



TSVR Newsletter

September 2017

Be Bear AWARE

Bears have been seen here at Star Valley Ranch and the surrounding area. Below are 5 tips to deter contact.

1. **Keep garbage secure until garbage day**
2. **Keep the barbeque / outdoor stove clean**
3. **Don't store any food outside**
4. **Keep your vehicle free of food**
5. **Feed your pets indoors**

The bears were here first. We owe it to them to do our best to reduce the chances that they'll want to wander into our yards looking for an easy meal. We're the ones putting temptation in their way, so it's up to us to make sure we have everything in place to ensure they don't make contact.



Scheduled Meetings

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm

Events

Coffee with Mayor
Monday, September 25th at 9:00 am

Contacts

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

Public Works
307-880-5325

Special Municipal Officer
307-880-2666

NEW BENCH INSTALLED

New Bench installed on the Maple Trail

The Star Valley Trail Crew has installed a new bench on the upper portion of the Maple Trail. The bench was donated by the Parrott family in memory of John Parrott. It is a wonderful place to sit and take in the view of Green Canyon.

Stop by Town Hall for a map of the Maple Trail and all of the trails on the Bridger-Teton National Forest just east of town.



War-on-Weeds

With the heavy snowfall and moist soil conditions, 2017 has been a very productive year for noxious weeds. To address this problem, the Natural Resource Board and the Town developed a range of strategies. One strategy aims to reduce the amount of noxious weed seed by removing plants before they “go to seed”. As part of this program the Auburn Boy Scouts and the Men’s Golf Association removed just under 7,000 pounds of Musk Thistle, Bull Thistle and Black Henbane as well as cleaning the town of Dyer’s Woad. Every plant removed reduces the total amount of seed in the soil “seed bank” and in a few years we should begin seeing a real reduction of these weeds in our town.

Thanks to everyone who helped in this year’s successful weed pull. Together we can make a difference.



NIGHT SKIES



As residents of the Town of Star Valley Ranch we can experience the wonder and beauty of our dark and starry skies. We are among a handful of communities in the United States where a resident can still see the Milky Way in the night sky. And now as we head into fall and darkness comes earlier in the evening, we can all enjoy our beautiful starry sky. But to maintain this precious resource we all must do everything we can to limit light pollution in our community. If we just take a few simple steps these stars will be visible for many years to come:

1. Turn off outside lights when they are not required.
2. Install full cutoff or fully shielded light fixtures.
3. Replace incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs.
4. Use motion sensitive security lighting.

Note: Did you know the Natural Resource Board and the Town of Star Valley Ranch has a program to share the cost of retrofitting light fixtures and light bulbs? For more information call 307-883-TOWN.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR



Star Valley Ranch Town Hall is serving “Coffee with the Mayor”. Residents are invited to join Mayor Kathleen Buyers for coffee and casual conversation on the last Monday of the month from 9 -10 am.

This is another communication tool and a chance to get to know the Mayor, visit Town Hall, and see your town government at work.

The next “Coffee with the Mayor” will be September 25th

Speeding ON OUR TOWN Roads



If you see speeding vehicles (cars, 4 wheelers, motorcycles) or witness under-age drivers, contact the County Sheriff at 307-885-5231. Let them know the time of day you are seeing the increased speeds and/or a description of the speeding vehicle.

Help to become part of the solution and not the problem.
“Keep it at the Limit” and slow it down!

We Love Our VOLUNTEERS

In honor of our Star Valley Ranch Community Volunteers, we want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the more than 100 volunteers whose dedication and selfless commitment to our Community makes this a better place to live. When you volunteer, you reach out to your community with your own two hands and make a tangible difference. Volunteering is one way that people say they want to “give back”, it is unique and distinctive. Whether volunteers help a single person or ignite change that benefits many, volunteers are making a difference in our community. Children who grow up learning to give back not only strengthen their communities but enrich their own lives in countless ways. Please join us in celebrating that spirit of selfless service, and extend your appreciation to area volunteers throughout our community. Recognize the 50 plus volunteers who worked many hours to make the SVRA 4th of July celebration possible and the 50 plus volunteers who work on trails, Town front entrance, Fox Run Park, noxious weeds, Planning and Zoning, SVRA activities and many other projects that make our Community a better place to live.



PLANNING and ZONING



The Planning and Zoning Board has submitted to the Town Council Title 6 (Building) and Title 9 (Zoning). The first reading occurred on Wednesday July 12th and was passed by the Town Council. There are some small changes that need to be made at the Council's recommendation and the Board is working to complete those requests. Twenty-five permits have been issued year to date including 6 homes, 4 garages, 4 decks, 3 fences and 8 miscellaneous.

The Road Department

The Town crew finished shaping the end of Vista Drive, Birch Circle, West Elkhorn Circle, East Forest and the intersection of Birch and Dogwood. We are starting to put road base down for completion of the projects. Dust Control continues on a regular basis. Crews are road patching pot holes on asphalt, chip sealing, and regrinding. Firewise Pickup went great this year, we were able to complete the entire Town in less than two days because of our excellent staff and our fantastic citizens who had everything ready for pickup on time. Crews continue to trim trees on roadways for traffic visibility.



Mayor's Corner

When you change out one of your key leaders, you lose some of your historical knowledge but you also gain a fresh set of eyes looking over all of the Town process and daily execution, bringing a different perspective and ideas. This is what our new town administrator, Evan Byrd, has been doing. His observations and action on our road projects have ensured completion of the planned projects this season and with a few adjustments to scheduling, the town realized additional saving on material and equipment rentals. A well-deserved round of applause is due to Evan and our public works department.



The next step in optimizing our services to the residents of the Town, our administrator has restructured our Public Works department, adding a new position to oversee our water department; this change will ensure our ability to provide the safest & highest quality water to all of our residents without adding large costs to our budget. We are excited to see the results of the changes and look forward to working together on the next area Evan identifies. Stand by for news of the next change!

Trail Booster

Town of Star Valley Ranch Trail Booster

You can help the Natural Resource Board and the Star Valley Ranch Trail Crew, build and maintain trails on and adjacent to the Town of Star Valley Ranch. Donate to the Star Valley Ranch Trail Fund and **donations of \$25 or more will receive a free "Trail Booster" T-shirt** to show your support of the Star Valley Ranch trails program. Fill out this form and mail or deliver with payment to Town Hall.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

XL _____ 2XL _____

Make checks payable to: Town of Star Valley Ranch – Trail F

Mail or Deliver to: Stella Mackey, Town Clerk
171 Vista Drive #7007
Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127

