

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

November 2016

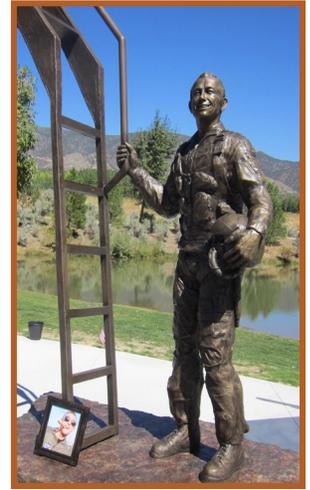
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Cast Your Vote by November 8

All registered voters in New Castle should have received their mail ballot in mid-October. If you have not mailed your ballot yet, it is too late to have it processed by the Post Office. It's **not** too late to vote, however. There is a ballot box in Town Hall and you can bring your completed, signed and sealed ballot to Town Hall between 8 am and 5 pm. On Election Day, you may cast your vote in the Community Room of the New Castle

Library from 7 am to 7 pm.

The ballot is very long, with several ballot issues in addition to national and state elections. Locally you have the opportunity for cast a vote for New Castle Mayor and two ballot issues. The local ballot issues ask 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.



Pyro's Memorial Statue
at Grand River Park



Dry Hollow Band playing at the Community Market

New Castle Cub Scouts to Attempt World Record

The New Castle Cub Scout Pack 221 is planning to set a world record.

Pack 221 has received authorization from the Guinness Book of World Records to try to establish a world record for the most food donated by a community in 24 hours, per capita. The attempt will begin on Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 pm, ending 24 hours later at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 13.

During the previous weekend, Nov 5-6, the scouts will distribute bags to New Castle households, then collect them during the record-setting weekend. The major collection point, however, will be at New Castle's City Market,

where scouts and volunteers will gather donations.

New Castle has a current population of 4500, and the goal is to collect at least 14,000 pounds of food for the local Lift Up food bank. This effort builds on five years of successful food drives by the Cub Scouts. Since 2012 they have collected an increasingly large number of donations each year during the second weekend of November.

They will be assisted by Boy Scout Troop 221 as well as by adult volunteers. To assist in the collection process, please contact John Harcourt at 303-548-5881 or bigfishdaddy@hotmail.com.

RFTA Park and Ride Lot is Open

After years of planning and months of construction, the RFTA Park and Ride lot is open to commuters using the RFTA busses. The free lot is next to the Conoco Service Station and can be accessed from the east end of Burning Mountain Avenue.



Burning Mountain Festival parade, pictured left the Color Guard from American Legion Post 164 and CRHS Marching Band

Museum in the Streets Unveiled in November

New Castle’s Downtown Group has prepared a series of historical markers which will appear in ten locations in November. Called the Museum in the Streets, the signs feature historical photos and brief notes about the history and significance of each site. The signs are numbered, so visitors can follow the path in order. A guide sign mapping all 10 sites will be erected in Ritter Plaza.

The Downtown Group is a volunteer organization focused on making Main Street an inviting place for residents and visitors. Among other projects, they have worked on the annual downtown clean-up, repainting the gazebo and developing Liberty Park. To sign up for the Downtown Group’s mailing list, contact Tim Cain in Town Hall 984-2311.

Another new historic sign will appear next to Town Hall this fall. Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Tourism is erecting historic signs in all 18 northwest Colorado towns. New Castle’s sign will feature stories of significant events and recreational opportunities in the area.

More Fun for Mountain Bikers

Having completed the new access to the Colorow Trail from Alder Park and a bike trail on Prendergast Hill, the New Castle Trails group set to work building a pump track in VIX Park. The track is already receiving a lot of use, complete with videos posted on the New Castle Trails Facebook page.

As we have come to expect in New Castle, many volunteers helped out with the project. In particular, Lee McCormack designed the track; Gregg Rippey and Grand River Construction provided equipment and labor; Hogback Pizza provided food; Adam Cornely headed up the project.

Lowe’s in Glenwood Springs is donating material and labor to construct a split rail fence around the track as part of their Local Heroes Project. Fence construction is scheduled for November 6, 10 am - 4 pm. Elk Creek Mining Co. will provide lunch.



News from Recreation Department

The 2016 Winter Activity Guide is now available on the Recreation website www.newcastlerec.com.



Don’t forget now is the time to register for the Annual Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament, November 19 and 20.

Mountain Lion Alert

There have been reports of Mountain Lion sightings in and near town. We all know that there are mountain lions in the New Castle area, but

having them in residential areas is a concern. Be sure all pets and children are safe from early dusk until dawn. If you see a mountain lion, call 911 or report it to the Division of Wildlife at 970-947-2920.



