



The Town Board will meet on Thursday, December 14th 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

December 2023

Town Board Matters

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays.

In response to the shortage of local workforce housing needs the Town in partnership with Routt County, the Town of Yampa, the Oak Creek Fire District, the Soroco School District and the South Routt Medical District will be working with a consultant to assess and verify housing needs in south Routt. Stay tuned for more information on how you can participate. Funding for the housing needs assessment (HNA) is a More Housing Now grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), a grant from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), and support from the organizations listed previously. The HNA will assist south Routt communities to support future workforce housing and infrastructure development.

2024 Budget – work continues on preparation of the Town's 2024 Budget, aiming to adopt the budget and Mill Levy at the December 14th Town Board meeting. Presently the Board is reviewing a trash and recycling rate increase and the Water Fund for an increase to offset expenses. No other tax or fee increases are under consideration at this time.

HollyFest

It's time to get in the Holiday Spirit! **HollyFest will be on Saturday, December 2nd.** There will be community activities throughout the day, a Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Caroling. Many local businesses will also have Shopping Specials going on during the day and evening. Flyers will be around town soon with more details; information will also be coming up on our Facebook page at "Town of Oak Creek" or on our website at

townofoakcreek.com/parks-recreation.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Town of Oak Creek will be hosting a Christmas light contest. Sign up your home at the Oak Creek Town Hall by December 21st and enter to win utility gift certificates awarded for Best Residential Décor.

Contestants must sign-up to win!



Please address your letters to:
Santa
123 Elf Road
North Pole,
88888

More info at:
<https://www.uspsoperationsanta.com/>

Oak Creek Ice Rink, Rossi Meadow, and Moffat Avenue Sledding Hill

As the snow starts to fall we plan to open up our winter recreation facilities, including the Oak Creek Ice Rink, Rossi Meadow X-Country ski trails, and the Moffat Avenue Sledding Hill. Stayed tuned for updates on openings!

Shop locally for gifts, take the family out for a meal, and support South Routt businesses.

Shop Local

Make sure to Shop Local this Holiday Season. Save your receipts and every \$100 spent at South Routt businesses gets you an entry in our prize drawing. Start collecting receipts from South Routt business starting on Saturday, November 18th until 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 29th. Names will be drawn and winners will be contacted on December 29th. The grand prize is a one night stays at The Lodge Casino in Blackhawk, along with many other local prizes. If you are a business owner in the South Routt area, please consider donating a prize at the Oak Creek or Yampa Town Hall.

Recreation & Daycare

We are wrapping up our volleyball, cooking and basketball clubs for the year.

Big Thank You to our volunteers: Sunny Harmon, Hannah Wine, Jaci Robinson, Mandy Mass, Michelle Kresig.

Registration for children's after school care and full day Fridays is open Dec 4th for January - May care.

2024 Municipal Election

Town of Oak Creek Election Candidate Pakcets will be available for pick up beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Town Hall.

Oak Creek Owls AA

Oak Creek Owls meet Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7p.m. on the third floor of the community center, 227 Dodge Ave.



LiftUp Routt County provides more than 600 kids with snacks weekly through their Rocket Pack Program and they need your help! You can donate snacks directly and find guidelines online at: <https://liftuprc.org/what-we-do/#rocket-packs> or you can make a monetary donation via check and mailed to LiftUp Routt County, 2125 Curve Court, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 or securely online at: <https://liftuprc.org/> or text rocketpack to 844-844-6844 to donate

Happy Holidays from Chief Ralph, Officer Christensen, Officer Flint, and CSO Rossi. What a great year 2023 has been. Our Town and community have celebrated many things and we are happy that we have made it though as safely as possible.

Please give yourself and your loved ones the gift of seeing you (and you seeing them) in the New Year. Drive safely. Drive sober. Drive with regard for the other guy. Drive rage free. Drive like your life depends on it (you know it does).

We will see you in 2024. This is going to be a GREAT year.

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