



# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

July 2018

## High Fire Danger Necessitates Bans

The exceptionally dry winter and spring has led Colorado River Fire Rescue, neighboring fire departments, the BLM and the National Forest Service to warn of extreme fire danger. Whatever rains we get this summer will not reduce the effects of the exceptionally dry winter and spring. Extraordinary caution is necessary throughout the state.

The Town Council has accordingly tightened fire restrictions in Town. The following restrictions will be strictly enforced until November 1:

- No open burning fire or fires of any type, including fire pits and fire rings. Charcoal grills may be used only in developed areas (such as a yard or patio).
- No sale, use or possession of any fireworks (including sparklers and snakes).
- No operation of any combustion engines without an approved spark arrester (muffler) properly installed. The user must have a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a shovel readily available. The use of any spark-producing tool is also prohibited.

- No welding or operating acetylene torches with an open flame, except in cleared areas at least 20 feet in diameter. A chemical pressurized fire extinguisher must be readily available.
- No use of explosive devices, including, but not limited to, model rockets, blasting caps, exploding targets, fireworks and flare guns.
- No throwing, tossing or dropping from a vehicle any smoking material, lighted match or any other material or device which might start a fire. All smoking materials and matches must be carefully extinguished.

Violators will receive a summons into Municipal Court, where they will face a fine up to \$300 and up to 90 days in jail. Violations can be reported to the Police Department at 984-2302 or to the Garfield County non-emergency line at 625-8095.

In addition, residents are asked to clean up any flammable materials stored outside, such as brush piles, fireplace wood, flammable rubbish and dead trees.



## New Castle achieves Elite HEAL status

LiveWell Colorado has awarded Elite status to the Town of New Castle in recognition for advancing Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) policies that help make New Castle a healthy place to live, work, and play. Julie George, Director of the HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign, attended the June 19 Town Council meeting to present the award. She noted the expansion of trails, Bear Dance Park, the Community Garden, the Totes of Hope program and the new wellness program for town employees as factors in earning Elite status.



Councilor Bruce Leland accepting the Elite status award from Julie George, Director of the HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign at the June 19, town council meeting.

### Garbage Rate Adjustment in August

The Town Council has approved a 5% fee increase for garbage and recycling services. The increase will take effect on August 1 (payable in September) and will add \$0.89 per household to the utility bill.

The Town's contract with Mountain Waste and Recycling allows them to present evidence for a rate increase once a year. At the June 19 Council meeting Mountain Waste explained that increased costs for recycling necessitated the adjustment. They truck approximately 21 tons of recyclables each month to Alpine Waste and Recycling in Denver.

In January 2017, Mountain Waste and Recycling received a \$4.06 rebate per ton for recycling materials they delivered to Alpine Waste and Recycling. That rebate had increased to \$5.34 by the end of the year.

In 2018, however, the cost of processing recyclables led to an elimination of the rebate and the imposition of a tipping fee. In January, Alpine Waste and Recycling was charged \$5.87 per ton. In May, that cost jumped to \$22.46 per ton for recyclables delivered to Denver.

Clean aluminum cans and glass bottles are all reprocessed into new cans and bottles. Light plastics (like the plastic in water bottles) and recyclables which are contaminated with other waste, however, have been shipped to China for processing. China's acceptance of these products changes with economic fluctuations, national policies and trade conflicts.

Mountain Waste and the Town of New Castle continue to be committed to recycling. Disposing of recyclables in the landfill would cause it to fill years ahead of schedule. Recycling is the right thing to do, in spite of rising challenges.

