



Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

April 2022

Earth Weekend in New Castle

Earth day is Friday, April 22, and New Castle will continue the observance to Saturday the 23rd, making it Earth Weekend. Several organizations and businesses are participating to make Earth Day a special event this year.

On Friday the Lions Club will collect the winter's litter along two miles of I-70 west of town. They invite everyone to help with the project by gathering at the New Castle Plaza parking lot near Alpine Bank at 9:30 am. Additionally, Apple Tree Park/IPG will again do a cleanup of 335 Road. Volunteers will meet at the ATP Office at 8:45 am. There will be a free BBQ in the park for volunteers.

In the spirit of cleaning up the local environment on Earth Weekend, neighbors are encouraged to get together to pick up trash that has been buried under snow along their streets and open spaces. Be sure to wear gloves and use heavy-duty garbage bags. If everyone who participates takes just one bag to put in their garbage can, the expense of renting a dumpster can be avoided.

On Saturday, the Earth Weekend celebration will be outside City Market between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Evergreen ZeroWaste will have representatives available to explain their composting services to residents and to sign up new customers. They will also distribute small samples of their finished compost.

Garfield Clean Energy and CLEER will have information about the ReEnergize Garfield County program, which offers support for income-eligible residents to improve energy-efficiency in their homes. They will also be able to discuss home solar panels, electric vehicles, energy coaching and financial aid. In addition, they will offer free lightbulbs and other giveaways.

Members of the New Castle Climate and Environment Commission and volunteers will distribute fire safety information, Smokey the Bear books and other fire safety and climate books for kids. They will also have free pollinator-friendly wildflower seeds for spring planting. City Market will distribute free reusable shopping bags (which will help reduce plastic waste). They will also have in-store Earth Day specials. City Market hires Evergreen ZeroWaste to collect and compost all their organic waste.

In other Earth Day activities, the library will have a display of children's books about climate and the environment; Elk Creek Elementary will have an event; the New Castle Coffee Company will serve free Wild coffee and demonstrate the compostable materials they use; other local businesses will have Earth Day sales.

Cub Scout Pack 221 will continue April's environmental focus to Arbor Day. They will plant a tree in one of the town's parks on April 29th. For details and updates please follow the Visit New Castle Facebook page or subscribe to the weekly town email news at the Our Town tab on the town website.





New Castle and Ukraine

Like towns and cities across the country, New Castle has residents with special connections to Ukraine and who are deeply affected by the tragedy there. In a move to show support for the people of Ukraine, town councilors wore shirts with the Ukrainian flag to the March 15 Council meeting, and a resolution in support of Ukrainians will be on the agenda for the April 5th meeting. The town plans to display Ukrainian flags at Town Hall and the Community Center in the near future.

Town Council Election

Election Day is Tuesday, April 5, and all ballots must be received in Town Hall by 7:00 pm that day. The race for mayor is uncontested, so Art Riddile will be re-elected for another four-year term. There are three candidates on the ballot for three seats on the Town Council, along with a write-in candidate. Additionally, a ballot issue asks approval for an increase in the lodging tax.

Unofficial election results will be posted at Town Hall as soon as ballots can be counted. They will remain unofficial, however, until later in the month. New Castle has several registered voters who are currently overseas. State law extends the deadline for those voters to April 13. If at that time there is a close vote, a recount will be triggered, after which official results will be posted at Town Hall and on the town's website.

Dog Park Planning Process

On March 16 Public Works Director John Wenzel led a discussion of a possible dog park for the town. A large crowd gathered to support the idea of a dog park and to offer their suggestions. Topics included possible locations, facility amenities and the make-up of a coordinating committee.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

Black Dog Closes in March

On March 9 a post on the Grove's Black Dog Saloon Facebook page announced the closing of the popular downtown gathering place. The post read:

To our Black Dog friends and family:

We want to let you all know that after 8 1/2 years, we've decided to retire from the restaurant and bar business.

Since we opened The Black Dog in September of 2013, it's been a wild ride! We've had some really great times and some really tough times. We beat Cancer and Covid, had some of the best employees and made lifelong friends. And, we had some of the BEST live music!

There's a big part of us that will miss what we had here, but we're sure it's time to move on and we're proud of what we did.

We hope to see you soon and be able to share a beer or a chat, or both.

Thanks for the memories New Castle!

Cheers!

Love, Sue and Roger

Facebook replies to the post thanked the Groves and recalled happy memories at the Black Dog.

Did You Know That.....

- City Market has installed a mural on the wall above the dairy section which displays points on the map of New Castle.
- New Castle Coffee will begin to serve locally-made ice cream mid-April.
- The 2022 Crystal Mariscal Scholarship applications are now available on the River Center's website (www.rivercenternewcastle.org). They are due May 31.
- The River Center is looking for volunteers. You can sign up on their website.
- New Castle Recreation updates their website daily with new programs for all ages.
- St. Mary's BloodMobile will be in front of Town Hall on May 20 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- The New Castle Lions Club will hold a Mother's Day craft sale in the Community Center on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A room full of crafters will offer jewelry, soaps, plants, tie-dyed shirts and much more, along with a bake sale.

The Town of New Castle 2022 Sticker Design Contest Not Just for Kids

The Town of New Castle is looking for new "swag" items to give away and we need your help.

Kids, teens and adults have a chance to submit their best sticker design for a chance to have their stickers printed and handed out at town events in 2022. Winners will also receive stickers and swag with their design on it.

