



The Town Board will meet on October 27<sup>th</sup> 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

October 2022

## After School Dance Program

The After School Program will be starting a Dance Class on **Tuesdays from October 18<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>**. This class is hosted by Alissa Hill and is open to all school age children. The class will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the South Routt Community Center. The cost is \$30 for all five weeks. If you are interested in signing your child up please email Erika at [epetersen@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:epetersen@townof oakcreek.com)

## Watch for Trick or Treaters.

**Trick or Treaters will be out in force on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Police will be out in force too. Police will be helping out young folks and will be enforcing traffic laws to ensure safety. Statewide, police will be on heightened alert that weekend looking for impaired drivers.**

**OCPD has flashing lights to add to costumes to help with visibility in the dark neighborhoods of South Routt.**

## Snow Removal Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents of the Town's ordinances on snow shoveling, plowing and parking. It is very important that everyone does their part for the safety of our community and the efficiency of snow removal services by considering the following steps:

- Anyone who has the ability to park off the streets and out of the alley right of ways simply should do so.
- On trash day **DO NOT** put trash or recycling cans out where the snow plowing equipment may hit them. Keeping them back in your driveway or on the sidewalk will avoid any problems.
- Remove trash cans from town right of ways ASAP after trash has been picked up.
- All vehicles that are parked in or on town roads, alleys and other rights-of-ways must be **MOVED** out of these areas within 24 hours after the start of a snow storm for the plow crews to do cleanup work. This does not mean shoveling around them, it means **MOVING** them. Any vehicle not moved within this time period will be towed at the owners' expense.
- Plowing, shoveling or blowing snow into or across public rights-of way is unlawful and will result in citations being issued. If there is no alternative, please contact the Public Works Director, (970) 736-2459, to discuss obtaining written permission to use the Town's rights-of-way for snow storage.
- Main Street businesses that have permission to shovel their sidewalks into Main Street need to shovel the snow out two or three feet into the road and avoid piling snow into the gutter.
- By clearing driveways of snow to the **RIGHT** side of drive (as you face out to the street) the next time the plow comes by it will not get pushed back into the driveway. Again, do not push snow out into the street!

**We appreciate your cooperation.**

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## Come Plant Trees Along Trout Creek!

The **Yampa Valley Sustainability Council** invites you to plant trees and restore riparian areas along Trout Creek with **Trout Unlimited**. This is an easy workday, involving tree planting along a streambank.

Project Details: Trout Creek flows from Sheriff Reservoir in the Flattops down to the Yampa River at Milner. Along the way some of its stretches have experienced significant bank erosion, channel incision and riparian habitat degradation. The consequences of these losses are numerous, including decreased wildlife habitat, less bank stability, and increased water temperatures. Working with private landowners, Trout Unlimited is teaming up with the Yampa Valley Climate Crew volunteers to restore Trout Creek on an upper section near Oak Creek. We will plant native cottonwoods and willows that will help stabilize the banks, decrease water temperatures, and revitalize the riparian area. Please contact [ryan@yvsc.org](mailto:ryan@yvsc.org) for information.

## Please be careful of Goblins!

In just a few short weeks, on October 31<sup>st</sup> to be exact, the goblins, hobos, princesses, super heroes, and other wacky things will be seen on streets throughout Town. These, of course, are trick-or-treaters out to seek their candy fix. Drivers, be super aware. Trick-or-treaters are children.

Costumes should allow full field of vision (pull the mask down before knocking on the door) and should fit well to ensure safe footing and full movement. Parents should be with the youngest of folks and costumes need to have a way to be seen.

The Oak Creek Police Department is providing clip-on lights for kiddos to wear on their costumes or jackets. They are available at Oak Creek Town Hall and will be given away at the elementary school carnival. A note though, these only increase visibility on Halloween if the youngsters actually wear them. Our streets are quite dark and these flashing lights are a way to increase safety.

Adults, please remember that goblin' adult beverages while helping your kids trick or treat is unlawful.

### **Please Slow Down – School's 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

Checkout the Town's updated website at  
[www.townofoakcreek.com](http://www.townofoakcreek.com)

### **A Bear's Life Depends On It**

Lately people have been seeing their trash containers and dumpsters getting knocked over and garbage is blowing around. According to the people at Colorado Parks and Wildlife this is a sign of bear activity as bears get ready for their winter hibernation. Unfortunately this activity can lead to bear encounters of the wrong kind resulting in bears being killed by officials to avoid people from being injured. Adam Gerstenberger, CPW District Wildlife Manager, has provided a Home Audit Checklist that can help you to protect your home and property, and prevent conflicts with bears.

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