



The Town Board will meet on September 14th & 28th 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 2023

Town Board Matters

The Town Board recently:

1. Authorized the purchase of new chlorination equipment for the Water Treatment Plant and replacement of the eighteen year old equipment. The replacement cost is not-to-exceed \$19,200.
2. Asked staff to pursue working with Routt County to combine elections, possibly as early as November 2024, to encourage more voter participation in local elections and reduce costs.
3. Updated job descriptions for public works employees to create advancement opportunities and pay incentives to Town employees and help create a more sustainable workforce for the Town’s benefit.
4. Renewed liquor licenses for Bonfiglio’s Drug, Inc. and Spiro’s Liquor, Inc.
5. Met with an owner of 207 S. Sharp Ave. to discuss a request to temporarily locate material storage facilities on this vacant land while renovating their building at 208 S. Sharp Ave.

WM will replace Twin Enviro for Trash and Recycling Services in November

Bids for the Town’s **residential** trash and recycling services were received and opened with two bids submitted by local providers. The low bidder is Waste Management, aka WM, who will begin providing these services on November 7, 2023. For customers who currently have bearproof containers WM will be distributing information to residents to continue or add this extra service and will deliver upgraded equipment for use this spring when the bears become active once again. Commercial properties, mobile home parks and multi-family properties with more than five units may not be included in this Town service. The current rates for residential service, trash and recycling are \$33.13 for residential service and \$23.49 for seniors (age 60+). **Estimated** new monthly rates for trash and recycling are \$45.00 for residential service and \$35.00 for seniors (age 60+) effective November 1, 2023.

Oak Creek Farmer’s Market

The Oak Creek Farmer’s Market, located on Sharp Avenue at Main Street, **continues through Sunday, September 3rd, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

To be a vendor or for questions, contact Nikki Knoebel at 970-846-2083 or farmersmarketoakcreek@gmail.com

Sheriff Reservoir updates

Zak Dirt, the Town’s contractor for the headgate and operating equipment replacement and upgrade, has begun working with the anticipated completion prior to winter conditions. Town staff is building part of the equipment. Engineering plans for the expansion of the spillway continue with anticipation to submit the plans to the State Engineer’s Office by December.

Full Day Friday Program for Students

The Full Day Friday Program will start on Friday, September 8th and is located at the South Routt Community Center. The Full Day Friday program runs from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. with students participating in activities and field trips. To register for the Town’s Full Day Friday program, After School program, Creative Dance Club, or Cheer Club please contact Alissa Hill at recreation@townofoakcreek.com.

Yampa Valley Regional Transportation Authority

An Open House public meeting will be held at the Oak Creek Town Hall on Wednesday, September 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come and learn how a RTA is formed, funded and would benefit residents, visitors and workers in the Yampa Valley. Provide input at <https://tinyurl.com/YampaValleryRTA>

A message from Chief Ralph Maher

A riddle: What has eight sides, are red and white, and will cost you dearly if you ignore them?

You may be thinking of the Soroco Rams football team. And that's true, but only on the gridiron...and well...technically, they wear maroon not red. I am talking about stop signs. Ignoring a stop sign could cost you your car. It could cost you your health. It can cost you a decent amount of money and too many of them taken too closely together will take your driver's license. How to lower your chances of costly consequences? STOP. A full stop, behind the stop sign and for a count of approx. three seconds while you look left, right and left again making sure there really is no oncoming traffic. Can't quite see around the bushes at Main and Bell or the cars at Sharp and Main or Moffat and Main? Inch past the stop sign to where you can see. STOP and look again; left, right, left. Three to six seconds can save you \$83.50 and four points against your driver's privilege.

Let's STOP at the signs. Every one of them. Everywhere. All the time. And Goooooo Rams!

Ralph Maher-MCJ
Chief of Police

Help us protect our school children and neighbors!

Oak Creek's Labor Day celebration Wednesday, August 30 – Monday, September 4

Winter message from the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council with an opportunity to save money this winter.

Are you ready for winter heating bills? Plan for winter by using YVSC's Energy Assessment program. To reduce your energy use, carbon footprint, and identify energy, comfort, and safety problems in your home, request a home energy assessment at YVSC.org! Per homeadvisor.com, you can save 5% to 30% on home energy costs when you make improvements identified by an energy assessment. That's a lot of saving.

Thanks to the Town of Oak Creek, the cost of your assessment is \$250 paid to YVSC to schedule your assessment, a generous discount from the original \$600 cost. This year your assessment can also earn you a federal tax deduction! Apply for a federal tax rebate of 30% of your assessment cost. Income-qualified families can obtain a free assessment and home improvements through Colorado's CARE Program.

Visit <https://yvsc.org/energy-assessments/> for more information.

Planning Commission seeks members

The Oak Creek Planning Commission is comprised of six (6) positions – five (5) with voting positions and one (1) alternate who participates and votes when there is not a quorum. The Planning Commission's mission is to identify concerns and facilitate solutions in matters concerning land use and land use changes in Oak Creek and to present recommendations to the Town Board. Presently there are two vacancies and the Town Board, who appoints Commission members, is accepting applications. Members must be residents and eligible as a voter of the Town. Applications should be submitted by September 21, 2023 to the Town Administrator/Clerk at 129 Nancy Crawford Blvd, or via email to david@townof oakcreek, for presentation to the Town Board.

Shop locally for your groceries and pharmaceuticals, take the family out for a meal, enjoy the music!