



# Town of New Castle Newsletter

## A Monthly Update for Residents

### September 2022

#### Burning Mountain Festival: Full Schedule



#### Friday, September 9

4:00 pm - Food and Craft Vendors Open  
4:00 pm - Face Painter  
5:00 - 9:30 pm - Beer Garden  
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Feeding Giants  
7:00 pm - Volunteers of the Year Announced  
7:30 - 10:00 pm - Whiskey Stomp

#### Saturday, September 10

7:15 am - Fire in the Hole 5k  
9:00 am - Food and Craft Vendors Open  
9:00 am - Car Show at Kamm Ave Parking Lot on Main Street  
10:00 am - Parade  
11:00 am - Foam Pit at Burning Mountain Park  
11:30 am - Strider/Balance Bike Race (5 years old and younger) start at Community Center  
1:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Beer Garden  
1:00 pm - Pie Eating Contest, Tug - o' - War and other games  
2:00 pm - Log Splitting Contest  
3:00 - 4:30 pm - Queen Bees  
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Red Hill Rollers  
7:30 - 10:00 pm - Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos

Congratulations to our 2022 Burning Mountain Festival Grand Marshall:  
Sarah Matthews!

#### Back by Popular Demand: Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos

Ralph Dinosaur is back as the headliner for the 2022 Burning Mountain Festival Concert in the Park.

Music begins Friday night with the Feeding Giants followed by Whiskey Stomp.

Saturday music kicks off with the Queen Bees at 3:00 pm and Red Hill Rollers at 5:00 pm.

The evening will culminate with local favorite Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos beginning at 7:30 and taking us to the end of the night.



Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos performing at Burning Mountain Festival 2021.

#### Burning Mountain Festival Parade Street Closures

The 2022 Burning Mountain Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, September 10. The parade will step off at 10:00 am from the green bridge on the west side of New Castle, then head east on Main Street, ending at the corner of A Avenue.

Main Street will be closed beginning at 9:45 am and will remain closed until approximately 11:00 am. Closures will include access to/from all streets that enter onto Main Street along the parade route until the roadway is clear of participants and spectators. Residents should plan travel accordingly, as no traffic will be permitted onto or across these areas of Main Street during the parade.

In addition, there will be no parking on Main Street or the Kamm parking lot from 10:00 pm Friday night until after the parade Saturday. Also, there will be no parking near Burning Mountain Park or Jasper Ward Ave throughout the weekend. If possible, please walk or carpool to the downtown events.

## Did You Know That...

- Volunteers are needed for the Burning Mountain Festival parade and park events. Please contact Rochelle at [rfrith@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:rfrith@newcastlecolorado.org) or 970-984-2311 ext 114.
- Local Main Street businesses will be open for coffee and breakfast on Burning Mountain Festival Saturday. Some vendors may be open in the park.
- Sunday, September 25, is the date for the BBQ with a Cop meal in Burning Mountain Park, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please come and chat with our officers and show your support.
- RFTA recently received a \$10.8 million federal grant to help cover increased costs for the Glenwood Springs 27th street underpass, a larger parking area and further expansion of the Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility. Mayor Riddile, along with RFTA staff and other board members, had visited Washington DC last spring to lobby for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability and Equity grant.

## River Center's Fire in the Hole 5k Race

The Fire in the Hole 5K race will be run on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 7:15 am at Burning Mountain Park. The River Center invites everyone to "Come race the flattest course in New Castle before enjoying the biggest parade of the year!"

Run on Burning Mountain Festival Saturday, the race will be finished long before the parade kicks off at 10 am. Pre-registration is \$30 before 9/10 ([www.newcastlecolorado.org](http://www.newcastlecolorado.org)) or \$35 on the day of the race. Race proceeds support the many River Center programs.



## State Imposes Plastic Bag Fee in 2023

A new house bill was passed by the Colorado legislature and signed by Governor Jared Polis in July. The new law imposes a state-wide plastic bag fee beginning January 1, 2023. Customers will be charged ten cents for every plastic bag used; paper bags will also be assessed the fee. Starting in 2024, plastic bags and single-use foam containers will be completely banned. The law makes exceptions for businesses and restaurants with three or fewer locations in the state. What that means in New Castle is that City Market must comply, but locally owned businesses are exempt for now.

City Market's parent company had already announced plans to eliminate plastic bags at the checkout lanes by 2025, transitioning to reusable bags. The new law will move the deadline up one year. City Market sells re-useable bags, and they are available from many other stores as well. Some businesses and organizations distribute bags with advertising for free.

Sixty percent of the funds collected will go to local governments for recycling and composting programs. The remainder will go to the businesses that collect the fees.

## From the Garden Club: Plant Perennials in the Fall

Fall is the perfect time for planting drought-tolerant perennials. Fall planting allows the roots to develop and become strong over the fall and winter. Another advantage is that perennials are usually on sale in the fall! Selection will be much smaller, of course, so check out all our local nurseries.

Here are some drought tolerant perennials that do very well in New Castle: grasses (eyelash blonde ambition, blue grama, Cheyenne sky), hot pokers (short or tall in red, yellow or orange), catmint (blue or white), yarrow (pink, yellow or white) irises and all of the sedums for ground cover. These require full sun and very little water once established. Be aware that some plants can be both annuals and perennials, such as Salvia.

Adding Soil Pep (available in nurseries) in the hole will break up our notorious clay soil, and compost will make for a spring growth head start.



## Community Market Wraps Up Another Season

It seems like just last week that the Thursday Community Market opened for the summer. The final community market will be Thursday, September 15. Colorado Curry will provide the music. The Brew Pub will provide a beer sampling and Grady Hazelton will be roasting chilies.

