



**Town Bulletin #22  
JUNE 2012**



The second annual Town of Star Valley Ranch Arbor Day celebration will be held  
10:00 AM, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Fox Run Park

Everyone is invited to attend the celebration that will include the planting of a tree in the Park.

Please come and help us celebrate Arbor Day.  
Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend  
Enjoy the path system and wellness exercise area.

Refreshments will also be served  
This celebration will be hosted by the Town's  
Natural Resource Board

Visit with Terry Potter representing the County's FIREWISE Program.



**Star Valley Ranch - Community Cleanup**

**Lot and Home Owners, Renters, Town and Association lets all do our part!  
Wednesday through Saturday, June 6 – 9  
Your water bill may be used for official identification  
SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS**

# Thayne Volunteer Fire Department

## Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted

The Thayne Volunteer Fire Department has provided our Town with firefighting services long before we were a Town.

They are a fine and proud group of volunteers. Now they need our help.

They are looking for interested individuals who are willing to donate their time and energy in helping their fellow citizens in time of need. If you have interest you can attend their meetings at 7:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Thayne Fire Department.

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

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## June 6-9 Community Cleanup

Co-sponsored by the Town of Star Valley Ranch and SVRA

- **Saturday, June 9 - Junk in the Trunk and Community Garage Sales** – Get your sale items ready! We anticipate two options: 1. Junk in the Trunk - a group venue for those who wish to sell from their vehicle; 2. Garage sales at individual homes.
- **We intend to hand out a map of the Ranch and a list of Junk in the Trunk and garage sale locations at the front entrance on Saturday morning June 9.** All those listed will receive a brightly colored balloon to indicate to cars driving by that you have items for sale. **Sign up at the SVRA Office from Monday May 28 to Friday noon June 8 to receive your balloon and be listed.**
- **FREE ACCESS to LANDFILL** for items you wish to dispose of but cannot sell, **Wednesday June 6 through Saturday June 9 - Star Valley Ranch days at the landfill** - Free access for Star Valley Ranch residents. Some form of property identification must be shown to validate residency. **Your June water bill from the Town was designed to provide identification that may be shown to validate residency.**
- **Help your neighbor!** If you have a friend or neighbor who is incapacitated or hasn't the means to get to the landfill, offer to help them during our cleanup weekend. Neighborliness is an important quality in our community.
- **For help in maintaining your property against potential wildfire issues, sign up for the Lincoln County Firewise program.** Terry Potter a county, Firewise official will help you evaluate the fire issues on your property, help reimburse your costs, remove debris and solve other fire-related problems. For information or to sign up, **see Terry Potter at the Arbor Day Celebration** or contract her @ 654-7581office, or 890-7581 cell.

# **Lincoln County Landfill Sorting Guidelines**

[www.lcwy.org/departments/landfill/](http://www.lcwy.org/departments/landfill/)

Please call 883 4666 for more acceptable waste information.

Waste must be sorted into the following categories:

- **Automobile batteries**
- **Clean Fill** - Items such as rock, hardened asphalt, cinder blocks, clean (non-contaminated) dirt, concrete, old bricks, et cetera. If you have fence posts embedded in concrete, the post must be cut off flush to the concrete and put in the appropriate pile.
- **Construction and Demolition Waste or C&D** - Inert construction or demolition wastes. Examples are sheet rock, wood (particularly painted, treated or finished wood products), shingles, insulation, PVC pipe, plastic sheeting, inner tubes, EMPTY propane and fuel tanks, et cetera
- **Cooking Oil** - Household quantities (less than 5 gallons) of used cooking oil may be disposed of in the properly marked container.
- **Dead Animals** (Kemmerer and Thayne only)
- **Fencing wire and metal banding** are separate from the metal pile. Metal fence posts do go in the metal pile and plastic banding goes in C&D
- **Garbage** - also called Municipal Solid Waste or MSW—Any putrescible solid or semi-solid animal and/or vegetable waste material resulting from the transport (packaging material), preparation, cooking, serving and consumption of food. NO metal (other than food packaging) can be mixed in!
- **Medical Waste** - The landfills do not accept medical waste, however, South Lincoln Medical Center does. Please contact them for details.
- **Metal**, including white goods such as stoves, refrigerators et cetera—Appliances must be empty. Notify attendant before dumping any items that could contain refrigerant as they must be inspected. NO propane or fuel tanks. Fuel tanks, tires and tracks must be removed from lawn mowers, motorcycles, snow machines, et cetera before disposal.
- **Motor Oil** - Household quantities (less than 5 gallons) of used motor oil (NO anti-freeze or cooking oil)
- **Tires**
- **Vegetative material in its natural state** - tree limbs, brush, grass, etc...

