



Happy New Year

Town Of Yampa Newsletter

January 2024



**Important
January Dates**

January 3rd Town Board Meeting 6pm

January 9th 4th of July Taco/Salsa Contest Planning Meeting Town Board Room 4:30pm

January 13th Legion Bingo at Ladies Aid Hall 7 pm

January 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day Town Hall Closed

January 17th Town Board Meeting 6pm

January 20th-Coffee with the Mayor 10am-12noon

January 20th Pinochle Ladies Aid Hall

January 22nd Town Board Nomination Petitions Due

Shop Local Campaign

Thank You!

Congratulations to all of those who won some of the great prizes for the Shop Local Campaign.

Thank you to the Town of Oak Creek for organizing this very fun event. Way to keep our hard-earned money local!

Thank you to all participating businesses that either donated prizes or were a part of the receipt collection participation.



Stacey Geilert, Mayor, took a few minutes to answers questions regarding her involvement in Yampa and choice to live here.

Town Board Member Spotlight

Mayor Stacey Geilert

Town Board members will be spotlighted over the next few months in the Town's newsletter.

How long have you lived in Yampa? My husband, Phil, and I have lived in Yampa since 2019. We bought the home from my in-laws in 2015 who owned the home beginning in 1972.

What is your favorite thing about living in Yampa? I love the small-town feel, the history, and our great neighbors. Having wonderful views is an amazing bonus.

What motivated you to get involved in Town government? I wanted to be involved in helping our Town thrive. Instead of complaining about issues, I felt I needed to be active in listening to community members and being part of the decision making.

What is one thing during your time serving on the Town Board that stands out and why? Seeing the Comprehensive Plan being worked on and all the people coming together to create the Plan and vision, and now having it come to fruition, has been incredible.

What would you like to see happen in the future for Yampa? I would like to see sustainable growth and a unified community. Our history is important, but to continue as a viable town, we need to grow. We are seeing many small changes, and I hope to continue being a part of this exciting new chapter for our Town.

Notice of Water & Sewer Rates Increase

The Town of Yampa (Town) is dedicated to delivering safe drinking water and reliable wastewater services to our residents and businesses at a reasonable cost. Each year the Town invests money to treat water, replace aging infrastructure, and reduce the amounts of pollutants entering our local waterways. Doing so requires constant maintenance and upgrades to ensure we are delivering high quality drinking water, safe disposal of wastewater and staying current with changing standards and policies. Your utility service payments help the Town do just that.

Over the last several years, the Town's annual audit has noted that we have a deficit in our Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund. Our rates do not currently cover the costs of operations, maintenance and needed reserves for replacement and upgrade needs. The Town undertook a rate study this year and the Town Board approved raising rates and modify our rate structure beginning January 1, 2024 to maintain the financial sustainability of the Town's water and sewer systems operations.

What Does This Mean To You?

The Town Board approved a 6.6% rate increase on December 6, 2023 concurrently with the 2024 Budget adoption. A typical user will see their monthly bill increase to \$119.93 (6.6%) for water and sewer. Some other options for overages are also shown below:

Water	Monthly Base	Additional Water Use	Total Amount
Residential or Commercial (per Equivalent Unit)	\$63.96	Under 5000 gallons: \$0 5001-10000 gallons: \$23.90 10001-15000 gallons: \$49.05	\$63.96 \$87.86 \$113.01
Sewer	Monthly Base	Additional Water Use	Total Amount
Residential or Commercial (per Equivalent Unit)	\$55.97	Under 10000 gallons: \$0 Over 10000 gallons: \$4.69 per 1,000 gallons (Commercial Only)	\$55.97 For example: 15000 gallons: \$79.42
Water & Sewer Charges			Grand Total
Typical Average User	\$119.93	Under 5000 gallons of water	\$119.93

More information can be obtained from Sheila Symons, Town Administrator/Clerk,
(970) 638-4511 or clerk@townofyampa.com

Interested in Serving?

The Mayor's seat and two (2) Town Trustee seats will be on the April 2, 2024 Regular Election ballot. If you are interested in seeking one of these openings, Nomination Petitions will be available beginning January 2, 2024 from the Town Administrator/Clerk, Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Yampa. Nomination Petitions are due no later than January 22, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Symons, Town Administrator/Clerk at (970) 638-4511 or email clerk@townofyampa.com

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

First Place: Anthony and Sabrina Zywicki

325 Main St \$125.00 South Routt Bucks

Second Place: Alex Doehling

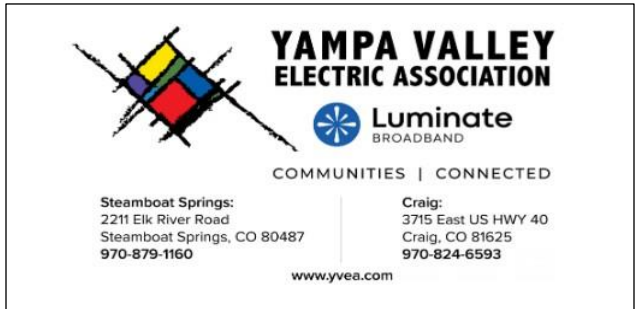
161 Lincoln \$100 South Routt Bucks

Third Place: Brian and Desire Cordova

76 W. 2nd St \$75 South Routt Bucks

Thank you to all who decorated and helped make the Town look so festive all season long.

Sponsored by:



Yampa's annual traditions are only possible with the help of our Volunteers. Please accept our appreciation for all you have done.

YVEA/Luminate: \$300 sponsorship for Lighting Contest

South Routt EDC: South Routt Bucks from the YVEA sponsorship to award to Christmas Lighting Contest Winners.

Milway Family: Beautiful Tree donation picked out by Henry Milway

Popcorn Balls: Noah Symons, Roman Cordova, Stacey and Phil Geilert, Mike Lewis and Jessica Johnson

Tree Decorators: Amy and Natalie Kindsvater

Outside lights and decorations: Jen Andrews and Jake McKillip

Christmas Candy, Popcorn, Ham: ordered by Montgomery's. Montgomery's extended a discount to the order also.

Christmas Bag Helpers: Britany Milway, Mike Lewis, Jen Andrews, Jake McKillip, Stacey Geilert and Alex Doehling

Christmas Star: Mike Lewis

Treats for Christmas Eve: Cindy and Brian Ashley

Palmer Family: Donation for Christmas Festivities

Zirkel Wireless: Use of their Electricity for the Christmas Star

Yampa Egeria Historical Society: putting the Christmas village together

Shop Local donors in Yampa: American Legion, Montgomery's, Antlers, Yampa Garage Biscuits and BBQ, Sinclair, Raise your Spirits

Big Thank You to Santa for taking time out of his busy night to stop by!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Yampa

Does/Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

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.

We routinely monitor for disinfectant residual entering the distribution system. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water supply. Disinfectant residual is the amount of chlorine or related disinfectant entering the pipes of the distribution system. If the amount of the disinfectant residual is too low, organisms may grow in the pipes. On December 26, 2023, disinfectant residuals dropped below 0.8 mg/L for 10 hours.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.**
- Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms are not only caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to consult your doctor.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What is being done?

- On Tuesday December 26, the chlorine metering pump lost prime and did not provide disinfection for the water system. The chlorine residual dropped below the required 0.8 mg/l for ten hours during the night. The problem was diagnosed Wednesday morning and the chlorine level was restored. Also working on trying to determine why the SCADA system did not notify personnel of the problem.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **December 27, 2023**. For more information, please contact **Scott Smith** at jjdssmith@yahoo.com or **970-846-9732** or **PO Box 224, Yampa CO 80483**.

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.

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