New Castle Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”
Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

Dates to Put On Your 2016 Calendar

- November 5 - River Center Annual Coat Give-away (County fairgrounds)**
- November 6 - New Castle Trail volunteers needed (VIX Park)**
- November 9 - Teddy Bear Storytime (Library)**
- November 10 - Chamber Annual Meeting (Library)**
- November 12 & 13 - Cub Scouts World Record Food Drive (City Market)**
- November 14 - Live Stream RE-2 Tech Night (Library)**
- November 16 - Medicare Aware (Library)**
- November 19 - Lions Club Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner (Community Center)**
- December 2 - Tree lighting (Burning Mountain Park)**
- December 3 - Craft & Trade Show, Chili Cook-off (Community Center)**
- December 10 - Yule Ball (Library)**



Eat Chili at the Annual Craft & Trade Show

The Town of New Castle and the Chamber have teamed up for a day of fun on December 3 at the Community Center, from 11 am -2 pm. Taste the efforts of New Castle’s top chefs to showcase

the best chili on the Western Slope (or perhaps the world) at the chili cook-off. Shop for unique gifts or market your own crafts or business. The River Center will have an Angel Tree for people who want to donate gifts for children at Christmas by purchasing a star on the tree.

Crafters: email knobservices@gmail.com to apply for space in the Craft Show

News from the Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting will be held on November 10, 6 pm, at the New Castle Branch Library, 402 W. Main St. Everyone is invited. Chamber of Commerce membership is open to all. You can be involved in making our community great by joining as a business, individual or Community Events Fun Team volunteer. Monthly membership dues are \$10 business, \$5 for individuals and free for the Community Events Fun Team. Find out more about the Chamber of Commerce at www.newcastlechamber.org and follow us on Facebook “New-Castle-Chamber-of-Commerce.” If you would like to showcase your business, please contact the New Castle Chamber of Commerce, 126 4th St., PO Box 983, New Castle CO 81647 (970)984-2897.

River Center Annual Coat Drive

River Center’s Annual Coat Give-away is November 5 from 9 am - 11 am at Garfield County Fairgrounds in Rifle at the South Hall.



Library Programs

- Tuesday 10:30 am Infant & Toddler Storytime
- Wig out Wednesday 4pm
- Thursday 10:30 am Pre-school Storytime
- Friday Makers Club 1pm

- Friday 3:30 Teen Bistro Book Club
- Friends of the Library 2nd Monday of every month 6 pm
- Book Bites 3rd Monday of every 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.

Town Council Highlights for September and October 2015

Appointed Greg Russi to Town Council	Resolution TC-2016-21 – Amending the Fee Schedule
Appointed Brandy Copeland to Planning & Zoning	Approved City Market's 3.2% Beer Liquor License
Awarded the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Contract to Mueller Construction	Approved Kum & Go 3.2% Beer Liquor License Renewal
Approved an Amendment to Waste & Recycling Contract	Ordinance TC-2016-6 – Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Elections
Approved Funding Request from RFMBA for Trails Grant	Ordinance TC-2016-7 – Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Abandoned Vehicles
Resolution TC-2016-19 – Approving an MOU with the BLM	Honored Noreen Nolan by Proclamation
Resolution TC-2016-20 – Ratifying Prior MOUs and IGAs	Accepted the Draft 2017 Budget

Trash Pickup and Recycling from Mountain Waste

The Town of New Castle has a contract with Mountain Waste to provide trash pickup and recycling from single family residences. Businesses and multi-unit residences negotiate their own trash and recycling contracts.

Mountain Waste collection trucks operate in town on Wednesday mornings, except for weeks with holidays. All household trash and yard waste should be placed in a container provided by Mountain Waste. The container protects trash from weather, insects and animals. To get a container call customer service at 970-963-3435. Also call customer service if your pickup is ever missed.

New Castle and Mountain Waste actively encourage

recycling. Aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic food and beverage containers(#1-7), tin and steel cans, as well as newspapers and magazines should be recycled. If you do not have a recycle bin, call Mountain Waste customer service at 970-963-3435. Please note that trash should not be mixed with material for recycling.

Brush and branches will be collected if cut into maximum 4-foot lengths and tied into 18 inch bundles. Large items such as furniture, appliances or other bulk items can be collected by appointment. Call Mountain Waste customer service.

More information is available at Mountain Waste's web site: www.mountainwaste.com.

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 - November 1 and 15, December 6 and 20

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 November 14 and December 12.

Town Hall will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day and November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.