

Newsletter

Town of Oak Creek

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Town Board Matters

This time of year the Town Board is regularly working on the upcoming year's budget. There have been several work sessions, and a public hearing on the 2019 Budget is scheduled for the evening of November 15th. We saw things planned over the last several years come to fruition in 2017 and 2018, and some others will happen in 2019. The next phase of the water distribution system replacement planning is still underway, improvements and upgrades at Sheriff Reservoir are in the pipeline, and the downtown Business Improvement Grant program efforts will continue. Facility needs assessments surrounding the Ice Rink and other local public facilities will also be undertaken in 2019. Revenues will need to be equalized in the water fund due to higher than expected conservation with the implementation of water metering and repair of numerous leaks found during this work, so look for upcoming discussions on water rates. As well, our trash contractor and electric supplier have increased their costs to us, and these increases will

be cause for changes in these rates. Overall, the 2019 Budget continues to reflect several years of planning and program development that are moving our community forward.

As the holiday season approaches, the Town Board's meeting schedule will be limited with the cancellation of the second scheduled meetings in November and December. The adoption of the 2019 Budget and the associated appropriations has been scheduled for December 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the unexpected case that something comes up that cannot be managed in this schedule, the Town Board has the option of scheduling a Special Meeting. Look for the posting of an agenda at Town Hall or the Post Office if this happens.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please plan accordingly.



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*Town Administrator/
Clerk Corner*

Prepare for Winter

While we really haven't seen much winter weather yet this year, we all know it's just a matter of time before Public Works employees will be out wrangling with the snowy streets and looking out for those items that just didn't get put away this Fall. Some reminders:

- Pull your trash can out of the road or alley right-of-way. Invariably they end up in the ditch otherwise.
- Flower pots, plantings, equipment and other materials need to be relocated away from the edges of roads and alleys.
- All vehicles must be moved within 24 hours after a snow storm to allow for the completion of snow removal operations.

Thanks for your help in keeping us all safe!

HollyFest & Shop Local Campaign
Efforts are underway to organize this year's HollyFest and the Shop Local Campaign. HollyFest activities including the tree lighting will be held in early December, and Shop Local will kick-off at the Yampa Craft Fair with the drawing on December 28th at Noon.

Mary Alice Page-Allen



Oak Creek Public Library

227 Dodge Avenue
1st Floor – South Routt Community Center

The South Routt Library District will have a table at the Yampa Craft Fair held at the Yampa Elementary School on Saturday, November 17th. Stop by and sign up for the drawing of *Mountain Ranch* by Michael Crouser, an exciting volume about generations of Colorado mountain ranch living. There will also be new patron sign up sheets.

Remember to support your local library!

Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri: 10am-5pm

Tues: 3-7pm

Thur/Sun: Closed

Sat: 10am-2pm



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Carbon Monoxide Risk Prevention Reminders

- Carbon monoxide is produced by burning gasoline, wood, charcoal, propane, natural gas and any other fuel.
- Household appliances, such as gas fires, boilers, central heating systems, water heaters, cookers and open fires that use gas, oil, charcoal, coal and wood are sources of CO gas.
- Leaving a car in a closed garage with its engine running can produce deadly amounts of CO within 10 minutes.
- Blocked flues and chimneys can stop CO from escaping.
- Fumes from certain paint removers and cleaning fluids can cause CO poisoning.



The Oak Creek School Age Child Care Scholarship Fund has been funded in part by a grant from the following grantors at the Yampa Valley Community Fund (YVCF):

- McGinnis Family Fund
- Gloria Gossard Memorial Endowment
- Tour de Steamboat

These funds will make a big difference for our kids and families in South Routt! A big THANK YOU!!

Interested in more information about how your family can participate in the benefits of Oak Creek's School Age Child Programming? Call Jo @ (970) 846-6788.



Yampa

Arts & Craft Fair



Saturday
November 17, 2018
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Soroco Elementary School, Yampa CO

* Over 70 Booth Spaces * Lunch Available

* Santa Arrives 3:00 pm * Door Prizes

You are invited to one of the best craft
fairs around!