



TSVR Newsletter – Jan/Feb, 2022

Master Plan Survey

You will soon receive, in the mail, a packet with a questionnaire regarding the future of the Town of Star Valley Ranch. Please respond to this questionnaire, as your opinions will ensure that the Town’s next five-year plan will represent community priorities.

This survey has been preceded by five citizen focus groups. Community input is essential. The aggregated results of the survey will be shared with the community when completed. Thank You.

Town Annual Audit

Jones Simkins, LLC, presented their findings for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Audit of the Town. The results of the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

‘Twas the Season for Giving!

The Star Valley Ranch Community Garden Fundraiser, which ran from mid-November to mid-December, through the crowd funding non-profit organization SeedMoney, was a success!

We raised \$3,300 and we qualified for a grant of an additional \$400.00 for a handsome total of \$3,700! Thanks to those of you who made donations.

Because of your help we will be able to add more garden tanks to Crop Circles! More families in our community will have an opportunity to grow fresh food for their tables and through their generosity we will have more produce to share with the Thayne Community Food Bank. It just keeps on giving!



Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Jan. 19th & Feb. 16th at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board
Jan. 12th & 26th and
Feb. 9th & 23rd at 5 pm

Natural Resource Board
Jan. 13th & Feb. 23rd at 2 pm

Martin Luther King Jr Day and
President’s Day
Jan. 17th & Feb. 21st

Town Hall Closed

Coffee with the Mayor
Jan. 17th & Feb. 14th at 10 am

Contacts

Town Hall
307-883-8696
clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

Snow Removal

After a significant snowstorm, our priority is to open the roads. This usually takes the first complete shift of plowing. On subsequent days we widen roads and intersections and clean up around water infrastructure such as fire hydrants. As a town, we cannot plow private driveways.



Please do not approach snow removal equipment or jump on equipment to speak with the operators. Approaching the snow removal equipment is dangerous and most of the time the operator cannot see you approach. If you need to contact us, please call Town Hall offices directly at 883-8696.

How to care for your Septic System

Septic system maintenance is not complicated, and it does not need to be expensive. Upkeep comes down to five key elements:

1. Inspect and Pump Frequently

The average household septic system should be inspected at least every three years by a septic service professional. Household septic tanks are typically pumped every three to five years. Four major factors influence the frequency of septic pumping:

- Household size
- Total wastewater generated
- Volume of solids in wastewater
- Septic tank size



2. Use Water Efficiently

- The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is nearly 70 gallons per individual, per day. Just a single leaky or running toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day.
- All of the water a household sends down its pipes winds up in its septic system. The more water a household conserves, the less water enters the septic system. Efficient water use improves the operation of a septic system and reduces the risk of failure.

4. Properly Dispose of Waste

- Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink, shower, or bath, everything that goes down your drains ends up in your septic system. What goes down the drain affects how well your septic system works.

5. Think at the sink!

- Your septic system contains a collection of living organisms that digest and treat household waste. Pouring toxins down your drain can kill these organisms and harm your septic system. Whether you are at the kitchen sink, bathtub, or utility sink.

Ordinance Update

Title XI Chapter 112 Contractor Registration; All Contractors will need to register with the Town starting on January 1st. The registration application must be approved by the Town prior to beginning work in the Town. Contractor Registration will be \$100.00 for General, plumbing/HVAC and electrical contractors and \$25.00 for limited contractors.

Title V Water Utility Chapter 54 Rates: The Water Ordinance updates, and changes have had their final reading and were adopted at the Town Council meeting on December 15th, 2021. There are some changes in services and fees. A full copy of the approved ordinance is on the Town's website (www.starvalleyranchwy.org) There is Good News and Bad News! The "Bad" news is we must again raise the rates however, there is some "Good" news as we are nearing the completion of our water system.

Because of our rate structure, the Town will have sufficient funds to meet our loan payments and operate our new system efficiently.

Short Term Rental: This ordinance is still under consideration. The 2nd reading was postponed until January 19th Regular Town Council Meeting. You may find a copy of the 1st reading on the Town's website under government-agenda/minutes-packet. Please email clerk@starvalleyranchwy.org with any questions.

Town honored for Trail System

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has been honored by the Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service for efforts in designing and maintaining two trailheads and over seven miles of hiking/riding trails within the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The honor was presented to Star Valley Ranch by Forest Supervisor, Tricia O'Conner and presented to Natural Resource Board Chairman, Greg Greenhoe through an award ceremony streamed live on November 2nd.



The Forest Service specifically cited the recent work of the NRB and Trail Crew to complete the Cedar Creek Trailhead, including access road, signage, parking area, fencing, information kiosk, footbridge and toilet.

This work was completed by hundreds of volunteers on the Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew over the past seven years. The Trail Crew works under the direction of the Star Valley Ranch Trails Committee and the SVR Natural Resource Board.

Latest Snow Blog at starvalleyweather.com

<http://blog.starvalleyweather.com/2021/12/21/white-christmas-guaranteed-star-valley/>

Arbor Day 2022

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our 12th annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 11th, 2022 at Fox Run Park. We will be planting an addition 8 to 10 trees within the park. The Town of Star Valley Ranch will also be recognized as a Tree City for our 11th consecutive year!

The Town of Star Valley Ranch has established a fund for the purchase of trees and supplies for the 2022 Arbor Day and other natural resources work. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Clerk, Kristin Gray, at Town Hall. The Natural Resource Board will add the names to our recognition plaque which is displayed at Town Hall. The minimum donation for displaying the names of donors or remembrances is \$50. Donations received after May 11th will be recorded on the plaque in 2022.



Natural Resource Board

Donation for Trees - Arbor Day 2022

\$50.00 Donation will entitle you to have a name engraved on the plaque which is displayed in our Town Hall. Donations must be received by May 11th for Arbor Day June 11th, 2022 (If not received by May 11th, donations will be applied to the 2023 celebration).



Donor's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____ Date _____

Do you want a name on the plaque? Yes _____ No _____

Is this donation in memory of an individual? Yes _____ No _____

If **Yes** to the above, please print the name you want engraved on the plaque:

Return to Town Clerk, Kristin Gray at town hall or mail to:

Arbor Day and Natural Resource Donation

Town of Star Valley Ranch

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