



The Town Board will meet on October 14th & 28th at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to participate virtually on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449378638>, or on the Town's Facebook page.

Newsletter

October 2021

Town Board Matters

The Town Board adopted regulations regulating and limiting the number of licenses for the short-term rental of residential homes. The intent of the Board is to protect residential neighborhoods, encourage that rental of homes be for long-term employee housing opportunities, and provide for local short-term rental of properties for visitors. These new regulations will go into effect October 19th with preference to existing STR properties. The Town Board has hired W. W. Wheeler as project engineers for replacement of the headgate hardware at the Town owned Sheriff Dam and to measure the amount of water that can safely be maintained in the Sheriff reservoir. These are the first projects of the required Sheriff Dam spillway and structure capital improvements.

After School Program – Full Day Friday’s – Now Available

The **Oak Creek Childcare Center** started offering a Full Day Friday program on September 10th. The **Full Day Friday** will run from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the **South Routt Community Center**. This program is for students in **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. Students will be able to participate in free play, arts and crafts, outside time, fun activities, and field trips. Prior to your student attending, you will need to provide a Family Record and an Immunization Record. **To register** for the Full Day Friday, or if you have any questions, please email Erika Petersen at epetersen@townof oakcreek.com or bring in your registration form to Oak Creek Town Hall.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that **there is a vacancy on the Oak Creek Board of Trustees following the resignation of Mayor Pro-tem Chuck Wisecup**. Letters of interest to fill the Trustee position should be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, Town Hall, P.O. Box 128, 129 Nancy Crawford Blvd., Oak Creek, Colorado 80467 and must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 11, 2021. The Board of Trustees will be interviewing interested persons at a Special Board of Trustees meeting on October 21, 2021, and intends to appoint the replacement by October 26, 2021. To qualify, interested parties must be: at least 18 years of age, a registered elector in the Town of Oak Creek, and have resided in the Town for at least the last twelve (12) consecutive months.

For additional information contact David Torgler, Town Administrator/Clerk, at (970) 736-2422 or david@townof oakcreek.com

Town Job postings

The Town is seeking to hire a **full-time Maintenance Worker** in the Public Works Department. This benefited position offers a competitive wage, \$41,361 - \$59,752 depending on public works experience and training, good benefits, and a wide variety of work in the Town's public works operations including electric system, water and sewer systems, and streets, parks and building maintenance. Applications and full job descriptions can be found at www.townof oakcreek.com/employment.

Watch out for Trick-or-Treaters – Sunday, October 31

GO GREEN – Town Hall solar project update

The Town Hall solar project is making great progress thanks to McKinstry (the contractor), our Public Works staff, and Winnie Deliquadri (City of Steamboat Springs project and grant funding coordinator).

This project is part of a DOLA grant with the Town's matching contribution of \$25,000 being paid through electrical savings. It is conservatively estimated that these electric cost savings will cover the Town's portion within a ten year payback period. The DOLA grant is providing the remainder of the approximately \$123,000, or approximately \$98,000. Once the Town's portion (\$25,000) is recovered by the Electric Fund then future savings will accrue primarily to the General Fund.

McKinstry is scheduled to install the electric meter connection the first week of October and the solar power system will be activated.

BIG is coming back! Business (downtown) Improvement Grants (BIG)

In 2018 and 2019 the Town provided Main Street businesses with Site Enhancement and Economic Development grants and loans to businesses that wanted to install significant visual improvements and/or capital investments. Some of the loans have been paid off in 2021, resulting in funds that will be available soon. Past projects include: Bonfiglio's awning and landscaping, installation of outdoor benches at Blue Heron, façade improvement to the Silver Buckle Saloon, façade and landscaping improvements at Lupita's, drainage improvements and concrete work at the Laundromat and seven more BIG projects benefitting Main Street businesses and the community. Funding requests that include matching funds from a business will generally be given preference. Please **watch for information** on this revolving loan program for further information and an opportunity to enhance your business and improve Oak Creek's Main Street appearance.

A Bear's Life Depends On It

Lately people have been seeing their trash containers and dumpsters getting knocked over and garbage is blowing around. According to the people at Colorado Parks and Wildlife this is a sign of bear activity as bears get ready for their winter hibernation. Unfortunately this activity can lead to bear encounters of the wrong kind resulting in bears being killed by officials to avoid people from being injured. Adam Gerstenberger, CPW District Wildlife Manager, has provided a Home Audit Checklist that can help you to protect your home and property, and prevent conflicts with bears.

Household Hazardous Waste drop-off – October 9th

The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council is holding a drop-off event **at the Steamboat Springs Middle School from 8 a.m. – Noon** on Saturday to collect aerosols, pesticides, fertilizers, gasoline, derosene, mercury, bleach/chlorine, etc. For complete information and cost visit the Sustainability Council's website.

COVID-19 updates are available online at Routt County's webpage:

<https://www.covid19routtcounty.com/>

Routt County Public Health is testing anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and anyone who has been in close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, make an appointment.

Watch for Trick or Treaters.

Trick or Treaters will be out in force on October 31st. Police will be out in force too. Police will be helping out young folks and will be enforcing traffic laws to ensure safety.

Statewide, police will be on heightened alert that weekend looking for impaired drivers.

OCPD has flashing lights to add to costumes to help with visibility in the dark neighborhoods of South Routt. Stop by Town Hall for yours.

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