



TSVR Newsletter – July 2020

National Flood Insurance Program

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program. The **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**, managed by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**, enables homeowners, business owners and renters in participating communities to purchase federally backed **flood insurance**. For more information contact: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>

Arbor Day and Natural Resource Donations

The Town of Star Valley Ranch and the Natural Resource Board want to thank everyone who donated to our Arbor Day and Natural Resource Tree Fund. Names are now listed on the plaque at Town Hall.

Over the past 6 months we have received almost \$2,000.00 which will be used to plant and care for trees at Town Hall, the Town Entrance on Vista Drive and Fox Run Park. Because of COVID-19 we made the decision not to have a formal Arbor Day celebration this year but rest assured that new trees will get planted before the end of summer.

Garage Sale for Trails & Parks

The Natural Resource Board will be hosting our 4th Annual Garage Sale for Trails & Parks on **Saturday, August 8th from 8 am to 3 pm** at the First Response Center (next to the Mail Center). All proceeds go to the Town's Trails and Parks fund. If you have items you would like to donate to the garage sale give us a call at 307-883-9520. We would be happy to pick items up!



Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting

July 15th at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board

July 8th & 22nd at 5 pm

Natural Resource Board

July 7th at 2 pm

Coffee with the Mayor

Cancelled until further notice

Contacts

Town Hall

307-883-8696

clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org

Public Works

307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer

307-880-2666

*****ATTENTION VOTERS*****

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ISSUED DIRECTIVES TO THE COUNTIES TO CONSOLIDATE POLLING LOCATIONS AS WELL AS DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES THAT HAVE SUFFICIENT FLOOR SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS. THEREFORE, THE COUNTY CLERK HAS DESIGNATED THE POLLING LOCATION FOR THE STAR VALLEY RANCH PRECINCT (DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT 10) TO THE STAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COMPLEX IN ETNA (107736 N US 89) FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS.

THE ELECTION DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: AUGUST 18TH

GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 3RD

ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE REQUESTED BY CONTACTING THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK AT 307-877-2027

Firewise and Fire Restrictions for 2020

Just a reminder for those residents that are participants in the Firewise program, roadside pickup of hazardous fuels will be July 20th, 21st and 22nd. Material should be in lengths not greater than 8 feet. This should only be natural wildland fuels; no construction waste or other trash.



Remember that per our Town Code: 8.01.050 Open Fires A: *Open burning of any trash, tree trimmings, leaf and grass rakings, or other such debris is prohibited.*

Recreational Fires

Backyard recreational fires are permitted within the town but they must be in a freestanding outdoor fireplace or fire-pit constructed of stone, concrete or metal and they must have a spark arrester screen covering the heat discharge area.

The Energy Release Component (ERC) is a measurement of the amount of energy released in fuels burning in a wildland fire. When the ERC as measured by the Teton Interagency Dispatch Center exceeds a value of 60 for three consecutive days, all recreational fires within the Town of Star Valley Ranch are prohibited.

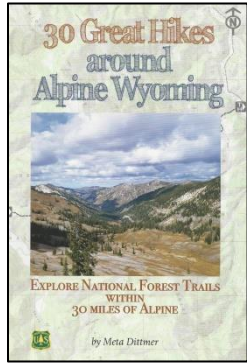


Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew

The Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew continues to recruit new volunteers. If you are interested in helping out give Craig Adler a call at 307.883.9520 or send an email to svrtrails@gmail.com.



Local Trail Guide and Maps Available at Town Hall



“30 Great Hikes around Alpine, Wyoming” is a wonderful trail guide to many great places on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, including all of the trails adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch. Our Trails Committee and the Natural Resource Board assisted in the creation of this great little publication. It’s a wonderful reference book to have around the house when company arrives this summer!

Copies of the trail guide are available at the Star Valley Ranch Town Hall for \$10 each. Proceeds go to helping provide tools and equipment for our Star Valley Ranch Volunteer Trail Crew.

In addition, the Star Valley Ranch Trails Committee has completed a new map of the trails we maintain in cooperation with the Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest. Copies of the maps can be obtained from Town Hall or the Mail Center or they can be downloaded by clicking on this link:

<https://starvalleyranchwy.org/2020/05/15/star-valley-ranch-trails-map-2020/>

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Weeds

Invasive plants are fierce competitors that threaten our native biodiversity and ecosystems. These escapees create serious environmental problems. Without the natural controls found in their place of origin, invasive weeds move quickly into agricultural areas, our home’s landscaping and into adjacent agricultural areas and wildlands.



As a property owner, you are responsible for the control of invasive weeds on your property. To accomplish this, Lincoln County Weed & Pest stands ready to help you identify any weeds growing on your property and help you develop a strategy to treat these weeds. They also offer a significant discount on herbicides and will give advice on mixing and application.

Lincoln County Weed & Pest
746 N. Washington Street
Afton, WY 83110
307.885.9333

Three Ways to Stay Informed to Things Happening in Town

1. Submit your email address at <https://starvalleyranchwy.org/2016/01/06/newsletters/> and get the town newsletter and other email updates
2. Like us on Facebook “Town of Star Valley Ranch”
3. Follow us on twitter “StarValleyRanchWY”

Be Firewise – Tips for Homeowners & Landowners



Protect Your Property from Wildfire

Wildfire doesn't have to burn everything in its path. In fact, cleaning your property of debris and maintaining your landscaping are important first steps to helping minimize damage and loss.

The work you do today can make a difference. Follow this simple checklist, now and throughout the year, to prepare and help reduce the risk of your home and property becoming fuel for a wildfire!

- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation from under your deck and within 10 feet of the house.
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks, dry vegetation) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. If you have trees on your property, prune so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screen with metal mesh to prevent ember entry.

Fire Danger at Press Time:

