



**Town Bulletin #10  
June 2011**

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**Arbor Day Celebration**

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will host its first Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, June 4. The celebration will take place at the entrance of the BLM Land (Hardman Road & Middle Branch Drive) starting at 10:00 a.m. As part of the celebration, the Town will plant a tree.

The community is invited to attend and participate in the tree planting.  
A short program is planned  
Punch and Cookies will be served.

For additional information on the Arbor Day Activities, contact Town Hall: 883-8696 or Carol Warren at: [cjw@silverstar.com](mailto:cjw@silverstar.com).

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**Lincoln County Centennial Celebration**

Star Valley Ranch is proud to participate in Lincoln County's Centennial Celebration.

The celebration will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>,  
at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Kemmerer.

Visit: [www.lcwy.org](http://www.lcwy.org) for more details.

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**Some Areas Around the New Water Meters are Settling?**

We have had the first full winter with our new water meters and in a few cases, the ground around the new meters has settled. If your residence has experienced this, please contact Town Hall with your address. You will be placed on a list for the construction company to pay special attention to your location.

## TSVR Planning and Zoning Board

Ron Thacker                      Chairman 883-7082  
Don Baillie                      Member 883-1404  
Lee Hansen                      Member 883-6350  
Roger Jeffs                      Member 883-2352

Town of Star Valley Ranch—883-8696

### ***HELP WANTED***

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Two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board will occur on July 1, 2011 due to the expiration of two members' terms. Town citizens who have an interest in serving the community are encouraged to consider serving on the Town of Star Valley Ranch Planning and Zoning Board. The Board desires to recruit talented individuals with diverse backgrounds as new members. Being a year round resident of the Town would be considered a plus. If you would like more information and/or want to be considered for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, please contact the Town offices, any Town Official, or any member of the TSVR Planning & Zoning Board.

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## Building Permit Information

As the weather warms up and visions of various building projects take form, the Planning and Zoning Board reminds the public that building permits are required for most projects. Because at least two weeks are required for the Board to properly review permit applications and place them on its meeting agenda, the public is advised to submit applications as early as feasible to avoid delays in starting construction. In addition to normal new house and garage projects, permits are required for new decks and existing deck extensions, fences, new driveways and accessory/utility buildings over 120 square feet in size. A permit is also required for structural modifications to an existing structure. While some small projects may not require a permit, ***members of the public should contact Town Hall before starting any construction project to determine if a permit is required.*** Beginning a building project and not obtaining a required permit could result in increased fees, citations, and fines. Complete information on the building permit process can be found in the Planning and Zoning tab on the Town of Star Valley Ranch website, [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org), or by visiting the Town offices at 171 Vista Drive.

Members of the public who obtain a building permit for any project are reminded to obtain a final inspection when their project is complete. All permitted projects are required to have a final inspection to insure the completed project conforms to the approved plans. Permit deposits may not be refunded until the project has passed a final inspection. Failure to complete a project and obtain a successful final inspection within the permit time period may result in citations, fines, and forfeiture of permit deposits. Permit holders should contact Town Hall to arrange for a final inspection on their building projects.

## **It's the Law! Call before you dig.**

For your own safety and to avoid a **BIG** expense that will cause you to remember the next time, Wyoming One Call must be notified to avoid digging into underground telephone or power cables. Before doing **any** excavating (with tractor, backhoe, or even a shovel) for **any** purpose, call 811 or Wyoming One Call, 1-800-849-2476, **48 HOURS** in advance. Wyoming One Call will notify The Town of Star Valley Ranch Water Dept, Lower Valley Energy and Silver Communications. Before calling, mark the area where you plan to do your excavating in **white** (black if on snow) paint. When asking for a locate, also ask for a locate from the street to your electric meter. Wyoming One Call has no locate provisions for propane lines, so if you have propane, be aware of the propane line between your tank and house.

***Dig slowly and carefully because your propane line may not have tracer tape!***

### ***Helpful Information:***

When landscaping within a four feet of your water meter pit, use landscaping material that is easy to replace (grass or flowers). Maintenance on the meter pit may necessitate removal of the surrounding material. If you do not have a blue T-Post marker that identifies your meter pit, call Town Hall at 883-TOWN (8696) to get a marker installed. Some meter pits are not readily visible and having a visible meter pit marker is a great aid to the Town Water Department in the event of a problem.

