



The Town Board will meet on July 11th and 25th at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to participate in person or virtually on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449378638> , or on the Town's Facebook page.

Newsletter July 2024

Town Board Matters

The Town Board interviewed three applicants for the vacant Board seat at a Special Board meeting held on June 6th. Following interviews of Kenyon Shephard, Erika Pastor and Zach Steinbaugh the Board discussed the applicants and voted to appoint Erika Pastor to the Trustee position. This is for a two year term ending in April 2026. Trustee Pastor was sworn in following her appointment and participated in the Board's June 13th meeting.

The Board has begun searching for a new Town Administrator/Clerk following the resignation of David Torgler who has accepted another position. It is anticipated this search will take approximately four to six months to successfully complete. The Board will work with KRW to solicit candidates and fill the interim and permanent position.

The Town Board will be reviewing revisions to the Town code to limit the use or occupancy of any house trailer, auto trailer, trailer coach, RV, motor vehicle or tent for more than fourteen days on any lot in the Town or for more than 30 days in a 365 day period.

Job Openings

Utility Billing/Deputy Clerk

The **Town** is seeking a **Utility Billing/Deputy Town Clerk** to lead utility billing services and provide accounts payable bookkeeping functions. The position interacts with the public and coordinates with Town employees; assists with Town elections; attends Town Board meetings and prepares meeting summaries; helps to maintain the Town's website and social media postings; and, assists with public records maintenance and responding to public records requests. This is a full-time benefitted position. Starting wage is \$24.80+/hour depending on an applicant's qualifications. Application and additional information is available at townofoakcreek.com/employment/ Position is open until filled. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Custodian

The **Town** of Oak Creek is hiring a part-time (20 hours weekly) **Custodial Worker** to perform a wide variety of custodial duties, minor maintenance and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that municipally owned or leased buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner. Experience and knowledge of standard cleaning procedures, chemicals, products and equipment required. Pay is \$18.50/hr plus benefits. Job applications are available on the Town's website: www.townofoakcreek.com and at the Town Hall. Submit application and job related references to Town Administrator/Clerk, Town of Oak Creek, PO Box 128.

Apex Waste Solutions replaces WM

Waste Management, aka WM, the Town's residential trash and recycling provider, requested that the Town Board approve assignment of their contract to Apex Waste Solutions, aka Apex. At their June 13th meeting the Board approved the assignment which will be effective July 1, 2024. Per Apex officials the new provider has bought out WM's service in the region, including WM's equipment and bins; even the staff will remain the same. Services and pick-up days will remain the same for residential trash pick-up and recycling. Over time the WM equipment and bins will convert to the Apex logo, but the change will be gradual.

Farmer's Market – Sunday's in Oak Creek

The Oak Creek Farmer's Market will run Sunday's now - August 25th from 10a.m.-2p.m. on Sharp Ave at Main Street.

We are currently seeking vendors. If you would like to be a vendor or have questions please reach out to us

Farmersmarketoakcreek@gmail.com

The annual local cycling event Tour de Steamboat will be held Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Housing Needs Assessment – Public Meetings

The South Routt County Housing Needs Assessment is crucial for understanding and addressing housing needs in the community. With the growing population and changing demographics, it is essential to ensure that there are adequate and affordable housing options to local residents. There are two public events planned to gather information that will be used to identify housing needs and inform local housing policies in South Routt County. Free food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided at each event.

July 22 from 5pm to 7pm at Franciosi Brothers Pizza & Meatballs, 112 W Main Street, Oak Creek

July 23 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Yampa Ladies Aid Hall, 83 1st Street.

Off Highway Vehicle Use in Town Limits

Responding to public concerns about the use of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) on Town streets, and the public's desire to use OHV's locally the Police staff has been working with residents to craft local regulations to provide a safe environment for the operation of OHV's and: address the age of drivers; safety equipment, e.g. lights, brakes, audible warning devices, etc; insurance; and the applicability of state and town traffic laws.

Also to be recommended are the prohibition of three-wheel OHV's and modified vehicles, and the operation of OHV's between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Town streets.

Per State regulations OHV's will not be allowed to operate on Main Street/Hwy 131, though OHV's will be allowed to cross the highway at street and alley intersections.

The draft regulations will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting this summer.

Vet in the Park

Dr. Dana, Mountain Peak Veterinary, was able to provide vaccinations for over thirty dogs and cats at the June 16th Vet in the Park event held at the Oak Creek Farmer's Market. At the same event Eileen Rossi helped local dog owners receive their annual licenses, issuing ten licenses. These dog licenses are important as they help dog owners to be reunited with their dogs when they are found wandering in the Town. Dr. Dana plans to come again just before Labor Day and hold another vaccination event at the Farmer's Market.

South Routt Community Housing Survey

Your opinion matters!

Please help us identify housing needs in South Routt County.

Information regarding housing is being put together through the combined efforts of Routt County and the Town's of Oak Creek and Yampa. Please visit the Town's website to take this ten minute survey and provide good local input.

Water Main Replacement - Public Works staff will be providing approximately 700-feet of water main replacement on E. Virginia Street in early July to replace old lines. This work will interrupt water service temporarily for residents so staff will knock on doors to let residents know when the interruptions occur.

Tracks and Trails Museum is Open

The museum will be open Tuesday's- Saturday's 12p.m. to 5p.m.

The Historical Society of Oak Creek & Phippsburg host regular meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Tracks & Trials Museum, 129 E Main Street, Oak Creek. These Meetings are open to the Public

Questions? Call 970-736-8245