

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

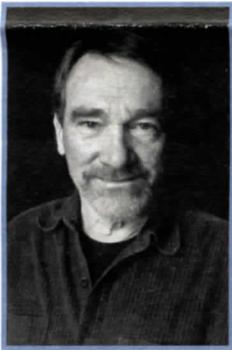
Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

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New Castle Celebrates Frank Breslin



On Sunday, August 7, over 400 people gathered in Burning Mountain Park to celebrate the life of Town Councilor and former Mayor Frank Breslin. Mayor Art Riddle, Former Mayor and Town Administrator Steve Rippy, daughter Sara Malloy and son Thomas Breslin paid tribute and shared memories of Frank.

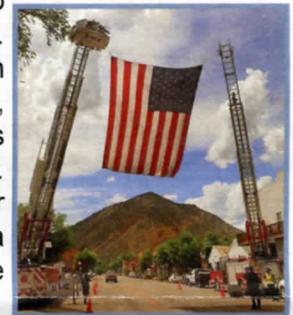
Frank first served as mayor from 1988 to 1994. After he left office he assumed the chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a position he held until he was again elected Mayor in 2006. In 2014 he stepped down as Mayor and was elected to fill a council seat.

He led the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission through New Castle's period of explosive growth, including the development of Castle Valley Ranch and Lakota Canyon Ranch. He was also the mayor who shepherded town resources through the Great Recession. Among his great con-

cerns were emergency management, community policing, civic engagement and the creation of social capital. Frank was always building a connected and integrated community.

Frank was a singer and had a great love of music. He performed with Symphony in the Valley in the Symphony Swing Concert. He was also requested to sing at many different events and ceremonies in our communities.

Frank began a lifetime of volunteerism in New Castle in 1977 when he joined the volunteer Fire Department. Throughout his life Frank always held a concern for the health of first responders. He was always willing to step up to do whatever job was needed. In 2007-8, when the Town was between administrators, he served for eight months as acting administrator. Frank was an advocate for the working person and a tireless supporter of the town.



Pyro's Dedication Ceremony

On September 10, 2016 at 12 noon, the Town will honor Air Force Captain William H. "Pyro" DuBois Jr. in Grand River Park. A memorial Statue by sculptor John Kobald will be unveiled during the ceremony.

Captain DuBois, a lifetime resident of New Castle, was killed in action on Monday, December 1, 2014 while on active duty with the 77th Fighter Squadron. He was a graduate of Rifle High School and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He trained with the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base and received F16 training at Luke



AFB. He was twice named the top fighter pilot in his class and earned two top gun awards.

He had been stationed at Kunsan, Korea and Shaw AFB before joining Operation Inherent Resolve, where his plane crashed while returning to base to assist his wing man with a mechanical problem.

The community is invited to join in honoring Captain DuBois on September 10. A shuttle is planned to transport participants between Main Street and Grand River Park.

Election Day is November 8

The November 2016 General Election will be conducted by a mail ballot with additional options for early voting and Election Day in-person voting. The County Clerk's offices in Glenwood Springs and Rifle will be available as Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) beginning October 24, 2016. Voters will be able to register to vote, change an address, receive a ballot, drop off voted ballots, request replacement ballots or vote with an accessible voting machine at the VSPCs. Both of these service centers will be open the two Saturdays prior to Election Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Voters may also register to vote online at www.govotecolorado.com

Once again the town halls in Carbondale, New Castle, Silt, and Parachute will serve as drop-off sites for voted ballots beginning October 18, 2016. On Election Day, November 8, 2016, Carbondale Town Hall,

Glenwood Springs Community Center, New Castle Library, Silt Library, and the Parachute Library will be set up as VSCPs and be open from 7:00a.m. - 7:00p.m. to assist voters.

While major attention will be on the national election, registered voters are urged to pay attention to the bottom of the ballot. Two County Commissioners are to be elected, along with a mayor to complete Bob Gordon's term of office. Art Riddile was selected as mayor by the Town Council following Mayor Gordon's resignation. The Town Charter, however, requires that an appointed mayor stand for election on the next scheduled Election Day.

In addition, there are two local ballot questions. Citizens will be asked to authorize the Town to negotiate a 20-year franchise agreement with Xcel Energy and to allow the town to opt out of SB 152 (State Senate Bill 152). Opting out would allow the Town to provide internet, cable or other telecommunications services (broadband) at some point in the future.

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs

The New Castle Police Department reports that they receive more calls about dogs than about any other issue. They get calls about lost dogs, dogs running loose, aggressive dogs, dogs being abused and barking dogs. That's actually not surprising when we consider how many dog owners there are in town.

Understandably, not all people find our dogs to be as perfect as we believe them to be. For that reason, all dog owners need to be vigilant about their pet's behavior. Some reminders: Carry poop bags

and use them, including on trails; don't let your dog use someone's lawn to do their business; leash your dogs when walking them; make sure they wear their town registration and an identification tag..

Also please be aware that barking dogs can be a disturbance to our neighborhoods. The Town Code identifies frequent, habitual or consistent barking to be a public nuisance. Ask your neighbors if your dogs bark when you're away from home. (Please ask—your neighbors may be too polite to tell you if not asked.)



Rec Director Larry McDonald Retires

Recreation Director Larry McDonald retired in August, 2016. During his 5 years of service, Larry has introduced numerous new programs for children and adults. He also supervised extensive renovation of the Community Center. Larry will be best remembered, however, for introducing Pickleball to New

Castle. He has been an exceptional member of the town staff and will be sorely missed.

