

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

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Election Results



Mayor Riddile taking oath of office with Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison

Official Results

The November 8 election contained three local New Castle issues: The election of a mayor to complete Bob Gordon's term and two ballot issues. The ballot issues asked voters to authorize the Council to negotiate a 20-year franchise agreement with Xcel energy and to opt out of SB 152, allowing the town to provide broadband services at some point in the future. The final official results were issued November 22.

Mayor: Art Riddile 2196 votes

Ballot Question 2J (Ability to provide a 20-year service franchise agreement) Yes: 1468
No: 501

Ballot Question 2K (Exempting New Castle from SB05-152 to be able to provide broadband services) Yes: 1520 No: 442

There were 3802 ballots cast in New Castle. This represents 57.76% of all registered voters.



Annual Founders Day Celebration February 25

The third annual Founders Day celebration will be held on February 25, 2017. Founders Day was established following the Town's 125th anniversary. Previous Founders Day celebrations have honored the Jolley Family and the Rippey family. The focus of attention in 2017 will be the Ganley family, who were among New Castle's earliest settlers.

Cub Scouts surpass record-setting goal

Everybody has probably already heard that New Castle Cub Scout Pack 221 hoped to collect 14,000 pounds of food for Lift-Up in 24 hours. The food collection took place November 12-13. With the support of residents, businesses and a large number of volunteers, the scouts collected 25,388 pounds. The total included food collected from New Castle homes, donations brought to City Market and food purchased with over \$3000 in cash contributions.

All food was delivered to Lift-Up, the local food pantry which provides food year-round to local residents.

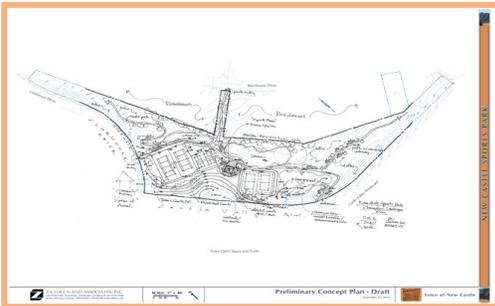
The work of establishing a world record has not ended for Scout Master John Harcourt. In order to be recognized by Guinness, a report, verifications and supporting documents must be submitted to Guinness World Records. Their team will review the evidence and determine if the record was set.

Regardless of Guinness, New Castle residents know that they accomplished a record-setting outpouring of generosity. The Town Council will recognize the Cub Scouts during a meeting early in 2017.

Sports Park construction to begin in spring

The long-anticipated Sports Park at the corner of Castle Valley Boulevard and Clubhouse Drive will soon be a reality. Funding is in place and preliminary design documents have been completed. The park will include two tennis courts, two pickleball courts, volleyball facilities and a playground.

The town will host a community meeting on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 at the Lakota Canyon Ranch Recreation Center. All residents are invited to attend the meeting to discuss the preliminary plans.



Opportunities for Entrepreneurs

It is the policy of the Town to support and encourage local businesses. Several locally owned and operated businesses are seeing success. Among these are Speckled Feather Mercantile, New Castle Bakery, An Exquisite Design and several popular restaurants. All attract not only New Castle residents but patrons from the surrounding area.

Right now there are several lots on Main Street available for purchase and development

Did you know that.....

- * The Lions Club served 288 turkey dinners on November 19, within a 90 minute time frame.
- * The white triangles you see on Main Street near crosswalks are called "Shark Teeth." They are required by a new state law and are intended to help slow traffic approaching a crosswalk.
- * It is now time to renew Contractors' license and dog licenses. These licenses will be expiring on December 31, 2016. the renewals are due by January 15, 2017.
- * The Town has combined its quarterly newsletter with the Chamber's monthly announcements. Look for the combined newsletter every month.