As an encore, on September 22 the second annual Kids' Market will be held from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Please come out and support our youth. The Kids' Market will wrap up the 2022 Market season.

A big thank you to Kelley Cox, the New Castle Recreation Department, Noreen Nolan and all the volunteers, town staff, vendors and sponsors who make the market happen.



## 2022 Historic Town Survey of Main Street

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of New Castle was awarded a grant through History Colorado to conduct a 2022 Historic Town Survey of Main Street. HPC has partnered with Pinyon Environmental, Inc. to complete this project. The purpose of this survey is to provide HPC with a report of properties potentially eligible for historic designation. During the survey, Pinyon staff and commission members will be walking East and West Main Street, assessing each property, while remaining on the sidewalks. They may take pictures of the properties as well as any notes regarding historical architecture/significance. The survey is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Should you have any questions, please reach out to the chair of the commission, Mari Riddile, by email [maririddile@gmail.com](mailto:maririddile@gmail.com) or by phone (970) 948-0061.

## Broadband Project Moves Forward in 2023

A grant from DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) awarded to Garfield County will bring broadband distribution hubs to New Castle, Silt and Parachute. The project targets completion of the distribution hubs in each town during the summer of 2023. Following completion of the distribution hubs, towns will have the ability to work with private network providers to create plans to establish broadband connection to individual homes.

New Castle thanks Garfield County and our neighboring towns for their collaborative efforts in making broadband a priority for our valley.

## File of Life from Colorado River Fire Rescue

Colorado River Fire Rescue urges all residents to fill out a File of Life card and keep it on their refrigerators. Too often EMTs arrive at a home to find a patient unable to answer questions about medications, medical conditions or allergies.

The File of Life is a mini medical history which enables medics to obtain information when a patient is unable to offer it. The card lists the patient's name, emergency medical contact, insurance policy, health problems, medications, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, health care proxy and location of a Living Will. The entire pocket is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator, and a File of Life sticker is placed on the front door to tell the fire department, EMTs and law enforcement to check the refrigerator.

The File of Life pockets and files are now being distributed by the Colorado River Fire Rescue Authority. To obtain one, or to ask questions, please call Maria Pina at 970-625-3441.

## New Role for Sgt. Chuck Burrows

The Town of New Castle would like to recognize Sgt. Chuck Burrows as our acting Police Chief during this interim period. Town Administrator Dave Reynolds expressed confidence that the department will continue to operate smoothly following the dismissal of Chief Pagni. The Town Council joined Reynolds in thanking residents for their continued support of the men and women of our Police Department as they work to serve our residents.

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

The Chamber is pleased to tell you about two of our members this month.

Elegant Jewelry is the dream child of creative jeweler Eileen Leland. Eileen and husband Bruce, both retired educators, moved to New Castle in 2003. That year Eileen began learning to make jewelry and by 2007 was selling her pieces at craft shows. Eileen sold her jewelry at Gallery 809 in Glenwood Springs for several years before moving her creations to Gilpin Arts in Central City, allowing her to show more high-end pieces. Since 2017 Eileen has submitted new work to the Gilpin juried shows. Jurors select the works for the show as well as award prizes. Eileen has placed in the top three in 3D art in 2017, 2021 and 2022.

During the summer and fall, Elegant Jewelry can be found at local craft shows and fairs. Be sure to visit Eileen and Elegant Jewelry at the Burning Mountain Festival, where she'll have a range of high end and affordable jewelry for you to admire and purchase.



Rocky Mountain Martial Arts has been teaching Soo Bahk Do in New Castle since 2016. Initially they had a store front, then during COVID they taught outdoors at VIX Ranch Park. Following a time in a refurbished garage, they are now in the New Castle Plaza. Owners and instructors Cyndi Speedy and Sue Fittano love connecting with the families and giving their students what they need.

Soo Bahk Do is a traditional Korean martial art that focuses on effective striking, kicking and self-defense, balanced with mental training. Rocky Mountain Martial Arts is a member of the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation and offers classes for four-year-olds through adults, with both daytime and evening classes. Visit their Facebook page at Rocky Mountain Martial Arts-Roaring Fork Valley, email them at [rmmanewcastle@gmail.com](mailto:rmmanewcastle@gmail.com) or call at 970-984-8030.

### Council Highlights

Accepted the 2021 Audit.

Ordinance TC 2022-10 – Amending the code regarding EV charging station capacity in new residential dwellings.

Resolution TC 2022-20 – Supporting an application for an FMLD mini grant for building and systems security.

Resolution TC 2022-21 – Supporting an application for an FMLD grant for a digester blower building.

Resolution TC 2022-22 – Authorizing the November 8, 2022 coordinated election with Garfield county, approving an IGA regarding the same and setting forth other details relating thereto.

Approved an optional premises liquor license renewal for Lakota Golf Ops.

### New Castle Recreation

We heard you! Pickleball is back. Lisa Miller will be instructing New Castle Recreation Pickleball programs this fall.

Lisa writes: “I have never been an athlete, but about two years ago my recent retirement, the pandemic, life, all pushed me to try to take on something new. I started learning the game and quickly decided that this silly little game was for me. This spring I decided to take my game a bit more seriously and with new friends we are growing our game and our skills.

I'm hoping you join me since we have some wonderful courts in our very own backyard at Bear Dance Park. Put aside your self-doubts about learning something new or looking silly. See you on the courts!”

Learn to Play Pickleball in a fun, comfortable and inclusive environment.

Session 1: Saturday, September 24 & Saturday, October 1 from 10:00-12:00pm

Session 2: Saturday, September 24 & Saturday, October 1 from 12:30-2:30pm

Fee: \$40.00 per session

Open Play Pickleball: Round-Robin play and Halloween tournament play

Saturdays, October 8-November 19, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Fee: \$70.00