



# TSVR Newsletter – March 2022

## Are You Planning on Construction?

There are steps you must follow before you begin construction:



1. Develop Plans
2. Apply for Permit from the Town
3. Apply for Permit from the Association
4. Receive Approved Permits
5. Begin Construction

For more information on the Town permitting process go to:

<http://starvalleyranchwy.org/forms-permits/>

For more information on the Star Valley Ranch Association permitting process go to: [www.svrawy.com/homeowners/forms/](http://www.svrawy.com/homeowners/forms/)

## 811 – Call Before You Dig



**BEFORE YOU DIG:** Calling 811 is the most important step! Wyoming law requires that you call at least 2 business days before you intend to dig. Call 811 (or if you are calling from out of-state 1-800-849-2476)

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

## Arbor Day Donations 2022

Once again, the Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating Arbor Day at 10 am on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Fox Run Park. The Natural Resource Board is collecting donations for trees and donations of \$50 or more will have the donors name or in memory of an individual on a plaque in Town Hall. See page 5 for how to make your donation. Thanks for your support!



### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
Planning & Zoning Board  
Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm  
Natural Resource Board  
April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Economic Dev. Board  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm

Coffee with the Mayor  
March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
Town Hall Hours  
8 am to 6 pm  
Monday thru Thursday

### Contacts

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

Special Municipal Officer  
307-880-2666

## Upcoming Water Utility Board Activity

The Water Utility Board, one of the most important Boards working for the Town, has a busy year ahead in 2022. They have identified a number of activities that they would like to accomplish this year. First and foremost is keeping the Town in a sound financial footing as we move forward with final few projects that will complete our water system upgrade.



The Water Utility Board plays a critical role in recommending the rates that we pay for having some of the best water in the valley, available for all the lots in the Town. Setting rates is no small task considering the number of factors that need to be considered: 1. Funding to pay for the completed project loans to the State, 2. Paying for the loan portion of the next few upcoming projects that will finish our total system upgrade, 3. Funding for the maintenance of the present system in the face of rising costs for parts and other supplies as well as escalating costs in general. The goal is to minimize the rate increases while maintaining a sound financial footing for the Town for the long term. Additionally, the Town must put aside funds in a reserve to have available for a catastrophic failure event and future system replacement.

Other major work of the Board includes analyzing the system data to determine what requirements might be needed to optimize the existing water utility system now and in the future in terms of equipment, storage, and improvements. This will then be presented to the Town Council in the form of a recommendation.

Other work of the Board will be a regular communication in the newsletter to inform the citizens of the Town about activity and spending that will impact the rates we pay.

## Parking on Town Roadways

As per town ordinance parking is prohibited along our town roads except where designated. If you are planning a family gathering or other event where there is insufficient parking on your property give our Special Municipal Officer, Jim Rodgers a call at 307-880-2666. Jim would be happy to work with you to come up with an appropriate solution.



## Trail Crew Volunteers



The Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew needs your help! They are planning a busy season making improvements to our trails and trailheads both on Town of Star Valley Ranch property and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. For more information on the trail crew and how you can get involved give Trails Committee Chair, Craig Adler a call at 307.883.9520 or send an e-mail to: [svrtrails@gmail.com](mailto:svrtrails@gmail.com)

## 2022 Town Council Objectives

### **Councilman Ron Denney**

- Public Safety – Fire, EMS, Sherriff, Firewise, Code Enforcement
- Emergency Response Center repair or replace
- Firewise and Public Safety Day
- Finance Board- Liaison
  - Financial records and budget prep
- Economic Development Board - Liaison

### **Councilman Taylor Ellis**

- Planning and Zoning Board – Liaison
- Water Board
  - Work to get needed data retained on a timely basis to; a) identify peak usage periods and b) minimize the electric costs to run the pumps.
- Town Master Plan
  - Complete all processes included in creating a Master Plan for the Town including interviewing and hiring a planning company to complete the project.

### **Councilman Lee Hansen**

- Water Utilities - Liaison to the Water Board = involvement in all aspects of water including rates, Water Projects and funding.
- Short-Term Rental Ordinance - finish ordinance and educate citizens.
- Septic Systems Town Wide

### **Councilman Don Baillie**

- Liaison to the Natural Resources Board (NRB).
- Attend the WAM winter meeting, February 23-25,
- Be fully involved in the 2022-2023 Budget process.

## Code Red

Lincoln County Emergency Management is encouraging area residents to take advantage of its CODE RED notification system. The system is designed to notify people in the event of an emergency. The system works through the 911 Emergency program. The limitation is that it only goes out to landlines unless you go in and input your cell phone or email. With this program, messages can be sent out geographically within moments.

For more information on the CODE RED system visit the Lincoln County Website [www.lcwy.org](http://www.lcwy.org).

## Town of Star Valley Ranch Survey Update

The members of the Town of Star Valley Ranch (TSVR) Survey Steering Committee are excited to announce that the Survey process is almost complete. They are expecting a few more surveys to be returned this week but the committee is truly pleased and impressed with the high response rate

and the seriousness with which TSVR residents responded to the survey. They understand that those of you who have taken the time to fill out the survey would like to know how they developed it and what is going to happen with the information that the committee has received.



Last October and November, the Survey Steering Committee held a series of citizen focus groups to aid us in identifying key topic areas of interest and concern, with a focus on the priorities identified by participants. The subsequent surveys were developed based on the information they gained from those focus groups. The steering committee then waited until January 21 to mail out the surveys to ensure that they would not be competing with holiday season activities and schedules as they asked already busy people to fill out and return the surveys.

Currently, the survey results are being recorded and the data is being analyzed. That process should be completed soon, and an update will be provided to the mayor and town council. Once the report has been submitted to the town council, presentations will be scheduled for members of the focus groups, town board members, and interested citizens. The steering committee wants to make sure that anyone who is interested in the survey results has the opportunity to attend a presentation.

New mission and vision statements will then be developed under the coordinating leadership of the steering committee and will be based on what the committee learns from the survey responses and the priorities listed by TSVR residents. Once a draft has been reviewed by the town council, a citizen review process will be developed to ensure ongoing participation and feedback regarding the mission and vision statements as we move forward. Finally, the new five-year TSVR master plan will be developed based on the priorities identified in the mission and vision statements.

As you can see, the information you have provided in the surveys is critical to the development of the Town of Star Valley Ranch over the next five years. The Survey Steering Committee wants to thank you so much for responding seriously and thoughtfully to the survey. They will keep you updated over the next few months.

## Two 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”

# Arbor Day 2022

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be celebrating our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Arbor Day on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be planting additional trees in Fox Run Park. The Town of Star Valley Ranch will also be recognized as a Tree City for our 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> will be recorded on the plaque in 2023.



## **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 11<sup>th</sup> for Arbor Day June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (If not received by May 11<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**171 Vista Drive #7007**

**Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127**