



Town Bulletin #45

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to our “Snowbird” friends and neighbors returning for the summer.

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? Want to Get Involved ?

The **Town of Star Valley Ranch** has several openings on the Council and Town Boards.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>SWEAR-IN DATE</u>
Mayor	May 19 to May 30	January 2015
Council Seats (2)	May 19 to May 30	January 2015

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPLICATION DATE</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Natural Resources Board (2)	Anytime	July 1, 2014
Town Economic Development Board	Anytime	Now

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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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“AUCTION”

Natural Resource Board - Beautification Committee

MAY 17, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Town Hall (Top Floor)

Join us for some fun and maybe a special item for your home, yard or just you. Invite your neighbors and friends, meet and greet our returning snowbird residents, stop by on your way home from work or come from home. No need to eat before you get here, we will be selling hot dogs, soft drinks, coffee and desserts

Reminder: Have you selected an Item you wish to donate for auction? Funds raised will be used toward a matching grant to enable the Natural Resource Board to purchase trees for our community.

If you have an item you would like to donate that is too large to carry upstairs to the auction, you may provide a picture of it, along with a description, and we will put it up for bid. We will be accepting hand-carried donations at the Town Hall on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 3:00-6:00 PM or you may bring your item with you the next evening beginning at 5:30 PM.

Those that do not have an item to donate but would like to attend, by all means, please come join us. This event promises to be a lot of fun for everyone!

Any questions, call: Carolyn Koch 883-3770 or Terry Azevedo 883-0176

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New Special Municipal Officer in Town

Please say hello to the Town’s new SMO (Special Municipal Officer) Shelly Strickler. Shelly is well experienced with this type of work, having spent the last five years as the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Protection Officer. In this position, she was responsible for educating and enforcing forest regulations. She was very adept at using kid gloves when appropriate and strong minded enough for the trying situations.

She is looking forward to meeting everyone she can. If you see the Town’s red “SMO” Ford Explorer driving by, wave, stop her and introduce yourself. Building citizen relations is top on her list of to dos. Her goal is very consistent with the Town - education first, warnings second and citations as a last resort.

She has lived in the valley for over fourteen years and on the Ranch for the past 2 and half years. Welcome, Shelly!

After several years of excellent service to the Town, Peggy Parker is retiring. A big thanks to Peggy and we will miss her.

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CLOSED - School Section west of the Town’s Main Entrance – CLOSED

Pursuant to W.S. 36-2-107, the Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners hereby institutes a closure/restriction on the following lands **prohibiting recreational shooting** on the parcel in order to protect public health and safety and to prevent resource damage. Violation of this order is punishable under W.S. 36-2-107(b). This order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended. **Township 35 North, Range 119 West, Section 36**

SVMC ANNUAL BLOOD DRAW

NOW AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

The blood drive will not be at The Town Hall this year; SVMC has a new way of making it more convenient for everyone.

SVMC will offer the discounted prices once per calendar year. Anytime during the year you may contact your SVMC Primary Care Provider and ask them for a "Wellness Screening Voucher". Once you have the Voucher, you may call The SVMC lab @885-5827 and make an appointment that is convenient for you.

Both you and your provider will receive the results, and at that time you may see your doctor, if needed, for any consultations.

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WYOMING PROPERTY TAX REFUND

Did you know or would you like to know about Wyoming's "Property Tax Relief Program" and the "Veteran's Program"?

The Lincoln County Treasurer, Kathy Tomassi and Assessor, Debbie Larson will be at the **Thayne Senior Center** **Thursday, May 8** During and following the normal Lunch period.

They will both be available to privately answer any questions you may have regarding your personal eligibility. Don't miss this opportunity if you think you might qualify.

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Annual Town Budget

The Town has prepared and passed the first 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. We ask, "beg" and are more than open to any input, questions, or criticism with alternative solutions. You can 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)

The Surface Water and Road Study has been Completed

The Executive Summaries are on the Town's website. You can pull these documents up by going to both Public Works Roads and Public Works Water from the tabs in the right hand column and selecting "plans".

The full reports are available at Town Hall. You may view the entire document at Town Hall. Copies of a limited number of pages will be provided or we will load your thumb drive for you to view at home.

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Fire Wise - Spring Yard Cleanup - Fire Wise

The Firewise Communities / USA program is designed to provide an effective management approach for preserving wildland living aesthetics. The Firewise Communities / USA program seeks to create a sustainable balance that will allow communities to live safely while maintaining environmental harmony in a Wildland / Urban Interface setting. The program can be tailored for adoption by any community and / or neighborhood association that is committed to ensuring its citizens maximum protection from wildland fire.

Homeowners already balance their decisions about fire protection measures against their desire for certain flammable components on their properties. These choices directly relate to the ignitability of their home ignition zones during a wildfire.

When adequately prepared, a house can likely withstand a wildfire without the intervention of the fire service. Further, a house and its surrounding community can be both Firewise and compatible with the area's ecosystem.

The Firewise Communities / USA program is designed to enable communities to achieve a high level of protection against Wildland / Urban Interface fire loss even as a sustainable ecosystem balance is maintained. Currently, the Town Of Star Valley Ranch is looking toward leading other Wyoming communities as we apply for Firewise Community status.

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!

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 sign up for 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.