**No liquids - No hazardous wastes - No scavenging**

Children and pets MUST stay in vehicle!

## **Natural Resource Board**

As summer arrives in the Town of Star Valley Ranch, planting trees is a great thing to do... But we also need to start thinking about how we can reduce the risk of property loss due to wildfire. We live in the west where wild land fire is a natural part of the environment. There are a few simple steps you can take to make your property less susceptible to damage in the event of fire. Here are just a few:

- Remove dead vegetation and maintain well irrigated 30 foot zone around your home
- When adding trees, plant broadleaf species such as aspen and cottonwood within this zone
- Store firewood away from your home
- Prune large trees so that the lowest branches are at least 6 to 10 feet high to prevent a fire on the ground from spreading to the tree tops.
- Remove leaves and needles from your roof and gutters.

More information on making your home fire safe can be found at <http://www.firewise.org>

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## **Town Economic Development Board**

The TED board is currently working on three projects that we could use some citizen feedback to complete.

Our first project is revamping the town website. We are hoping for an easier to maneuver website that works quickly and is user friendly. Our goal is to complete this project by July 2012. All suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please email any suggestions to: [svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com) - subject: TED town website.

Our second project is a welcome packet for all new residents. This packet will be available at the town hall in July 2012. You will also be able to print the packet from our new town website upon its completion. Again any suggestions you may have would be appreciated. Please email your ideas to: [svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com) - subject: TED welcome packet.

Our third project is just beginning and should be completed by the end of summer. Our goal is develop an informative and attractive town brochure. We really need your help with this project. We are looking for digital photographs taken in our town of anything that would look great in a town brochure. Some suggestions might be scenery, wildlife, sports, family, friends, architecture, flora and fauna. We will not be able to pay for the pictures, but would be honored to use your pictures. 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. All interested individuals are welcome to attend these meetings.

# Planning & Zoning Board

## 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 Dept. in the event of a problem.

Town building codes require spark arrestors to be installed on the chimneys of all newly constructed homes, but homes built prior to the 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.

## An Open Invitation

Planning and Zoning Board meetings are held at Town Hall at 5:00 PM the first and third Wednesdays of every month. The public is invited to attend all regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Board meetings. Members of the public who have an interest in a building permit or any planning and zoning matter are especially encouraged to attend Board meetings.

## 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.** 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.

## Possible seat openings

Any 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. Year round residents of the Town are especially encouraged to apply. 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.

## Public Safety

Please help us keep the Town of Star Valley Ranch a safe place to live and play. Just a few reminders:

- 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.
- **Open fires are not permitted** anywhere within Town boundaries.
- **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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### - VOTE -

The Annual Membership Meeting and Election packet with a green Summer Update and DCC&R Compliance Notification were sent to all members on May 16. Two positions are open for the SVRA Board. Ron Denney, the declared candidate, is featured in the packet. Options for filling the vacant position are included. A quorum of 30% (over 500) members is needed to complete the election, so please vote.

**June 22-24 – Property Owner’s Weekend; June 23 – Election and Annual Membership Meeting** – Join us. We anticipate freebies for members, golf tournaments, fishing for kids 12 and under, and the Waterworld water slide at Cedar Creek Park.

**If you missed the first Nine, Dine, Dance on May 25, three more are scheduled this summer.** Choose to play nine holes and/or enjoy a self-pay catered dinner and/or dance at the Barn. Mark your calendar: **July 14, Aug. 17 and Sept. 15.**

**Thank you!**

- **Art Show Great Success** - Over 150 adults and 40 children enjoyed the juried Art Show at the Town Hall on May 4-5. Its success was due to the leadership of Mark Marino, artist, the Arts Council, the Town and SVRA. Many thanks to Shirley Greenhoe, Ed and Carolyn Koch, Carolyn Nelson, Judy Baillie, Peggy Gouvisis, Marie Cazier and Kathy and John Daulton who helped with the setup and takedown and acted as hosts during the show.
- **Volunteers filled our redesigned 2012 Election Packet in 2 1/2 hours!** Thanks Win Dale, Jerry Singleton, Larry Pilgrim, John Blakley, Wendell Pope, Al and Barb Redlin, Larry Sewell, Angela Aitkin, Kathy and John Daulton, Tallia Booker and Kirk Sessions. Most of the packet was produced in-house, reducing its cost.

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