



The Town Board will meet on June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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

## June 2023

### Town Board Matters

During the month of May, the Town Board has renewed several marijuana business licenses and liquor licenses, including updating the Town code to reflect voter approved changes to the marijuana and liquor codes. This is important to the Town as these businesses provide employment for local residents, provide a variety of entertainment opportunities such as music and pool competitions, provide convenient places for people to eat out and shop locally, and provide sales tax income that pays for Town services such as street and park maintenance, police services, snow removal, downtown flower displays, public storm water drainage systems and other vital and non-vital services. The Town Board also approved several regular special events such as the July 15<sup>th</sup> South-by-South Routt event that will be held at Decker Park and the annual Labor Day activities. Please participate in the Town's annual Clean-up Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. And, please remember to secure your trash and birdfeeders from bears.

#### Town Clean-Up Day

Located at the Town's Public Works facility – 618 Lillian Lane. The Town Clean-up day will be held on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am – 1:00pm** or until the dumpsters are full, whichever happens first. 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.

**Tires will be taken for a \$10 per tire fee.** There will be an area for steel, appliances and other metal recyclables.

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

#### Summer Camp Begins!

**The first day of Summer Camp** is Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>! We have hired a wonderful staff and are so excited to meet all of the campers. You will see us out and about in Oak Creek and in Routt County; hiking, gardening, playing, crafting, etc..

The campers will be doing swim lessons at Old Town Hot Springs, horseback riding lessons at High Lonesome Ranch, day trips to the Craig Wave pool and Gypsum Rec Center. So many fun activities await our campers and we are so pleased to be a part of their summer. **We look forward to a great summer!**

#### South Routt Library Program Series

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:00pm: Walking Meditation – A Yoga Practice – Honoring the Summer Solstice**

Exploring Raja Yoga through Various Types of Meditation with Melissa Dobbins

**Location: Oak Creek Library and a walk up the hill**

**Oak Creek Library:** 117 W. Main Street, 736-8371  
**Yampa Library:** 116 Main Street, 638-4654

**Mark your calendars for the South-by-South Routt event, July 15th, promoting local flavors.**

**WELCOME Alissa Hill**, the newly hired Recreation & Event Coordinator, to the Town of Oak Creek. We had great applicants for this position, with a wide diversity of backgrounds giving us an opportunity to select one of these people to join our staff.

Alissa will lead the Town's Summer Camp program and K-5 After School program, which serve to provide a safe place where students can participate in a wide variety of fun and educational activities. You may know her as she has worked with after care, full day Fridays and summer camp last year, teaching cooking, dance, acting, and crafts. She has earned instruction certificates in CPR and Lifeguarding, and looks forward to obtaining more skills to better serve our community. Alissa lives in South Routt with her husband and two children.

Alissa is hitting the ground running, so to speak, with Summer Camp starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. Summer Camp is fully staffed and they are eager to have a fun, safe summer with the children. She plans to maintain the current programs and is grateful to have the support of the previous coordinator, all those working in Town Hall, the staff of our summer camp and from our community. Alissa's office is at Town Hall if you would like to meet and welcome her.

### Fireworks Information

In just about a month we celebrate the 247<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America. This is a great Country and we are free in many ways. We aren't free to put other people and property in jeopardy from fires and injury though. And we aren't free to annoy our neighbors and our friends' pets. Years ago, our elected representatives decided that, for the good of all, to limit the types of fireworks that can be purchased, possessed, and used in Colorado. The law basically says: if it goes "Bang" or "Boom" it's illegal; and/or, if it leaves the ground or parts of it can travel, it's illegal. This means no roman candles or bottle rockets; ground fountains with sparks are generally okay. Remember that fire restrictions can be imposed at any time and with little notice. Fire restrictions often come with rules against lighting ANYTHING, even otherwise legal fireworks. See the Town's information kiosks for more details. Happy Birthday America. Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone.

Ralph Maher – MCJ  
Chief of Police

**NOTE: Please know that when Routt County officials declare a fire ban for South Routt, generally, it automatically applies to the Town of Oak Creek.**

### Vet in the Park

~Reduced-price vaccinations~  
~Town of Oak Creek pet licenses~

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Decker Park**

Cats: 2:00 – 2:30pm

Dogs: 2:30 – 4:00pm



### Town Challenge MTB Race at the Oak Creek Mountain Park on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

After a successful 2022 race, the Town Challenge Race series comes to the Oak Creek Mountain Park for a second year. The Town Board has approved the race event that will begin racing at 4:30 p.m. They are expecting approximately 100 participants for the event. Parking for the event will be encouraged to be near the Park, along 49Z, Nancy Crawford Blvd., and the Ice Rink.

**Please watch out for cyclists; they live here, stop here and support our local businesses.**