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**FIREWISE PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Firewise program has some new changes. Lincoln County has hired a new coordinator, Dennis West, to cover the Star Valley Area. They plan to provide some educational workshops for homeowners in the Town of Star Valley Ranch and the goal is to reach out to as many property owners as possible. Watch for updates on dates and times.

Currently many of you are already signed up for the Firewise program. They will be continuing to support you and follow-up with applicants that are in the application process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jay or Jodie with Lincoln County Emergency Management at 307-885-4925 or 307-877-2126. You may also email Jay at [jhokanson@lccwy.org](mailto:jhokanson@lccwy.org).

**Town’s FIREWISE Participation Continues**

The Town will continue to support the Firewise program as in the past. Our service is free to the citizens, but the value of the service may be used as an in-kind match for your Firewise grant.

If you would like the Town to dispose of the vegetation removed as a part of the program, please follow these few steps:

1. Provide the Town with a valid application, accepted by the County Firewise Coordinator
2. Call Town Hall prior to any removal of vegetation
3. Pile and place the vegetation as requested by the Town Public Works’ Department

Failure to follow these procedures will negate the Town’s commitment to remove the vegetation.

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**Bear Watch**

We have had our first report of a “Bear Sighting” this year.

The bear was raiding trashcans. It is very important for the safety of the citizens and the bears that we do everything possible to keep our garbage out of the bear’s reach.

## Council Openings

Three seats will be available at the end of next year  
It is not too early to start thinking about running for "Office"!  
Serving your community!  
Make a difference!

### **Councilman Kent Harker – Councilman Al Redlin – Mayor Boyd Siddoway**

have each indicated that after 9 years of public office serving the citizens of Star Valley Ranch they do not plan to run for another term.

They have a wealth of institutional knowledge about our Town. They are willing to share that knowledge in advance of their retirement. It will be to your advantage to work with them while they are still in office.

### **Be a prepared candidate!**

If you are interested in one of the seats, Mayor or Councilman, let the Town know of your interest. We will make room on our Boards, Committees or task forces to allow you direct access to the workings of the Town. We will make sure you have every opportunity to become familiar with our Town's operation, funding and relationships. Take advantage of this offer to find out what is being done that you would want to continue, or how to make the changes you would like to see changed.

### **Important dates!**

Filing Dates: From mid-May thru the end of the May 2014

You must file an application to be on the primary ballot  
Write-ins are possible, but very difficult to win

Primary Election Day: August 19, 2014 (third Tuesday)

The number of candidates is narrowed down to two per available seat

General Election Day: November 4, 2014 (first Tuesday)

The final vote

Take Office: January 14, 2015 (Council Meeting)

### **What are the Town's current plans?**

By the end of 2014, there will be a Master Plan for our Town's future in place that will incorporate completed plans for 1) road improvements, 2) surface water mitigation, 3) plastic water main replacement (for at least ½ the Town) 4) economic development projects, and 5) a municipal complex building. Each of these plans will contain recommendations from professionals in the business, individual projects will be identified and prioritized based on safety and needs with their respective costs and funding alternatives.

### **Where do you stand?**

You do not have to follow these plans. They are tools for you to use. You may take advantage of the studies by supporting and implementing them or run on a plan that you think is better than these studies.

## Unlicensed ATV / Motorcycle Drivers

The Lincoln County's Sheriff Department has added additional patrols that focus on traffic and traffic violations. Violators have been cited and fines assessed. Please be aware of the rules governing our use of vehicles within the Town limits and on Town roads.

We are sorry to report that recently over **\$200.00 in tickets** have been paid. There are three more pending court hearings with bail set at **\$260.00**. Please slow down!

State of Wyoming traffic regulations govern all roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch. All operators of motorized conveyances on SVR roads, including operators of ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles, cars, and trucks are responsible for adherence to those regulations.

Basic Rules of the Road for operating ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, snowmobiles, cars, trucks, or other motorized vehicles on the roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch

- **All drivers of motor vehicles must hold valid driver's licenses.** This includes drivers of ATVs, motorcycles, golf carts, and snowmobiles, cars, trucks and other motorized conveyances.
- **Parents, guardians, or others who permit unlicensed drivers to operate motorized vehicles on Town of SVR roads will be subject to citation and fines** and may be held civilly liable in the event of injury to persons or property resulting from the actions of unlicensed drivers.
- **Drivers must obey all speed limits.** The speed limit on all roads within the Town of Star Valley Ranch is 25 mph. The speed limit on Muddy String directly adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch is 35 mph.
- Drivers must obey all traffic signs, signals, and advisements including stop and yield signs. When no signs are present, always use caution at intersections and yield to other vehicles.
- No vehicles, including snowmobiles, are permitted to enter onto or to cross private property. Please respect and protect the property of others.
- Refer to the Wyoming Department of Transportation's website to download the Wyoming Driver's Handbook and a complete list of traffic regulations.

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## Nuisance Ordinance Review

The Town has assigned our Special Municipal Officer and Town Attorney to review and recommend updates to the Town Code, Title 7. Although this is primarily our "dog owners" ordinance, other nuisances may be considered.

If you have any ideas, recommendations or changes you would like to have considered, please contact Town Hall at 883-8696, [svrtown@silverstar.com](mailto:svrtown@silverstar.com) or sent us a note with your water payment.

## Star Valley Ranch P&Z Update

The newest town in Wyoming, Star Valley Ranch, continues to thrive and improve. The town has made outstanding strides in improving our roads and water system. The Planning and Zoning Board has worked behind the scene to help develop and then enforce our town's ordinances. They work in conjunction with the Building Inspector to improve the construction standards on the Ranch by enforcing the 2006 International Building and Residential Codes. The P&Z Board as well as all of the other town boards is always searching for interested town residents to become involved and participate in the future development of our town. We want to continue to improve and want input and active involvement from all of our residents.

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### Barn/Silo building update (now known as the SVRA Member Center)

We continue to press forward in our quest for a new SVRA Member Center. We are currently in the construction document process. We anticipate having final drawings on our SVRA web site within the next few weeks. Several changes have been made from the drawings last presented, including changing from a hip to gable roof, which now allows for mechanical and storage space in the attic. A larger multipurpose room in the lower level (golf carts have been relocated to a new 40x60 metal which will shortly be erected behind the current golf course maintenance facility). Relocation of the Bar to allow for a separate dining area in the north west corner of the main level next to the kitchen facility and to allow for a separate seating area for bar patrons. The main floor area will still contain two partitions allowing separation of the dining, bar and meeting room areas when needed.

Revised projected time frames are as follows.

1. Completion of construction documents by 9-30-2013
2. Bid requests by 10-31-2013
3. Bid selection by 11-30-2013
4. Removal of the existing Barn/Silo structures fall/winter 2013 (subject to weather conditions and time constrains of the successful bidder)
5. Construction of the new building starting spring 2014 (12-14 month projected time frame)

The estimated, 1.75 million dollar project cost remains unchanged. In addition to the capital we will have accumulated/invested in the project, we anticipate securing a loan of \$750,000 to be paid off over 15-20 years. Loan payments will be made from the current (and future) \$40.00 capital budget allocation which is being set aside from each lot owner's annual assessment.

The location of the temporary golf pro shop facilities for next year are still to be determined.

Information pertaining to the project can be viewed at the SVRA offices, the SVRA website, [www.svrawy.com](http://www.svrawy.com) or questions can be answered by calling the Association Office, 307-883-2669.

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