The Town has appointed Sax Vue as Recreation Director. He assumed responsibilities on August 15. Mr. Vue comes to us from Kersey, CO. He is very excited to meet the residents of New Castle.



Sax Vue

Burning Mountain Festival

For the 43rd consecutive year, the Town of New Castle will celebrate the Burning Mountain Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10. This year's festival theme is "Celebration of our Heroes--Who's Yours?"

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 John Noel, Rick Ganson & Jeff Sauer and the Ralph Dinosaur Band. The beer garden will be open from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Saturday activities begin with Lions Club Pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00, followed by the annual Burning Mountain Parade on Main Street at 9:30

am. Motorists should be aware that the street will be closed for the duration of the parade. Following the parade the town will dedicate the William "Pyro" Dubois Memorial at Grand River Park. There will be buses providing transportation from the downtown area to Grand River Park.

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 car show will begin at 1:00 pm.

Featured bands on Saturday include the Smuggler Mountain Boys and Lever Action. On Sunday, September 11 there will be a Community Worship Service in the park at 6:30pm.



September 9 - 10 am - 3 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale and Silent Auction
5 pm - 10 pm Food, Craft Vendors & Beer Garden
5 pm - 6:30 - John Noel,

Rick Ganson & Jeff Sauer
7 pm - 10 pm - Ralph Dinosaur Band

September 10 - 8 am - 10 am Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am PARADE on Main Street
10 am - 3 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale and Silent Auction
12 noon - Pyro's Dedication Ceremony
11 am - 9 pm Food and Craft Vendors
12 noon to 9 pm Kids Area - Bouncy House, Mini Putt 2Go
1 pm - 9:30 pm Beer Garden
5 pm - 6:30 pm The Smuggler Mountain Boys
7 pm - 10 pm Lever Action

Celebration of Our Heroes....Who's Yours?

Did you know that.....The summer of 2016 brought a great deal of activity to the Town of New Castle

- ◆ The Community Market ran from July to September, attracting a record number of vendors and shoppers to Burning Mountain Park. The final market will be held on Thursday, September 8 from 4:30 to 7:30. Wally Bacon will provide the music. The Town is grateful to Noreen Nolan for organizing and managing the event for the past five years.
- ◆ A Festival of Many Cultures was held in Burning Mountain Park on June 26. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Town, the festival celebrated the national cultures of our citizens with food and music. Congratulations goes to Joel Ruiz who won the naming of the

flags contest, identify 43 out of 55 flags.

- ◆ The next celebration was Truck Parade on July 17. Over 250 people were in attendance as over fifty amazing trucks paraded into town.
- ◆ In the meantime the Town began work on Water Treatment Plant upgrades. These upgrades will improve efficiency during the spring runoff period and assure an ample water supply at least through 2030.
- ◆ Work on New Castle streets has been completed. A grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District allowed completion of necessary repairs and resurfacing.
- ◆ The Streetscaping of Main Street was completed, adding planters, streetlights and flowers to additional intersections

Town Council Highlights for June, July and August 2016

Approved the 2016 Mosquito IGA with Garfield County

Approved Matching Funds with the BOCC for Police Vehicles

Approved Funding for Tour De Farms

Approved a Pump Track at VIX Park

Awarded the Landscape Architect Contract for Lakota Sports Park

Approved a Contract with Mountain Waste

Accepted the 2015 Audit

Renamed Coal Ridge Park to Frank J. Breslin Memorial Park

Interviewed citizens for open council and P&Z seats

Appointed Susan Ruggles to P&Z

Appointed Scott Owens to Council

Approved Resolutions:

Resolution BZ-2016-1 – Approving Variance for First Baptist Church

Resolution TC-2016-8 – Approving a CUP for First Baptist Church

Resolution TC-2016-10 – Supporting a LoVa Trail Grant Application

Resolution TC-2016-11 – Naming the Hills East of Mt. Medaris

Resolution TC-2016-12 – Renaming S. B Avenue

Resolution TC-2016-13 – Approving a CUP for Mobile Vending Cart

Resolution TC-2016-14 – Approving Xcel Energy Franchise Ballot Question

Resolution TC-2016-15 – Broadband Opt-Out Ballot Question

Resolution TC-2016-16 – Supporting a GFMLD Mini Grant Application for Pedestrian Safety Trails Project

Resolution TC-2016-17 – Supporting a GFMLD Grant Application for Vehicles & Equipment

Resolution TC-2016-18 – Authorizing the November Coordinated Election and Approving an IGA with Garfield County for Election Services

Ordinance TC-2016-2 – Approving a Supplemental Budget

Ordinance TC-2016-4 – Approving Final PUD Plan for Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments

Ordinance TC-2016-5 – Vacating a Portion of ROW on 7th Street

Approved liquor Licenses for:

Elk Creek Mining Company Renewal
Community Market

Burning Mountain Festival & Chili Cook-Off

New Castle Diner – Renewal

Hacienda El Patron – Renewal

Hogback Pizza – Renewal and Modification of premises



Upcoming Events at Town Hall

Town Council—September 6 & 12, October 4 & 18 and November 1 & 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.

Municipal Court—8:30am on September 12, October 17 and November 14

Town Hall will be closed on September 5 for Labor Day