



The Town Board will meet on October 12th & 26th at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to participate in person or virtually on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449378638>.

Newsletter

October 2023

Town Board Matters

- Renewed liquor licenses for Bonfiglio's and Spiro's.
- Discussed how to build a sustainable workforce in today's South Routt workplace.
- Received an update on activities from Yampa Valley Sustainability Council officials.
- Held a public hearing and heard from developers regarding a proposal to build four duplex structures on Lot 15 of the Sierra View subdivision. The proposal was continued.
- Andrea Fasen, P.E., W.W. Wheeler & Associates, Inc. presented updates on the Sheriff Reservoir Engineering and Construction activities. Ms. Fasen reported that headgate replacement construction is underway and spillway engineering is anticipated to be completed by December 2023.
- Reviewed State voter approved Prop 123 and what steps the Town must take to participate in these funding programs for workforce housing development.

Trash and Recycling Changes, effective November 1st

Waste Management will begin providing trash and recycling services to Town residents in early November so there will be a changeout in your carts. If you have, or want to start having, more than one cart (same size) for either trash or recycling (or both), and/or if you want a bear proof cart, please contact Town Hall, 970-736-2422, to let staff know your service address and the number of carts desired. You can email staff if this is easier at billing@townof oakcreek.com. The monthly fee for additional carts are \$13.93 – trash and \$13.11 – recycling. Bear proof carts will also be available for an additional cost of \$20 per month. Please contact the Town by noon Friday, October 13, 2023 with this information to avoid a \$50 cart dropoff charge; we'll be glad to help you.

Please Slow Down – School's In Session; and the School (speed) 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 invested.

After School Programs

Dance, Bike skills, and cheerleading are up and running for elementary aged children.

We are also hosting a Middle school game club, and an Adult Hiking Club. Full day Friday camp and aftercare have been exploring around town, taking walks, doing crafts and visiting local parks while the weather is warm. Keep your eyes open for Adult Pilates, Middle School Cooking, K-5 soccer skills, and 3rd – 5th grade music club starting soon. Please check out <https://townof oakcreek.com/parks-recreation/> or email recreation@townof oakcreek.com for more information and to register.

Watch out for Trick-or-Treaters - Tuesday, October 31st - Happy Halloween!

Be Safe!

The leaves are turning and the nights are getting chilly. That means Halloween is upon us. It's a fun but potentially dangerous time especially on Oak Creek's dark streets and on the highways into town and across the state.

For our ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and princess trick-or-treating: stay in groups; younger folks need supervision by parents; bright colored costumes are preferred (but OCPD has lights to attach to costumes to aid with visibility- come to town hall), everyone should be aware of vehicle traffic and drivers **MUST** be aware of the pedestrians darting about.

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

For the motorists on the road between here and there... watch out for impaired drivers. Halloween is not the most dangerous holiday for travelers, but it's not the safest either. Extra care should be taken the weekend **BEFORE** Halloween since the holiday falls on a Tuesday. **BUT**, impaired drivers are on the road **ALL** the time. You, as the non-impaired driver, need to protect you and yours on the roadway. See something? Say something. Call *277 to report aggressive, impaired, or other dangerous drivers. The life you save could be your own.

See you in November – Ralph Maher, Chief of Police



ISO Fire Score Improves

Contact your homeowner's insurance company; this new ISO rating can mean lower rates. A company called the ISO (Insurance Services Office) creates ratings for fire protection departments and their surrounding communities. The ratings calculate the fire suppression capability of fire departments and the department's fire loss experience. The ISO provides this score, often called the "ISO fire score," to homeowner's insurance companies. The Town has been advised by ISO that Oak Creek Fire is rated a classification rating of 3, a classification attributed to the top 32% of fire departments in Colorado. The Town's water supply and the needed fire flow that can be provided at one time makes up 40% of the ISO score. The Town's water supply plus the fire district's preparedness plus the County's emergency communications each contribute to the ISO rating. Bottom line, the team that provides fire protection for Town residents is highly rated and valued, kudos to the employees and officials providing us with these great services.

Utility Assistance - LEAP

LEAP accepts applications between November and April. To learn more about applying for LEAP benefits, including a checklist to help you prepare your application visit www.cdhs.colorado.gov/leap or call 1-866-HEAT-HELP.

CONGRATULATIONS SOROCO

South Routt School District has been "Accredited with Distinction"! This elite recognition is awarded to schools and districts that score in the top 6% of the state. The criteria for distinction are based on CMAS test results, and our School Year 22-23 results have earned Soroco schools this recognition! Congratulations to employees of the district for their contribution to the overall success of our students and to our students for their amazing performance!

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