

Town of New Castle Newsletter A Monthly Update for Residents October 2022



October 28 is Trick or Treat New Castle



Hazelton family dressed as the Adams Family for Trick-or-Treat New Castle 2021

On Friday, October 28 the town will again teem with ghosts, ghouls and the occasional princess. Join Alpine Bank, New Castle Plaza businesses, the Town of New Castle and downtown businesses for this family friendly event.

Get the family dressed up and start off at Alpine Bank and the New Castle Plaza at 3:00 pm for trick-or-treating. The businesses close at 5:00 pm so please be sure to get there before then.

When you are finished at the Plaza head to downtown for more trick-or-treating, games, hayrides, costume contests, haunted mazes, axe throwing and more! This year the downtown theme will be all about witches, so get ready to enjoy the spookiness of the holiday downtown.

Be advised: Residents who need to travel through New Castle on the afternoon of the 28th should try to avoid Main Street, which will be very busy.

Town Clean-Up Days October 7 and 8

The New Castle Public Works Department will once again hold the annual town clean-up days on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Public Works facility at the west end of town (801 West Main Street). This event is for New Castle residents only and everyone must show proof of residence to enter the Public Works yard.

The clean-up days offer the opportunity to get rid of items that aren't included with regular trash services. Large items like furniture are acceptable, as are appliances. Refrigerators, however, must be empty of all food items. If they are not empty, they won't be accepted.

Electronic items, including televisions, laptops, computers, etc. will be accepted. However, because of new state regulations, paints, stains and chemicals aren't acceptable. Finally, only 4 tires per household can be accepted.

River Center is Looking for Volunteers for Clean-Up Day

The River Center is in need of volunteers to help clean and declutter the inside and outside of their building and storage units on Friday, October 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 126 North 4th St and 5175 CR 335 (Apple Tree). Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

New Castle to Launch Text My Gov

The town is about to add an additional tool to its media news outlets. Text My Gov will be available to residents in late October or early November. Text My Gov is a convenient way for residents to receive important information from the town such as emergency notifications, water shut-offs, event notices, road closures and the like.

The first year will be a trial run and will give the town the opportunity add options. Information on how to sign up for this service will be included in the November newsletter and in the weekly email news.

Living With Bears



Photos of bears appear frequently on Facebook, reminding us that there are a lot of them in town this year. We all know that they are here looking for food in preparation for hibernation. Letting them become accustomed to foraging near people, however, puts both them and us at risk. Mother bears with cubs are dangerous, and CPW has reported at least one abandoned cub. If you're concerned about a bear, report it to the New Castle Police or Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Roaring Fork Bear Coalition has provided a useful list of ways to avoid attracting bears. Visit them at Roaringforkbears.org.

- Never feed or approach bears.
- Keep trash and recyclables in a garage or other indoor area or else use in bear-resistant containers. Only put trash outdoors on the morning of pick-up.
- Remove your bird feeders when bears are active.
- Never leave pet food outdoors.
- Secure chicken coops, beehives, and livestock with electric fencing.
- Clean BBQ grills & grease traps with ammonia, bleach or degreasing agent and store grills in a secure area.
- Pick fruit from trees and clean up fallen fruit.
- Keep your dog on-leash. Off-leash dogs are the cause of many negative encounters between people and bears.
- Keep all bear-accessible windows closed and locked
- Lock your vehicle and garage doors. Never leave food or trash inside car

If bears are rewarded with food at your home, bears will keep coming back!

Historic Preservation Plaque Ceremony



Members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) gathered at Ambleside School on September 19th to celebrate the historic designation of 151 W Main St. To commemorate this designation, HPC furnished a commemorative plaque.

Did you know....

- The Public Works Department has been busy paving streets and sidewalks around New Castle.
- The Utilities Department has been jetting sewer lines as preventative maintenance.
- Richard Parks has been appointed to the HPC representing the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Early each month this Newsletter is posted on the town website (the link is at the bottom of the home page). Find it there whenever it's delayed in the mail.
- The flags displayed on the Historical Tourism sign at Town Hall have been adopted by Matt Madrid, of Three Mountain Services, locksmith. Matt takes them down at dusk, puts them back each morning, and even replaces them when necessary. Thank you, Matt. We appreciate you!
- Mountain Waste will no longer be able to pick up trash scattered by bears or other wildlife.

Viktoriya Ehlers runs the foam machine, a crowd favorite, ending the 2022 Burning Mountain Festival parade with the Recreation Department.



From the New Castle Garden Club:

Divide and Conquer! It's time to double or triple your perennials by splitting them, a process that's necessary every two or three years in order to assure continued blooms. Dig up clumps of daylilies, alliums, catmint, bearded and Siberian iris, oriental poppies, phlox, bleeding hearts, hosta and veronica, all of which split well. Gently divide into two or three parts and plant them immediately in their new locations with good soil; water regularly until frost hits. Efforts this fall will bring new growth in the spring.

Also in the fall, cut back iris leaves, daisies, catmint and winecups (aka poppy mallows). On the other hand, don't cut back hot pokers, mums, or hyssop until spring. Leaving tall ornamental grasses until spring will provide visual interest through the winter and protect their crowns.

