



Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day holiday and on Monday January 16th for Martin Luther King Day.

Newsletter

January 2023

Town Board Matters

The Town Board approved the 2023 Town Budget at their December 10th meeting. In accordance with state law the budget is balanced. The budget includes funding for Public Works/Streets & Stormwater, Police, Municipal Court, Parks, Recreation and Administration 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 and utility fees will not increase in 2023 but user fees will increase for trash customers by approximately \$2.00 per month. To retain employees and be able to attract new applicants, the Board updated the wage schedule and provided a wage increase to offset the impact of inflation.

The next Town Board meeting will be held virtually and in-person on January 12, 2023 starting at 6 p.m., and we urge you to attend in person or from the comfort of your home via Zoom or Facebook. 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.

Learn to Skate, Acting and Cheerleading Clubs

When students go back to school on January 9th, we will be starting up three after school clubs that week. On Mondays there will be **Cheerleading**, on Tuesdays there will be an **Acting Club**, and on Wednesdays there will be **Learn to Skate**. Clubs are for students' ages five through twelve and the cost is \$30 per club. Registration forms can be found at Oak Creek Town Hall or <https://townof oakcreek.com/parks-recreation/>.

Cheerleading will be on Mondays from January 9th to January 30th. Cheerleading will be held at the middle school auditorium, from 4:30 to 5:15. There will be a final performance at the Soroco Ram's Girls Home Basketball game on Saturday, February 4th.

Acting Club will be on Tuesdays from January 10th to February 7th. Acting classes will be held at the middle school auditorium, from 4:30 to 5:15. There will be a final performance on the last day of practice on February 7th.

Learn to Skate Session I will be on Wednesdays from January 11th to February 8th. Skating will be at the Oak Creek Ice Rink from 4:30 to 5:00. Parents will be responsible for dropping off and picking up at the Ice Rink. Free skate rentals will be at the hockey hut. For more information and registration forms, go to <https://townof oakcreek.com/programs-camps/>.



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

Town Job posting

The Town is seeking to hire a **full-time Maintenance Worker** in the Public Works Department. This benefited position offers a competitive wage, \$21.72 - \$29.18/hr depending on applicants experience and training. This position provides good benefits, and a wide variety of work in the Town's public works operations including the electric system, water and sewer systems, and streets, parks and building maintenance. Applications and a full job descriptions can be found at www.townofoakcreek.com/employment.

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. The **LiftUp Oak Creek Food Bank** is open Tuesday 9:00-11:30 AM, Wednesday 1:00-3:00 PM and Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM. For more information, or to apply for assistance, visit www.liftuprc.org or call 970-736-1047.

Full Day Friday

The Town of Oak Creek's Full Day Friday program will be starting again on January 7th and continues every Friday of the school year, with the exception of spring break. Full Day Friday will run from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the South Routt Community Center, 227 Dodge Ave. 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. Registration forms can be found at <https://townofoakcreek.com/programs-camps/>. If you have any questions, please email Erika at epetersen@townofoakcreek.com.

The **Routt County Master Plan update** will be presented at the January 13, 2022 Oak Creek Town Board meeting.

The **Oak Creek Library is moving to Main Street**, that's 117 E. Main Street. The Library's volunteers have boxed up the books, computers, book shelves and circulation desk at the Community Center and moved them into their new location. Once the books are put into place and new furniture arrives (and is put into place) the library will open its doors (hopefully 1/3/22 or shortly thereafter). The new downtown location, near the museum, coffee, retailers, the grocery store, restaurants and business district activities will provide a place for people to gather, access the internet and browse for a new adventure contained in the library's collection of reading materials.

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

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.

YVSC is excited to announce a new, year-round **recycling** solution in the Yampa Valley! Opening on December 1, 2021 the Yampa Valley Recycles Depot was created to provide an outlet for hard-to-recycle items, including electronics, lightbulbs, ballasts, batteries, mattresses/box springs, and printer ink cartridges. The facility will be housed at 1801 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs, the former location of Windemere Landscape & Garden Center. Initially the facility will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

To learn more about the **Yampa Valley Recycles Depot**, how to recycle your items, and what the cost will be visit <https://yvsc.org/depotinfo/>. Please be sure to read through the "How it Works" section before visiting our facility.

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