

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays.



# Newsletter

December 2020

## Town Board Matters

The Town Board continues efforts to encourage our local Oak Creek and South Routt economy by supporting local events such as the upcoming Oak Creek Holly Festival on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. See fliers posted around town for activity times and details. Please use face masks and social distance precautions.

The “Tis the Season to Shop Local & Win Local” is another way to enjoy our local holiday opportunities. Shop locally and enter to win a Colorado “staycation” and other wonderful prizes. Visit our South Routt businesses this holiday season, save your receipts totaling \$100, pick-up and fill out the registration card available at participating businesses, and drop them at the Oak Creek or Yampa town halls. The prize drawing will be held at the Oak Creek Town Hall on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 11a.m.

The upcoming Town Board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> will mainly focus is the adoption of the 2021 Budget. The meeting starts at 6 p.m., and we urge you to attend from the comfort of your home via Zoom or Facebook.

## COVID-19 Update

Public health officials briefed the County Board of Health November 25<sup>th</sup> on the current COVID-19 case counts, as well as the sources of transmission in the county. They warned that state hospitalizations are already affecting the ability of local medical providers to transfer patients for more specialized care in the Front Range.

Nicole Harty, Routt County epidemiologist gave a summary of the case counts in Routt County. “Our case count continues to rise, with 231 cases in the weeks from November 9 -22, we are 53 cases higher than the previous two weeks. We have an eight percent positivity rate, hospitalizations are increasing for Routt County residents, 6 in the last two weeks and 17 total, we had one death over the past two weeks for a total of 10 deaths in Routt County. People are traveling less but we are still seeing transmission because of personal gatherings and household spread. We have seen a higher incidence of people in the 30-40-year-old range, which is likely attributed to the parents of the children who tested positive testing positive themselves. We are seeing cases in all age groups, no one is able to avoid COVID-19.”

State health officials advise:

- Cancel all gatherings with people who don't live with you, including holiday gatherings.
- Wear a mask if you must go out to do essential activities.
- Physically distance from others.
- COVID-19 is spreading faster than ever. One (1) out of every 49 Coloradans is infected and contagious.
- Now is the time to take every precaution. Our healthcare systems are already nearing capacity.
- Stay informed.

WELCOME Erika Petersen, the newly hired Recreation & Event Coordinator, to the Town of Oak Creek. We had GREAT applicants for this position, with a wide diversity of backgrounds giving us an opportunity to select one of these people to join our staff.

Erika will lead the Town's Summer Camp program and K-5 After School program which serve to provide a safe place where students can participate in a wide variety of fun and educational activities. She is well qualified to fill this position having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation at Indiana University and worked for the Grand Targhee Resort in Alta, Wyoming and the Steamboat Springs Parks and Recreation as a Recreation Program Specialist coordinating youth and senior programs. While working for Steamboat she earned instructors certification in CPR and Lifeguarding and obtained a Commercial Driver's License which will all be beneficial to Oak Creek's youth programs.

Erika is excited to start working for the Town on December 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting the After School staff and getting to know all of the students who attend the Town's programs. She plans to maintain the current programs and start organizing the 2021 Summer Camp program. In addition to all of the Camp's fun activities one of Erika's main goals is to incorporate study time and tutoring to help our students prevent “summer slide.” Erika's office will be in the Town Hall if you would like to meet and welcome her.

**Town Hall is currently closed due to COVID-19**

**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 and any change due will be credited to your utility account.)

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

Credit/Debit Card/ E Check via phone

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***Thank you for your understanding and cooperation***

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