

Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Citizens

January 2017

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

New Castle's Water Treatment Plant is undergoing a \$1,600,000 system upgrade. The upgrade is necessary because every spring the system is hit by a perfect storm. For about one or two weeks, our water demand exceeds our supply capacity. During the start of the landscape irrigation season, water demands spike. This spike coincides with high run-off from East Elk Creek. The melting snow from the Flat Tops washes down silt and debris, creating high turbidity levels and requiring maximum filtration.

During this period the plant runs at maximum capacity, filters are backwashed frequently and water is drawn down from the storage tanks. While so far this strategy has provided sufficient water for residents, it is expensive, and more importantly, it reduces available water for a fire emergency.

The upgrade project will replace two inefficient Water-Tech filters (which were installed in 1984) with two much more efficient Trident units. The two current treatment units have a combined capacity of approximately 580,000 gallons per day. The two new units

will have a combined capacity of approximately 2 million gallons per day. Installation of these new treatment units will allow us to meet projected demands for the next 20 years.

Other project components include improvements to the raw water measuring system, a pump station to increase raw water flow, and expansion of the clear well, allowing maximum disinfection times.

The Water Treatment Plant upgrade is funded by a \$814,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and \$812,000 from the Town's Utility Fund. Construction began in October 2016 and will be completed in April of 2017.

New Castle water comes from East Elk Creek, flowing down from the Flat Tops through a beautiful canyon. The Town is proud of the quality of its water, which is not only generally free of human contamination, but also tastes great. For much more information about the Town's water and wastewater utilities, visit the Town website (www.newcastlecolorado.org). Click on Departments, then Utilities.

New Castle's Adam Cornely Honored

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) has announced ten recipients of the Scott Scudamore National Volunteer Leadership Award. One of the ten is New Castle's own Adam Cornely. This is a significant honor which brings New Castle to the attention of the biking community.

According to the IMBA, the award honors outstanding volunteers who are making a significant contribution to the mountain biking community. More than 160 nominations were received.

Adam has been active in the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association and was instrumental in founding New Castle Trails. He has led an enthusiastic and

faithful group of volunteers in building the Alder Park entrance to the Colorow Trail, the Prendergast Hill Trail and the pump track in VIX Park. Additionally he has worked with the BLM on the process of authorizing mountain bike trails north of the Colorow Trail. That process should be completed during 2017. Adam is also working with the town on other trail projects.

In his spare time, Adam is an engineer with CDOT, husband of Jenny and father of Asher and Miles.



Business News

New Castle Diner's New Service



The New Castle Diner (in the New Castle Plaza) is now offering a variety of smoked meats to order and pick up.

Every Monday they will offer smoked brisket. Wednesday's meat will be chicken and on Friday the Diner will have smoked pork shoulder.

All the meats are smoked in house. Pre-ordering is necessary, and the smoked meat will be available until it is sold out (order early at 970-984-3700). Everything will be ready for pickup after 5:00 pm. Chef David_Souders will also have sides available to go, providing a complete meal to eat at home.

Did you know that.....

- Business, contractor and dog licenses need to be renewed for 2017. The forms for businesses and contractors can be found on the Business tab on the New Castle web site. Dog license applications may be found at Departments/ Animal Services.
- Starting with this issue of the Newsletter, Sara Molloy will be writing periodically for us. She will be contributing profiles of New Castle residents. Welcome, Sara, and thank you.
- The River Center gave out 272 Christmas gifts to children in New Castle and Silt.



Music for Toddlers (Ages 0 - 4 years) Join local resident Julia Haberler to encourage your child's love for music, with singing, dancing and so much more. Dates and times: Wednesdays, 10 - 10:45 am; starting January 4, for 6 weeks, at the Community Center. Cost \$30, discount for additional children. Parent participation required.

Junior Titans Wrestling (Ages 4 - 14): CRHS Coach Calvin Deere will be teaching basic techniques, team participation and self respect. Dates and times: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 -8 pm; starting February 27 for 9 weeks, at Coal Ridge High School.

Inky Hands Studio Art Classes (Ages 6+) Friday Art Adventures, Each week participants will dive into a variety of imaginative 2D and 3D mixed media art projects. Time 2 - 3:30 pm, at the Community Center session one starts January 13, cost is \$44.

New Castle Spotlight – An opportunity to get to know your friends and neighbors. This month, Sara Malloy sits down with Diane Chapin of Hogback Pizza to find out what makes her tick.

What did you have for breakfast? Always a smoothie.

When did you move to New Castle? October of 1998, when we started Hogback.

If you weren't a Pizza shop owner, you'd be a ...

Something with athletics and health; physical therapy or nutrition.

Something every woman should try in her lifetime?

Something that gives you a rush and builds you up, for me that is Roller Derby.

Three qualities that got you where you are today?

Hard work, being very organized and dedication.

Your favorite 90's jam? Probably something from Helmet, Nirvana or the Melvins. The 90's were about grunge for me.

You're stranded on a desert island, name three must haves.

My husband, my cats and definitely music.

What's your philosophy toward work? Show up and do it as

best you can; have fun with it.

How do you define success? Happiness

What's your super power? I can handle anything that gets thrown at me.

How do others make you better? Relationships with other

people make you better in every way; you have a gauge on who you are.

