



The Town Board will meet on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Attend in-person or from the comfort of your home via Zoom or Facebook. The Facebook Live event will be broadcast through the Town of Oak Creek's Facebook page.

Join this Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449378638>

# Newsletter May 2023

## ***Town Board Matters***

This spring the Town Board has been updating several Town codes including one that will allow for the consumption of alcohol in Town owned parks, excluding neighborhood parks, school playgrounds and athletic fields. The approved changes will allow adults 21+ years of age to possess alcohol, up to 72-oz, in non-glass containers in Town owned parks, during regular park hours. Events will require a permit from the Town, available at Town Hall. Alcohol is not allowed on Town trails.

Three (3) cycling events will be using Town streets and parks in 2023. The Town Challenge Mountain Bike Race will hold its second event at the Oak Creek Mountain Park on Wednesday, July 12. This will be followed by the annual Tour de Steamboat whose riders will be stopping at Bonfiglio's on Saturday, July 15 as part of the bicycle tour of south Routt. The third cycling event will be a gravel road race on August 20<sup>th</sup> and will use parts of Bell Avenue and Nancy Crawford Blvd. Events will be posted and you are asked to please watch for riders on these dates, and for local riders on large and small bicycles throughout the year.

## **Soroco Preschool Registration**

If your child turns 3 or 4 on or before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 they are eligible for preschool at Soroco Preschool in Yampa. This year, all 4 year old students can receive state funding for 4 half days of preschool through the Universal Preschool Program (UPK). This decreases tuition costs by half! Register your child between May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Please call 970-638-4558 or 970-870-2698.

## **Soroco Kindergarten Registration**

If your Child turns 5 on or before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 they are eligible to begin Kindergarten at South Routt Elementary School in Yampa. Kindergarten classroom visitations will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call 970-870-2698 to make an appointment. To register your child between May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 please call 970-638-4558 or 970-870-2698

## **Science Club**

The **After School Program** will be starting a **Science Club** in May. The club will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays, May, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the South Routt Community Center, 227 Dodge St., Oak Creek. Activities include the little al dinosaur, Planetarium, Rocket Challenge, sun, moon and meteors. To register, go to <https://townof oakcreek.com/programs-camps/> and fill out the registration form. If you have any questions, email [recreation@townof oakcreek.com](mailto:recreation@townof oakcreek.com) or call Town Hall 970-736-2422

## **Summer Camp - We're looking forward to a great summer!**

The Town's Summer Camp programs filled up quickly on Monday, April 3rd. This year there will again be 39 local campers each day. Swimming lessons are the first two weeks of Camp; bring swimwear. Horseback riding starts June 19<sup>th</sup> and lasts four weeks. The South Routt Recreation Association has donated funds to pay the extra cost of swim lessons and horseback riding! All campers will be participating in outside time, arts and crafts and daily field trips to amazing regional recreation facilities.

**Town Clean-Up Day** will be held on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 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. This year there will be an area for tires with a \$10 fee per tire payable by check or cash, no credit cards.

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**
- *Mattresses/Box Springs*- **NO**
- *Pesticides/Herbicides*- **NO**
- *Couches/Overstuffed Chairs*- **NO**
- *E-waste, such as TV's, monitors, back-up batteries, surge protectors and computers*- **NO**

Neighbors:

Social media is a great place to spend some time. You are often exposed to different ideas and might see a way of thinking that helps you develop a more informed approach to life. Alas, social media is fraught with issues. Most notable is when there are differences of opinion that start as wise debate but turn into personal attacks. People you are debating with will threaten you. They will call you names. They will make your time on social media less enjoyable and more ridden with stress.

As much as your police department wants to help, we can only go so far. Usually we are able to give you advice. That advice is almost always, "block the offender from your feed." If you can't see them, you can't get upset by what they say. We get a number of complaints about threats. In order for us to take action on threats, the threat has to be imminent (likely to happen and in proximate time) and without further action on your part). When a social media user says, "Say something like that again and I'll find you" is a threat but it isn't imminent and does require further action on your part. It would be hard for us to bring charges.

Most social media users who create concerns are not even from our community. With our limited resources, we might not be able to hold that person accountable for their actions. Social media harassment is a complex mess and we are here to walk you through what you and we can do, together, to bring you some peace. Generally, you are in control of the content and your reaction, though, think twice or more before sending your missive or retort. When things start to turn for the worse and reason has gone off the keyboard, get away from the issue. Block the offending user. Bring yourself peace. Be alert on social media.

Call us when you need us; we are often a voice of reason when all else seems to fail.

Ralph Maher, Chief of Police