



## *SVR Newsletter*

### *August 2015*

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## **War on Weeds**

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**Friday, August 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
First Response Center - Across from Town Hall

The Town of Star Valley Ranch, Natural Resource Board and Lincoln County Weed and Pest are hosting our third annual “War on Weeds” day to help us control noxious weeds within the town of Star Valley Ranch. Travis Osmond and his crews will be here to:

- Help residents identify noxious weeds on their property
- Assist in developing a strategy for control, including manual techniques
- Help calibrate sprayers
- Recommend an herbicide and assist in proper mixing
- Provide instruction on proper application of product for best results
- Provide crews to work with volunteers on projects on public property
- Have herbicide available to residents for purchase at a 50% discount!

**We will have refreshments in the morning and hotdogs for lunch. So come on out and give us a hand!**

#### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
Wednesday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

#### Events

War on Weeds  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at First Response Center  
9am to 2pm

Coffee with Mayor  
At Town Hall  
Aug 31<sup>th</sup> @ 9 to 10 am

Walk the Town  
Every Tuesday 9am  
See Maps in Mail Center for Location

#### Contacts

Town Hall  
307-883-8696  
[clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org)

Public Works  
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666

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# Last Firewise Pickup This Summer

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## Don't Be a Threat to Your Neighbor – Dry Branch Piles are a Danger Too!

There will be **only 1 more pickup** for Firewise this summer. For safety reasons your piles of cut limbs and branches (no construction materials) must be placed out next to the road **starting on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – not before and not in the road**. Limbs must be less than 8 feet in length.

## Piles must be out by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

The Town will be working the following 3 days after this date to pick up.

**If you are not currently enrolled in the Firewise program**, in order to have your piles of branches picked up, follow the steps below.

- 1. Contact Jesica Lozier, Fuel Mitigation Coordinator at 307-679-0626**
- 2. Jesica will come out to inspect your property and issue a certificate**
- 3. Bring the certificate to Town Hall and get put onto the Firewise Program**
- 4. Place cut branches (less than 8') out next to the road (but not in the road)**



It doesn't cost you any money to enroll into this program. Help in continuing to make our community a safer place. Our town employees are extremely busy this summer with all the projects we have scheduled, and we need to make this "pick up" process as efficient as possible. If you miss this date, you will need to take your branches to the county landfill in Bedford. At this time, the county landfill does not charge to dump green material (branches) at their facility.

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## Coffee With the Mayor

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**Come talk about what's on your mind.....**

Star Valley Ranch Town Hall is serving "Coffee with the Mayor". Residents are invited to join Mayor Kathleen Buyers for coffee and casual conversation on the last Monday of this month from 9 -10 am.

This is another communication tool and a chance to get to know the Mayor, visit Town Hall, and see your town government at work.

***The next "Coffee with the Mayor" will be held on Aug 31<sup>th</sup>, 2015.***



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# Star Valley Ranch Trail Grant Update

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Volunteer crews continue to work on implementing the Star Valley Ranch Trail Plan in conjunction with the US Forest Service and the State of Wyoming. Since June 4<sup>th</sup> volunteers have completed the southern portion of the Vista-Prater Trail from Vista Drive to Green Canyon including a new footbridge over Brough Ditch. Work is now underway constructing the north portion of this trail from Green Canyon to Prater Canyon. This trail is expected to be completed in early August.

Improvements to the new Green Canyon Trailhead are also in progress. Contractors and volunteers have applied a new gravel surface to the parking area and completed buck-n-rail fencing around the trailhead at the end of Green Canyon Drive. Directional and interpretive signage will be installed in August.

Work is also underway brushing and improving the existing trail up Cedar Creek Canyon. Segments of the trail are being relocated to limit impacts to Cedar Creek and reduce erosion. The first 3 miles of the trail will be brushed and maintained this year. An additional 1.5 miles will be maintained and improved in 2016.

