



Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Citizens

September 2017

Burning Mountain Festival, September 8 & 9

It's time to gather for the Town of New Castle's annual celebration of itself. The Burning Mountain Festival will be held in Burning Mountain Park and other downtown locations on Friday and Saturday, September 8-9. The theme this year is "This is Our Town, Proud & Strong."

The first Burning Mountain Festival was in 1973, sponsored by the New Castle Library. Later the Chamber of Commerce assumed responsibility for the event, and in recent years the Town has overseen the festival, under the direction of Debbie Nichols.

Festivities begin on Friday evening at 5:00 in Burning Mountain Park. Food and craft vendors will offer a wide variety of goods and services, and music will be provided on the Mr. T's stage by A band called Alexis and The Radio Band. The beer garden will be open from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Saturday activities begin with Lions Club Pancake/scrambled egg breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 at the community center, followed by the annual Burning Mountain Parade on Main Street at 10:00. Motorists should be aware that the street will be closed for the duration of the parade.

From noon to 10 PM on Saturday, Burning Mountain Park will be a buzz of activity, with vendors, bands, beer garden, games and contests. In addition, the Friends of the Library will host a book sale and silent auction both Friday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm, and the Town Museum will be open on 4th Street. The annual Classic Car show will begin at 1:00 pm.

New this year are a chainsaw sculpting demonstration and Pyro's Medaris Madness 5K Run.

Featured bands on Saturday include Smuggler Mountain Boys and Ralph Dinosaur Band.

Sports Park Nears Completion

The long-planned park at the corner of Castle Valley Boulevard and Clubhouse Drive is nearly completed, thanks to the work performed by the Public Works department. When the contractor bids for park construction came in significantly above estimates, Public Works Director John Wentzel developed a plan to perform much of the work in-house.

The park as it current appears was funded by a grant from GOCO (Greater Outdoors Colorado) with matching funds from the Town and Lakota Canyon Ranch. Additional grant money is being sought this fall in order to complete the planned landscaping in the spring.

The grand opening of the park will be held in October. Residents will be invited to join the Town Council and staff to celebrate our fourteenth park.



On August 3 the Town of New Castle presented a bike rack to our neighbor Glenwood Springs. The presentation represented our support for Glenwood during the Grand Avenue bridge closure. Pictured: New Castle Mayor Art Riddile and Glenwood Springs Mayor Mike Gamba cut a ceremonial ribbon.

New Castle Now a Trail Destination

A dozen years ago the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers built the Colorow Trail on BLM land north of town. The trail extends for three miles from Alder Park to Mustang Trail. Gradually hikers and bikers developed additional trails which extend deeper into BLM land.

Since these trails had never been authorized by the BLM, the Town was restrained from advertising them. In 2016 New Castle Trails began conversations with the BLM and the Town. The Town Council agreed to fund the required environmental survey of the area north of the Colorow Trail. The BLM determined that two sections of the trails needed to be realigned before approval.

In June and July, members of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps spend six weeks re-routing the Jasper and Sweet Mother Trails, under the supervision of New Castle Trails and the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers. The trail construction involved building 12 massive retaining walls. The Youth Corps work was supported by Garfield County.

While work continues on the Stairway to Heaven by local volunteers, residents are encouraged to bike or hike the completed trails. A Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for October 14 from 10 am to 3 pm in VIX Park. Look for details in the October newsletter.

Did you know that.....

- ◆ City Market has a new manager: Ray Ortiz started work in August. He invites residents to respond to the on-line survey when invited to do so on a receipt. Your responses are seen by Kroger management and can help the store. If you receive good service from an employee, name him or her.
- ◆ The library has installed a Little Library at the RFTA westbound bus stop on Main Street. It's stocked with donated books and commuters are invited to take a book to read on the morning commute.
- ◆ The New Castle Branch Library has announced new hours starting September 5. The new hours will be:
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 11 am to 6 pm
Wednesdays, 11 am to 7 pm
Fridays, 12 pm to 5 pm
Saturdays, 1 pm to 5 pm
For more information call the Library at 984-2346 or go to www.gcpld.org.
- ◆ The Estate of Frank Breslin will be hosting a tool sale at his Wood Shop, 681 W. Main on September 8 & 9.



Zumba: Join local Zumba instructor Kayla Hernandez for the most awesome workout ever. Session 1: September 5-October 30 (no class 10/19), Tuesdays & Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm. Fee: \$112.00 per session or \$10.00 drop in fee. Location: New Castle Community Center

Yoga for Everyone, Ages 15+: Calling all Yogis, athletes, weekend warriors, and fitness enthusiasts: join local fitness instructor Michelle Fite for yoga to including sun salutations, standing and seated postures, balance, deep stretch and restorative yoga and flow. All levels welcome! Bring a Yoga mat, towel or blanket. Session 1: September 11- October 18 (12 classes), Monday & Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm. Fee: \$120.00 per session or \$12.00 drop in. Location: New Castle Community Center.

Tai Ch, Ages 18+: Try your 1st class for FREE, then decide if Tai Chi is for you. Session 1: September 12-October 31, Tuesdays & Thursday from 9am-10am. Fee: \$60.00 per session or \$6.00 drop in class fee Location: New Castle Community Center.

