



# TSVR Newsletter – July 2022

## 2022 Chip Seal and Asphalt Project

The Town has scheduled a chip seal project for July of 2022 which will be maintenance layers on some of the roads completed in 2017. This project should only impact traffic for one or two days. The Town will notify residents by email of the actual dates.



## Parking on Star Valley Ranch Roads



Just a reminder that parking is prohibited on any road right-of-way within the Town of Star Valley Ranch except where signage permits. If you are having a friend or family gathering and need additional parking, call the Special Municipal Officer at 307-880-2666. He will work with you on a solution.

## Upcoming Elections

Election time will be here soon. Our **Primary Election** will be on **August 16, 2022**, and the **General Election** is **November 8, 2022**. The polling location will be at Town Hall, upstairs.



**Absentee ballots** are available from the **County Clerk's Office** 45 days prior to an election. To request a **ballot**, you may call the **County Clerk's Office** at (307)877-2027 or (307)877-2021 or by e-mail to one of the following: [jpainter@lcwy.org](mailto:jpainter@lcwy.org) or [abrunski@lcwy.org](mailto:abrunski@lcwy.org)

Candidates for Mayor: **Don Baillie & Kathleen Buyers**

Candidates for Council: (2 seats/4-year term) **Lee R. Hansen, Kirsten Merrill & Ruzena Rok**

## Fireworks Prohibited within the Town

We all reside adjacent to and in a wildland environment. Wildfire is an ever-present danger! Because of that fireworks are prohibited within the Town of Star Valley Ranch from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting  
July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Board  
July 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

Natural Resource Board  
July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

Economic Dev. Board  
July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

Coffee with the Mayor  
July 18<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

Make sure you vote!

## TVSR Firewise Program

July is Firewise and Public Safety Month you are automatically enrolled in our Firewise Community Program! You and your family can take advantage of roadside pickup of hazardous natural fuels during the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.



As you develop a plan to clean up your property and make it fire safe, refer to the TVSR Fuels Reduction/Defensible Space Guidelines (copy available at Town Hall). Woody natural materials may be placed at the roadside starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Natural fuels only (no trash or lumber). Cut brush/limbs in lengths of 8 feet or less. All material should be at the roadside by 7 am on the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Garage sale for Trails & Parks

Our annual Garage Sale for Trails & Parks will be on Friday and Saturday, 19 & 20 August. We will accept drop off donations on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm at the First Response Center across from Town Hall.



We will assist in picking up larger items on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call Craig, 513-324-4197 to set up an appointment.

We are always looking for donations and volunteers to help sort and sell!!

## SVR community garden, Crop Circles, awarded grant!

First Lady of Wyoming, Jennie Gordon, is intent on ending food insecurity in Wyoming. The Wyoming Hunger Initiative recently launched its second season of *Grow a Little Extra*. The premise of the program is simple: fresh produce can be expensive and difficult to procure for food pantries. So, she is asking gardeners of all ages to donate their extra produce throughout the summer. Last year gardeners accepted the challenge to the tune of 10,000 lbs. of donated produce! That means fresh, local food for anti-hunger organizations throughout Wyoming to distribute to our neighbors in need.



Last growing season our own Crop Circles gardeners donated approx. 37lbs of extra produce to our nearby Thayne Community Food Bank. Knowing that we could do better, we applied to the WY Hunger Initiative, for an infrastructure grant to pay for additional garden tanks and the soil to fill them. We've been awarded that grant! And now our gardeners who grow food for their own families and friends will continue to "Grow a Little Extra".

## 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 Utility Board Seeks New Member

### Wanted: Volunteer

We have an opening. Star Valley Ranch's **Water Utility Board** is seeking a volunteer to join our board. This is a three-year position



### Obligation

Represent the Water Utility Board to Town Council and Town Residents. One meeting per month, in person preferred, but we provide teleconferencing. Critiques of online drafts: papers, newsletters, minutes, ordinances, etc.

### Board Objectives (Town Ordinance)

A) The Water Utility Board shall promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens in all matters affecting the Water Utility of the town by providing advice, guidance and recommendations to the Council.

B) The Water Utility Board shall provide analysis, advice, guidance and recommendations in all matters affecting the Water Utility to the Town Council in the review and selection of options and alternatives in the monitoring, development and expansion of our water system.

### Qualifications (Preferred)



1. A good Business or Public Service background,
2. Desire and willingness to serve your Town,
3. Community awareness,
4. Town Resident and
5. Water Utility knowledge or experience.

**Solicitations open through Noon on Thursday, July 28, 2022**  
**Inquires: Star Valley Ranch, Town Clerk – 307-883-8696**



# INSURANCE | TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE YOUR WILDFIRE RISKS

## Take Steps to Reduce Your Wildfire Risks

Every year, new studies show that the wildfire risks for homeowners is increasing in most areas of the country, including in Wyoming. Homeowners face the potential risk of significant damage to their homes, but also the more likely scenario of more financial burdens in the form of higher insurance premiums and even non-renewals of their insurance policies because their property lies in a high-risk area. The Wyoming Department of Insurance would like to remind all Wyoming consumers, but particularly those consumers living in more wooded areas, of the dangers of wildfires and provide some quick mitigation tips to help reduce their risk of significant wildfire damage to their homes. This may also assist in reducing the risk that their premiums will go up or even that their insurance policies may be terminated.

Wildfire mitigation is the implementation of various measures designed to reduce the risk of destruction by wildfire. It involves modifying the environment by keeping flammables away from nearby structures. "Flash fuels" such as dry grass, leaves, trees, and pine needles can ignite easily and burn quickly.

Here are a few steps anyone can take to reduce the exposure of their home to wildfires:

1. Install nonflammable ground cover such as stone or rock and plant nothing within the first five



feet of the house and deck.

2. Prune and maintain all plants to prevent excessive growth.

3. Irrigate grass and other vegetation during the growing season. Keep grass and weeds mowed to a height of six inches or less.

4. Keep firewood at least thirty feet away from structures, and uphill if possible.

5. Enclose or screen decks with 1/8 inch or smaller metal mesh screening. Do not store anything under the deck.

6. Remove all trees within 15-30 feet of structures.

7. Remove any branches that overhang or touch the roof and remove all fuels within ten feet of the chimney.

8. Remove all pine needles and other debris from roof, deck, and gutters.

9. If possible, ensure that a large on-site water source is readily available for firefighters to use for fire suppression.

10. Propane tanks should be positioned a good distance from the

home. Universal building codes have recommendations for the safe distance, based upon size and type of the propane tank.

If you are a consumer whose property itself contains significant wood components, to reduce risk, you could also consider:

1. Periodically having any wood siding sprayed with fire retardant, or replacing any wood siding with a fire-resistant material such as fiber cement siding, cultured stone, brick, or stucco.

2. Periodically having any wood roof sprayed with fire retardant, or replacing any wood roofing with Class-A fire-rated materials, such as metal, concrete tile, or slate.

3. Replacing any landscaped areas containing wood mulch with rock mulch.

4. Replacing any wood decks with PVC-based or other fire-resistant components.

5. Replacing any single-paned windows with double-paned windows, which tends to hold up longer in the extreme heat of a wildfire. Also consider tempered glass over plate glass.

Through ongoing wildfire mitigation work by the creation of defensible space, the performance of routine maintenance around homes, and the replacement of high-risk materials, consumers can give both firefighters and themselves the best chance to defend their property from wildfires.



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