



The Town Board will meet on September 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

September 2021

Town Board Matters

The Town Board is considering the adoption of regulations to address short-term rentals, also called STR's. The Board members are concerned about the impact STR's have on neighborhoods, and the loss of homes from the long-term rental market. Long-term rental properties provide affordable housing for the local workforce and STR's provide housing for visitors to the region. The draft regulations are available on the Town's website in the Town Board's July 22, 2021 packet at: <https://townofoakcreek.com/town-board-agendas-minutes> and the discussion will continue at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

After School Program – Full Day Friday's

The **Oak Creek Childcare Center** will be starting the Full Day Friday program starting on September 10th. 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. **Registration will be on Monday, August 30th at 8:00 a.m.** Registration forms will be available at <https://townofoakcreek.com/programs-camps> . To register for the Full Day Friday, please email Erika Petersen at epetersen@townofoakcreek.com or bring in your registration form to Oak Creek Town Hall. **Registration forms will not be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on August 30th.** Prior to your student attending, we will also need a Family Record and an Immunization Record on file. If you have any questions, please email Erika Petersen at epetersen@townofoakcreek.com

Community Forums Sponsored by South Routt Library District

Thanks to an American Library Association grant, the South Routt libraries are sponsoring a library forum to get feedback from our community. We want to know what you think about programming, operations and any other concerns you may have with our libraries. Please join us at Decker Park in Oak Creek on Saturday, 9/18 at 2 PM. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please call 970-736-8371. We hope to see you!

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.townofoakcreek.com/employment.

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Town Hall Solar Project Update

Earlier this year the Town, along with eight other North West Colorado municipalities, applied for a Regional Solar Project grant through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. DOLA awarded the grant and the Town's project is to install a 20.5 kW-DC solar panel system on the Town Hall roof to provide electricity to Town Hall. It is estimated that this system will last 30+ years, provide carbon-free energy, save the Town approximately \$2,300 in annual energy expense, and reduce the Town Hall's energy consumption by 44%. To pay for the equipment, installation and three year's operation and maintenance service the Town paid \$25,256 and DOLA granted the Town \$81,230. Based on the projected annual savings of \$2,300 the Town's investment payback will be approximately 11-years. Contractors have been installing the solar panels on the Town Hall roof the past several weeks and it is anticipated the project will be completed prior to the Fall heating season.

A bit of Oak Creek's history . . .

Have you hiked the **Noon Whistle Trail**, located in the Town limits? Trailheads are located adjacent to the **Mining Memorial** on Main Street and at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and 1st Street for this 1,041-foot long singletrack trail. The noon whistle used to blow every day at noon. According to an article published in the Steamboat Pilot, written by Nick Foster on July 5, 2003, residents reported that the whistle was not reliable enough to set clocks by. The whistle has been used as a warning if there was a fire or an accident in the mines, as a curfew for the Town's youths and as a warning whistle in case of attack during WWII. The Noon Whistle site was chosen on the hill behind the Old Town Hall, now the **Tracks and Trails**

Are you a Recycler!

Green Machine discontinued –

It is with regret that we must inform you that Routt County's Green Machine program will be discontinued starting in September 2021 for the following reasons:

- **In the last couple of years costs have exceeded and continue to exceed budgeted funding (\$17,000 in 2020).**
- **Contamination rates often exceed 50% according to information from Waste Management.**
- **Recycling services now exist for most residents living in South Routt County.**

Green Machine funding will be diverted to help support establishment of permanent drop-off locations for hard-to-recycle items such as electronics and to fill gaps where recycling services are not offered.

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.

Please Slow Down – School's In Session

School is in session and the school zone is active. Approx. 30 minutes before first bell to approx. 30 minutes after.
Approx. 30 minutes before dismissal to approx. 30 minutes after.
Approx. 100 children are killed, nationwide, while walking to or from school.
Each year we injure 25,000 children in school zone related traffic crashes

Slow down. The life you'll save is precious.
Slow down. The time you spend is well invested.
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OAK CREEK LABOR DAY IS BACK!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Music: Ty & Friends Franciosi Brothers
112 W Main 5:30-8 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

Rock 'N Routt Bar Crawl Main Street @5-9pm
Colorado Bar – Prize Drawing 104 E Main
Colorado Bar @9pm
Colorado Bar – Karaoke Following Prize Drawing

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Grand Marshall: Dave Reid & Family Happy Hour
Main Street Park @5-7pm
Family Movie Night Decker Park @Dusk
Rippin' Routt Round-Up Colorado Bar @8pm
with "Constant Change"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

Pancake Breakfast Main Street Park @8am
Cribbage Tournament Oak Creek Tavern @10am
Fishing Derby Decker Park @10am
Pet Parade Moffatt Ave @10:30am
Oak Creek Library Chalk Drawing Contest @11:30pm
Decker Park Basketball Courts
Free Family Fun Day Decker Park @Noon
Bounce House, Mechanical Bull, Inflatable Slide, Kids' Games,
Hula Hoop Contest, Music, Vendors, Chalk Drawing Contest,
Fashion Show, Food, Beer Garden, Corn Hole, Giant Jenga
Tracks & Trails Museum/Hist. Soc. Store.... 129 & 130 E Main
Pizza Eating Contest Decker Park @2pm
Hula Hoop Contest (Adult & Kids) Decker Park @2:30pm
Oak Creek Coal Royalty Crowning Decker Park @3pm
Cake Walk Decker Park @3:30pm
Chicken Sh!t BINGO Decker Park @4:30pm
BINGO Fire Station @1-5pm
Comedy Show Colorado Bar @7pm
Music: Tres Womack & Friends Colorado Bar @9pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Pancake Breakfast Main Street Park @8am
Tracks & Trails Museum/Hist. Soc. Store.... 129 & 130 E Main
Softball Game Soroco High School Ball Field @10am
Museum Tours Meet at Phippsburg Post Office @10am
Live Auction Colorado Bar @1pm
Music: Whiskey Stomp Lupita's Cantina @2pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Sign-Up – No Fun Run Town Hall @8:30-10am
No Fun Run Town Hall @10am
Parade Line-up for Judging Soroco High School @10am
Parade Main Street @11am
Field Games, Vendors & Art Show ... Decker Park After Parade
SoRoCo Jr. Class Concessions Decker Park After Parade
Tracks & Trails Museum/Hist. Soc. Store.... 129 & 130 E Main
Corn Hole Tournament Decker Park @1pm
Horseshoe Tournament Decker Park @1pm
Wife Races Decker Park @3pm
BINGO Fire Station @1-5pm

JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH FOR THE

9th Annual Oak Creek Labor Day

CAR & MOTOR SHOW

EVENTS & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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