



The Town Board will meet on June 10th & 24th 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 June 2021

Town Board Matters

At their May 13th meeting the Town Board approved the refinancing of Sewer Fund debt that will result in significant savings for Town sewer utility users. The amount of debt being refinanced is approximately \$1.03 million which was to have been paid off in 2050. The refunding is expected to reduce debt service expense by approximately \$278,540 over the next thirty years, based on a cash flow basis. The refinancing will be through The Bank of the San Juans.

An easement permit was granted to the South Routt Library District for the encroachment of a building and parking lot that were discovered to be encroaching into the Main Street right-of-way during the Library's purchase of their new facility.

The Town Board agreed to sign a letter prepared by the Routt County Commissioners opposing the PAUSE Act also known as Initiative 16. Ranching, farming, fishing and hunting organizations have asked for support as this Act will be devastating to their industries.

Job postings

The Town is seeking to hire a full-time Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. The position offers 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 may be found at www.townof oakcreek.com/employment/.

Town receives grant for Sheriff Dam and Reservoir improvements. In May the Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarded a \$147,500 grant to the Town to help fund engineering work needed to design improvements to the Town-owned 67-year old dam and to replace the outlet gate. This grant will provide approximately 50% of the funding needed for this design and repair work. The Town has budgeted \$73,750 for this work and applied to the Yampa River Fund and Colorado Water Conservation Board for a similar amount. (\$73,750)

The first day of Summer Camp is Monday, June 7th. We are so excited to meet all of our new campers. We wanted to give a huge thank you to all of our grantees who are helping support the Oak Creek Childcare Center, including the South Routt Rec. Association, the Craig Scheckman Family Foundation, Routt County United Way, the Morgridge Family Foundation, and the Human Resource Coalition. The funds we have received will go towards rewarding field trips, the Summer Slide Prevention Program, and keeping our programs an affordable price for our participants.

This summer our campers will be participating in two weeks of swim lessons at Old Town Hot Springs, a nature interpretation program with Stagecoach State Park, a trip to Gypsum Rec. Center, and many more fun and exciting field trips. We're looking forward to a great summer!

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

Town Clean-Up Day will be held on **Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** or until the dumpsters are full, whichever happens first. This year the dumpsters will be located at the Town's Public Works facility located at 618 Lillian Lane. Town residents may dispose of two pick-up loads at \$5.00 per load. As the services are limited to Oak Creek residents, please bring a copy of your utility bill.

There will be an area for steel, appliances and other metal recyclables.

The following materials **CANNOT** be accepted:

- *Liquid paints or thinners - NO*
- *Used oil and vehicle fluids- NO*
- *Refrigerators/Freezers/Air conditioners, unless tagged "Freon Free" - NO*
- *Liquid Wastes- NO*
- *Pesticides/Herbicides- NO*
- *Mattresses/Box Springs- NO*
- *Couches/Overstuffed Chairs- NO*
- *Tires- NO*
- *E-waste, such as TV's, monitors, back-up batteries, surge protectors and computers- NO*

The Town Board approved hiring **DHM Design** consultants to prepare a conceptual design package that will provide Town officials with potential opportunities for creek restoration, address flood management and provide a conceptual plan for a trail connecting Town parks adjacent to and near the Oak Creek corridor.

In June DHM consultants will be visiting the Town to conduct field work along Oak Creek to observe existing conditions, identify priority riparian restoration areas and locations where existing habitat can be conserved and emulated, and identify critical channel functions for stormwater mitigation.

Stay tuned for updates regarding this exciting project regarding **Oak Creek's restoration** and the possibility of establishing an off-road trail connection of the Town's parks.

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.

Dog licenses

Recently, two dogs have come very close to finding themselves (at no fault of their own) housed at the animal shelter in Craig, Colorado subjecting them to time away from family and their family members to fines for various violations. Thankfully, they were spared a trip only because someone recognized them and we were able to get them home. So, we are reminding companion humans that animals require licenses in the Town of Oak Creek (people who live close also license their dogs with us so we can return them home). Not only is it the law, it is the best way to get your fur-baby returned to you rather than going to the shelter in Craig CO.

Please come to Town Hall with proof or rabies vaccination and \$3 for spayed/neutered pets or \$7 for pets that are intact and buy them some bling. This license is the fastest way home.

Summer Reading Program at Libraries in South Routt

For parents and caregivers planning activities for children when school is over, the summer reading program will begin at both the Oak Creek and Yampa public libraries once per week on Tuesday, June 9 for eight weeks. The theme is "**Tales and Tails**" and will feature books about fairytales and animals with projects and crafts. You can pick up a registration form from either library: **Oak Creek**, 227 Dodge Avenue, 736-8371 or **Yampa**, 116 Main Street, 638-4654.

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