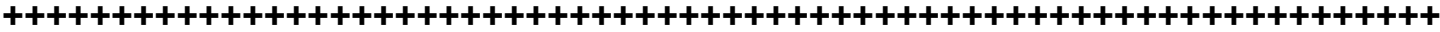




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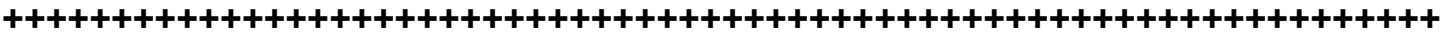
**TOWN WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS!**



**THE MANNING TEAM**, affiliated with Jackson Hole Real Estate Associates and Christi's International Real Estate, has leased the space at the west end of the postal center at the entrance of Star Valley Ranch to establish an exclusive Real Estate and community information center.

The center will showcase properties for sale on the ranch, provide information on roads along with a detailed map identifying property locations and price ranges, and list upcoming events for the area.

THE MANNING TEAM looks forward to serving the community with their Real Estate expertise.



**THE DEER ARE FAWNING**

This is a crucial time, when the Deer are fawning... Please, **DO NOT** Approach the deer, and most importantly, **DO NOT** touch or move the Fawns!

Per Gary Fralik, Game/Fish Biologist, the Deer are starting to drop their babies. Please leave them alone, they know what they are doing. When someone touches or disturbs the Fawn, or the area, the bond between Mom/Baby (Doe/Fawn) will be broken, and the Doe will not take care of it.

This is very important for the Deer population in this area! You may think you are rescuing them, you are not.

Any questions you may call Gary Fralik @ 883-1957 or 307-730-2802  
Thank You

## Public Safety

- Please help us keep the Town of Star Valley Ranch a safe place to live and play. Just a few reminders:
- We are entering what appears to be a very dry summer. There is an ample supply of dead wood and grasses in and near our Town. Please be aware of the extreme fire dangers. Open fires and fireworks of any kind are not permitted anywhere within Town boundaries.
- The speed limit for any motorized vehicle throughout the Town is a MAXIMUM of 25 MPH. Please pay close attention to your speed as often there are children present and we want to keep everyone safe.
- The roads are for “Licensed Drivers Only”. Motorized vehicles (gas/diesel/electric) on roads within Wyoming require the person driving to be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license. Riding with a child between you and the steering device, is very, VERY DANGEROUS!
- Many of us have ATV’s, UTV’s and/ or Golf Carts that almost seem like children’s toys. They are not! Again, if driven on a roadway, the driver must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license.
- If you have an off road vehicle, from a fire danger point of view; please ensure the “Spark Arrestor” is in working condition.
- All dogs, when not contained in the owner’s yard, must be secured on a leash or further controlled as to not pose a threat to people or wildlife. Please remember to inform your visitors that the Town has a Dog Ordinance in place and that it is being enforced.

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## Thayne Volunteer Fire Department

**Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted**

**The Thayne Volunteer Fire Department is looking for interested individuals who are willing to donate their time and energy in helping their fellow citizens in time of need.**

**Please call Delmar Suter @ 880-3473 or Carrie Taylor @883-2668 if you have questions.**

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## Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board welcomes Dick Johnson as our new alternate member. Ron Thacker after serving as Chairman and Board member elected to step down and spend more time traveling and playing golf. Ron’s dedication to *get it done right, not necessarily fast* will be missed.

The P&Z Board reminds the public that building permits are required for most building or construction projects. While some projects may not require a permit, check with Town Hall before starting any construction project to determine if a permit is required. Building permits must be posted in a visible location at the job site until the permit holder has obtained a final inspection for the work. The purpose of the final inspection is to insure the completed project conforms to the plans submitted in the approved permit application. Permit deposits will not be refunded until a successful final inspection is obtained. Building permit holders need to contact the P&Z Clerk to arrange for interim and final inspections of building and construction projects.

With the Fourth of July Holiday, the Planning and Zoning Boards July meetings will be held on July 11 the second week, and July 25 the fourth week. August meetings will also change to the second week, August 8, and the fourth week August 22. September meetings will resume to the regular schedule of the first and third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are at Town Hall at 5:00 PM.

# Town Economic Development Board

As we informed you in May, there are a large number of state, county and private organizations, dedicated to economic development. We anticipate utilizing these resources in any way possible. We will also share information concerning them with you. This month we will focus on the Wyoming Business Council.

