



## *SVR Newsletter*

### *June 2015*

## **Arbor Day JUNE 6, 2015**

**Come meet Smokey Bear!**  
At Fox Run Park at 10 am  
Bring the kids, young and old.



The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our fifth annual Arbor Day on **Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Fox Run Park.**

This year our goal is to add 5 to 6 trees to the park and dedicate our new tree watering trailer which was purchased with our 2014 tree planting.

Come help plant a few trees. See you there at 10 am at Fox Run Park!

### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Arbor Day  
June 6<sup>th</sup> at Fox Run Park 10 AM

Educational Event  
Chip Seal Project Presentation  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Town Hall 7-8 pm

### Events

Coffee with Mayor  
At Town Hall  
June 29<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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# Firewise Pickup

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There will be **only 2 pickups** for Firewise clean up this summer. Your piles of cut limbs and branches must be placed out next to the road (but not in the road) by the dates listed below. The Town will be working the following 3 days after those dates to pick up.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> & Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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 be 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 these dates you can 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 Chip Seal Project or anything else.....**

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 June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.***



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# Dog TRAINING

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## **Dog owners! Come sign up for the "Canine Good Citizen Program".**

We want to continue to be a "Dog Friendly Town" with a "Town of Friendly Dogs". As an issue of public safety and continued responsible dog owners, we are putting together a dog training class.

We have scheduled this weekly class to start **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, from 6-7 pm.** This is a 6 week class, 1 hour per week. The cost is \$65 and the trainer needs a minimum of 10 people/dog signed up. He usually brings 3 volunteers to help with the class. **Call Town Hall to enroll into the class if interested; 307-883-8696**



First night of class you must have:

- Training collar, or tight fitting leather or web collar / body harness
- Six foot strong leather, nylon or web leash
- A 10 foot long line needed by third week of class
- Training treats, optional
- All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination, proof required at first class.
- All dogs must be basically social, no aggression of any type is allowed in this class.

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## CHIP SEAL – SUMMER TOWN Project

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Great News! We have a Chip seal road project planned for this summer. It will involve Chip seal on at least 4 miles of our town Roads; Cedar Creek Drive to Hardman to Butte to East and Vista up to parts of Vista West & East (approx. 200 yards on each), additional roads if possible.

Chip seal is a pavement surface treatment that combines one or more layer(s) of asphalt with one or more layer(s) of fine aggregate. Chip seals are typically used on rural roads carrying lower traffic volumes.

**There will be an education event, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Town Hall at 7 pm** to explain the process and answer questions. There is also an information board available in the Mail Center.

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# AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS

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***Thayne Ambulance is looking for EMT and Driver volunteers.***



Be a part in giving back to your community. If you are an EMT, or would like to become an EMT contact Adam Hansen at [hansenadam@yahoo.com](mailto:hansenadam@yahoo.com) to find out how to get your License or to transfer a license from another state.

As a driver volunteer, all you need is a current driver license and have a current CPR certification. If you don't have CPR certification, Thayne ambulance can help you get that. Contact Adam Hansen at [hansenadam@yahoo.com](mailto:hansenadam@yahoo.com)

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# BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – COME SIGN UP

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Our goal is to make the Town more visually appealing by weeding flower beds, spreading mulch and trimming back dead plants and shrubs. We participate in Town activities such as the Arbor Day, the War on Weeds and the Firewise and Public Safety Day. We are planning flower boxes and other plantings in the next few weeks to help brighten the Mail Center and the entrance to the Town on Vista. Time commitment is 4 to 6 hours a month in the summer months only (May to September).

Anyone interested in joining us can contact me at [jillainem@gmail.com](mailto:jillainem@gmail.com).



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# P & Z Board VOLUNTEERS

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Come look to the future and long term planning for the community. We are looking for new members. Send an email to [billing@starvalleyranchwy.org](mailto:billing@starvalleyranchwy.org) and let us know you're interested!



