

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

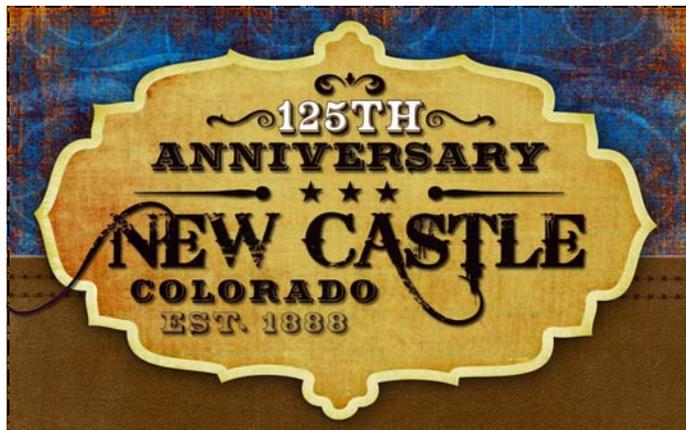
Newsletter

A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR CITIZENS

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NEW CASTLE CELEBRATES 125



The Town of New Castle was incorporated on February 2, 1888, which makes 2013 the town's 125th anniversary. In honor of the occasion, a year-long celebration has been planned. The initial event was the Anniversary Council meeting, which was held on February 2. Major events are scheduled for May 10-11, June 14-16 and September 7-8. Other commemorative events are scheduled throughout the year.

Pioneer Days: May 10-11
Spirit Walk in Highland Cemetery
Pancake Breakfast
Motorless Parade / Westernaires
Coal Country Feud

Community Days: June 14-16
Cowboy Gala
Vintage Baseball
Community Picnic
Ice Cream Social

Multi-Denominational Worship Service

Hogback Hustle: July 13
5K run/walk for the family

Fire Station Open House and festivities

Burning Mountain Festival: Sept 7-8
Parade, Music in the Park
Vendors, Carnival

Chili Cook-off: December 7

New Castle storytelling: NC Library
Oz Studio: -Local artists exhibit

Year long celebration begins with a bang

With the reading of the quasiquintennial proclamation by Mayor Frank Breslin, the New Castle Town Council officially kicked off the 125th anniversary celebration on February 2. The special Council meeting also included approval of the schedule of anniversary events, addresses by Mayor Breslin and former mayors Steve Rippey and Bill Wenzel, the unveiling of the time capsule and the reading of prize-



winning essays by New Castle students Carys Walter, Andy Ostrom, Garrett Senor and Kelsey Fauser. Long-time residents Elmer Richel, Monk Dawson and Virginia Erickson were recognized for their service to the town.

When the formalities were over, the standing-room only crowd adjourned to enjoy anniversary cake and watch the

fireworks display presented by Mr. T's.

Pioneer Days scheduled for May

As soon as the idea of a motorless parade was mentioned, the committee coordinating anniversary activities knew that it had to be done. On Saturday, May 11, New Castle citizens and visitors will have the opportunity to witness the kind of parade our forebears would have seen. There will be horses, including the Westernaires, bicycles, horse-drawn vehicles, marchers and music. Participants are still being sought for the parade, scheduled to start down Main Street at 11:00 a.m. John Harcourt (984-0288) is the contact person for the parade.



On Friday night, May 10, as dusk falls on Highland Cemetery, the spirits of New Castle's past will emerge to greet visitors. When it was last seen in 2011, the Spirit Walk was a popular success. This year groups will be lead through the cemetery at staggered times. Proceeds will benefit the Veteran's Memorial at the cemetery.

The third major event of Pioneer Days will be the resurrected Coal County Feud. Teams will compete for the coveted Coal Country Trophy by answering trivia questions drawn from New Castle history. Audience participation is welcome, and everyone is invited to join the fun and cheer on your favorite team. Team members are still needed. Contact Mindy Andis at Town Hall 984-2311 to sign up.

HIGHLAND

The SPIRITS of New Castle WALK

A historical walk through New Castle's Highland Cemetery. Meet the spirits of the town's founders, miners and other characters.

MAY 10TH AT 8:00PM

Benefitting the Veteran's Memorial at Highland Cemetery.

ADULT TICKETS ARE \$10.00, UNDER 12 \$5.00 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT:

NEW CASTLE TOWN HALL 450 W. MAIN STREET	MAKING NEW WAVES 171 W. MAIN STREET
SPIRITS OF NEW CASTLE 302 W. MAIN STREET	ALPINE BANK 810 CASTLE VALLEY BOULEVARD
SPECKLED FEATHER MERCANTILE 303 W. MAIN STREET	NEW CASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 386 W. MAIN ST. SUITE 101

POSTER BY ELYSE HUTCHINSON DESIGN

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Downtown New Castle Design Project
In celebration of New Castle's 125th Birthday the community is working towards developing a "Design Framework" for the Main Street and South Alley Corridor. If you have ideas for how Main Street and the South Alley might look for the next 125 years, please join us for the first brainstorming meeting on April 11th from 4PM to 5PM in Town Hall. For additional information contact Kathy at 984-0341 or Tom at 984-2311.