Remove spent annuals from pots and bring the pots into the garage, shed or other indoor space. Use the pots to start plants from the seeds you saved from poppies, columbines, black-eyed Susans, penstemons, snapdragons, blue flax, cornflowers and coreopsis. Scatter the seeds into separate pots, mix the topsoil a little and add some moisture and light. You can also let these perennial blooming plants re-seed themselves right where they fall; just remember not to pull up the new growth in the spring thinking they are weeds. Garden club members recommend collecting dried seeds and sharing or trading them with neighbors.



Aimee Gerber, Hannah Bihl and Kelley Cox enjoying the fruits of their labor at Burning Mountain Festival

Firewise Ready Set Go Class

Colorado River Fire Rescue and CMC Rifle will offer a Firewise Ready Set Go class on October 22, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the CMC campus. The class will cover the way to build a plan for evacuation and how to develop a fire-wise community. It will also cover how to make your home and property safe from wildfire. Enrollment is limited, so please register on the CMC Rifle web site (coloradomtn.edu/campuses/rifle) in the Community Education tab.

Speaking of fire: The arrival of cool fall weather invites memories of bonfires and burning leaves. Unfortunately, the cooler weather doesn't lessen fire danger in Colorado, so enjoy the memory and light no fires.

Election Day November 8

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 is Election Day. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning October 17. A 58-cent stamp will be required to return a ballot by mail (and only one ballot may be included in a return envelope!) Ballots should be mailed no later than November 1.

There are secure 24/7 ballot drop boxes throughout the county. New Castle's is in front of Town Hall. On Election Day ballots may be cast in person at the New Castle Library from 7 am to 7 pm.

To register to vote, visit www.coloradosos.gov. For election information, call Garfield County Elections at 970-384-3700, option #2 or visit www.garfield-county.com/clerk-recorder/elections.

Council Highlights

Resolution TC 2022-24 – Adopting a Directory of Fees and Charges

Resolution TC 2022-25 – Revising Invoice Approval Procedures

Modified the Special Event Liquor License for Burning Mountain Festival

Approved a Malt Beverage Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go

New Castle Recreation

What a year it's been so far for New Castle Recreation! We would like to thank you, the community, for your continued support of New Castle Recreation. Here is a brief recap of some of the great programs, activities, and events NCR has accomplished so far (we aren't done yet)

- **Bad Art Night** - Adult night out making amazing bad art for the 4th year in a row
- **Founders Day** - Old School Tour and Pot Luck
- **Hogback Hustle 5K** - new date, good turnout with 55 runners
- **Dirty Hog Dash a kids Mud Run** - 370 participants
- **July Park & Recreation Month Celebration**
- **Independence Day Non-Motorized Parade** - 200 participants!
- **Community Markets** - live music, free face painting, food trucks, 22 vendors, beer sampling gardens, fresh produce (unofficially voted vendors' favorite market)
- **50th Annual Burning Mountain Festival** - record-breaking numbers, beer sales, T-shirts sold out, best parade ever
- **2nd Annual Kids' Market** - 20 youth vendors selling handmade items/art - community supported sales
- **Youth Basketball** - over 80 participants
- **Youth Micro Soccer** - over 100 participants, and 15 volunteer coaches
- **Youth Volleyball** - over 50 participants & 4 volunteers
- **Youth Flag Football** - over 20 participants and 4 volunteers
- **Adult Basketball & Soccer Leagues**
- **Summer Baseball & Softball programs** - over 100 kids played baseball or softball this summer

New Castle Recreation is looking forward to finishing out 2022 with bang including special events like Trick n Treat New Castle, and the annual Tree Lighting/Chili/Mac n Cheese Cookoff. Don't forget to check out www.newcastlerec.com for more information and all the programs for October and beyond! Thank you, New Castle for your continued support.

New Castle Chamber of Commerce "Growing Businesses, Building Community"

While husband and wife team Dr. Tom Wessell and Dr. Anna Gosz are both from Wassau, Wisconsin, they didn't meet until they attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport Iowa. Moving to Colorado's Western Slope after school, they opened Trailhead Chiropractic, specializing on the Torque Release Technique. "Most people do not realize that chiropractic is so much more than neck and back pain, because that is what most chiropractors choose to focus on," says Dr. Tom. He continues, "At Trailhead Chiropractic we focus on the health of the individual's nervous system. The nervous system (brain and spinal cord) is responsible for controlling and coordinating every function in the body. From digestion, breathing, and movement down to function at the cellular level; the nervous system is in control. When a vertebra of the spine shifts out of alignment it can put pressure on the nerves that exit the spine. This subluxation causes miscommunication between the brain and the end organ (stomach, lungs, muscle, bladder) which in turn causes dysfunction. When the subluxation is removed the brain and body can communicate with each other clearly and function is restored. At Trailhead Chiropractic we pride ourselves in two things: Our results and the way we treat people. Our team is ready to serve you with a smile and greet you by name. We look forward to meeting you."

Trailhead Chiropractic is located in Glenwood Springs at 51241 Highway 6, Suite 8B. You can reach them by phone at 970-456-4562.

Out to Lunch

Be Back Soon!

October 17 - 21, Town Hall will be closed for lunch from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. We will be short staffed during this week so please be patient. Normal hours will resume on Monday, October 24.