

Newsletter

Town of Oak Creek

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Town Board Matters

The Town Board's next meeting will be held on October 10th beginning at 6 p.m. The Board has been continuing discussions regarding filling the Town Administrator/Clerk position, local and regional economic development, and the provision of law enforcement services. Staff will be presenting the 2024 Budget after holding a couple of work sessions with the Board to discuss 2025 projects, needs and wants and to assure their appropriately funded.

The focus for 2025 includes the water and wastewater plant improvements, Sheriff Dam spillway, and some park improvements. Water, sewer and trash rate increases have been identified as being needed, and additional discussion will happen in that regard in upcoming meetings.



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. LEAP will begin accepting applications for the 2024-25 winter heating season on November 1, 2024. Learn more at <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap> or if you have questions on how to apply call 1-866-432-8435.



Town Staff Corner

Fall Is Upon Us! Winter is Coming!

The frost has come, and the leaves are changing. We've seen some awesome blue skies and the birds have gathered and are ready to fly south. That first glimpse of snow is just moments away, and the overnight chill has bitten the flowers. It's just a pleasure to be out most days. Fall has arrived. Winter is coming.

Public Works Reminders

- Hydrant flushing (Beginning of October)
- Parking restrictions begin November 1st thru April 30th. No overnight parking on Main Street; no on-street parking whatsoever in Sierra View Subdivision.
- Please make sure that landscaping and storage does not encroach into the road rights-of-way. Avoid being a hazard to drivers and snow plow drivers on these roads. Please take the time to move your campers, woodpiles and flower pots back onto your lots or into storage.

Recreation Activities

Check out youth and adult Fall recreation programs and activities on our Town webpage: <https://townofoakcreek.com/parks-recreation/>

OAK CREEK PUMPKIN PATCH

Located at the garden center
Town Park at Sharp + Main St



WE'RE OPEN!

Hours:

Fridays 2-5pm

Saturdays & Sundays 11-4



The pumpkin patch is open! Photo Opp spot is all set, and it's all new this year, you won't want to miss this set up for your kiddos fall photos.

We have lots of jumbos this year. Take advantage of the nice weather and carve some masterpieces that might actually last until Halloween! Tons of smalls/mediums, and a limited number of specialty pumpkins are available too.

Next week: Minis and Gourds will arrive, and we will have refreshments from the Colorado Cherry Company + some yummy baked goods!

We source our pumpkins from a family farm right here in Colorado, so your support goes a long way!

Business Insurance Audit Workshop

presented by

Alpine Insurance

Presenting everything you need to know to understand your insurance audit.

All business owners and financial managers welcome.

October 24, 2024 @ 4:00pm - Franciosi's

FREE beverages and pizza provided.

RSVP to Angie Baker at (970) 879-2265

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OAK CREEK PLANNING COMMISSION

The Oak Creek Planning Commission has a vacancy for the Alternate position, and the Town is seeking letters of interest from residents who are eligible as a voter within the Town. Become part of the voice that guides how and where our Town will be growing and changing, particularly as the Town updates its Comprehensive Plan! Submit your letter to clerk@townof oakcreek.com or drop it at Town Hall, 129 Nancy Crawford Blvd. Questions? Call (970) 736-2422.



OAKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2024

10.30AM - 2PM TOWN PARK @ SHARP + MAIN

Festival Style with Ticketed Games + Contests

All tickets will be entered in a drawing for great prizes!

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to South Routt Community Events to help fund future community building + fundraising events

For more information, or to pre-register for the pie and chili contests, email:
micagardenscapes@gmail.com



PET + KIDS COSTUME PARADE

PUMPKIN DECORATING

FACEPAINTING

SPOOKY GAMES + MAZE

FUN CONTESTS

COTTON CANDY, SNOWCONES

+ BRATS

PIE + CHILI CONTEST *pre registration recommended

PRIZE DRAWINGS

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Oak Creek
Had the following Violations Identified During a Drinking Water Inspection

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine drinking water inspection conducted on July 24, 2024 by the state drinking water program identified the following violations that may pose a risk to public health.

Identified Violation	Date Correction is Required	Steps We Are Taking
T124 Membrane Filtration Integrity Testing	December 18, 2024	The Town will submit a written integrity testing standard operating procedure that incorporates the pressure decay during a clean in place (CIP) of the water filters.
M619 Backflow Prevention Annual Compliance Ratio	December 18, 2024	The Town will submit an annual backflow report and the tracking sheet of all the testable backflow devices within the water system.
M610 Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program	December 18, 2024	The Town will provide a written program and adequate tracking process for all the testable devices.
M613 Failure to Complete an Annual Backflow Report	December 18, 2024	The Town will complete the backflow annual report for the year 2023
M612 Inadequate Survey Compliance Ratio	December 18, 2024	The Town will complete the annual backflow report for 2024 demonstrating that all Backflow devices have been tested

R531 Disinfectant Monitoring Equipment Verification	December 18, 2024	The Town will develop and implement written verification procedures to calibrate the chlorine analyzers each week
R518 Total Coliform Sample Sites Not Representative	December 18, 2024	The Town will establish two additional sample sites for Total Coliform that is more representative to the distribution system

- Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.
- Failure to perform the required start-up procedures prior to serving water to the public has the potential to distribute contaminated water. When our system shuts down operation, the lack of pressure in our pipes can allow the entry of bacteria and other disease-causing microorganisms into the drinking water. By performing start-up procedures such as flushing the pipes, disinfecting the water, and collecting a coliform bacteria sample before we open, we can be sure that we are providing you with safe water.
- Inadequately maintained storage tanks, identified through inspections, may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.
- Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **December 18, 2024**. For more information, please contact **Scott Smith** at **Scott Smith** or **970-846-9732**, or **PO Box 128 Oak Creek CO 80467**.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by: Oak Creek - CO0154566
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