

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

May 2012

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Borgard named New Castle Volunteer of the Year

Retired area businessman Larry Borgard was named New Castle Volunteer of the Year at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, sponsored by the Town of New Castle. The event was held Thursday, April 19, at Riverside Middle School, with Eddie Piker, Minister of New Hope Church, as master of ceremonies. Borgard was recognized for his many contributions to the community across a broad spectrum of local organizations. He is a very active member of the Lions Club, a reading and math volunteer for all levels of students at Kathryn Senor Elementary, and an exceptional contributor to the New Castle River Center. Members of Borgard's family were in attendance to honor him as he received this recognition. Receiving honorable men-



Larry Borgard, Volunteer of the year, 2012

tion for the award were Terri Knob and Delores Gomez. Knob, River Center Administrator, was recognized for her administrative and organizational skills, leadership, drive and commitment, which have contributed to the impressive accomplishments of the River Center. Gomez, Team Leader for the River Center Latino Outreach Team, was recognized for her success in engaging the New Castle Latino community in volunteer projects. Representatives from many of the service and volunteer organizations of New Castle were in attendance. Sponsors and contributors included the Town of New Castle, Village Inn, Osage Gardens, Reel Soul Productions, Pepsi, Intermountain Distributing, Riverside Middle School, Sue Bilstad and Aspen Cornucopia.

Fire danger and drought forecast remains high

All predictions point to the likelihood of severe drought for our region this summer. With drought comes extreme fire danger. Our snowpack is at a record low, and fuel moisture content is at 25% of normal. Last year's wet spring encouraged plant growth, and this year that growth is now dry fuel.

The Burning Mountains Fire District reports that they have responded to sixteen fire calls since January, compared to four during the same period last year. A recent lightning storm produced five separate fires on nearby BLM land. Senator Mark Udall has urged all Coloradans to recreate responsibly and err on

the side of caution. Avoid even the remote possibility of causing a fire.

The Town of New Castle prohibits all open fires as well as the possession and use of fireworks between April 1 and November 1. Campfires, fire pits, and barbecues using any fuel except charcoal, propane or gas are included in the ban.

For homeowners in hazardous wildfire areas, the Burning Mountains Fire District offers a free wildfire mitigation assessment.

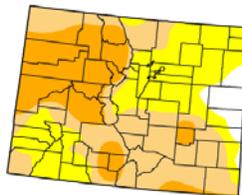
Call 984-3213 to schedule an assessment. For more information: www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

U.S. Drought Monitor

April 24, 2012

Valid 7 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D1	D2-D3	D4-D5	D6-D7	D8-D9
Current	5.17	94.83	61.82	26.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/17/12)	5.17	94.83	59.85	25.93	0.00	0.00
5 Months Ago (01/24/12)	29.16	70.84	41.13	10.80	0.20	0.00
12 Months Ago (04/24/11)	67.79	32.21	24.88	14.54	0.04	0.00
Start of Year (01/01/12)	60.62	39.38	27.89	19.99	7.88	0.99
One Year Ago (04/24/11)	38.57	60.43	54.13	42.86	1.12	0.00



Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



Released Thursday, April 26, 2012
 Anthony Artusa, Climate Prediction Center/NCEP/NWS/NOAA

Summer recreation activities for everyone

The New Castle Recreation Department is gearing up for a busy summer, and is offering a wide variety of programs for just about everyone. To keep the children busy, we are offering a **craft club** for kids and teens, along with **flag football, wrestling, volleyball, golf, soccer, bowling and cheer camps**. If your family enjoys the sport of **volleyball**, then NCR is the place to play, as both sand and grass leagues, along with tournaments, will be offered throughout the summer for all skill levels. Older children and adults will have plenty of recreational options also, as we are offering lots of ways to get and stay in shape. Fitness programs include **Zumba, Aqua Zumba, Piloxing, Tai-Chi, Park to Park Fitness, Tri-for the Cure Triathlon Training and 3 on 3 basketball**.

For a complete schedule of all Recreation Department offerings this summer, please visit or call the office at 984-3352. On-line registration for most of the summer programs begins May 7, and can be found at www.newcastlecolorado.org/recreation.

Need a facility for an upcoming event? Did you know that the New Castle Recreation Department has facilities for rent? The Community Center includes a large multi-purpose room suitable for groups up to 150, and a small meeting room for groups up to 30, along with a kitchen for preparing and serving meals. Rental fees are just \$32.00 an hour for the multi-purpose room and \$22.00 an hour for the small room. Picnic pavilions in some town parks are also available for small groups. For more information call 984-3352.