Town building codes require spark arrestors be installed on all newly constructed homes, but homes built prior to adoption of current building codes may not have them. A spark arrestor is a screen placed in a chimney opening that prevents small burning embers (sparks) from escaping into the open air. Burning embers in open air are an invitation for uncontrolled wildfires, a potential catastrophe for our community. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to check their chimneys for this important safety item. Spark arrestors can be purchased in hardware stores and are not difficult to install (once you get up on the roof). A chimney sweep can also check to see if you have a spark arrestor and may be able to install it as well.

## **? A Name for the Town's "Wellness Area" ?**

The Council is seeking input from the Community on naming the 40-acre parcel of BLM land.

This area currently has approximately four miles of trails with a dozen fitness and wellness apparatus planned for installation by the first of July. We are reserving 34 acres exclusively for the Town's future to include many health and fitness activities, see our Website:

[http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org/Plans\\_Prompts.html#BLM Land Use Plan](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org/Plans_Prompts.html#BLM_Land_Use_Plan)

1. Names submitted by the public will be collected by the Natural Resource Board
2. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Natural Resource Board will then select the top 3 names.
4. These recommended names will be provided to the Town Council.
5. The final selection will be made by the Town Council at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.

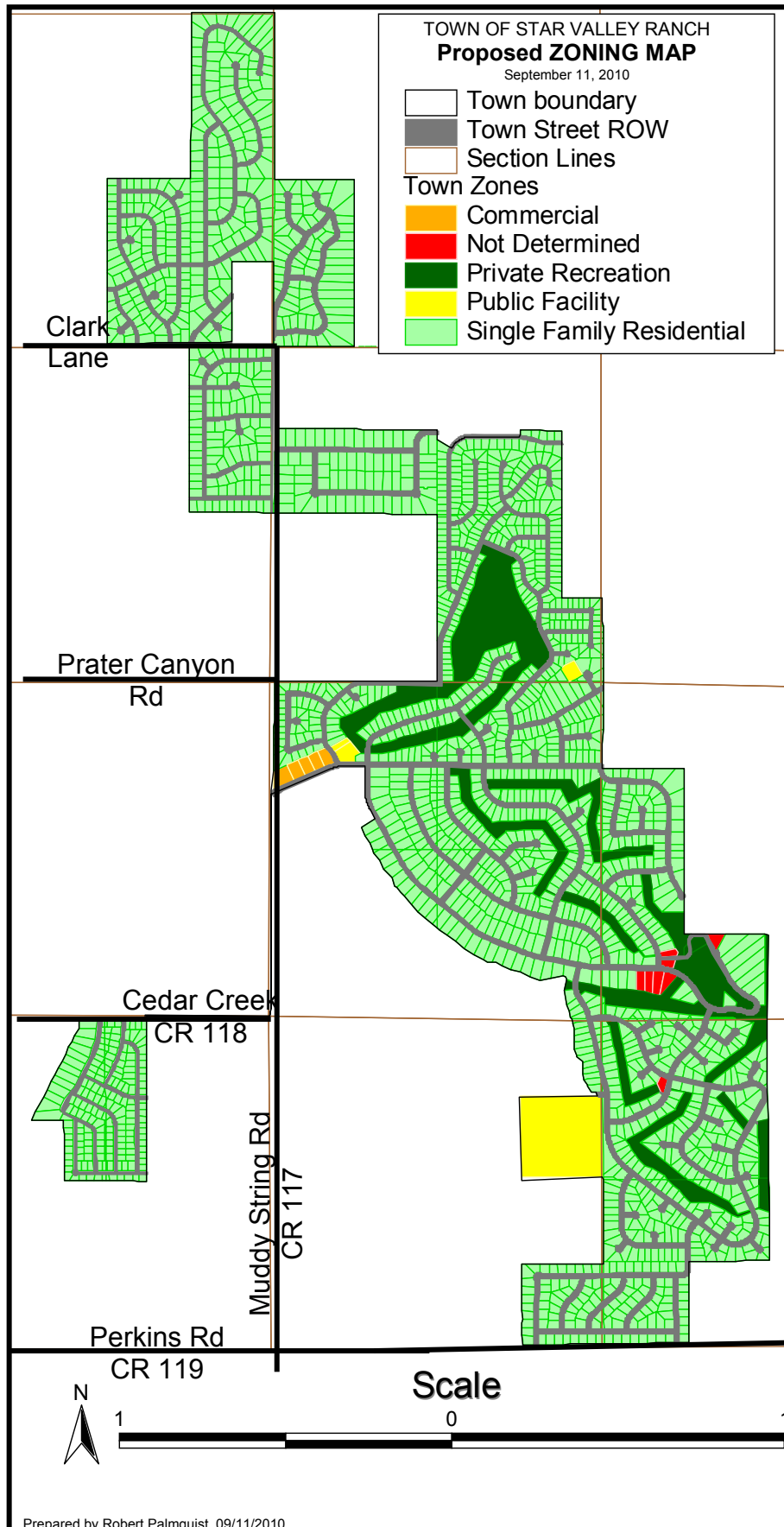
This is not a contest so you will not need to provide your name, unless you so choose. Suggestions can be e-mailed to [svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com). Suggestions can also be dropped into a box that will be located at Town Hall. A box will also be at the Town's Arbor Day Ceremony on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the BLM land.