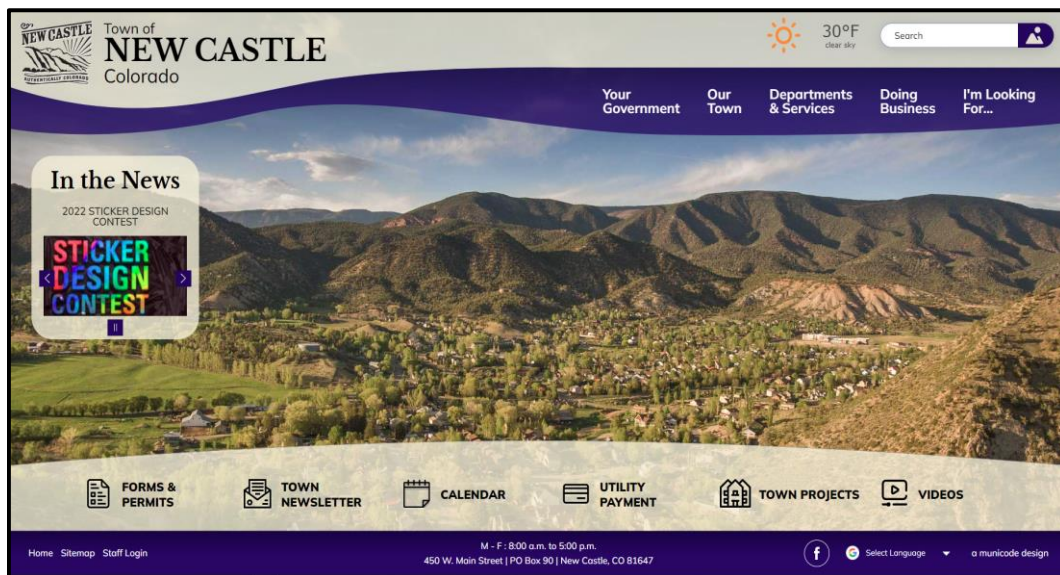
Two winners will be chosen from each age group: 8 to 12, 13 to 18 and 19 plus.

The theme is "New Castle, CO" and the design must contain the name New Castle, as well as the artist's initials. The form for submitting entries can be found on the town website under the "In the News" tab. Copies can also be found at local businesses.

The deadline to enter is May 14th. Please submit your best entry to Rochelle at rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org.

A New Look for the Town Web

New Castle's web site at www.newcastlecolorado.org underwent a major revision in 2014, designed by resident Ann Stuckey. In 2019 the site was migrated, with some re-arrangement, to Municode, a tech company which provides various technical services to the town. The eight-year-old site has served the town well, but it was clearly due for an upgrade.



Rochelle Firth, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and Remi Bordelon, Administrative Assistant in the Town Clerk's office, are responsible for the re-writing and design, with help from other staff members. The new site went live in March.

The home page (along with some others) features professional photos by local photographer Charles Engelbert. He also provided the drone footage of the Burning Mountain Festival parade in the videos tab. Steve Rippy also provided photos for the new site.

Town Administrator Dave Reynolds said, "After a year in the making, town staff is pleased to have created a new town website that is designed to be attractive, user friendly, updatable, and informative. We believe this new platform is the perfect tool for residents and visitors as they search for just about anything to do with town operations, town events, town archives, and so much more."

New Castle Chamber of Commerce “Growing Businesses, Building Community”

From the Chamber

Happy April from the New Castle Chamber! We're excited about the two members we're introducing this month.

Peacock Skincare is owned and operated by esthetician Kisa Wernsman. A graduate of Roaring Fork High School, Kisa has lived in the valley her whole life. The mother of Kassian (7) and Kamden (6) is a self-professed “plant nerd” who enjoys hiking and spending time with her boys. In 2016 after a year working with AmeriCorps, Kisa, who always wanted to be an esthetician, took advantage of a scholarship and earned her license. Later that same year, Kisa started Peacock Skincare. She offers a full array of services including mini and regular facials, waxing, lash extensions, eyebrow tinting, chemical peels and enzyme treatments. Because she operates her business from her home in Castle Valley Ranch, Kisa is able to be flexible with her client's schedules. The Peacock Skincare has a Facebook page and a website at www.peacockskincare.net. Phone number is 970-580-4048.

Ashley Mauldin is a licensed counselor and the owner of New Awareness Counseling. A Colorado native who grew up in Fort Collins, she graduated from the University of Northern Colorado. She met her husband Kalen when they both worked at the \$2 movie theater. The couple has been together for twenty years, and they are parents to Eva (11) and Max (7). “Life is complicated, messy, beautiful and everything in between,” says Ashley, “It can be difficult to navigate the everyday, let alone make significant progress toward your goals and desires.” That's where New Awareness Counseling comes in. She continues, “Our mission is to empower you with the ability and confidence to thrive in this nuanced world we live in. Our clinicians provide a customized approach to counseling to meet your unique needs and personality.” Contact information for New Awareness Counseling is www.newawarenesscounseling.com and there is also a Facebook page. Email: ashley@newawarenesscounseling.com; phone 970-388-1903.

Council Highlights

- Signed an agreement with US Geological Survey for a Water Gauging Station on Elk Creek
- Ordinance TC 2022-5 – Amending the Municipal Code Concerning Elections
- Ordinance E 2022- - Amending the Municipal Code Concerning Tap Fees
- Proclaimed April as Parkinson's Awareness Month
- Approved a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Renewal for Hong's Garden
- Met for a workshop with the Silt Board of Trustees.

HOGBACK HUSTLE 5K RUN /WALK



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH RACE STARTS AT 9:00 A.M



The Town's donation of the front doors to the Ambleside School was recognized with a plaque.



Another successful Bingo night on March 10th was called my Colorado Drifters.