How do you make others better? I try to be there for them.

What makes a good employee? When they can take it on as their own and feel as responsible to the place as you do. That drive from within makes all the difference

Biggest accomplishment in the past year? We bought the Hogback building. In the upcoming year, we will renovate

the outside and front. Exciting.

What's your favorite thing about New Castle? Everybody helps each other out and that's important.

What do you like on your pizza? Lately, my favorite has been the "Easy Rider"-- pepperoni, salami, onion, green olives and provolone. We eat *a lot* of pizza when we have family and friends in town.





New Castle

Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”

Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

Dates to Put On Your 2017 Calendar

February 25 - 11 am Founders Day
at the Community Center

March 15 - Health Fair and Blood
Draw at Mountain View Church,
Glenwood Springs

April 18 - New Castle /Silt Health
Fair at Coal Ridge High School

May 20 - 7 am Chamber/Town
Garage Sale

New Castle Chamber of Commerce

The New Castle Chamber has worked countless hours in promoting our community and businesses through several events throughout this past year. This couldn't have been done without our members and volunteers. In 2017 we have big plans and are committed to working together to build a stronger chamber. If New Castle is as important to you as it is us, then let us show you how to be part of this.

We have a three-tier membership - \$10/month for businesses, \$5/month for individuals who want to vote, and \$0 for community volunteers who want to volunteer for events.

For additional information please contact Terri at 984-2897.

To view our accomplishments, please go to our website www.newcastlechamber.org and/or follow us on Facebook at “New Castle Chamber of Commerce.”



New Library Hours

The New Castle Branch Library, as well as the other county libraries, has announced new hours of operation beginning in December. The new schedule reduces the number of hours each branch. This change was necessitated by a severe drop in in the district's operating budget.

Monday: 11 am -7 pm
Tuesday: 10 am -6 pm
Wednesday: 11 am – 7 pm
Thursday: 10 am – 6 pm
Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday: Closed

River Center

The River Center Wardrobe Clothing distribution will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 10 am - 1 pm. Collection boxes will be available from January 3 - 23 at City Market, Riverside Middle School, Kathryn Senor Elementary, Cactus Valley Elementary and Elk Creek Elementary. **Families do not need to donate in order to pick up on the 28th.** Stop by on January 28 to pick up what your family needs. For more information, call the River Center at 984-4333.



Our mission is to enhance the New Castle neighborhood experience by supporting business, cultural, athletic educational and social activities that make our community great.

Town Council Highlights for December 2016

Passed ordinance TC-2016-8 – Approving the 2016 Supplemental Budget

Passed Ordinance TC-2016-9 – Amending the Model Traffic Code

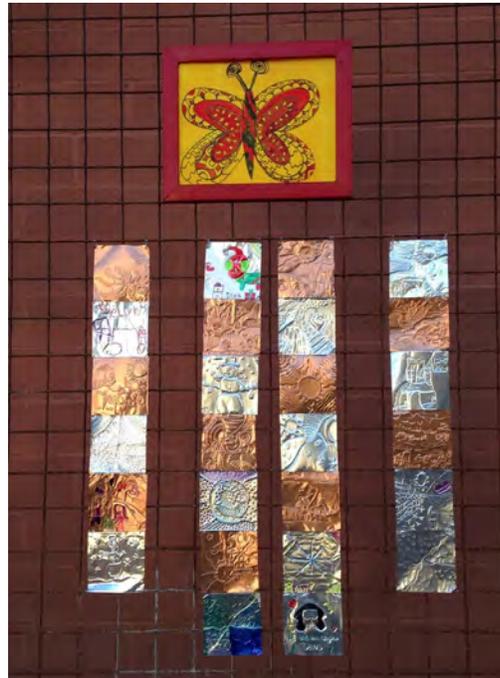
Passed Resolution TC-2016-23 – Approving the 2017 Budget

Approved a Funding & Partnership Request fro Liberty Classical Academy

Appointed Mike Callas to the Garfield County Weed Board

Approved Black Dog Saloon Liquor License Renewal

Read Arbor Day Proclamation



New Castle's young local artists have created new Art4thePark for Liberty Park

New Faces in the Region

Two agencies which work closely with the Town of New Castle and provide residents with essential services have new leaders. Please welcome them.



Garfield County Library District:

In October the Garfield County Library District selected Jesse Henning as the new Director. Henning

had been the manager of the Rifle Branch Library. He was appointed approximately a year after the position became vacant.

Colorado River Fire Rescue:

In September Interim Chief Rob Jones was officially named Chief of the Colorado River Fire District. Jones had previously been the District's operations chief. He is a veteran of 17 years with area fire departments.



Town Phone Numbers:

Town Hall 984-2311
Fax: 984-2716
Town email: info@newcastlecolorado.org
Website: www.newcastlecolorado.org

Police Non-emergency: 984-2302
Building Department: 984-2311
Public Works Department: 984-0669
Recreation Department: 984-3352
Police, Fire, after hours water/sewer emergency: 911

Upcoming Events at Town Hall

Town Council— January 3 and 17.
Planning & Zoning-2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month as needed.
Historic Preservation Commission-6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month as needed.

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Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation-1st Wednesday of the month as needed.
Town Hall will be closed on January 2. for New Year's Day.