



The Town Board will meet on August 11th & 25th 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

August 2022

Town Board Matters

The Town Board recently:

1. Was awarded \$80,000 by the Routt County Commissioners to help pay for the final design engineering and State review fees of the Sheriff Reservoir & Dam rehabilitation.
2. Rejected bids received for replacement of the Sheriff Reservoir headgate and operating equipment installation due to high bids for the work.
3. Reviewed Town Code Enforcement activities with Ralph Maher, Police Chief and Eileen Rossi, CSO
4. Renewed Bonfiglio Drug Inc.'s liquor license.
5. Renewed Blue Heron Dispensary's retail marijuana store license.

Free Broadband Service for Soroco Students!

All Soroco students are eligible to receive free broadband service for one year thanks to the Connecting Colorado Grant awarded to the district. Please use the link available on the South Routt School District RE-3 website to verify your address and sign-up for service and learn more about the program, <https://www.southroutt.k12.co.us/>. Also participating in the opportunity to bring this broadband service to Soroco students living in the Town of Oak Creek are the Town Board, Routt County Commissioners, Town Public Works staff, and YVEA who joined together to fund and coordinate making the Town's electric utility system ready to add the broadband fiber to the Town's utility system.

Oak Creek Farmer's Market

Open every Sunday, June 19 – September 4, from 10AM – 2PM, with vendors providing locally produced food, agricultural products and crafts.

The Farmer's Market is located on Sharp Ave, north of Main Street, adjacent to the downtown park.

To be a vendor or for questions, contact the Labor Day Committee at farmersmarketoakcreek@gmail.com

2020 Census Information

If you're interested in learning population information about the Town of Oak Creek, the U.S. Census Bureau has begun posting updates on its website. The Census Bureau will continue updating this information database until the 2030 Census. Go to: <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?g=1600000US0855155>

Steamboat Gravel bicycle road race will be held August 14th on the roads of South Routt County.

After School Program

The After School Program will start the first day of school, on August 23rd. The Town's After School program is located at the South Routt Community Center. The program runs Monday through Thursday, from 4:20 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Students can take the bus or get dropped off. Students will receive a snack, and participate in fun activities and free time with their peers.

The Full Day Friday Program will start on Friday, September 9th. The Full Day Friday program runs from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Students participate in activities and field trips. To register for the After School or Full Day Friday program, please contact Erika Petersen at epetersen@townofocreek.com.

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

School's Reopening Soon

A message from Ralph Maher, Police Chief

Well, summer is very close to its official end. Summer ends when our children go back to school.

Our kids will be returning to the classroom on August 23.

Things will change quite a bit. School buses will start running their routes all over the place. School zones become active again. Kids will be all over the place. Frazzled parents will be sharing the roads with people who are facing their own challenges each morning. Not pure chaos, but certainly close sometimes.

We ask our neighbors to be vigilant in helping our students make it to school safely by:

- Being on the lookout for kids on foot, bikes, skateboards and buses.
- Knowing where the school bus stops are in your neighborhood and knowing that kiddos will gather there.
- Being cautious everywhere in town since our children come from all over. They are in hurry sometimes, and not paying attention.
- Being aware of other folks on the road. Sometimes parents feel stressed and are running late. Two drivers who are preoccupied could result in a mishap.

School zone speed limits are enforced with zeal. Fines are large. They range from \$95 for as little as ONE MPH over the speed limit to \$478 for speeds up to 24mph over (yes, we have seen those). Travel 25mph or more over the speed limit and violators will have to explain the circumstances to a judge.

School bus lights are also enforced with focused efforts. Red lights on school buses require all traffic encountering the school bus on the same street to stop until all lights (red and yellow) are off and the stop sign arm is fully retracted. Violation of this law requires a conversation with the judge. Police might be on the busses to watch for violations.

Please don't pass our busses on the highway either. Double yellow lines mean "**no passing.**" We have seen many violations of this law and have increased enforcement action through summonses to court.

Here is why we ask:

Every year, in the USA, **100** children are killed in collisions while walking to or from school.

25,000 children are injured every year in school zone accidents.

Interestingly enough, children account for only one of five school zone accident victims.

The majority of pedestrians who are hit by a vehicle in a school zone are adults.

That is over **100,000** adults injured in school zones each year.

The life and money you save could be your own.

Help us protect our school children and neighbors!

Routt County Fair

August 18 – 21, 2022

Check out this year's events & schedule at:

<https://www.routtcountyfair.org/> and follow them on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/RouttCountyFairgrounds>

Several of our local 4-H youth will be participating in the events this year! Hope to see many of you there!

Bears and other wildlife are among us!

Please visit our website for informative flyers on what to do to prevent issues with the wildlife in the area.

<https://townofoakcreek.com/newsletter/> If you wish to have a bear resistant can, we can have one delivered to you for an additional \$10/month. Another option is the carabiners that Twin Enviro will install, free of charge. If you would like any of these please contact us at 970-736-2422 or email Leslie@townofoakcreek.com