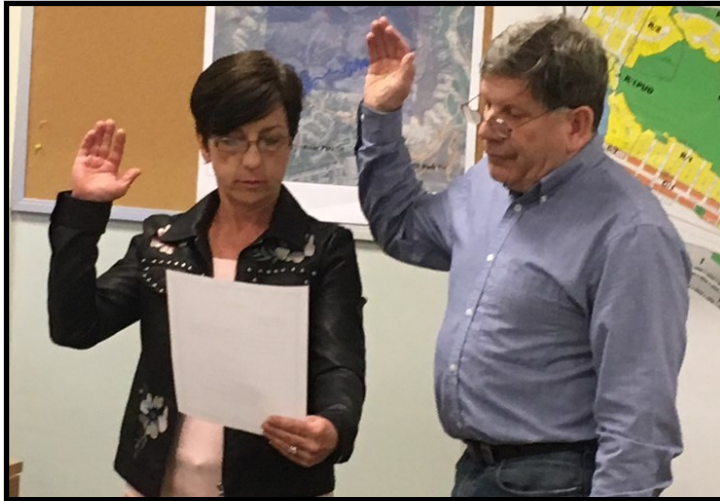




Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

May 2018



Town Clerk Melody Harrison administers the oath of office to Mayor Art Riddile.

Fire Board Election May 8

Election of new members of the Colorado River Fire Rescue board will take place on Tuesday, May 8, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Voting is in person at the CRFR Fire Station on Castle Valley Boulevard.

Candidates for the two four year terms are Paige Haderlie, from Rifle, Carl Artaz from New Castle, Ady Marantino, Rifle, and incumbents Yvonne Long, Rifle and Rex Rhule, Rifle. Candidates for one two-year term are Scott Marsh, Rifle, Suzanne Abernathy, Rifle and incumbent Alan Lambert, Rifle.

Taxidermy Championships in New Castle

Elk Creek Taxidermy will host the 2018 Colorado State Taxidermy Association Championships May 31-June 3. The event will have seminars, barbeque, banquet, and poker tournament, as well as the taxidermy competition, which will be held in the Community Center. Mark Gustad is the event host, and taxidermists from around the state are expected to attend.

Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale May 19

The 2018 Chamber of Commerce Town-Wide Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 8:00 am. Also on Saturday, Mr. T's will host the first of four scheduled flea markets in their parking lot (remaining dates are June 16, July 21 and August 18). Anyone wishing to reserve a spot at Mr. T's should contact the Chamber of Commerce at 970-984-2897.

All garage sale sites will be marked with balloons. Shoppers should be careful to park legally and not block traffic.

Yard Sale Bulletin Board

In addition to the Town-Wide Garage Sale, New Castle residents hold sales on weekends throughout the warmer months. City Market, the New Castle Chamber of Commerce and the Town have joined forces to provide a convenient way to advertise yard and garage sales.

A public bulletin board is now in place on the lot west of City Market. Residents are invited to post notices of sales here, at a spot which most residents pass by frequently. Shoppers touring local yard sales should make the bulletin board their first stop.

Town ordinances prohibit placing posters on street signs or light poles. In the absence of a designated posting place, the Town has not strictly enforced this rule. With the addition of a centralized posting place, town staff will begin removing illegally posted signs.

Fire Danger High

This spring's frequent red flag warnings for Western Colorado promise a dangerous fire season ahead. On April 12 a small fire occurred locally on 335 Road. This followed a large and destructive fire just west of Grand Junction on April 3. On April 19 the Skipper Island Fire near Fruita was probably caused by a campfire.

Any open burning is risky. Even if a fire is well contained in a fire pit, a wind-blown spark can ignite nearly dry grass or brush, or even land on a nearby roof. All open burning and fireworks are prohibited in New Castle from April 1 through November 1.

Burning cigarette butts are an additional danger. Whether walking or in a vehicle, smokers must assure that all cigarette butts are carefully extinguished.

Bear Dance Park Improvements

Thanks to a grant from GFMLD (Garfield Federal Mineral Lease District), the second phase of Bear dance Park construction is underway. The Town's Public Works Department is installing shade structures and additional play-ground equipment. Work is expected to be completed by early May

Did you know that.....

- ◆ There are two seats open on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Anyone interested in serving can apply by contacting Town Clerk Melody Harrison.
- ◆ The library's Summer Reading Program Kick-off will be Thursday, May 31, from 4 -8 pm in Burning Mountain Park. The Lo-End Band will perform.
- ◆ This summer will bring the long-needed rebuilding of 5th Street, including replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Johnson Construction is the contractor.
- ◆ New Castle's Tree City seedling give-away will be May 5, 10 am, at the Community Center. Seedlings are donated by the Bookcliff Soil Conservation District. Come pick up a seedling to enhance your landscaping and improve our urban canopy.



Annual Youth Fishing Derby (ages 3-15)

Saturday, May 5, 10 am-2 pm in Alder Park. Free. Registration required.

Golf in the Park (ages 5+)

Saturday, May 19, 10 am-2 pm in VIX Park. Free. Registration required.

Colorado Mountain United Soccer Club player selection for the Fall 2018/2019 season:

Thursday, May 1, 4-6 pm, boys and girls born 2007-2008;

Friday June 1, 4-6 pm, boys and girls born 2006-2007 and high school girls born 2000-2003. At VIX Park.

