

Newsletter

Town of Oak Creek

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Town Board Matters

On December 8th, the Town Board of Trustees approved and authorized the 2018 Budget. The Budget includes a trash and recyclables collection rate increase of \$2 per household, as well as a metered/unmetered water rate schedule to accommodate the Town's move to a metered water system. What does a metered water mean for you? We've included some scenarios and resources on the back of this newsletter that may prove helpful. As well, there is a schedule of all Town provided utility services found at <http://www.townofoakcreek.com/departments/utilities>.

**WE WOULD LIKE
TO THANK OUR
SHOP LOCAL &
HOLLY FESTIVAL
CONTRIBUTORS
FOR THIS
HOLIDAY
SEASON!
WE COULDN'T DO
IT WITHOUT YOU!!**

Town Administrator/ Clerk Corner

Shop Local Campaign

The drawing for the Shop Local Campaign will happen at 1 p.m. on December 29th at Oak Creek Town Hall. Entries must be received by 12 Noon that day to be included. Those entries can be dropped off at Yampa Town Hall or Oak Creek Town Halls. Don't miss out!

Ice Rink & Rossi Ski Trail

The ice at the Ice Rink is awesome, and there are numerous opportunities for the public to take advantage of open skate times. See the schedule on the Oak Creek Hockey Association's web page at www.oakcreekhockey.com. It is also posted in the windows at the Ice Rink, Oak Creek Town Hall and the Oak Creek Post Office as calendars are finalized.

The ski trail at the Rossi Meadow will be groomed once we have sufficient snowfall. Predictions are for additional snowfall after the first of the year. Stay tuned!

Still the best deals in South Routt – no charge for either!

2018 Municipal Election

Nomination packets for Mayor and three (3) Trustee positions will be available January 2nd at Town Hall. Interested in serving? Have questions? Give me a call at (970) 736-2422.

Happy New Year to all!

Mary Alice Page-Allen

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

CONTEST WINNERS!

Utility Gift Certificates Awarded to:

1ST PLACE - \$50

Mason Family

128 E Williams Street

2ND PLACE - \$25

Bostock Family

111 S Arthur Avenue

3RD PLACE - \$10

Jacobs Family

125 W First Street



Job Openings

- Seasonal Parks & Recreation. FT & PT; Summer Day Program, June-August. \$10-\$12+/hour DOE/DOQ.
- Seasonal - Public Works & Parks. FT, May-September; Must have sound work ethic. \$12+/hour DOQ.
- Seasonal – Administration Intern. Flexible hours. \$13/hr DOE.

Visit the Town's website at www.townofoakcreek.com/employment or contact Town Hall at (970) 736-2422 for more info.

CHANGING TO METERED WATER RATES

There are sure to be lots of questions. What will metered water rates mean to me? To the Town? How much will I pay? What if I don't use any water, or I am only here during the summer? We understand. Change is hard, usually because of the unknowns. Hopefully this information helps answer those questions.

The Town knows how much it costs to operate and maintain our water system. Rates need to generate sufficient funds to assure we can continue to operate our water system properly. It is also important that each user pays for the water used – something the flat rate system we are leaving behind did not do. Additionally, we need to make sure we are using water wisely, and metered water promotes conservation. This benefits us all with lower costs and an assurance of an adequate supply. That's the big picture – now what does this all mean for your monthly household bill?

Most residential users have a ¾" meter, and the Town's monthly base of \$38.84 includes 2,000 gallons of water. Additional water usage charges will occur beginning with 2001 gallons. The following provides some examples of a typical monthly residential billing scenario:

Example #1: \$38.84 (monthly base) + 5,000 gallons water used = \$38.84 + (3,000 gallons x .00428) = **\$51.68**

