



The Town Board will meet on June 9th & 23rd 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 2022

Town Board Matters

At their May 12th meeting the Town Board approved a request by the Labor Day Committee to host a Farmer's Market, on Sharp Avenue at Main Street, on Sundays beginning June 19th and ending Labor Day weekend. The hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Labor Day Committee members want to highlight the Town's downtown, allow South Routt Agriculture to bring produce to the market, and enhance weekend activity in Oak Creek's downtown.

The Town requested proposals for the Sheriff Reservoir Outlet Gate Replacement Project and received three bids which all significantly exceeded the engineers cost estimate. In response the engineers recommended rejecting the bids and then rebidding the project with State approved cost saving revisions. The Board agreed and new bids are being solicited with a bid opening on June 30th. If the bid results are successful work will proceed this year and if the bid results are unsuccessful this project work will be incorporated into a larger project in 2023/24 to rehabilitate Sheriff Dam to meet today's dam safety requirements.

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. Must possess a valid Class B or higher CDL or be able to obtain such within six (6) months of hire. High school or GED diploma required.

Applications and full job descriptions may be found at www.townofoakcreek.com/employment/.

Town receives grant for Sheriff Dam and Reservoir engineering

On April 20th the Colorado River District Board awarded the Town an \$80,000 grant to help fund final engineering for the dam rehabilitation project. The key outcome of the final engineering will be the preparation of dam rehabilitation design and construction documents that can be approved by the Colorado Division of Water Resources Dam Safety Branch. Engineering will be provided by W.W. Wheeler & Associates. Engineering work will begin in June 2022 and be completed by May 1, 2023.

Summer Camp begins!

The first day of Summer Camp is Monday, June 6th. We have a great staff hired for the summer and are so excited to meet all of our campers. This will be the first time in our new space at the South Routt Community Center. A big thank you goes to Billy Texter and his crew at Texter Mountain construction, for quickly renovating this space in time for Summer Camp. We also want to thank Routt County, for donating \$35,000 to renovate the Community Center for our child care programs.

This summer, campers will be participating in swim lessons at Old Town Hot Springs, horseback riding lessons at High Lonesome Ranch, trips to Gypsum Rec. Center and the Craig Wave pool, as well as many more fun field trips around Routt County. **We're looking forward to a great summer!**

Town Clean-Up Day

will be held on **Saturday, June 11th 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*

Town Challenge MTB Race at the Oak Creek Mountain Park on Wednesday, July 13th

Town Challenge race officials approached the Town earlier this year asking if they could hold one of their race series races at the Town's Mountain Park. The park has certain land use restrictions that were entered into when the Town and it's funding partners purchased the land from the Garrity family. After reviewing the restrictions with the Oak Creek Mountain Park Committee and other stakeholders, the Town Board has approved the race. Sign up for the July 13th race at the Park beginning at 4:30 p.m. on race day. Parking for the event will be encouraged to be near the Park, along 49Z, Nancy Crawford Blvd., at the Ice Rink and at the Routt County Road and Bridge shop. Thank you Routt County for the parking space.

Town Trash Service

The Town contracts with Twin Enviro for it's residential trash and recycling services. Included with this month's Town newsletter are **Trash and Recycling Guidelines** that will help you learn about services that you might not be aware of that are available to you. **Keep Oak Creek beautiful!**

Summer watering during drought

Living in South Routt, residents are aware that drought is a way of life. According to the CSU-Extension some ways you can save water and still have healthy outdoor plantings are to do the following:

1. Avoid mid-day (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) watering to discourage evaporation. Experts recommend watering in the morning, and avoid over watering.
2. Utilize mulch to reduce soil surface water evaporation.
3. Do not water on windy or rainy days.
4. Drought tolerant plants are not drought tolerant until their roots are established in the soil.
5. Irrigate plantings not hard surfaces, e.g. streets, driveways and sidewalks.
6. Check with the Town regarding any water use rules and regulations.

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 the Oak Creek (9 – 10 a.m.) and Yampa (11:00 a.m. – Noon) public libraries once per week beginning Thursday, June 9th for eight weeks. The theme is "**Oceans of Possibilities**" and will feature books about oceans and sea creatures with projects, crafts and reading. You can pick up a registration form from either library: **Oak Creek**, 117 W. Main Street, 736-8371 or **Yampa**, 116 Main Street, 638-4654; or on-line southroutt.colibraries.org.

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