Pickleball Skills Clinic (ages 18+),

Session 1, May 18-June 7, Session 2, June 19-July 12. Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm (beginner and intermediate), Thursdays 6-7:30 pm (intermediate and ad-

vanced). Cost: \$40.

Pickleball 101 (ages 18+)

Wednesdays, May 16, 23, 30, 6:30-8:30 pm. at Coal Ridge High School. Free.

Thai Chi (ages 18+)

May 8-May 31, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 am at the Community Center. \$40, or \$6 drop-in fee.

Rosybelles Mobile Maker Space

Watch for Rosybelles visits to the Community Center in June.

Ukulele Strum (Ages 12+)

Learn to play the ukulele, sing along, learn new songs. Beginners welcome, Wednesdays, 11 am - 12 noon. Free.

The 2018 Summer Activity guide is now available at the Community Center or online at www.newcastlerec.com.





New Castle Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”

Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

From your Chamber of Commerce

When was the last time you stopped in to the Community Center in downtown New Castle? Our office is now open, Monday-Friday from 9 am-12 noon. Come visit us and see what is going on in and around your town. There is space in the Visitor Information rack for local businesses to display brochures or menus.

If you are not yet a member of the Chamber, then join! It's very inexpensive and home-based business owners are welcome as well as our small business owners. If you don't have your business license with the town of New Castle, then get one as it is free. Don't own a business? You are still welcome to join the Chamber.

Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/newcastleCOchamber. We are promoting these local

businesses for May: Eventos, An Exquisite Design and Connie, stylist at Making New Waves.

Remember on the 19th of this month is the Community Wide Garage Sale and a Flea Market at Mr. T's. If you have items to get out of the house or garage, then put some balloons on your trash can so people can find you. Or get out to visit sales and Mr. T's, where food and raffle tickets sales will support our local 4-H club.

Did you get a door-hanger in April advising you we can send a monthly email with community events? If not, call the Chamber and we will get one out to you. If you are a new resident to our community and have not yet received a Welcome Tote, then stop by the office and visit with us.

Reach us at newcastlecochamber@gmail.com or 970-984-2897.

Dates to Put On Your 2018 Calendar

- May 5 - Annual Youth Fishing Derby in Alder Park, 10 am
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration on 5th Street, 2-6 pm
- May 19 - Town wide Garage sale, 8 am
- May 19 - Flea Market at Mr. T's, 9am to 3 pm
- May 19 - Free Golf in the Park, VIX Park, 10 to 12 pm
- May 28 - Memorial Day ceremony at Highland Cemetery, 10 am
- May 31 - Summer Reading Program Kick-off, Burning Mountain Park, 4-8 pm
- June 8 - River Center's Taco Bar & Silent Auction
- June 9 - Colorado River Fire Rescue Open House, 10 am - 2 pm
- June 10 - BBQ with a Cop, in Burning Mountain Park 2 pm - 5 pm



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo May 5

On May 5, from 2 pm-6 pm, 5th Street will be the site of a Cinco de Mayo celebration. The event will feature food, drinks, piñatas, face painting, a photo booth and music. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each. Beer will sell for one ticket, food for two. Proceeds will support the River Center.

Sponsors the event are New Castle Dental, Elk Creek Mining Compa-

ny, the Town of New Castle, 2 Coronas, Glenwood Canyon Brew Pub and Spirits of New Castle.

Cinco de Mayo is the annual celebration to commemorate the Mexican Army's unlikely victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla, under General Ignacio Zaragoza, on May 5, 1862.



Town Council Highlights for

April 2018

- ◆ Interviewed two Candidates for the Town Administrator Position:
Greg Jacob and David Reynolds
- ◆ Newly Elected officials sworn in:
Mayor Art Riddile
Councilor Bruce Leland
Councilor Scott Owens
Councilor Brandy Copeland
- ◆ Appointed Chuck Apostolik and Susane Ruggles to P&Z
- ◆ Appointed Amanda Maurer, P.C. as Municipal Judge
- ◆ Approved Ordinance TC-2018-2 – Approving a Major Amendment to the Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments PUD
- ◆ Approved Resolution TC-2018-9 – Approving a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Capital Deli at Lakota



Town employees Debbie Nichols, Dave Reynolds and Melody Harrison represented New Castle at the Spellebration fundraiser. The team name was The Wesley Crushers. Bruce Leland (as the Riddler) was the event emcee.

Summer Water Restrictions in Effect

The dry winter has made adherence to New Castle's water restrictions especially important. Effective May 1, all outdoor watering must be done before 10 am or after 6 pm, for a maximum of four hours a day. Lawn experts indicate that the most effective watering should be done in the early morning or after sunset.

Homes with even numbered street addresses may only water on even numbered dates. Homes with odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates.

The town has a drought emergency plan, which may be called into effect if our water supply in East Elk Creek drops too low. If enacted by the Town Council, the emergency will further reduce the allowed watering times. It is in everyone's interest to conserve water now by setting sprinklers to minimal watering times.

Celebrate Mother's Day with Symphony in the Valley

Symphony in the Valley will present "Symphony's Got Talent" on Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 13. The May 12 performance will be at 7 pm at the Ute Theater on Rifle, and the May 13 performance will be at 4 pm at the Glenwood Springs High School Auditorium. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

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— May 1, 15 and June 5, 19.

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.

Town Hall will be closed on May 28, for Memorial Day.