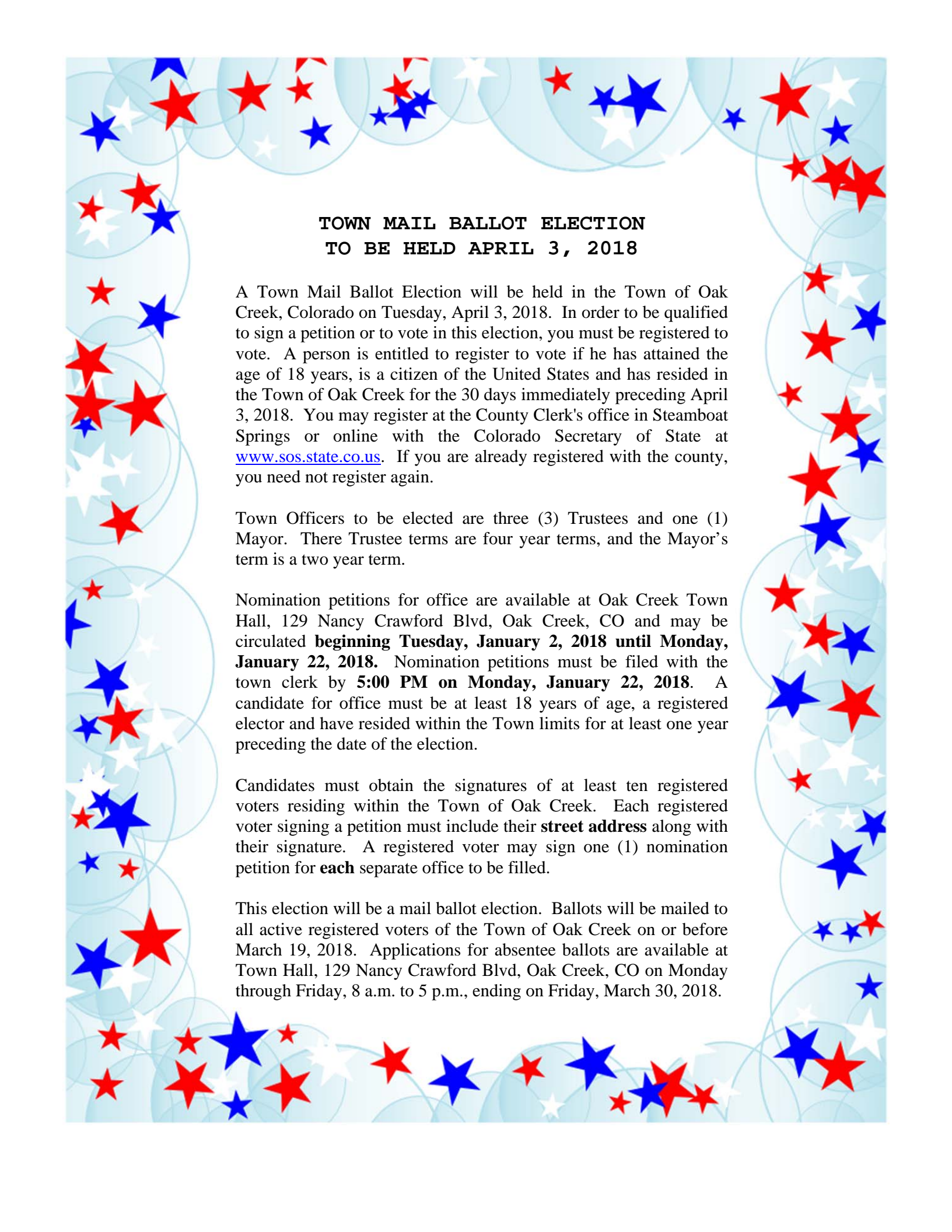
Example #2: \$38.84 (monthly base) + 10,000 gallons water used = \$38.84 + (3,000 gallons x .00428) + (5,000 x .00449) = **\$74.13**

Example #3: \$38.84 (monthly base) + 1000 gallons water used = **\$38.84**

Use the chart below to estimate your monthly billing. Note that after August 1, 2018 unmetered rates will significantly increase, so please contact us to schedule your meter installation if you have not yet done so.

Questions? Call us at (970) 736-2422.

<i>WATER SERVICE (JANUARY 1, 2018)</i>	
UNMETERED:	
Residential	55.25
Senior Citizen (60 and older; year-round residents only)	26.96
General Business	82.21
Motel, Day Care, Restaurant, Commercial, Community Center	153.65
School (All facilities, buildings)	817.65
Cemetery	1021.81 annually
	Double monthly charges unless Public Works Director provides written authorization of unmetered connection
After August 1, 2018	
METERED:	
	Monthly Base Charge (Includes 2,000 gallons)
Meter Size	
¾"	38.84
1"	50.95
1-1/2"	63.06
2"	96.36
3"	341.60
4"	432.43
6"	644.37
8"	886.58
	Per Gallon
Usage Charges	
2001-5000	0.00428
5001-10000	0.00449
10001+	0.00471

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TOWN MAIL BALLOT ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 3, 2018

A Town Mail Ballot Election will be held in the Town of Oak Creek, Colorado on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. In order to be qualified to sign a petition or to vote in this election, you must be registered to vote. A person is entitled to register to vote if he has attained the age of 18 years, is a citizen of the United States and has resided in the Town of Oak Creek for the 30 days immediately preceding April 3, 2018. You may register at the County Clerk's office in Steamboat Springs or online with the Colorado Secretary of State at www.sos.state.co.us. If you are already registered with the county, you need not register again.

Town Officers to be elected are three (3) Trustees and one (1) Mayor. Their terms are four year terms, and the Mayor's term is a two year term.

Nomination petitions for office are available at Oak Creek Town Hall, 129 Nancy Crawford Blvd, Oak Creek, CO and may be circulated **beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018 until Monday, January 22, 2018**. Nomination petitions must be filed with the town clerk by **5:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2018**. A candidate for office must be at least 18 years of age, a registered elector and have resided within the Town limits for at least one year preceding the date of the election.

Candidates must obtain the signatures of at least ten registered voters residing within the Town of Oak Creek. Each registered voter signing a petition must include their **street address** along with their signature. A registered voter may sign one (1) nomination petition for **each** separate office to be filled.

This election will be a mail ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to all active registered voters of the Town of Oak Creek on or before March 19, 2018. Applications for absentee ballots are available at Town Hall, 129 Nancy Crawford Blvd, Oak Creek, CO on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ending on Friday, March 30, 2018.