

# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Citizens

July 2017

## Preparing for Grand Avenue Bridge Closure

The Colorado Department of Transportation held a public meeting in New Castle on June 15 to offer information about the Grand Avenue Bridge closure and the effects on New Castle. Town Councilor Graham Riddile, who is also a CDOT engineer, made the presentation.

Starting August 14 and lasting approximately 95 days, all traffic into Glenwood Springs and points south will use I-70 exit 114, Midland Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The construction which has been occurring during the past year has already stressed the Midland Avenue detour. When all traffic is re-routed, long delays are likely.

CDOT anticipates that if there is no change in traffic to and from Glenwood Springs and points south, delays will be as much as an hour. The delay could be reduced to only 15 minutes if traffic is reduced by 700 vehicles per hour. To put it another way, traffic on the detour route needs to be reduced by 35% for the entire 95 days.

In other words, a difficult situation will be better if everyone works together to reduce traffic. CDOT has several suggestions to reduce the number of vehicles through the detour:

**Take the RFTA bus.** RFTA has constructed a Park-n-Ride at the east end of Burning Mountain Avenue, and is seeking permission for commuters to use the

New Castle Plaza parking lot. While the bridge is closed, RFTA busses will be free between Parachute and 27th Street in Glenwood Springs.

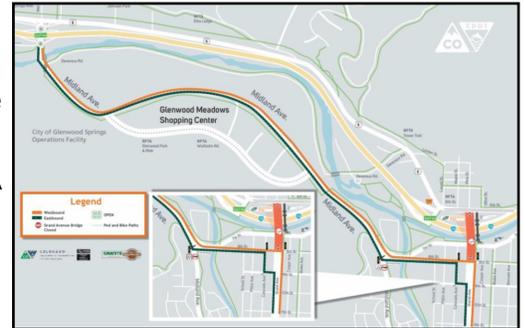
**Car pool.** If everyone now driving their own car to work in the Roaring Fork Valley were to share a ride with another commuter, rush hour traffic would be cut in half.

**Work from home.** If it is possible to telecommute, make arrangements with your employer now.

**Walk or bike.** The new pedestrian bridge will be open. If possible, park in north Glenwood and use the pedestrian bridge.

**Limit trips.** New Castle residents are used to making quick trips to Glenwood Springs whenever we feel the need. During the bridge closure we need to combine errands and make minimal trips. Avoid morning and afternoon rush hours.

**Keep Informed.** For up-to-date information, go to [grandavebridge.cdot.gov](http://grandavebridge.cdot.gov).



### Work Begins on Lakota Ridge

Community Resources & Housing Development Corp. broke ground for Lakota Ridge Senior Housing on June 22, marking a milestone in a project that was conceived four years ago.

CRHDC is well known in the area as the builder and owner of Castle Valley Senior Housing. When Warrior Gulf, owners of Lakota Canyon Ranch, donated land near the Fire Station to the Town in 2012, (continued on page 4)

## Community Market Opens!

The New Castle Community Market opens for the 2017 season on Thursday, July 6. It will run from 4:30 to 7:30 every Thursday afternoon through September 21. Once again vendors will offer fresh produce, handmade crafts, food and services. Each week will feature live music beginning with the Leonard Curry Trio on July 6. There are three scheduled tasting events: Wine samplings on July 20 and August 17, and a beer sampling on September 21.

## Design a New Badge for New Castle Police

The New Castle Police Department has been using a generic badge design for longer than any current officers can remember. Chief Tony Pagni recently approached the Town Council to propose a badge that would be unique to New Castle.

Artists, students, doodlers and all imaginative residents are invited to submit a design for consideration by the Police Department. Forms with a blank badge outline will be available in Town Hall, the NCPD office and the Community Market. Completed forms should be returned to the NCPD by Oct 1.

## Did you know that.....

- The Glenwood Springs Kiwanis Club gave out 120 bike helmets at the NCPD Bike Rodeo. Wow that's a lot of helmets!
- Eileen Leland won third place for her jewelry in the juried show at Gilpin County Arts .

## Hogback Hustle July 8th

The Hogback Hustle will make its way through New Castle on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 am. The race begins at the City Market parking lot and finishes at Burning Mountain Park.

Runners may register before July 5<sup>th</sup> for \$25; \$30 thereafter. Registration forms are available at the New Castle Recreation office or online at [www.newcastlerec.com](http://www.newcastlerec.com).

The Hogback Hustle is presented by the New Castle Lions with help from the Recreation Department. It is part of the Colorado River Valley Charity Race Series. Sponsors are Columbine Ford, Holy Cross Energy, Berthod Motors and Bighorn Toyota.

**New Castle Spotlight-** *a chance to get to know your New Castle neighbors. This month, Sara Malloy sits down with Kelley Cox, long time New Castle girl to find out her philosophy on life.*

### When did you move to New Castle?

I was born and raised in Western Colorado and have lived in New Castle since I was in first grade. I attended the old school on Main Street through the 8th grade... then graduated from Rifle High School.

The town has changed so much since 1969 and I could not be prouder to live here. I think New Castle's Main Street is more beautiful now than it has ever been.

### How did you make your first dollar?

Way back in the 1970s, I worked as a maid at the Hot Springs Lodge and a drive-thru cook at Charcoal Burger in West Glenwood.

### Anything exciting in the upcoming year?

Mike and I will be celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary in August. We met when I was working at the general store here in New Castle. It was Morley's General store back then. Mike and I have two grown children and we are the proud, proud grandparents of four beautiful grandchildren. We are now known as



Mimi and Pappy.