**We meet at the First Response Center every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 am and work until noon between now and Labor Day.**

**If you are interested send a note to Greg Greenhoe, NRB Chairman at [svrtrails@gmail.com](mailto:svrtrails@gmail.com) or give him a call at 307-883-2088.**



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## THANK YOU SAFETY DAY SPONSORS & PARTICIPANTS

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Thayne Valley Market  
True Value  
TSVR Safety Committee  
Thayne Ambulance  
Lincoln County Sheriff Dept.  
Thayne Fire  
Cedar Creek Grill

SVMC  
TSVR citizen volunteers  
Chamber of Commerce  
TSVR Natural Resource Board  
Dog Trainers-Rich/Trish Sherman  
Music – Dave/Kathy McCann  
Face Paint – Shirley Greenhoe

Red Cross  
Public Works Dept.  
Game and Fish  
Firewise Program  
Lucky's Place

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# Water Conservation Home & Yard

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Water conservation has become an essential practice in all regions, even in areas where water seems abundant.

In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers and local watersheds.

Conserving water can also extend the life of your septic system by reducing soil saturation, and reducing any pollution due to leaks.



## Water Conservation in the Home

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks
- Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush
- Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads
- Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units
- When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.

## Water Conservation in the Yard



- Plant drought resistant lawns, shrubs and plants
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants
- Don't water the gutter
- Water your lawn only when it needs it
- Deep soak your lawn
- Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when its windy
- Use efficient watering systems for shrubs, flower beds and lawns
- Don't run the hose while washing your car
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings

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# Interest List - CERT Program

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## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

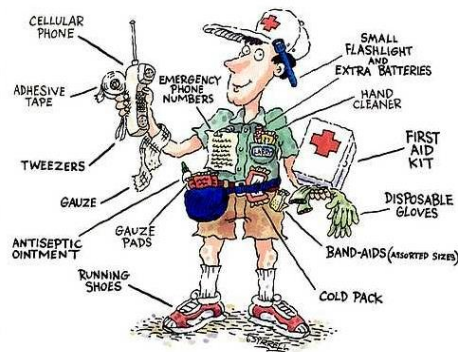


To get signed up for the interest list; send an email to [clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org) with your name, email, and phone number. After we get enough persons interested, we will get a set class day and time confirmed with the county. **The tentative plan is for the class in late Sept and October (1 night a week for 6 weeks – no cost to participate).**

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is planning a CERT training this fall. CERTs are formed by members of a neighborhood or workplace who want to be better prepared for the hazards that threaten their communities.

During training, CERTs learn to:

- Assess disaster preparedness
- Conduct search and rescue
- Locate and turn off utilities
- Extinguish small fires
- Identify hazardous materials situations
- Triage and treat victims.



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## WALK THE TOWN

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**We are entering month 4 of our “Walk the Town” Program. Come out and join us!**

We have created four walking loops, 1 for each week of the month. To see what loop we will be walking each week, go to the Community Information Room at the Mail Center or check out our Town Facebook page. Set a goal to walk 25 miles this summer.

A member from the Town Council will join the walking group the second week of every month and more often if possible.

**Bring your dog too!**



**Studies show that walking provides benefits such as helping to control appetite, increasing energy, and helping to relieve stress.**

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# GOLF Cart SaFety

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Summer is here and it's time to get those golf carts ready! It's fun in the sun and what better way to travel than on your golf cart.

**With as much fun as you can have, it's important that you and your friends and family stay safe.**

- Drive responsibly; Arm's & legs should always remain in the vehicle
- Do not try to squeeze in extra passengers
- Be courteous to other drivers and obey vehicle traffic laws
- Never drive intoxicated
- Avoid distractions. No matter the size of the vehicle, it's still an automobile. Remain attentive and avoid texting
- Never allow anyone to stand in the cart or on the platform located in the back of the cart
- Always check blind spots before turning
- Look behind your golf cart before backing up
- Avoid excessive speeds, sudden starts, stops, and sharp turns.
- Reduce speed on hills and inclines or declines, blind corners
- Do not leave keys in golf cart while unattended
- Always make sure to set the parking brake when stopped.
- Always yield to pedestrians.
- Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Golf carts may be prone to lightning strikes.



**Children must always be accompanied by an adult.**