Community Days to be held in VIX Park

The Town of New Castle continues the 125th Anniversary celebration in June with a Cowboy Gala, Vintage Baseball, classic eats, live music and more at beautiful VIX Park in Castle Valley.

The weekend begins Friday June 14th with the Cowboy Gala, an evening of classic country music, dancing, food and fraternizing. This is the anniversary year's genteel event. Organizers encourage folks to come dressed to impress in classic western attire.

Local food purveyors will have a sampling of their fare as well as beer provided by Rifle Brewing.

Saturday June 15th will begin in the morning with vintage baseball. Local athletes will come together to compete as they did back in the day, sporting the look and the rules of baseball leagues in the 1800s.

Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch to spend the day with family, friends, sun and baseball.

During the championship game at 6pm, the Town of New Castle invites the public to a free ice cream social. Following the game, live music will entertain folks with modern local talent. Throughout the day The Garden School will have classic eats like popcorn, burgers, hot dogs and sweets of yesteryear.

Sunday June 16th, area churches will come together for a multi-denominational worship service. The services will celebrate our local heritage, history and people of this great community.

The 125th anniversary celebration will continue in September with Burning Mountain Festival, September 6 and 7, 2013.



Wooden nickels save big bucks

As part of the 125th Anniversary celebration, local businesses are participating in a year-long wooden nickel promotion. The wooden nickels, embossed with the town logo, will be available at all anniversary events. They may be redeemed for special offers at various New Castle businesses. Among the participants are:



- Mr. T's Hardware and Building Supply
- Silver Club Saloon
- Elk Creek Mining Company
- New Castle Subway
- Speckled Feather Mercantile
- Making New Waves Salon
- EconoLodge Inn & Suites
- Burning Mountain Bowl Sports Bar & Fun Center
- New Castle Branch Library
- Spirits of New Castle
- Stop & Save



Mr. T's Do it Best
 Hardware & Building Supply
 984-2977
 South of the river in New Castle
www.shopmrts.com



Town Council highlights: Nov, Dec 2012, January 2013

- Approved a special event liquor license for the New Castle Chamber of Commerce for the Chili Cook-off on December 1, 2012
- Approved an ordinance lowering the speed limit on Castle Valley Blvd. to 30 mph.
- Approved a resolution for applying for a FMLD grant for bridge and roundabout
- Approved a resolution approving a FMLD mini-grant for Police cruiser 2
- Approved a resolution authorizing credit cards for Town employees
- Commended Officer Timothy Klintworth for outstanding service
- Approved an ordinance adopting a supplemental budget for the Town of New Castle, Colorado for 2012
- Approved a resolution adopting the 2013 Budget
- Approved a resolution acknowledging and affirming the Town's water rights protocol
- Authorized the Town Administrator to execute the Western Slope Cost Share Agreement for Ruedi Reservoir
- Renewed Stop 'N Save's liquor license
- Approved an ordinance amending the Municipal Code concerning the operation of the Highland Cemetery.
- Awarded grants to area non-profits
- Approved a resolution waving posting of bonds for employees
- Approved an expenditure for the voluntary cemetery curator, Mike Miller
- Authorized the Mayor to sign the 2013 Senior Programs MOU
- Approved a resolution regarding Town posting places
- Set a special meeting for February 2, 2013 to commemorate the Town's 125th birthday.
- Approved a transfer of Lakota Canyon Ranch Recreation Center and Golf Course optional premises liquor licenses to Lakota Food and Beverage, LLC (Warrior Golf)
- Approved an ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits concerning the sale or public use of marijuana

New Castle Recreation has many programs starting in April. Registration deadline for Micro-Soccer is March 22. For more information call 984-3352 or go online www.newcastlerec.com



Micro Soccer (Ages 4-8, Pre K-2nd)
Pre T-ball: (Ages 4-5yrs, co-ed)
Coach Pitch: (7-8yrs, co-ed)
Baseball & Softball (8-15yrs)

Upcoming at Town Hall

Town Council – March 5th, 19th, April 2nd, 16th, May 7th, 21st.

Planning & Zoning Commission – March 13th, 27th, April 10th, 24th, May 8th, 22nd.

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

Climate Action Advisory Commission – third Wednesday of month as needed

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation – first Monday of month as needed

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

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

Police non-emergency: 984-2311

Building Department: 984-2311

Public Works Department: 984-0669

Recreation Department: 984-3352