



The Town Board will meet on Thursday, December 9th 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

Newsletter

December 2021

Town Board Matters

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays.

The Town's Treasurer, Sandy Jacobs, has resigned effective December 10th after approximately eighteen years serving the community and will be sorely missed. Sandy has worked to advise the Town Board and staff regarding Town finances, funding opportunities, annual budgets and she has a great understanding of municipal finances and obligations. She has helped many people during her time with the Town and we are glad to know that she plans to remain a part of our community. The Town is accepting applications to fill this full time position.

The Town Board is considering amending the Municipal Code to allow alcohol in Town parks. In general terms alcohol is not allowed in Town parks. The Town of Oak Creek does not have an easy to navigate system to permit consumption of alcoholic beverages in its parks or other recreational spaces. Current practice requires a "Special Event" permit for any consumption. "Special Event" permits are a category of permits that allow sales of alcoholic beverages in parks or other spaces. The permitting process is not conducive to allowing people to enjoy a beverage at a company picnic or other gatherings in our parks. The Board is considering whether to allow beer and wine in Town parks with a permit to accommodate small events, like recreational activities and memorial services when sales do not occur. Concerns are maintaining the family atmosphere we currently enjoy in Town parks, extra clean-up commonly associated with events, and how to accommodate requests to allow for beer and wine consumption.

Recreation Program Updates

Halloween Hayride - On Friday, October 29th the Town of Oak Creek partnered with Stagecoach State Park and the Glas Deffryn Ranch to host a Halloween Hayride. The Hayride had over thirty participants. Participants got the chance to brush Scotland Highland Cattle, Paint Pumpkins, and eat hot dogs and S'mores. We want to give a special thank you to Steve and Pam Williams who hosted the event and thank you to all of our participants who showed up.

Cooking Club - During the Month of October the Town of Oak Creek's After School Program partnered with Colorado State Extension office to host a Cooking Club. The Cooking Club had more than twenty students from kindergarten through 5th grade participate. Students made tacos, Greek food, and desserts. We want to thank the parents that volunteered and to all the students that participated.

Oak Creek Ice Rink, Rossi Meadow, and Moffat Avenue Sledding Hill

As the snow starts to fall we plan to open up our winter recreation facilities, including the Oak Creek Ice Rink, Rossi Meadow X-Country ski trails, and the Moffat Ave Sledding Hill. Stayed tuned for updates on openings!



US Post Office

Mail your **letters to Santa** in our special North Pole Mailbox!

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

Snowmobiles are not allowed to operate on Town streets. Side-by-sides are, however ALL rules of the road must be followed.

The police department is also aware of snowmobilers and side-by-side operators travelling on the private property of others. Though we have not received any complaints where the property owner wishes to attempt prosecution, we remind you that it is illegal to use another person's land without their permission.

Finally, we have evidence of motorized vehicle use in the Town's parks. Use of motorized vehicles in Town parks can result in citation, impound/seizure of the motorized unit and the possibility of a ban from Town parks for any activity.

Remember that the Town has given permission to operate certain off-road vehicles on the roadways in Oak Creek. That privilege can be revoked for any one person or the community as a whole without notice and with limited cause.

Respect the rights of other people to the exclusive use of their property. Respect the privilege of using certain units on our roadways. Respect the last bastions of relative peace and solitude in our community by not using motorized vehicles in our parks.

Ralph Maher-MCJ
Chief of Police

COVID-19 updates are available online at Routt County's COVID-19 webpage:

<https://www.covid19routtcounty.com/>

For local updated information this website will provide you with COVID-19 updates, vaccination information, community resources, and more. **Routt County Public Health is testing anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and anyone who has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, make an appointment.**



Did you know? LiftUp Routt County provides more than 600 snacks daily free to kids in Routt County through their Rocket Pack Program and they need your help! You can donate snacks directly and find guidelines online at: <https://liftuprc.org/what-we-do/#rocket-packs> or you can make a monetary donation via check and mailed to LiftUp Routt County, 2125 Curve Court, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 or securely online at: <https://liftuprc.org/>

HollyFest

It's time to get in the Holiday Spirit! **HollyFest will be on Saturday, December 11th.** There will be Community Yoga in the morning, Decorating Cookies, a Scavenger Hunt, Letters to Santa, Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause, a Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Caroling. Many local businesses will also have Shopping Specials going on during the day and evening. Flyers will be around town soon with more details; information will also be coming up on our Facebook page at "Town of Oak Creek" or on the Town's website at townofoakcreek.com.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Town of Oak Creek will be hosting a Christmas light contest. **Sign up your home at Oak Creek Town Hall** by December 23rd and enter to win utility gift certificated for best **residential** décor.

Shop Local

Make sure to **Shop Local this Holiday Season.** Save your receipts and every \$100 spent at any South Routt business gets you an entry in our prize drawing. Start collecting receipts from South Routt business starting on Saturday, November 20th until noon on Thursday, December 30th. Names will be drawn and winners will be contacted on December 30th. The grand prize is a one night stays at The Lodge Casino in Blackhawk and a buffet for two at the Season's Café. There will also be a prize of a hot air balloon ride for two adults at Wild West Ballooning, along with many other local prizes. If you are a business owner in the South Routt area, please consider donating a prize to Oak Creek or Yampa Town Hall.

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