

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays.



# Newsletter

January 2021

## Town Board Matters

The Town Board approved the 2021 Town Budget at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. In accordance with state law the budget is balanced. The budget includes funding for Public Works/Streets & Stormwater, Police, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation which are funded by a variety of taxes, including local sales and property taxes. The budget also provides funding for four enterprise funds: water, sanitary sewer, electricity and trash. The enterprise fund revenues are primarily paid for by user fees. Tax rates will not increase in 2021 but user fees will increase for an average customer by approximately \$16.11 per month. The amount of the increase will depend on the customers actual use of water, electricity and trash.

The next Town Board meeting will be held virtually on January 12, 2021 starting at 6 p.m., and we urge you to attend from the comfort of your home via Zoom or Facebook. The public is asked to attend/participate via Zoom or Facebook Live to maintain the 10 person and social distancing rules. Masks are required if you do attend. The Facebook Live event will be broadcast through the Town of Oak Creek's Facebook page. **Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449378638>**, Meeting ID: 814 4937 8638.

**Shop Local** drawings were held on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you entered the drawing be sure to check your voicemail and/or email to see if you received notification that your entry was drawn for one of the great prizes.

**COVID-19 updates** are available on line at Routt County's COVID-19 webpage:  
<https://www.covid19routtcounty.com/>

For local updated information this website will provide you with COVID-19 updates, vaccination information, community resources, and more.

### Utility Assistance Available

The Town of Oak Creek has received grant money from the **Colorado COVID-19 Relief Fund** to help with utility bills. This is **for citizens and businesses** that have been financially affected by COVID-19.

**Applications are available** at Town Hall (on the hallway table), the Post Office, and on [townfoakcreek.com](http://townfoakcreek.com).

**Applications are due January 11, 2021.**

Any questions? Call 970-736-2422 or email [ali@townfoakcreek.com](mailto:ali@townfoakcreek.com) or

[sandy@townfoakcreek.com](mailto:sandy@townfoakcreek.com)



See page 3 for information on broadband!

[Luminatebroadband.com](http://Luminatebroadband.com)

**Shop locally for gifts, take the family out for a meal, and support South Routt businesses.**

The Town of Oak Creek Offices are presently  
closed to walk-in traffic.

**We will be conducting most of the Town's business remotely.**

**\*\*We are always available by appointment\*\***

**Public Works Emergency**

970-846-9079

**Police Emergency**

Dial 911

**Police Non-Emergency**

970-879-1090

## Utility Payments Accepted Through:

The mail slot at Town Hall

(For cash payments there will be no change given;  
any change will be credited to your account)

On-line via [xpressbillpay.com](http://xpressbillpay.com)

Credit /Debit Card/ E Check via phone

970-736-2422

### For All Utility Questions

[ali@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:ali@townof oakcreek.com) or 970-846-0329

### For All Town Administrator/Clerk Questions

[david@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:david@townof oakcreek.com) or 970-736-2422

### For All Treasurer's Questions

[sandy@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:sandy@townof oakcreek.com) or 970-736-2422

### For All Public Works Questions

[tom@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:tom@townof oakcreek.com) or 970-736-2459

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Local nonprofit LiftUp Routt County operates three food bank locations (Hayden, Oak Creek and Steamboat Springs) to offer supplemental food for qualifying individuals, families and seniors. Each location has a free food section for anyone that needs immediate food help and LiftUp is the only administrator of critical government assistance programs including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) designed to support the aging population. The LiftUp Oak Creek Food Bank is open Tuesday 9:30-11:00 AM, Wednesday 1:00-3:00 PM and Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM. For more information, or to apply for assistance, visit [www.liftuprc.org](http://www.liftuprc.org) or call 970-870-8804.

The South Routt Library District - **Oak Creek Library** is located at 227 Dodge Avenue, Oak Creek, Colorado, 80467.

The District wants you to know that WiFi available to the public:

- Times available: 9:00 AM - 7 PM Mon-Sat; Closed on Sunday.
- Range of WiFi: inside and outside of the building, including the parking lot.
- WiFi can be accessed from your vehicle in the parking area.
- WiFi Network Name (SSID) Oak Creek SRLD-OCPL Password: A1DEEFBEEF
- WiFi network (SSID) Yampa: SRLD-YPL Password ABEECEDEE
- Other services available when library is open: Printer, fax, desktop computers for patrons, and scanning.

For other free Colorado library WiFi locations go to: <https://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/technology/view-free-wifi-locations-in-colorado/>

**Twin Enviro** provides residential trash and recycling services for all single- and multi-family homes of up to five units, please have your trash and recycle wheel carts out for service by **7:00 A.M.** on your service day. Trash services are weekly on Tuesday's and every other Tuesday is the Recycling service. If you have any occasional excess trash / limbs / yard debris please make sure to put it beside your wheel cart for service. Please cut down limbs and branches (and cardboard) to no longer than 3ft in length and bundle with a string to aid your Twin Enviro driver with the reloading of your wheel cart. Any excess trash outside the wheel carts will be an extra charge, per wheel cart lift.

#### **TV/Computer/Electronic Equipment – (E-waste)**

Electronic equipment that has outlived its useful life should be properly recycled to avoid environmental contamination due to lead and mercury. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to contact one of the following entities for re-use or disposal of this equipment:

Waste Management - 879-2400 (fee applies)  
Twin Enviro Services- 879-6985 (fee applies)  
G & S Mountain Recyclers -736-2364 (fee applies)

**YVEA** wants to understand where people who have an interest in **broadband services** live.

YVEA asks residents and businesses to sign-up online (with no commitment to purchase or participate) to help broadband planning officials gauge community interest in broadband service.

YVEA has received a grant to install fiber in Routt County from the USDA.

**Visit [luminatbroadband.com](http://luminatbroadband.com)**

**or**

**call 970-444-3325 to sign up for service and show your interest.**

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