



# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

July 2019

## Remembering Storm King

On July 2, 1994, a lightning strike started a small fire on Storm King Mountain, four miles east of New Castle Colorado. Two days later the small fire had spread and firefighters began suppression efforts. On July 6, Hot Shots from Prineville, Oregon, joined the fight.

That afternoon, winds stoked the fire, trapping Hot Shots above the blaze, which then raced up the mountain. Twelve firefighters were trapped and died. Later that day two helitack firefighters also died.

In 2007 the Town honored the firefighters from Prineville by naming a new park Hot Shot Park.

This year, the twenty-fifth anniversary, the Town Council will read a proclamation commemorating the Storm King Fire, and on July 6, flags will be lowered to half-mast.

Hikers who wish to honor the Prineville Hot Shots may follow their path on the Storm King Memorial Trail. They are, however, asked not to hike the trail on July 6. Families, friends and colleagues from Prineville come annually to the trail each July 6. The twenty-fifth anniversary will have special significance for them. They ask that their privacy be respected by letting them have the trail to themselves on the 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Golf Carts and OHVs on Town Streets

On June 6, the Town held an open house to receive comments from residents about the proposal to allow golf carts and OHVs on Town streets. The Town Council reviewed all the comments at its June 18 meeting.

Councilors expressed appreciation to the many residents who commented on the issue. There were good arguments on both sides.

The Council determined that noise and safety concerns were sufficient to remove OHVs from consideration. There was support for golf carts if they could be used on Route 6 (Main Street). Using downtown alleys as a way to avoid Main Street was strongly opposed.

The Council agreed to table the issue for the time being.

## Freedom Celebration at Apple Tree

Once again this year the Apple Tree Community and Talbot Enterprises will host an all-day Freedom Celebration on July 4, from noon to 10:00 pm. The event feature kids' activities and games, with bouncy houses, water slides, vendors, food and music.

Fire conditions permitting, there will be a fireworks show beginning at 9:30. Residents are encouraged to enjoy the Apple Tree fireworks and obey the fire restrictions within town limits.



## Community Survey Coming in July

The Town of New Castle will be mailing a Community Opinion Survey to residents right after the July Fourth holiday. The Town is asking residents to please look for the survey in their mailboxes and be sure to complete it by July 29. There will be an online portal to complete the survey, and it should only take a few moments.

Town Council and staff will use the information gathered as part of this community opinion survey—as well as other public input—to decide how to address some of the Town's budget concerns and to help fund essential Town services such as a highly trained and well-equipped Police Department; well-maintained streets, sidewalks and trails; and parks and community events.

Community engagement through this survey will help ensure that our Town can develop a collaborative and successful process to address the Town's budget.



## New Castle Locals' Choice Awards

Best Bakery – 3<sup>rd</sup> place EAT Bistro  
Best Chicken Wings – 2<sup>nd</sup> place WingNutz Bar & Grill  
Best Pub Food – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Black Dog Saloon  
Best Dessert – 2<sup>nd</sup> place EAT Bistro  
Best New Restaurant – 2<sup>nd</sup> place EAT Bistro  
Best Florist – 1<sup>st</sup> place An Exquisite Design, 2 years in a row  
Best Garden Store/Nursery – 1<sup>st</sup> place New Castle Gardens  
Best Gift Store – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Speckled Feather  
Best Home Decorating Boutique Store – 1st place Speckled Feather  
Best Liquor Store – 3<sup>rd</sup> place New Castle Liquors

## Did you know that.....

- The Cinco de Mayo celebration on Fifth Street raised \$1,100 to donate to the River Center.
- The Community Drum Circle gathers the first Monday of the month at 6:30 on Ritter Plaza.
- Starting July 8, CDOT will be chip-sealing SH 6 from east of New Castle west to Antlers Lane in Silt.

## NEW CASTLE RECREATION



### Art and Enrichment at Community Center

The Recreation Department's Kelly Cox offers an increasing number of Art and Enrichment programs and activities. Events in July include:

- July 1, 2 and 3**, Rosy Belle Bus Free Art Camp, 9:30 am- 12:30 pm
- July 1**, Drum Circle, 6:30 pm, at Ritter Plaza
- July 6**, Family Paint Night with Lynne, 5:30 pm
- July 8**, Preschool 30-minute craft Tractor Art, 10 am
- July 8**, Miniature Beach Scene Craft, 11 am
- July 8-9**, Two Day Art Camp w/Lynne, ages 9-13, 1pm-4 pm

**July 11-12**, Two Day Dollhouse Workshop for adults w/kid(s), 10 am-noon

**July 15-16**, Two-day Art Camp w/Lynne, ages 5-8 , 1 pm-4 pm

**July 19**, Columbine Flowers Art Class for adults w/Lynne, 6-8 pm

**July 29**, Engineering Challenge for Boys and Girls, ages 6-12 , 11 am-noon

**August 5**, Drum Circle, 6:30pm, at Ritter Plaza (first Monday of each month)

All activities require registration and take place at the New Castle Community Center. Go to [newcastle-rec.com](http://newcastle-rec.com) for more information and updates and to register online.