## Wyoming Business Council

The creation, in 1998, of the Wyoming Business Council, with its' mission to "facilitate the economic growth of Wyoming", dramatically changed the state's approach to economic development efforts. Without going into detail the WBC brought together several existing state agencies and expanded the state's economic development effort. It has more of a corporate structure & incorporates private business practices. Although headquartered in Cheyenne it has regional offices throughout the state. It is the main state contact for help, including financial, in the area of economic development.

The Board of Directors is composed of the Governor as co-chair and fifteen (15) other private citizens from throughout the state one. Of the seven regional offices, Ms. Eleana Zempel, based in Kemmerer, is the representative for the Southwest Region composed of Lincoln, Sublette and Uinta Counties. Ms. Zempel has visited Star Valley Ranch on several occasions and had meetings over the years with our Mayor and Council as well as the SVRA Board.

The Divisions within the WBC that could provide assistance to our town's economic development activities are Investment Ready Communities, and Main Street/Rural Development Council.

The Business and Industry Division strives to create new and better job opportunities in Wyoming by encouraging new business start-ups, strengthening retention and expansion programs to help existing Wyoming companies, and targeting and recruiting businesses to Wyoming. We anticipate this division will provide considerable aid to firms considering locating or expanding in Star Valley.

The Investment Ready Communities Division works to help Wyoming communities become "business-ready" by administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Business Ready Communities (BRC) Program and the Community Facilities Grant and Loan Program.

The Main Street/Rural Development Council Division is dedicated to providing Wyoming communities with the opportunities to strengthen local pride and revitalize historic downtown districts by utilizing the Main Street Four Point Approach. The Wyoming Rural Development Council serves as a forum to address a full range of issues, opportunities and potential solutions in the rural communities of Wyoming. This division has already conducted two "Community Assessments" for Star Valley Ranch. We anticipate considerable future help from them as we get closer to defining what we are and what we want to become as a town.

The TED Board is asking residents to submit pictures that may be chosen for use in our town brochure. Please email pictures to: [svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com) - subject: TED Brochure.

The TED board meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall. Any and all interested individuals are welcome to attend these meetings.

# Natural Resource Board

## The Town of Star Valley Ranch becomes Wyoming's newest Tree City!

At the annual Arbor Day celebration on July 9<sup>th</sup> the Town of Star Valley Ranch was presented with our certification as meeting the criteria to be a named a *Tree City USA* by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Town is now one of 45 communities within the State of Wyoming to be certified. Forester Brook Lee, representing Wyoming State Forestry, presented a Tree City USA flag; town limits Tree City signs and a plaque to Mayor Boyd Siddoway and Natural Resource Board Chairman Carol Warren.

To meet Tree City standards the Town of Star Valley Ranch completed the following:

Established the Natural Resource Board

- Developed resolution establishing and recognizing Arbor Day in the Town of Star Valley Ranch
- Creating a Community Vegetation Management Plan
- Celebrating Arbor Day and planting trees at Fox Run Park
- Documenting the expenditure of funds for the management and care of trees within the town

The Natural Resource Board has also created a perpetual plaque which will display the names of citizens donating to the annual Arbor Day Fund as well as donations made in memory of individuals. This plaque will be presented to the Town Council at the July Town Council meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> and displayed at Town Hall.

The Natural Resource Board would also like to thank Karl and Marie Tippetts for the donation of four beautiful spruce trees that were transplanted to Fox Run Park.

### Community Forest and Vegetation Plan

The Town of Star Valley Ranch now has a Community Forest and Vegetation Management Plan. When preparing for planting and managing vegetation on your property the plan is a good resource for information on species selection, tree care and managing noxious weeds.

The plan can be found in the documents section of the town's web site or at:

<http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org/MiscDocs/CommunityForestAndVegetationPlan.pdf>

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## AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> IS THE PRIMARY ELECTION

### DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER OR TO VOTE

- Our precinct (2-10) voting will be at Town Hall
- You can pre-register at Town Hall or the Lincoln County Clerk's Office
  - Last day to preregister is: August 6, 2012
  - Absentee Ballots will be available to registered voters upon request
- You may register at the polls.