### What are you working on currently?

I love art. I am especially fond of assemblage art and collage. I collect and use rusty old bits and unusual items to create unique art pieces. Right now I am creating art piece using a rusty old roller skate, old keys and a paper mache bird.

### What book left a lasting impression on you?

*The Game of Life and How to Play It*, written in the 1920s by Florence Scovell Shinn.... she changed my way of thinking and believing. I read it 30 years ago and it changed me.

### What's on your bucket list?

Someday I would like to see wild dolphins.

### Tell me about your preferences.

I like artichokes on my pizza, honey and cinnamon in my coffee and I like my margaritas on the rocks with salt.

### What's your philosophy on life?

My philosophy for almost everything is "You get what you give." For me, this means, if you want to be happy, just go out and make someone else happy. If you want love, give love. If you want respect, give respect.



## New Castle

### Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”

Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

#### Dates to Put On Your 2017 Calendar

July 4 - Freedom Celebration, 12 noon,  
Apple Tree Park  
July 6 - Opening day of New Castle Com-  
munity Market, 4:30 pm, Burning Mountain  
Park  
July 8 - Hogback Hustle, 8 am, City Market  
parking lot  
July 15 - La Tricolor Car Show, 5 - 9pm,  
Burning Mountain Park  
September 8 &9 - Burning Mountain  
Festival

#### New Castle Chamber News

Family movies night continues to be a success in our small town. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a free event! Dates will be announced on the electric board and our Facebook page.

Bingo Night is coming to New Castle starting this Fall. We hope to have our license and be ready to roll this out in October. For anyone who would like to join, please our Bingo team email Terri Knob at [knobservices@gmail.com](mailto:knobservices@gmail.com)

A special shout out to Alpine Bank and Pepsi for donating hot dogs and drinks at our Annual Community Potluck that took place June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the Chamber's efforts in our 2nd Annual Community Potluck.

Support local businesses and save! The Chamber of Commerce issues monthly coupons offering discounts from Chamber members.

#### The Chamber would like to welcome our newest members:

##### **Dr. Lauren Roper with New Castle Dental**

**Dr. Roper** welcomes new patients. Visit her website [www.nccodental.com](http://www.nccodental.com) for detailed information on services and their personalized attention to all patients. The office is at 500 W. Main St., New Castle or call 984-8252.

**Personal Rehabilitation Center** Locally owned and operated, PRC has been serving the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond for almost 20 years. PRC is located at 820 Castle Valley Blvd., New Castle. Call 970-984-2300 or visit their website, [www.personalrehabilitation.com](http://www.personalrehabilitation.com).

**Lazy Bear Restaurant** Lazy Bear is open for breakfast and lunch, located at 285 W. Main Street, New Castle. Call 970-984-2327 or check them out on Facebook.

**Afternoon Delight Bakery** Owned and operated by Ashley Buerger, ADB is a home-based bakery

providing custom order cakes, cupcakes, cookies and lots of other goodies for any occasion. Please place orders at least 2 weeks in advance. Rush orders will be accommodated if possible, but may be subject to a fee. Delivery is free to anywhere in New Castle. Contact ADB at 602-571-4356 or email: [afternoonlightbakery.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:afternoonlightbakery.ashley@gmail.com).

**Taqueria Elias** Locally owned and operated by Alionso and his family, the Latin market offers an assortment of Latin food products, piñatas, candies, dining and fresh meat. They feature delicious carne asada, sliced and seasoned ready for the grill as well as specials on Taco Tuesdays. Taqueria Elias is located at 275 W. Main Street, New Castle. Call 970-984-0652 or check them out on Facebook.



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 July 2017

- Approve funding up to \$3500 for downtown business signs.
- Approved funding of \$1000 for Jefes Del Camino Car Show.
- Approved Resolution TC-2017-9 Making findings, facts, and conclusion regarding the annexation of the property known as TBD Bruce Road into the town.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance TC-2017-2 Concerning the annexation of the property known as TBD Bruce Road into the town, and the approval of the annexation agreement regarding the same.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance TC-2017-3 Amending Title 17 of the
- New Castle Municipal Code to add a new Zone District known as the Mixed-Use Commercial District.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance TC-2017-4 Zoning certain property located at TBD Bruce road upon annexation into the town.
- Approved Ordinance TC-2017-5 Emergency Ordinance authorizing the sale of real property.
- Approved Resolution TC-2017-11 Approving an IGA with Garfield County for Mosquito Control.



### Town Phone Numbers:

Town Hall 984-2311  
Fax: 984-2716  
Town email: [info@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:info@newcastlecolorado.org)  
Website: [www.newcastlecolorado.org](http://www.newcastlecolorado.org)

### It's Time to Name the Park

Work on the Sports Park at the corner of Castle Valley Boulevard and Clubhouse Drive is underway. The Town expects to open the park sometime this fall.

The Town Council is seeking suggestions

from residents about a suitable name for the park. An entry form for submitting suggestions is included with this newsletter. Forms will also be available at Town Hall and at the Community Market. They should be returned to Town Hall by August 10.

### Lakota Ridge continued from page 1

the Council considered a variety of possible uses for the property. Councilor Bob Gordon argued that additional housing for income-restricted seniors would be the best use for the land, and he led the effort to engage CRHDC in a second New Castle project. The development process involved three public meetings in Town, several iterations of the design, a quest to obtain funding and finally the groundbreaking. Lakota Ridge Senior Housing is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in August 2018.



Ground-breaking ceremony for Lakota Ridge Senior Housing

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 - July 18, 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.  
Town Hall will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day.  
Municipal Court - July 10, starting at 8:30 am at Town Hall.