### Did you know that.....

- Officer Omar Lerma has joined the New Castle Police Department. Welcome him aboard.
- Ritter Plaza Music will continue on July 13, beginning at 6:30. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.
- Officer Justin Reynolds and Corporal Brian Dominguez were recognized by Chief Tony Pagni and the Town Council for their prompt actions which were credited for saving a life in May.
- Utilities Manager Daniel Becker has earned Water A certification and Water Treatment Plant Operator Kim Rider has earned Water B certification. Justin Robb obtained his level 2 certification for Collections and Distribution.
- The New Castle Garden Club will celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> year by recognizing local gardens. If you know of a garden deserving honor, contact Mary Johnson at maryljohnson2004@comcast.net



**Help New Castle Recreation celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month! "Parks - A Lifetime of Discovery" is the 2018 theme!**

**July 4** - NCR tent at Freedom Celebration in Apple-Tree Park, noon-4pm

**July 6** - Road Map Pendant necklace workshop for teens and adults, 6-7pm, NCCC

**July 9** - Fairy Garden workshop for ages 9 and up, NCCC

**July 10** - 30-minute ART for teens and adults, 3pm, NCCC

**July 12** - Spa Chemistry 4-H STEM class, 2-4pm, NCCC

**July 12** - Popsicle Craft and Treats for youngsters, 11am-noon, NCCC

**July 12** - Rock Painting at New Castle Community Market NCR tent, 4:30-7:30pm, Burning Mt. Park

**July 19** - Spa Chemistry 4-H STEM class, 2-4pm, NCCC

**July 26** - Rock Painting at New Castle Community Market NCR tent, 4:30-7:30pm, Burning Mt. Park

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**July 31** - New Castle Open House Night from 6-8pm. Join us!



## New Castle

### Chamber of Commerce

“Growing Business, Building Community”

Support Your Community - Use Local Vendors - Shop Locally

#### Dates to Put On Your 2018 Calendar

July 4 - Freedom Celebration, starting 12 noon  
July 12 - Opening day of Community Market,  
4:30 - 7:30 pm  
July 13 - Music in Ritter Plaza, 6:30-8 pm  
July 14 - Hogback Hustle, 8 am  
July 21 - Dirty Hog Dash, 9 am-12 noon  
July 21 - Flea Market at Mr. T's, 9 am-3 pm  
August 4 - New Castle Trails Summer Confer-  
ence, starting at noon  
August 10 - Music in Ritter Plaza, 6:30-8 pm  
August 11 - Pyro's "Push It Up" Run  
August 18 - Flea Market at Mr. T's, 9 am-3 pm

The new Chamber office is open Monday through Fri-  
days from 9am until noon. This month we will be closed  
July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Independence Day

The New Castle Chamber is happy to welcome Speck-  
led Feather Mercantile as our newest member. First  
opening their doors in downtown New Castle on March  
3, 2012, Speckled Feather moved to its present location  
of 820 Castle Valley Boulevard, Suite 102B in the New  
Castle Plaza in February of 2015. Co-owned by New  
Castle residents and long time crafters, Elyse  
Hutchinson and Denise Groves, Speckled Feather Mer-  
cantile is a plethora of gifts, many made by local artists.  
Browsing their aisles you will find glassware, whimsical  
wood crafts, jewelry, artwork and a unique line of cloth-  
ing. The back of the store offers a work station for the  
variety of classes Speckled Feather offers. They also  
carry a full line of scrapbooking supplies and a large se-  
lection of beads. Call 970-573-6379 or visit Speckled-  
Feather.com.

#### It's Time for the Kids to Get Dirty!

The first annual Dirty Hog Dash will be Saturday,  
July 21 from 9am to noon in VIX Park. The mud run  
is for kids 4-14, and, of course, lots of spectators.  
The obstacle course (with mud pits) will involve bal-  
ancing, climbing, jumping and crawling. The course  
will be suitable for the younger kids (who may have  
parents run with them) and also challenging for the  
13- and 14-year olds. Everyone will get dirty.

Fire conditions permitting, Colorado River Fire Res-  
cue will be on hand to wash off any kids who don't  
want to go home with their mud (or maybe aren't  
allowed to go home dirty).

Sponsors include Alpine Bank, Berthod Motors,  
Pepsi, City Market, Hy-Way Feed and Ranch Sup-  
ply and the Town of New Castle. Participants will  
get a t-shirt, sweatband, coupon for hot dog/chips/  
drink and a goodie bag.