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# Save the Date – SaFety Day JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

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**Join us for our Town Safety Day!  
Bring the kids!**



Lunch  
Visit with Local First Responders  
Safety Information  
Kids Bike Rodeo  
Face Painting  
Bounce House



**Save the Date: Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Town Hall 10 am – 1 pm.**



**If you would like to volunteer to be a face  
painter at our Town Safety Day -  
Contact Joni Moffett at 307-885-2759**



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## 7 ORDINANCES UNDER REVIEW

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**We had the second reading for these 4 ordinances at the last Town Hall Meeting;**

Ordinance 2015-01, Definition of Words Roads/Streets/Temporary Dwellings  
Ordinance 2015-02, Subdivision Requirements  
Ordinance 2015-03, Title 6 – Buildings, Appendix 6.01-A  
Ordinance 2015-04, Budget 2015-2016

**We had the first reading for these 3 ordinances at the last Town Hall Meeting;**

Ordinance 2015-05, Animal Control  
Ordinance 2015-06, Fire Prevention  
Ordinance 2015-07, Municipal Court Bond Schedule and Court Appearances

**Find these ordinances at: [www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org) ; Town Documents; Town Code  
Or hard copies are also available at the Information Center**

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# Xpress BILL Pay

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## Announcing!

If you have an Internet connection and an email address, you can now pay your bill online. It's fast, it's easy, and you no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment.



## How It Works

We have partnered with **Xpress Bill Pay**, the premier provider for online bill payment.

When you sign up for online bill payment you get a unique password that you use to access your personal account at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com). Every month we'll send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is online.

Then, just log in through your Web browser and view your bill, which will look like the paper statement you're familiar with. Select a payment type — credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer — enter the information, and you're done!

It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

We're offering this service at the request of customers like you. Sign up today and see why so many people consider this the best way to pay their bills.

## Sign up Today!

1. Go to: [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com)
2. Select "New to Xpress Bill Pay"
3. Fill out the brief form
4. Pay your bill or setup auto pay



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# WALK the TOWN

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**We are entering month 2 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.



Come walk every week for the months of June, July, August, and September. A member from the Town Council will join the walking group the second week of every month and more often if possible.

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

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# NEWBORN WILDLIFE

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As quoted from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department: “In the next several weeks, wildlife throughout Wyoming will be bearing their young. In view of this, the Wyoming Game and Fish department asks that people take extreme care to stay away from young animals during this critical time.

The Game and Fish also cautions against picking up newborns because of potential harm to the animals. The department also issued a reminder that picking up game animals is against the law, regardless if people think the animal has been abandoned by its mother.

According to the department, state and federal laws prohibit the possession of game and many nongame species. The best option for people who come across newborn wildlife is to leave the animal; alone.”

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# FireWise Recognition

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## TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Because of our efforts to reduce the vulnerability of our homes and landscapes to wildfire, **the Town of Star Valley Ranch** has earned Firewise Communities/USA® recognition from the National Firewise Communities Program. The town has been working together with the Lincoln County Firewise Program and the Wyoming State Forestry Division to develop a wildfire hazard assessment and an action plan to address identified safety concerns. But now is the time to work together to implement this plan.

“We feel honored to receive this national recognition but we have a long ways to go to address the wildfire safety concerns of the community. This is only the beginning of a large amount of work to mitigate fire hazards and public safety concerns within the town” said Councilman John Lynch.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is the second community and the first incorporated town within the state of Wyoming to be named a Firewise Community, joining many other communities nationwide that have been recognized since the program’s inception in 2002. To receive Firewise Communities/USA recognition, the town met a rigorous set of requirements. The community completed the following activities:

- Worked with the Lincoln County Fuels Mitigation Coordinator to assist local homeowners to remove flammable vegetation from around their structures
- Applied for and received a fuels mitigation grant to conduct hazardous fuels mitigation work at various points around the perimeter of the town
- Held a Firewise and Public Safety informational event during which Firewise information was distributed
- With Lincoln County and the State of Wyoming Forestry Division, developed a Community Assessment and Wildfire Mitigation Action Plan
- Applied for and received a grant for the installation of 25 fire hydrants to the town’s water system

The State of Wyoming Forestry Division will formally present Firewise Communities/USA recognition to the Town of Star Valley Ranch at the town council meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Town Hall.

**If you are interested in participating in the Firewise Program and reducing the fire hazard around your home give Jesica Lozier, Lincoln County Fuels Mitigation Coordinator a call at 307-679-0626. She would be happy to arrange a free assessment and work with you in mitigating fire hazard issues.**