



The Town Board will meet on November 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 page.

Newsletter

November 2023

Town Board Matters

The Town Board has recently:

1. Joined 90 CO municipalities and committed to the State's Proposition 123 workforce housing initiative.
2. Received a \$144,000 regional Housing grant to study south Routt County's housing needs.
3. Conditionally approved an eight-unit new housing project in Sierra View subdivision.
4. Been reviewing the 2024 Town Budget.
5. Received the Auditor's report of the 2022 Town finances.
6. Adopted the 2021 International Building Codes.

Message from Waste Management

WM of Colorado is honored to be Oak Creek's environmental service provider. Your local WM team is proud to deliver safe, reliable service to their neighbors in Oak Creek and help keep your community clean and green. WM will deliver your trash and recycling carts by October 31. Effective November 7, 2023, WM will collect your trash every TUESDAY and your recycling every-other-TUESDAY on GOLD weeks (same schedule, no change). Keep Recyclables Loose and Never bag-up recyclables, instead place materials directly into carts. Also, no plastic bags in recycling.

Help reduce litter from falling out when carts are serviced by bagging up trash and yard waste. Place your recycling and trash carts at the curb by 6 a.m. with wheels facing the curb and the lid fully closed. If your service day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be delayed by one (1) day. Regular service resumes the following week.

- Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 23 • Christmas Day - Monday, Dec. 25

Please Drive Safely; Conditions are Changing

The leaves have mostly fallen and we are likely to have had our first snow by the time you read this. What we KNOW we have had before you read this, and after you do too... ROAD RAGE!! It was a dark Thursday morning. I was driving my personal truck to a class. There they were with plenty of road ahead of me, plenty of dashed lines for the passing zone, my not doing anything to stop them from passing and not even speeding to make it difficult. They tailgated me for miles. No shoulder on Hwy 131 yet... maybe four more miles to the wider part of the road. Boy I wanted out from in front of them. I started talking to myself. "They haven't hit me and they haven't run me off the road, I'll be okay." I could feel the frustration. But I didn't give in to the anger. Sure, I could have done something if I chose to drive my beautiful 2021 police Tahoe, but in my truck I was a civilian. I let it go. I let them go ahead the first chance I got. They must have made it to where they were going because I didn't see any skids and didn't see any evidence of a crash. It wasn't worth the RAGE I could have encountered. RAGED drivers are dangerous behind the wheel and away from it. I chose to be at as much peace as I could by reciting my mantra. You might find peace in another way. Search CDOT Road Rage for a series of articles about the dangers of angry/vengeful/raged driving and how to respond. Meanwhile; happy Thanksgiving; drive the speed limit when possible; drive sober and safely always. - Ralph

The Town Hall will be closed for Veteran's Day (November 10), Thanksgiving Day and Friday after Thanksgiving.

Support Oak Creek businesses; shop locally.

Snow Removal Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents of the Town's ordinances on snow shoveling, plowing and parking. It is very important that everyone does their part for the safety of our community and the efficiency of snow removal services by considering the following steps:

- Anyone who has the ability to park off the streets and out of the alley right-of-ways simply should do so.
- On trash day DO NOT put trash or recycling cans out where the snow plowing equipment may hit them. Keeping them back in your driveway or on the sidewalk will avoid any problems.
- Remove trash cans from town right-of-ways ASAP after trash has been picked up.
- All vehicles that are parked in or on town roads, alleys and other rights-of-ways must be MOVED out of these areas within 24 hours after the start of a snow storm for the plow crews to do cleanup work. This does not mean shoveling around them, it means MOVING them. Any vehicle not moved within this time period will be towed at the owners' expense.
- Plowing, shoveling or blowing snow into or across public right-of-ways is unlawful and will result in citations being issued. If there is no alternative, please contact the Public Works Director, (970) 736-2459, to discuss obtaining written permission to use the Town's right-of-ways for snow storage.
- Main Street businesses that have permission to shovel their sidewalks into Main Street need to shovel the snow out two or three feet into the road and avoid piling snow into the gutter.
- By clearing driveways of snow to the RIGHT side of drive (as you face out to the street) the next time the plow comes by it will not get pushed back into the driveway. Again, do not push snow out into the street!

Sheriff Reservoir Update

Phase one of the multi-phase Sheriff Reservoir and Dam project is completed with the new headgate installation and submission of a hydrology analysis to the State Engineer's Office. Phase two, reservoir improvements is proceeding with engineering plans due to be submitted to the State Engineer's Office by project engineers W.W. Wheeler & Associates in December 2023 for project work in 2024-2025 if funding is available.

Please Slow Down – School's In Session; and the School 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.

Winter's around the corner and local activities coming soon include: Holly Fest, holiday lighting competition, Shop Local drawings, the ice rink opens, Rossi Meadows X-country ski trails, snowshoeing on the Oak Creek Mountain Park trails and family fun on the Moffat Avenue sledding hill.

LEAP Information

The **Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)** is a federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working Colorado families, seniors, and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating costs. LEAP is designed to assist low-income households with paying their winter home heating costs but is not intended to pay the entire cost. Eligible recipients can receive only one LEAP benefit per heat season. The heat season runs from November 1st – April 30th. If you have questions on how to apply call 1-866-432-8435.

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