Early registration is encouraged at  
[www.newcastlerec.com](http://www.newcastlerec.com). Fees are \$35 after July 1.

#### Hogback Hustle 5K Race July 14

The New Castle Lions will hold the annual Hogback  
Hustle 5K race on Saturday, July 14. Runners will start  
at the City Market parking lot at 8:00 am, then proceed  
through town and end at Burning Mountain Park with  
breakfast and awards.

The cost for the race is \$25.00 for early registration,  
\$30.00 after July 11<sup>th</sup> or \$40.00 family fee. Runners  
may register on race day from 7:00-7:45 am.

Registration forms can be picked up at the New Castle  
Recreation Department office in downtown New Cas-  
tle or online at [www.newcastlerec.com](http://www.newcastlerec.com).

The Hogback Hustle is a major fundraiser for the New  
Castle Lions. All money raised will go to support Lions  
community service projects. Interested in joining the  
Lions? Contact President Sue  
Ruggles (425-246-3330) or  
Membership Chair Shirley Wil-  
liams (970-984-2584).



## Town Council Highlights for June 2018

- Appointed Beth Sass and Alison Bourquin to the Planning & Zoning Commission
- Approved a Special Events Liquor License for the New Castle Trails Conference, Ritter Plaza Music in the Park, Tom Baker's Retirement Party, Burning Mountain Festival, the Chili Cook-Off and the Community Market
- Approved Liquor License Renewals for Elk Creek Mining Company, EAT Bistro & Drinks and Hogback Pizza
- Approved funding for the New castle Trails Conference
- Approved Funding for the Talbott's Freedom Celebration
- Approved a Rate Increase for Trash & Recycling Services
- Approved Ordinance TC-2018-3, Approving a Supplemental Budget
- Approved Ordinance TC-2018-4, Implementing Additional Fire Bans
- Received an award from LiveWell Colorado for reaching Elite Status as a HEAL City

## Second Summer Conference for New Castle Trails

New Castle Trails will hold their annual Summer Conference on August 4 in VIX Ranch Park. According to Adam Cornely, the event will be significantly bigger and better this year.

Two nationally recognized bands will be the featured performers: Tomorrows Bad Seed and Roots of Creation. And there will be biking and hiking time trials, along with a silent auction and craft beer from Glenwood Canyon Brewpub and food from WingNutz.

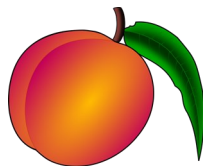
Festivities begin at noon and last until 7:00. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 on Eventbrite.com. Admission at the event will be \$20; kids under 10 are free. The admission price includes tickets for food or beer and all profits will be used to develop new trails.

The Uphill Challenge time trial will send bikers up the Prendergast Hill Trail. Trail runners will run on Mt. Mederis. A Strava account is necessary. Other details will be available in VIX Park during the event. There will be prizes for male and female bikers and runners.

Sponsorships are still being collected. At press time the following sponsors are listed: Town of New Castle, New Castle Dental, Urnise Dentistry, Alpine Bank, Valley Vet, Defiance Rafting, and the New Castle Lions Club. In-kind sponsors are Mr. T's, WingNutz, Pepsi, Two Rivers Productions, New Castle Liquors, Spirits of New Castle, Yeti, KMTS and the Glenwood Canyon Brewpub.

### Community Market Opens!

The New Castle Community Market opens for the 2018 season on Thursday, July 12. It will run from 4:30 to 7:30 every Thursday afternoon through September 13. Once again vendors will offer fresh produce, handmade crafts, food and services. Each week will feature live music and there will be many scheduled special events: Wine samplings on July 26 and August 23, Beer sampling and a Chili Roasting event on September 13, Cooking Matters on July 19 and August 16 and John Harcourt's free fly fishing clinic on July 19.



### Upcoming Events at Town Hall

Town Council— July 2, 16 and August 7, 21.

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 on July 4 for Independence Day.

