



Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Citizens

August 2017

New Castle's Downtown Pocket Parks

While work progresses on the tennis and pickleball park in Lakota Canyon, there has also been activity in two pocket parks on Main Street.

Liberty Park, in the 300 block of Main Street, is heading toward completion. The property was donated to the Town by Michael Watts in 2015, and volunteers from the New Castle Downtown Group have been overseeing park construction. Generous donors and volunteers include Nathan Hodge (Lead Volunteer from New Hope Church), Dudley Blaylock (Lead Volunteer from New Castle Lions Club), Feed My Sheep, First Baptist Newalla Church (Oklahoma), Iglesia Cristo La Roca, Mr. T's, River Churches and Riverside Middle School. In July members of the New Castle Garden Club planted flowers which were donated by Dwyer Greens, Glenwood Gardens and New Castle Gardens.

Last fall an Art Grid was erected to display art creat-

ed by our local youth. Through the Art4thePark Program, managed by Lynne Cassidy, and the New Castle Library, youth are given the chance to create and display their creations. A mini stage will provide performance opportunities. Volunteers continue to work on the Park, with a goal of completion by the Burning Mountain Festival. Anyone wishing to help with finalizing this project should contact Nathan Hodge at 970 404 0817.

In addition to Liberty Park, the Downtown Group is also improving Ritter Plaza. Last fall the Town approved a rotational sculpture program and the Plaza now houses a sculpture entitled, "Gas Planet," by artist/blacksmith Joe Burleigh. The Downtown Group anticipates use of the Plaza as a venue for music and other events. Anyone wishing to be a part of the Downtown Group should contact Susane Ruggles at slcpw.1@netzero.com.

Cosmos: A Town Flower for New Castle

At the August 1 Town Council meeting, Mayor Art Riddile read a proclamation naming cosmos as the New Castle town flower. The selection of cosmos came from the New Castle Garden Club. President Mary Johnson made the recommendation to the council in July.

Cosmos seed packets will be included in the Chamber's wel-

come material for new residents. All gardeners in town are encouraged to plant cosmos in their gardens next spring.

Cosmos are colorful long-blooming flowers which thrive in full sun and should succeed in New Castle gardens.



Community Market is Underway!

It's another busy season for the New Castle Community Market, which is held every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:30 in Burning Mountain Park. Everyone is invited to join friends and neighbors shopping, eating and enjoying the music.

The music line-up for August is:

- 8/3 - Logan Brothers
- 8/10 - Guilty Pleasure
- 8/17 - Red Dirt River Band and Wine Sampling
- 8/24 - Laurie Damera
- 8/31 - Swanson & Snow



Bike Park at VIX

VIX Park, behind Riverside Middle School, was opened in 2007. It has been primarily used as a playing field, a gathering place for large groups and a place to walk dogs. Last year, however, the New Castle Trails group envisioned a way to transform it into an active park. The Town Council agreed to support that vision.

Working in a far corner of the park, volunteers with New Castle Trails built a pump track in 2016. This year dirt jumps are being added under the direction of Brian Buell.

Buell works for the Town of

Carbondale, where his job includes responsibility for their bike trail system. He also offers mountain bike instruction through Ride On! Camps (www.rideoncamps.com). He has designed the bike park and acts as general contractor for the construction. According to Adam Cornely, of New Castle Trails, Buell and a dedicated group of volunteers have spent many hours with hand tools shaping and compacting the dirt features, raking, watering and compacting.

Buell expects construction of the expanded VIX bike park will be completed by the end of August.

Did you know that.....

- The Town needs to irrigate during the 10am-6pm “no watering” times. There are 400 irrigation zones in the Town’s parks and rights-of-way. Limiting irrigation to the permitted evening and night watering times would significantly draw down the available supply of water, so sprinklers operate on a staggered schedule throughout the day.
- Alisha and Graham Riddile’s daughter Emmy was born on July 9. Graham is a Town Councilor and Emmy’s grandparents are Mayor Art and Mari Riddile.
- The Lakota Sports Park is scheduled for completion in September. Watch for the announcement of the grand opening ceremonies.
- The Celebration of Life honoring Larry Borgard will be in Burning Mountain Park on Saturday, August 5 from 1:00 to 4:00.

New Castle Spotlight; *a chance to get to know your New Castle neighbors. This month Sara Malloy asks the dynamic duo that is Kim and Dalton Sallee what we all could be doing with our free time.*

What did you have for breakfast today?

Kim: I had a piece of toast and watermelon.

Dalton: Oatmeal and yogurt.

Where are you from originally? Both of us were born and raised in Montana.

How did you meet? On a blind date. Married for 34 years this June.

What are you currently reading? Kim: “Nothing Daunted” by Dorothy Wickenden. It is the true story of two society girls from the east that travel to north-western Colorado (Hayden) in 1916 to teach. Dalton: No time to read.

What is your drink of choice? Kim: Diet Dr. Pepper. I have a terrible pop habit. Dalton: Water or beer.

Tell me about the trail system in New Castle?

They are being designed for all types of use, not just

biking, and all levels of abilities are taken into consideration.

