



Town Bulletin #46

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Natural Resource Board

Arbor Day & Firewise Day 2014:

Join us on **Saturday, June 7th at 10 am at Fox Run Park** for the 4th annual Arbor Day! There will be refreshments and prizes of small spruce trees given away at the event.

This year our goal is to add up to 20 new trees to the park and the Vista Drive entrance to the town. We will also be installing an irrigation system for these trees. Come on out and help us plant these trees!

We will also be celebrating our first annual **Fire Wise Day** as well. Information will be available on keeping your home safe from wildfire.

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NRB Beautification Committee Auction

The NRB Beautification Committee members:

JC Colley, Carolyn Koch, Connie Meikle, Terry Azevedo, Barbara Garner, Julia Wukasinovich, Betty Bryant, Theresa Rude, Jilliane Maes and Stephanie Wardle.

And the NRB members:

Greg Greenhoe and John Lynch.

We would like to thank the 150 participants in the auction, and those, including businesses that donated over 110 items that added to the fun of raising the money for offsetting the portion of the US Forestry Grant. There were so many beautiful, useful and fun items donated by all.

Thanks to all of you, we raised \$2757. We are on our way, and getting closer to our goal.

Annual Town Budget

The Town has prepared and passed two of three readings of our Town's budgets.

As in the past, we have four separate budgets. The Town's operating budget and capital budget and the Water Department's operating budget and capital budget. By statute, our Water Department must be a separated entity from the Town. No funds generated in the Water Department shall be used for any purpose other than in the Water Department.

We have links on the front page of our Town's website www.starvalleyranchwy.org to the budget ordinance in whole, as well as the detailed line items that are the basis for the four separate budgets. If you do not have access to a computer, please drop by Town Hall for a copy.

These budgets indicate where and how we plan to spend our money during the next fiscal year. Your input is welcome. Contact us at Town Hall, by email or phone. (Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM - svrtown@silverstar.com – 307-883-8696)

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Public Works Department

Landscaping vs. Meter Pits

Please make sure your landscaping does not obstruct access to your water meter and more importantly to the water shut-off valve to your property. If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at 880-LEAK.

Water "Turn-on" and Turn-off"

A reminder for those returning to the Ranch, your "Turn-on" and Turn-off" is **FREE** if you call at least the day before to schedule time on a weekday between 8:30 and 4:00.

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Election Judges Needed

Interested in serving our Town or the Star Valley as a Voting Judge in the

Primary Election on Tuesday, August 19, 2014
and / or
General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Please contact County Clerk, Jeanne Wagner
(307) 877-2020 or 2021

Fire Wise - Spring Yard Cleanup - Fire Wise

The Town wants to do our part! **If you would like the Town to pick up limbs and branches under the Firewise Program**, please contact the road department to arrange location and size of piles IN ADVANCE. Thanks!

The Town does not pick up any yard cleanings that are not part of the Fire Wise program. Not sure if you are eligible? Call Town Hall at 883-8696.

If you follow the guidelines below, the Town will be happy to support you by hauling material on your behalf.

1. You must have an inspection of your property and approval by the County's Fire Wise Coordinator, **Jesica Lozier at 307-679-0626** (If you are already on file with the Town from a previous year's approval, please go to step 3.)
2. Provide the Town with a copy of the signature page of the agreement
3. Call Town Hall to set an appointment to meet with the Town's Public Works Department to coordinate type, location and stacking of vegetation. (Everyone, either under the previous program or under new program must have this meeting for us to pick up your vegetation)
4. The Town will then schedule pick up and hauling of the vegetation at the Town's convenience.
5. If you are part of the Firewise Grant, we will also provide you with a document that you can use as part of your personal match if you elect to receive grant funding.

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Wild Life Carcasses

We have been advised by Wyoming's Game and Fish on the disposal of large animal remains.

If the carcass has meat remaining on the bones, and especially if there is an odor, please contact Gary Fralick at (307) 730-2802 or Todd Graham at 884-8779 to arrange for removal of the remains. Odor may attract larger predators to your area.

If there are just bones, dry hide or hair remaining, they recommend two choices:

Do not want it hanging around? – bag it and trash it.

Otherwise, the remains will eventually decompose and return to the soil.

Attention Dog Owners

If you are walking your dog on a leash, have a current Town Dog Tag and wave at our Special Municipal Officer (SMO), (she is the one in the red Ford Expedition with the blinking, yellow light) she would like to share with you and your dog a token of the Town and SMO's appreciation.

Remember – All dogs must be physically leashed when they are not on their owner's property

and

All dogs over six months of age must be registered and licensed in the Town of Star Valley Ranch within 30 days of arrival.

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A few Facts / Fiction as to why the Town has a “pooper scooper” section to our ordinance. The following references were provided by a resident from an article by Carol Bryant of Pet360.

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FACT: Flushing dog poop down the toilet – without a bag, only the waste – is perhaps the best disposal method, says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Resources Defense Council. Leaving dog waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains, and eventually into local water-bodies.

FICTION: Leaving dog poop behind is good for the soil. Reality: In order for feces from a carnivorous animal to be used as an effective fertilizer, it has to be fully composted with other materials such as eggshell and grass clippings and allowed to break down over time.

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FACT: America's 78.2 million dogs collectively deposit 10 million tons of waste per year, according to waste clean up, Doody Calls. That is enough to fill some 268,000 tractor trailers

FICTION: Dog waste cannot harm your health. Reality: Dog feces can carry a host of disease and worms – including heartworms, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, parvovirus, giardia, salmonella, and even E.coli. This is why it is imperative to clean it up after Fido does his duty.

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FACT: If not flushing (again only bagless dog poop, never cat waste), it is best to use a biodegradable bag and place in the garbage.

FICTION: Bagged poop can be flushed. Reality: It can clog home plumbing as well as septic systems.