Trail planned to Grand River Park

When the Talbott Trail was built from Apple Tree to the Pedestrian Bridge, hikers heading to Grand River Park still had to traverse a section of County Road 335. Thanks to a grant from the Garfield Federal Mineral Lease District, the trail will be continued from the bridge to the park (as well as to the River Park Condos). Cross walks will also be added at the intersection south of the bridge



News from the Recreation Department

NCR offers basketball leagues for boys in 3rd through 6th grade. Practices will be held 1-2 times per week; the season starts January 9. Cost is \$60 before 12/16, \$70 after.

Futsal is a fun, fast and exciting version of in-

door soccer. Players ages 3-8 participate in an instructional program. Players 9-14 will focus on continued development of their soccer skills. The season starts January 3. Cost: ages 3-8 \$40 before 12/16, after \$50; ages 9-14, \$60 before 12/16, \$70 after.

For more information call the Recreation Center at 984-3352 or go to www.newcastlerec.com.





**New Castle
Chamber of Commerce**
“Growing Business, Building Community”
Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

**Dates to Put On Your
2016 Calendar**

- December 2 - Art4thePark (Library)
- December 2 - Annual Tree Lighting (Burning Mountain Park)
- December 3 - Craft Show (Community Center)
- December 3 - Chili Cook-off (Community Center)
- December 9 - Hour of Code (Library)
- December 10 - 2nd Annual Harry Potter Yule Ball (Library)
- December 24 to 26 - GC Libraries will be closed for the Christmas holiday

Library Programs

- Tuesdays 10:30 am - Infant & Toddler Storytime
- Wednesdays - 4 pm Wig Out
- Thursdays - 10:30 am Preschool Storytime
- Fridays - 3:30 pm Bistro Book Club
- Book Bites - 3rd Monday of the month 6pm.



Our mission is to enhance the New Castle neighborhood experience by supporting business, cultural, athletic, educational and social activities that make our community great.



Why Get a New Castle Business License?

It's time for all New Castle Businesses to renew their business licenses for 2015. Previously the Town charged a fee for these licenses, but in 2014 the Town Council voted to remove that fee. There is no charge for a business license.

Licensing all businesses allows the Town to maintain an accurate record of local economic activity. More importantly, all licensed businesses are listed in the Business Directory on the Town web site. This listing allows residents to locate local providers of goods and services. Home businesses, in particular, are urged to get a license.



**Your local Chamber of Commerce
reminds you to “Shop Local”
this holiday season**

The official National Shop Small date is always the Saturday after “Black Friday” and should be a great reminder to shop local year-round. Why shop local? It supports small and local business owners while it also strengthens our local economy. By investing in our communities, businesses are likely to create new jobs, provide great service and attract new businesses to open in a visible growing economy. The New Castle Chamber invites everyone to come visit our one of a kind shops that sell unique gifts you can't find anywhere else. Or perhaps enjoy a meal at one of our many restaurants that offer great food and friendly hospitality.



River Center Angel Tree

The River Center Angel Tree will have a snowflake tree at the Craft Show on December 3 at the Community Center. The snowflakes will be available for purchase until December 4. The money will be used to purchase toys/ clothing for local children.

Town Council Highlights for November 2016

Renewed:
New Castle Liquors Retail License
New Castle Liquors Tastings License
Stop & Save Beer License
Coal Ridge HS Booster Sponsorship
Oath of Office: Mayor Art Riddile

Approved License Agreement with Odd Fellows Building
Approved Funding Request from Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers



Meet your Town Council



Mayor Art Riddile



Mayor Pro tem
Bruce Leland



Councilor
Mary Metzger



Councilor
Graham
Riddile



Councilor
Grady
Hazelton



Councilor
Scott Owens



Councilor
Greg Russi

Dealing with Snow

The Town of New Castle Public Works Department generally begins snow plowing operations when snow levels exceed 2 inches. Streets are prioritized according to traffic volumes and public safety requirements, focusing first on school access and primary routes for emergency

vehicles. The plowing crews pay special attention to hills, curves and intersections, but everyone still needs to be cautious. Slow down whenever approaching intersections and curves and be especially careful on downhill slopes. When clearing your driveways, please help everyone by not pushing snow into the street.

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—December 6 and 20, January 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 12 noon on December 23, December 26, 12 noon on December 30 and January 2.