



# TSVR Newsletter – June 2022

## Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>



Join us for the 2022 Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Fox Run Park! Help us plant new trees in the park. There will also be refreshments and prizes!

We hope to see you there!

## War-on-Weeds – Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln County Weed & Pest will have all of their noxious weed control crews here on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. They will be setting up at the First Response Center at the corner of Vista Drive and Vista West Drive. These crews will:

- Help residents identify noxious weeds on their property
- Assist in developing a strategy for control, including manual techniques
- Assist in treating weeds on your property
- Help calibrate sprayers
- Recommend an herbicide and assist in proper mixing
- Provide instruction on proper application of product for best results
- Provide crews to work on projects on public property
- Have herbicide available to residents for purchase at a 40%+ discount!

This is a tremendous opportunity to control weeds on your property for a very low cost!

### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board  
June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm

Natural Resource Board  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

Economic Dev. Board  
June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm

Coffee with the Mayor  
June 13<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



## Firewise Program now open to all!

July is Firewise and Public Safety Month and the Town of Star Valley Ranch has made a few changes to the Firewise Program. For the first time everyone in the Town of Star Valley Ranch is automatically enrolled in our Firewise Community Program and can take advantage of roadside pickup of hazardous natural fuels during the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.



If you haven't had a Firewise Safety Evaluation in the past few years you can request one by calling Gina Campbell our Assistant Town Clerk at 307-883-8696. She will take your information and refer it to a certified Firewise inspector who will contact you to schedule an evaluation.

As you develop a plan to clean up your property and make it fire safe, refer to the TVSR Fuels Reduction/Defensible Space Guideline (available at Town Hall) or the home evaluation you received from the inspector. Woody natural materials may be placed at the roadside starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Natural fuels only please, no trash or lumber! Cut brush/limbs in lengths of 8 feet or less. All material should be at the roadside by 8 am the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget to attend the Town of Star Valley Ranch Firewise and Public Safety Day event on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the First Response Center across from Town Hall. Meet our local first responders and learn what to do in the event of a large wildfire or other emergency.

## ATV Safety – Off-Road Vehicle Rules – As per State of Wyoming

1. Off road vehicles should have a current license plate and be street legal.
2. The operator must have a valid driver's license.
3. Motorcycle operators and riders under 18 years must wear an approved helmet.

### Additional Pointers:

- ✓ Understand your ATV
- ✓ Protect your head
- ✓ Wear protective gear
- ✓ Know where you can ride
- ✓ Slow down Golf Cart Safety
- ✓ Drive responsibly; Arm's & legs should always remain in the vehicle
- ✓ Do not try to squeeze in extra passengers
- ✓ Obey vehicle traffic laws
- ✓ Never drive intoxicated
- ✓ Avoid distractions. Remain attentive and NO texting
- ✓ Never allow anyone to stand in the cart or on the platform located in the back of the cart
- ✓ Always check blind spots before turning
- ✓ Look behind your golf cart before backing up
- ✓ Avoid excessive speeds, sudden starts, stops, and sharp turns
- ✓ Reduce speed on hills and inclines or declines, as well as blind corners
- ✓ Always make sure to set the parking brake when stopped.
- ✓ Always yield to pedestrians
- ✓ Use extreme caution in inclement weather
- ✓ Children must always be accompanied by an adult



## Firewise and Public Safety Day – July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Town of Star Valley Ranch will be hosting our Firewise and Public Safety Day on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm at the First Response Center. Corner of Vista Dr. and Vista West Drive.

First Responders from throughout the Star Valley will participate this year. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the first responders in the valley.



## Water Improvement Project 2021

WIP 2021 will begin work in the first part of June. Our contractor will be working in the south end of Town, Solitude Circle, Hillside Circle, Redwood Circle, Vista Circle, Muddy String and Sugar Loaf Circle. Roads will not be repaired until the end of the project.

## Town of Star Valley Ranch Survey Results and Goals Update

On Saturday, June 25, the members of the Town of Star Valley Ranch Community Survey and Goals Steering Committee will be holding a four-hour workshop to develop a new Vision and Mission draft developed from the survey and focus group results provided by the residents of the town. Once completed the draft will be submitted to the Mayor and Town Council for review, input, and final approval. From there, the Vision and Mission Statements will be presented to the town residents at large. As indicated earlier, the Vision and Mission statements will be used to guide the development of the new five-year TSVR Masterplan which will be created based on the priorities identified in the mission and vision statements. We are excited about the progress we have made and the outstanding participation of town residents.

It has come to our attention that many residents have had difficulty locating the Town Survey Results Summary on the Town Website. We have made it easier for you to find...

1. just open the main page ([www.starvalleyranchwy.org](http://www.starvalleyranchwy.org))
2. click on the Town Survey Results Summary Picture under “Latest News”
3. click on the found “here” under Community Master Plan 2022,
4. you will see the **PDF link to the survey. Just click on it and it will open.**

Again, we want to thank everyone for their participation!

## Right-of-Way Excavation Permits

If you plan on excavating within the Town Road Right of Way including a driveway you must have a permit. You may apply for the permit at Town Hall.

## Crop Circles, our Community Garden

The Town of Star Valley Ranch's Community Garden affectionately known as Crop Circles, has been completed.

Last year we were able, with our fund-raising efforts, to start our community garden with 15 garden tanks surrounded by an 8ft. wildlife fence. Volunteer labor made it happen. All who requested a garden tank got one to use for the season. Extra produce grown by the gardeners was donated to the Thayne Community Food Bank.



Again, with another successful fund-raising effort this winter, we were able to add 9 more tanks for a total of 24 gardens garden tanks. Volunteers did the work of clearing weeds, spreading gravel, rolling the tanks into place and then filling each one with soil.

We also added 2 smaller oval tanks in the alley between Crop Circles and Canine Commons. We prettied up that area by removing the weeds and spreading gravel.

Come out and see the garden. Arbor Day will be celebrated in the parking area at Crop Circles, Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will be planting trees, of course!

If you are interested in using a garden tank for next season, contact us at [svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:svrcommunitygarden@gmail.com)

## Dark Sky and Residential Lights

We are very lucky in the Star Valley to be able to view the stars and Milky Way in our night sky. Most people on planet Earth right don't live under truly dark night skies. Though you might be aware that you can't see the stars in Tokyo or New York City, you might not realize that there's some degree of light pollution in most of the places humans live today.



Light pollution is any form of excessive or obtrusive light that interferes with the natural starlight in the night sky.

Several studies link light pollution to deteriorating health of wildlife, humans, and the planet. Artificial light interferes with our circadian rhythms by messing with melatonin production, and interrupts natural processes like breeding and migrating in everything from sea turtles to birds.

What can we do to preserve our dark skies? Follow the five principles of lighting:

1. Only light necessary areas, turn lights off when lighting is not required
2. Use shielded lights that direct light downward
3. Limit brightness to only what is needed, bulbs over 1200 lumens should be fully shielded
4. Use warm-colored lights, 3000K or less
5. Control how long lights stay on through dimmers, motion sensors and timers