**July 25**, Recreation Dept., Open House, 4 pm, at the Community Center



## Dates to Put On Your 2019 Calendar

- July 4:** Freedom Celebration at Apple Tree Community, starting at 12 noon.
- July 11:** Opening day of Community Market, 4:30-7:30 pm
- July 13:** Hogback Hustle, 8 am
- July 18:** Community Market, 4:30pm.
- July 19:** Ritter Plaza Music Series, Porch Pickers, 6:30 pm.
- July 20:** Dirty Hog Dash, VIX Park, 9 am.
- July 25:** New Castle Recreation Dept. Open House, 4-7 pm.
- July 25:** Community Market & wine/beer sampling, 4:30 pm.

## Take the Garden Tour

The first annual New Castle Garden Club Tour will be Saturday, July 20, from 10:30-3:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased \$5.00 at the River Center from 10:30 to 12:30. The proceeds from ticket sales will benefit further beautification of New Castle and organic community garden projects. The tour is self-guided, using the map provided with tickets. Participants will also receive a packet of cosmos seeds, New Castle's official flower. Everyone will be asked to vote for their favorite garden.

## Etiquette Camp for Kids

On July 19, children and teens will have a chance to learn basic rules of etiquette. Monica Haas will offer Introduction to Etiquette for Children and Teens and Basic Dining Etiquette for Children and Teens. To practice what they learn, participants will be served a 3-course tutorial luncheon. The class will be held on Friday, July 19 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Lakota Canyon Recreation Center. The cost is \$115. For further information, or to enroll, please call Monica Haas at 970-208-7159. Or write to [haasgraham@gmail.com](mailto:haasgraham@gmail.com). Monica Haas is an International Etiquette Consultant who has taught Etiquette and Cross-cultural training on three Continents. She was trained and certified by The Protocol School of Washington

## Dirty Hog Dash Returns July 20

Last year's Dirty Hog Dash was the surprise highlight of the summer in New Castle. The Dash returns this summer on Saturday, July 20 from 9 am to noon in VIX Park. The mud run is for kids 4-14, and, of course, lots of spectators. The obstacle course (with mud pit) will involve balancing, climbing, jumping, crawling and sliding. The course will be suitable for the younger kids (who may have parents run it with them) and also challenging for the 13- and 14-year olds. Everyone will get dirty. New this year will be a color run start, with color chalk blasters and a foam cannon that shoots 20 feet!

Sponsors include Phil Long Honda, Alpine Bank, Berthod Motors, Sunlight Ski & Bike Shop, Urnise Dentistry, Castle Valley Children's Clinic, Trailhead Chiropractic, Culvers, Pepsi, City Market, Hy-Way Feed and Ranch Supply, Property Shop 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). The fee is \$35.



## New Castle Community Market every Thursday

The New Castle Community Market begins its 2019 season on July 11, from 4:30 to 7:30 in Burning Mountain Park. Vendors will offer produce, cottage goods, crafts and more. A featured band will perform at each market. The music lineup for July includes:

**July 11,** Leonard Curry  
Trio

**July 18,** Guilty Pleasure

**July 25,** Smuggler  
Mountain Boys



A special event on July 25 will be beer and wine sampling garden.

Contact Noreen Nolen at 970-984-3420 for more information.

## Town Council Highlights for

### June 2019

- Declared a Breach of the Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments Escrow Agreement
- Declared a Breach of the Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments Development Agreement
- Authorized an Extension of the TCO for the Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments
- Ordinance TC 2019-3 – Authorizing the Sale of Real Property
- Approved EAT Bistro
- Hotel & Restaurant Liquor license Renewal
- Approved an Extension of a PUD Hearing Date for Eagles Ridge PUD at Lakota Canyon Ranch
- Proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month
- Resolution TC 2019-10 – Supporting a Charge Ahead Colorado Grant Application for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station

### AA in New Castle

The Burning Mountain Action group of Alcoholics Anonymous has been active in New Castle for 35 years. They gather at the New Castle Community Center on Sunday mornings for fellowship and breakfast, starting at 9 am with an A.A. meeting at 10 am. A second meeting has been added on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Both are open meetings, welcoming anyone who has an interest in alcoholism or a desire to stop drinking.

### Town Phone Numbers:

Town Hall 984-2311  
Fax: 984-2716  
Town email: [info@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:info@newcastlecolorado.org)  
Website: [www.newcastlecolorado.org](http://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

## Hogback Hustle

Each July the New Castle Lions Club, in cooperation with New Castle Recreation, sponsors the Hogback Hustle 5K race through town. The race begins at the New Castle Plaza, proceeds the length of Castle Valley Boulevard, then Midland/7<sup>th</sup> Street to Main Street and the Burning Mountain Park.

The 2019 Hogback Hustle will be on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 8:00 am. Runners are asked to register in advance at [www.newcastlecolorado.org](http://www.newcastlecolorado.org) or at the Community Center. Same-day registration at the New Castle Plaza begins at 7:00. Early registration costs \$25, and the same-day fee is \$30.

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 Janine High (970-361-4229) or Membership Chair Shirley Williams (970-984-2584).



### Upcoming Events at Town Hall

Town Council— July 2, 16 and August 6,20.

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.

Town Hall will be closed July 4, in observance of Fourth of July