Inky Hands Art Studio Classes:

Youth Makers Studio, ages 6+, creating 2D and 3D art projects. Dates: September 8 - October 27, Fridays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm (8 weeks). Fee \$128, register by October 27. Min/Max: 6/12.

Yog(art), Ages 16+, Enjoy a relaxing yoga class followed by a calming and creative paint party session. Dates: September 29, October 29, November 17, Fridays 6 - 9 pm. Fee: \$45. Location: New Castle Community Center; register by September 22. Min/Max: 10/20

New Castle Spotlight--an opportunity to get to know your neighbors. This month, Sara Malloy sits down with Lois Ryden—a New Castle native, long-time teacher and woman with a true cowgirl heart to enjoy a chat and to share a pair of eclipse glasses.

What did you have for breakfast? I always eat eggs. We have 130 laying hens. Over easy or scrambled.

Where are you from? Right up the Creek, born and raised on my dad's ranch.

What did you do for work? I was a teacher. I retired out of RE-2 with 34 years of service, then I moved to Denver and retired again from DPS after another 10 years. Then I subbed for 5 years. I still tutor because I love it.

What's the best advice you've ever received? My mother told me there's only one person in the world that's ever gonna take care of you and that's you, so get yourself prepared. She also always told me: "People who don't try things don't fail, so go out there and try things. You'll fail, but you'll never know unless you try"

What are you reading currently? *The Food Pharmacy-Dramatic New Evidence that Food is Your Best Medicine* by Jean Carper. I also highly recommend *Excuse Me Your Life is Waiting* by Lynn Grabhorn. I'm re-reading it.

Something every woman should try in her life-time? Pursue her passions, whatever they are if you're not passionate about something, you might as well be in the grave! It doesn't matter if it's perfectly jarred peaches or sewing an impeccable jacket; find something you believe in and master it. It keeps you young.

What's your favorite recipe? Orange carrot cake or New York style cheesecake

Three qualities that got you where you are today? Make work your friend; be honest in everything you do; help people who need it.

Who do you admire? I admire people who are self-made and successful in life and remain a good human being; people who have a lot of money and you'd never ever know it because they maintain their humanity.

How do others make you better? By encouraging you to try new things

What's your favorite thing about New Castle? It's got so much history. I am very, very blessed by the parents that I was lucky enough to be born to. When I thank God for all the things I have been given, at the top of the list is always the parents. They were such awesome people in so many ways and It is my goal to honor them with this land.

New Castle's Amazing Volunteers

Every time residents are asked to talk about New Castle, someone will mention our extraordinary cadre of volunteers. Besides the wide-spread neighbor-helping-neighbor ethos of the town, there are a large number of organizations who serve the community in many ways.

Just this summer volunteers groups have constructed Liberty Park, planted flowers on Main Street, coordinated the Hogback Hustle, built trails on Mt. Medaris and BLM land, planted the Community Garden, provided school supplies, organized the Community Market and much much more.

Anyone looking for a way to serve is encouraged to check out one or more of our service organizations:

Lions Club	Garden Club
River Center	Friends of the Library
New Castle Trails	Historical Society
Chamber of Commerce	Cub Scouts
Downtown Group	Community Market
New Castle Needlework Guild	Girl Scouts
New Castle Recreation	Lift-Up
Kathryn Senior Elementary	Elk Creek Elementary
Riverside Middle School	



Town Council Highlights for September 2017

Accepted the 2016 Audit

Proclamation Naming Town Flower (Cosmos)

Resolutions:

TC2017-13 – Authorizing the November Coordinated Election

TC2017-14 – Supporting an FMLD Traditional Grant Application for the Lakota Sports Park

TC2017-15 – Supporting an FMLD Mini Grant Application for Community Center Improvements

TC2017-16 – Supporting a Historic Society & Museum Ballot Issue



75 more days and counting

Are we having fun yet? We're three weeks into the bridge closing adventure. CDOT is estimating that work will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Keep informed on the web:

Official web site: <http://grandavebridge.cdot.gov>

RFTA bus schedule: <https://www.rfta.com/gab/>

On Facebook: Grand Avenue Bridge

CMC Bridge Camera: <http://coloradomtn.edu/gab/>

Bus routes during bridge closing

RFTA has increased service on the Hogback Route between New Castle and Glenwood Springs through November 22. The majority of the new busses are eastbound during the morning rush hour and westbound in the evening. These busses end their route at the Hotel Colorado (near the pedestrian bridge). Passengers can walk across the bridge to get a bus south at the Amtrak Depot.

The alternative is to drive to the Park and Ride on Wulfsohn Road in West Glenwood. Busses run from Wulfsohn to Midland to downtown. Full schedules for all busses are available online or in printed brochures which can be found at Town Hall.

Dates to Put On Your 2017 Calendar

September 8 & 9 - Burning Mountain Festival, in Burning Mountain Park.

October 14 - Symphony in the Valley, Broadway concert, New Hope Church

October 21 - Trails Celebration

November 18 - Lions Club Free Thanksgiving Dinner

December 2 - NC Chamber Craft Show

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— September 5 and 19, October 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.

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 September 4. for Labor Day.