**TOWN – COUNTY – STATE – FEDERAL  
Positions will be decided!**

# 2011 Annual Water Quality Report

## **Is my water safe?**

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

## **Do I need to take special precautions?**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

## **Where does my water come from?**

Our water source consists of two springs and three ground water wells drawn from Salt Lake and the Madison Limestone formations.

## **Source water assessment and its availability**

Our source water assessment is available at the Town Hall located at 171 Vista Drive

## **Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## **How can I get involved?**

If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM located at the Town Hall 171 Vista Drive.

## **Additional Information for Lead**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Town of Star Valley Ranch is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.25	0.1	0.5	2011	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional) (ppm)		MPL	0.9	0.8	0.9	2010	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	1	1	10.000 72	ND	0.005 72	2011	no	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Contaminants</b>								
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.14	2011	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	3	2011	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
<b>Unit Descriptions</b>								
Term	Definition							
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)							
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)							
ppt	ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter							
pCi/L	pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)							
positive samples/month	positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive							
NA	NA: not applicable							
ND	ND: Not detected							
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.							

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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## Water Shortage – Not

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has invested millions of dollars in our infrastructure over the last few years. We have increased our well water source capacity from about 300 gallons per minute to about 1600 gallons per minute. We have increased our storage capacity from 175,000 gallons to just under 1,000,000 gallons. And, we have all had to become accustomed to paying our monthly water bills.

Many have asked, “Why do I have to pay? It was always free in the past!”

The answer was apparent on Friday, June 22, due to:

- Increase in resident population...
- Dry hot winds...
- Low winter snowfall...
- Low flows in our spring water source...

The Town had to turn on two of its three wells. Without the backup of the new wells (the last one being finished late last year), we would have had to be on “WATER RATIONS” for the rest of the summer months.

## The Town Congratulates the New SVRA Board Members

At the Association's Annual Meeting, on Saturday June 23, 2012, the Association Members elected two new Directors:

**Ron Denney and Ann Earl**

The Board met, elected and assigned Directors to the following positions and committees for the next year:

Chairperson:	Kathy Daulton
Vice-Chairman:	Mike Blackman
Secretary / Treasurer:	Ann Earl
Communications:	Kathy Daulton
Facilities and Common Area Master Plan:	Ron Denney
Finance and Legal:	Mike Blackman
Golf and Greens:	George Toolson
House and Entertainment:	Kathy Daulton and Ann Earl
Utilities:	Derk Izatt and George Toolson
Unassigned:	Alycyn Culbertson

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### Coming up on the Ranch in July!

#### **Wed. July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration/ 10 K/ 5 K/ Race - Trail Run**

All events at or near Cedar Creek Park

7:25 10K Race

7:30 VFW Flag Ceremony at the Pavilion

8:00 10:00 – Pancake Breakfast

8:15 5K Race- Trail Run

9:30 - 11:00 3 on 3 Basketball

10:00 Kids Fun Run

10:30 Assemble for Golf Cart, Bikes and Trikes Parade

11:00 Parade

11:30 Kid's Races

11:30 Lunch Begins

12:00 – 3:00 Carnival Games, Train Rides, Dunk Tank, Bounce House,  
Pie Auction, Raffle Face Painting and more!

#### **Sat., July 14<sup>th</sup> – 9, Dine, Dance at the Barn! Choose your event!**

Play in a 9 Hole Scramble - \$8.

Enjoy a Mexican Fiesta and dessert by Cedar Creek Grill - \$12;

Dance to Jackie Marie at no charge.

TO ASSURE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL, SIGN UP FOR DINNER BY WED. JULY 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Tues, July 31 at 6:30, Shakespeare in the Parks returns!**

The Montana Shakespeare Company presents Hamlet in Cedar Creek Park. Bring your friends, chairs, hampers and drinks. All ages welcome. No cost although donations to the actors are always appropriate. Sponsored by the Arts Council and SVRA.

#### **Community Cleanup + 19 Garage Sales + Junk in the Trunk were a Great Success!**

Kudos to the Town's Public Works crew and office staff for cleaning up the streets and the front entrance! Thanks to Carolyn Thacker, Katy Denney, Jere Kovach, George Toolson, Joe Angelovic, Al Redlin and John Daulton who greeted visitors, handed out maps and lists of sellers, and gave directions.

The next community garage sale/junk in the trunk will be Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Get ready!!

Thanks to all who attended Property Owner's Weekend June 22-23, and enjoyed the free golf, tennis, swimming, water slide and tournaments.

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