How did it begin? Local bike riders had a vision and presented the idea to the Town and New Castle Trails was formed. Roaring Fork Mountain Biking Association helped with the approval of trails by BLM.

How has it grown? The use of these trails is amazing. Even trails that are not yet complete have people already using them. These trails are being put in by local volunteers and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp.

The trails are used every single day.

What are some goals? For this year it is to complete Stairway to Heaven. The long term goal is to connect to a future trail system coming from Glenwood Springs.

Tell me about this mighty trail building machine?

It is a mini excavator that helps the process, but hand tools are still needed for the job.

How can we get involved? By contacting Adam Cornely at New Castle Trails or





New Castle

Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”

Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

What is the New Castle Chamber is up to in the coming months:

Join the New Castle Chamber for only \$10.00 per month. We will do a ribbon cutting and advertise your business on Facebook, the chamber’s website and our newsletter.

Monthly coupons are available and we invite you to use them at the participating business around town.

Bingo night will start in October for all community members at the Community Center. The event is an opportunity family fun, while enjoying popular dishes from the participating New Castle restaurants. Organizations interested in fundraising at Bingo night should contact Debbie Nichols at dnichols@newcastlecolorado.org.

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

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Mike Pritchard at RFMBA. After helping with these trails, we will never look at any trail, anywhere, the same again. They are a lot of work and we have gained a new level of appreciation for these trails. Anyone that puts a shoe tread or a bike tread on these trails really could volunteer in some fashion. Throughout this summer and fall, Adam has and will set times up for trail building and cleanup. This is all volunteer and it does not matter your physical ability; there is always something you can do.

Chamber coupons

Support local businesses and save! The Chamber of Commerce issues monthly coupons offering discounts from Chamber members. The August coupons include discounts from Bay Equity Home Loans, Dwyer Greens & Flowers, Misty’s Coffee Shop, Spirits of New Castle, Peaceful Valley Bookshop, An Exquisite Design Flowers and Gifts and New Castle Gardens. To take advantage of these offers, go to the Chamber Facebook page, print the coupon page and take it to the participating business.



Grand Avenue Bridge Closing is Here!

After months of preparation, the Grand Avenue Bridge in Glenwood Springs will be closed from August 14 to December 2017. The closure will create challenges for everyone. Keep up to date with the latest news online.

- Official web site: <http://grandavebridge.cdod.gov>
- RFTA bus schedule: <https://www.rfta.com/gab/>
- On Facebook: Grand Avenue Bridge or Visit New Castle
- To receive weekly information on traffic impacts and project progress, email info@grandavenuebridge.com.
- Public Information Hotline: 970-618-9897



Yoga in the Park

Come join Michelle Fite for some free yoga! All you

need to bring is a mat or towel. Dates are August 5 and August 19. Location is at Alder Park, at 8:30 am. All skill levels are welcome! Don’t miss out on this fun event.

New Castle Recreation Fall 2017 Activity Guide will be available August 4th.



Town Council Highlights for July 2017

- The July 4, 2017 meeting was cancelled.
- Approved a Special Event Liquor License for the Community Market
- Approved Resolution TC-2017-12 – Approving a Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for EAT Bistro & Drinks
- Approved a Beer and Wine Liquor License Renewal for Hogback Pizza
- Approved a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Renewal for New Castle Diner
- Approved Ordinance TC-2017-3, Amending the Municipal Code to Include a new Mixed-Use Commercial Zone District
- Approved Ordinance TC-2017-2 – Approving the Annexation and Annexation Agreement for Property Known as TBD Bruce Road
- Approved Ordinance TC-2017-4 – Zoning Property Know as TBD Bruce Road

Burning Mountain Festival, September 8 & 9, 2017 “This is Our Town, Proud & Strong”

The Annual Burning Mountain Festival will be here soon. Details about the festival will appear in the September Newsletter, but here's a preview:
Friday September 8,
5:00-10:00: vendors, food and beer garden in Burning Mountain Park. The Radio Band, starting at 7:30 pm
Saturday September 9,
10:00 Festival Parade,

Noon-10:00, Vendors, food and beer garden in Burning Mountain Park. Log splitting and Pie-eating contests, Chain-saw carving demonstration, bouncy houses, face painting and the 1st Annual Pyro's Medaris Madness 5K Run. Smuggler Mountain Boys, starting at 5 pm, Ralph Dinosaur Band, starting at 7 pm.



Fire Danger Remains High

Every year we hear about the high fire danger in Western Colorado, and the Town and County impose fire restrictions. On July 3 New Castle got very visible proof of the danger; watching fire rush up the Grand Hogback provided a much sterner warning than news of fires elsewhere.

In response to the obvious danger, the Apple Tree

fireworks were cancelled, and most residents of town refrained from setting off illegal fireworks. The Town Council, the police department and Colorado River Fire Rescue have all expressed their thanks.

Fire danger will remain high through summer and fall. The hoped-for rains will not be enough to mitigate this summer's hot and dry weather. Both Town and County fire restrictions remain in full effect.

Town Phone Numbers:

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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— August 1 and 15.

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.

Climate Action Advisory Commission-3rd Wednesday of the month as needed.

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation-1st Wednesday of the month as needed.