July 12, 2012

Grab your running shoes and come run or walk in the **2012 Hogback Hustle 5k or kids 1k** event. This is part of the Colorado Charity Race Series

and is hosted by the New Castle Lions Club. Water and breakfast will be provided at the finish line. The pre-registration fee is \$20 (a \$5 late fee will apply after July 11th) . Goodie bags will be provided on race day for the first 125 people to register. Please check in at the registration table and pick up your bib number at the City Market parking lot. You may register on race day from 7:00 – 7:45 am.

Mr. T's Fishing Derby

Mr. T's Fishing Derby is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Grand River Park.**



The free event for children ages 3 to 15 is hosted by New Castle Cub Scouts Pack #221 and New Castle Recreation . Bring a fishing pole and bait
Call John at 984-0228 for more information



Summer Watering Rules

Watering restrictions apply to all users of the Town's treated water from May 1 through September 30. Addresses ending in odd numbers may irrigate only on odd number calendar days, and addresses ending in even numbers may irrigate only on even number calendar days. Watering is further limited to a maximum of four hours on the allotted day, between midnight and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to midnight. **No watering is allowed on any day between 10:00**

a.m. and 6:00 p.m. These restrictions apply only to the irrigation of lawns, trees, shrubs and other vegetation planted in the ground.

An exemption permit is available for the purpose of watering newly-installed landscaping, lawns and trees. This exemption will allow a customer to water during the no-use period and will be issued by the Town for a period of 30 days. Only one exemption permit may be issued per calendar year. Water use restrictions do not apply to children's games or activities that use water so long as at least one child is actively participating in the game or activity while the water is being used.

Town Council Highlights: January through April 2012

- Approved Resolution 2012-3 recommending approval of a conditional use permit for Crossfit Generate
- Approved Resolution 2012-1 designating Town posting places, which will now include a posting site in Lakota at the top of Clubhouse Drive
- Approved resolution 2012-2, approving the mail ballot election on April 3, 2012
- Approved IGA with Garfield County to use the County's mail ballot counting machines
- Approved Mayor Breslin writing a letter supporting the Buford Road/New Castle motorized trail
- Approved the Mayor signing a letter of support for the Dry Elk Valley Ranch Conservation easement grant request
- Issued a proclamation honoring the Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary with a proclamation
- Received an update from the Town engineer regarding CDOT discussions on the Highway 6 and Castle Valley Boulevard Intersection
- Approved the certificate of occupancy for the completed library remodel
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Garfield County Senior Program
- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield County for Mosquito Control
- Approved contract with Bruce Stolbach for Building Inspector Services
- Approved contract with John Cutler and Associates for Auditing Services
- Held a joint meeting with the BOCC of Garfield County on March 13, 2012
- Approved request for Bill Pugh and Patty Reich to use Ritter Plaza conditionally for Steakhouse seating during the summer months on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- Approved Resolution 2012-7, appointing Amanda Maurer as Municipal Court Judge
- Received with regret the resignation of Andy Barton, Town Administrator and thanked him for his service to the Town

Citizens are encouraged to attend Town Council meetings. Agendas are published on Friday before each Tuesday meeting. Agendas are available on the Town web site or on public bulletin boards at Town Hall and on Castle Valley Boulevard.

Correction: In the February newsletter article about "Keeping streetlights lit" the contact information for inoperable lights was omitted. Outages in your neighborhood can be reported by phone **1-800-895-4999** or online at: <http://www1.xcelenergy.com/ODL/OUTAGEREPORT/>



Upcoming at Town Hall

Town Council – 7:00 p.m. May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 19

Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m. May 9, May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 27

Historic Preservation Commission – 6:30 p.m. third Monday of month as needed

Climate Action Advisory Commission—7:00 p.m. – third Wednesday of month as needed. Next meeting September 19, 2012

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation – 6:00 p.m. first Wednesday of month as needed

Municipal Court – 9 a.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays of month

Note: Town Hall will be closed on May 28th for Memorial Day, July 4th for Independence Day, and September 3rd for Labor Day.

Town Hall: 984-2311 · fax: 984-2716

Town e-mail: info@newcastlecolorado.org

Website: www.newcastlecolorado.org

Police, fire, after hours water/sewer emergency: 911

Police non-emergency: 984-2302

Building Department: 984-2311

Public Works Department: 984-0669

Recreation Department: 984-3352