Valley Ranch is now well known and trusted in the State government offices.

Barbara and I have lived in several areas of the country and in several towns. Star Valley Ranch is the greatest of them all and has the most potential. We have owned eight homes and all but one were in areas that had a homeowner's association. In all cases the homeowner's association brought something to the community that would not have existed without it and made the community more special. I have heard comments from people that they would like to see the Association go away. Do not let it happen. With both the Town and the Association, Star Valley Ranch, can get the reputation to be, and actually be, the best place to live west of the Mississippi.

What will we miss the most? Without a doubt, it is the people. I cannot say much more than that. We have so many friends here and you cannot be replaced.

I want everyone to know that Barbara and I are not leaving because we want to. It is what family and friends and even our own conclusions tell us we must do.

Our thanks to all of you.

New Water Rates

Effective on February 1st Billing

The ordinance is online www.starvalleyranchwy.org or pickup copy at Town Hall

Base Fee (per month):

Town Residents: \$53.00 (last year \$48.00)

Outside of Town: \$66.25

Service Fee (per gallon):

Town Residents: \$0.0017 (last year \$0.0016)

Outside of Town: \$0.0021

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Wyoming Game and Fish Department

News Release December 15, 2014

Pet owners are asked to control their dogs around wintering wildlife.

Cold temperatures and heavy snowfall that typically take place during winter in Wyoming mountain areas not only leads to a change in activities for us, but for wildlife as well.

As winter progresses, more and more big game animals move out of the locations where they spend much of the year and into lower lying areas to spend the cold weather months. With the onset of winter, big game animals, especially deer and pronghorn often move considerable distance and it is inevitable that this migration sometimes brings the animals into areas where people live and recreate. One of the ever-present problems facing wildlife is conflicts with dogs as the movement of big game animals brings them close to outlying subdivisions in search of food.

In recent weeks, conflicts have occurred in and near a number of Wyoming communities. The Game and Fish office has received a number of reports of conflicts between dogs and deer. In one case, a deer had to be put down due to its injuries from a dog and in another instance; a dog was injured by a cow moose.

Game and Fish stresses this is the most vulnerable time of the year for wildlife as food is harder to come by and the fat reserves animals have built up during the summer are being used up. *(Our local deer herd is as vulnerable to winter stress, as are these migrating herds.)* Even if the animal is not actually caught and killed by a dog the stress of being chased causes it to use important energy reserves that could be better used obtaining food. *(Please obey the local Town Code's leash law at all times when your dog is not on your property.)* Under Wyoming law, dogs that are found chasing big game animals may be killed by wildlife officers and the pet owners may be cited. Even though the owners may not know their dogs are chasing wildlife, a citation can still be issued. (Please Contact: Gary Fralick Office: 307.883.2998, Cell: 307.730.2802 or Todd Graham 307.885.3717)