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## **IT'S NOT PERSONAL – it's just a "MATTER of FACT"**

There is no question that we have come through a long hard winter, spring brings many surprises, and some of these may be gravel on lawns, disturbance to landscaping or part of a driveway entrance being damaged. The fact is that most of us live on graveled roads. When the snow does melt, different things are uncovered. There is no way that these occurrences are a personal vendetta against any of the residents. We receive large amounts of snow. Large equipment is used to move that snow. Roads are sanded frequently. Thus, the area along the side of the roadway is subject to gravel and potential damage. In most cases, the damage or excess gravel is not on private property, but where residents have landscaped or paved into the Town's right-of-way. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The Town crew works hard year round to keep the roads in the best condition possible. When spring arrives, the crew is busy getting the roads back in shape. There will be potholes and washboard roads. The crew is working hard to improve them as time, manpower and budget allow.



## This map is the proposed Star Valley Ranch "Zoning Map"

The proposed zoning does not conflict with any known SVRA's DCC&R nor with any current use of the land.

The Town Council will consider adopting this map at our June 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Citizens who have questions or wish to make comments may do so up to and including the night of our Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>

-OR-

Writing to:

Star Valley Ranch  
 HC 62 Box 7007  
 Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127

E-Mail to:

[svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com)

Attend a:

P&Z Board Meeting  
 Town Hall  
 5:00 PM  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Or call:

A Board Member or  
 307-883-8696

## Independence Day Celebration

Our community will be celebrating the "Fourth of July" on **Saturday, July 2, 2011**  
Lots of fun for all ages.

7:30 AM - VFW Flag Ceremony at the Pavillion	Pancake Breakfast
Patriot Wellness Walk, Kid's Run and a 5K Run	Basketball Games
Parade – Golf Carts, Bikes, Trikes	Kid's Races
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cakes, Pies and Ice Cream	Carnival – Games
Train Rides	...and More

Come join your neighbors and have a fun day at Star Valley Ranch

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### **June 29 is the Deadline for DCC&R Revision Vote**

As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1174 ballots (58%) had been received and door-to-door visitations to encourage members to cast their vote had begun. Over 1400 "to approve" ballots are needed to pass the revisions. Replacement ballots and witnesses are available at the Ranch Office or home visits by committee members can be arranged. Willing to volunteer? Need help? Call 307 883 2669. Congratulations to J.D. and Brenda Braswell who won the final incentive cash drawing of \$500.

### **Announcement and Improvements**

- ✓ Mountain View Grill operated by Shawn Gharaman is open daily at 10 am.
- ✓ Jackie Marie returns for Karaoke at the Barn on Sunday, June 12 at 4 pm.
- ✓ Improvements include new picnic tables in the pavilion
- ✓ Pool changing rooms have been refurbished and tiled.
- ✓ Resurfacing of the tennis courts begins the week of June 6 weather permitting.

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> Board Election and Annual General Meeting**

Property Owners Weekend, June 24-26 -- Play for Free June 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>

**Mike Blackman, Alycyn Culbertson, and Derk Izatt** are the 2011 board candidates.

**A quorum of 30% of lots (over 550)** with assessments paid is required to validate an election at SVRA. Vote in person, by absentee ballot or proxy. See Annual General Meeting packet mailed recently for directions.

- Friday, June 24, 7-8 pm: Meet the Board Candidates at the Barn
- Friday/Saturday, June 24-25: Annual Property Owners Golf Tournament
- Saturday, June 25, 7:00 am: Polls open for Board Election
- Saturday, June 25, 8:30 am: Annual General Meeting with Community Center presentation
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Free for members and their immediate family; tennis, golf green fees, swimming.
- Watch for information on family activities in the park.

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