



TSVR Newsletter – June 2021

The SVR Mail Center is on the Move!

The Town of Star Valley Ranch Mail Center is moving to its new location on the lower level of Town Hall. The last day for mail delivery to the old Mail Center will be on Tuesday, June 8th. We ask all residents to empty their boxes on the afternoon or evening of the 8th.



There will be no mail delivery on June 9th while the boxes are moved to the new location. Mail delivery should resume on June 10th.

Your box number will not change! New mailboxes will be assigned to those on the waitlist starting on Monday, June 14th.

Celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, June 12th



The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our 11th annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 12th at 10 am at the Fox Run Park Trailhead. Come on out and help us plant 8 new trees in the park. The Town of Star Valley Ranch will also be recognized as a Tree City for our 10th consecutive year! Fun, food and prizes!

Cedar Creek Trailhead Dedication, June 15th

You are invited to the dedication of the Town of Star Valley Ranch's new Harold P. Stewart, Cedar Creek Trailhead on Tuesday, June 15th at 10 am! Please park at the grass parking lot on the west side of Cedar Creek Park. Transportation will be provided to the trailhead. There will be refreshments and prizes. Please arrive early and allow time for transport to the trailhead. This is a great opportunity to say thank you to all of the volunteers, town employees and our cooperators who made this project possible.

Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
June 15th at 6 pm
Planning & Zoning Board
June 9th & 23rd at 5 pm
Natural Resource Board
June 3rd at 2 pm
Town Hall Hours
8 am to 6 pm
Monday thru Thursday

Contacts

Town Hall
307-883-8696
clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org
Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Harold P. Stewart
Cedar Creek Trailhead
Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming

Water Utility Board – Activity Report

The Water Utility Board met on Monday, May 3rd to finalize our Ordinance Update Recommendation and then reported such to the Council at their May 6th Workshop.

Our recommendation addresses the following parts of the Water Utility’s existing Ordinance:

<u>CURRENTLY</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS	Title V: Water Utility <i>(name change)</i>
50. CULINARY WATER	Chapter 50: Regulations <i>(replace 50)</i>
51. WATER CONSERVATION	<i>(no change)</i>
52. LIQUID ASSETS MAN	<i>(no change)</i>
53. WATER SERVICE FEES	Chapter 53: Definitions <i>(new / additional)</i>
	Chapter 54: Fees <i>(replace existing 53)</i>

The Open Comments session from April 15th thru April 29th, although disappointing in the lack of participation and the small number of responses, we were delighted and thankful for the suggestions and comments we did receive.

The most significant themes and our plans as a result of the comments are:

1. The objective of the Open Comments was seeking comments regarding our planned recommendation, 71% of the comments were directed to a specific section. Based on the comments we received, we have modified 11 different sections to reflect your input and thus we believe, improved our overall recommendation.
2. The second highest was directed towards costs. Just under 40% reference a fee section. See number 3 for plans.
3. The responses overall indicated a misunderstanding or a lack of understanding of the Water Utility’s uniqueness, function, operation and funding model. Our plan over the next several months is to address the cost issue as well as to inform everyone a little more about your water system. Please watch your water bill and the Town’s web site for our message in the Town’s Newsletter.

We have made our official recommendation to the Council. The Mayor has forwarded our recommendation to the Town Attorney for his comments. Once he has approved them, they will be posted on the Town’s website before moving the recommendation forward to the three-reading process for confirming an Ordinance update.

Thanks again to all of those who sent in your comments.

Water Utility Board

War-on-Weeds Day on Saturday June 19th

On Saturday, June 19th the Natural Resource Board will be sponsoring our annual War-on-Weeds Day. Lincoln County Weed and Pest will be at the First Response Center from 9 am to 1 pm. They will have all of there crews here to help home owners inspect their property for noxious weeds and develop and implement a treatment strategy. They will also have herbicides available for 40% off the normal retail price. This is an easy way to take action on any weeds you may have.



Firewise and Public Safety Day, Saturday, June 26th



The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be hosting our 4th Firewise and Public Safety Day on Saturday, June 26th from 10 AM to 1 PM in front of the Emergency Response Building at the intersection of Vista and Vista West. Safety service providers and first responders, that support the Town of Star Valley Ranch, are being invited to attend so they can answer all our questions and help us live safely here in this rural community. Some of those safety providers include our Special Municipal Officer, the Mid-Valley Fire

District, Lincoln County Sheriff, US Forest Service, Wyoming Game and Fish, Star Valley Health, Lincoln County Public Health, Lucky's Place and more. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

You really need to come and visit with these safety providers. We are sure one or more of them can provide some bit of information that can improve your ability to take care of yourself and your neighbors while living here.

Crop Circles – SVR Community Garden Completed!

The Star Valley Ranch Community Garden is now affectionately called Crop Circles; a nod to our round, stock tank gardens. With the help of a whole bunch of volunteers, construction of the garden site is finished. We will consider it complete if we receive the grant for which we have applied. This will pay for a permanent water delivery system.



Each tank garden has been assigned. Interested members of the community applied for a space in the garden and were selected by drawing. The garden tank is for their personal use for a season. Extra produce will be shared with the Thayne Community Food Bank. When you are out for a walk in Fox Run Park, walk by and have a look. Watch our gardens grow!

Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Boats

Placement and use of recreational vehicles, motor homes, boats and trailers on your Star Valley Ranch property is particularly important in the summer/fall months when outdoor activities are abundant. Ordinance 154.075, Temporary Dwellings explains the Town's requirements:



- (A) No person shall use or permit the use of any temporary dwelling, motor home or trailer as defined in this chapter as a principal or seasonal dwelling on any site, lot, field or tract of land.
- (B) Storage of temporary dwellings, recreational vehicles, motor homes, trailers, boats and the like shall:
 - (1) Only be on a lot where a principal dwelling currently exists; and be inside a building or stored in the rear or side yard on a gravel or paved driveway of the owner's dwelling; and
 - (2) Be set back the required distance for the respective zoning district.
- (C) Un-occupied parking or storage of temporary dwellings (including trailers and motor homes) on a street or front yard is prohibited.
(Prior Code, § 9.05.150)

Firewise Sign Up and Firewise Pickup for 2021



This year the annual Firewise pickup of brush and trimmings is the week of July 19th. All brush should be cut in lengths of not over 8 feet and placed along your roadway **after July 1st**. You must be a registered participant in the Firewise program. If you are not signed up here is what you do...

1. Call Patty Pringle, Director of Lincoln County Firewise Program 307-679-8574.
2. Patty will come out to your property to perform fire safety inspection of your landscape.
3. She will issue you a certificate of inspection as well as recommendations of work to be completed to make your home fire safe.
4. Take the certificate of inspection to Town Hall to have your name added to the Town of Star Valley Ranch Firewise Program list.