

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



New Castle's Tree Lighting / Chili Cook-off / Mac & Cheese Competition

This year's holiday Tree Lighting and Chili Cook-Off has an exciting new addition: the Mac & Cheese Competition. The event will be held at Burning Mountain Park on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale at the park beginning at 5:30 pm. The cost for a tasting bowl, spoon and one ballot is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 13. Beer tickets will also be on sale for \$5.00 each for those 21 and older. Hot chocolate will be free for everyone.

The fee to enter either chili or mac & cheese in the competition is \$20.00. Please enter online at newcastlerec.com. The deadline to enter is Monday, November 28. First place winners in each contest will receive \$150.00, while second place winners will take home \$100.00.

Schedule of events:

5:30 pm

- Ticket sales begin
- Chili / Mac Tasting and voting opens

6:00 pm

- Elk Creek Elementary School carolers
- Free photos with Santa by Samantha Gates Photography courtesy of Embryn at Keller Williams – Colorado West Realty

7:00 pm

- Tree Lighting Ceremony lead by Mayor Art Riddle

7:30 pm

- Chili / Mac Cook-off ticket sales end
- Beer ticket sales end

8:00 pm

- Beer Tent Closed
- Chili/ Mac Cook-off voting ends and winners announced



Lions Club Turkey Dinner Returns

For the past two years the New Castle Lions Club has served Thanksgiving dinners to go to residents driving through the Community Center parking lot. Covid restrictions in 2020 made gathering inside to eat impossible, and in 2021 the club decided to be cautious and again canceled the sit-down dinner. The club's ability to provide the take-out dinners was cited in their 2021 Volunteer Organization of the Year award.

The Lions are happy to announce that on November 19, the free community meal will again be served indoors in the Community Center, beginning at 5:00. The Lions will provide turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes and gravy. Guests are invited to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. The Lions will again use the occasion to collect non-perishable food items for Lift-Up.

The Lions Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 at First Baptist Church. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Lions is invited to attend. Besides serving the annual turkey dinner, the Lions Club collects used glasses for re-use, provides eye care for income-eligible residents, maintains a section of I-70, rings bells for the Salvation Army, and assists with town events.



New Castle Says Farewell to the 88 Grill

On October 1, John and Cori Webber announced that after 23 years, they would close the 88 Grill, their popular Main Street restaurant. They opened the Elk Creek Mining Company in the historic Barry Building in 1999, and later renamed it 88 Grill in honor of New Castle's 1888 founding date.

While best known for its food, the restaurant also featured a welcoming atmosphere and attentive staff. In addition, the restaurant was known as a supporter of local events, schools and charities. The Webbers donated gift certificates or profits from dinners to many organizations. In recognition of their contributions to the town, the Town Council read a proclamation at their October 18th meeting thanking the restaurant and declaring John and Cori Webber to be honorary citizen of the town.

Fortunately, the Webbers will remain a presence on Main Street as owners and operators of the Ore House hotel. They plan to add the 1892 Suite with custom-built bunk beds in half of the first-floor space. The rest of the floor will see the return of the much-loved Speckled Feather store.



Election Day is November 8

It is now too late to return election ballots by mail. They must now be deposited in the ballot kiosk outside Town Hall before 7:00 on Tuesday, November 8. Also on the 8th, an in-person Voter Service and Polling Center will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm in the New Castle Library.

The blue Ballot Information Book was sent to registered voters in October. It contains essential information about each of the ballot issues to be decided this year. The Blue Book is also available online. Go to the Garfield Clerk and Recorder's site (www.garfield-county.com/clerk-recorder) and click on Elections. The link to the information booklet is near the top of the page. The Clerk's Election Page also contains all the necessary information about the election.



Trick or Treat New Castle Rock Scavenger Hunt

Utility Rates for 2021

The annual 3% increase in utility rates will take effect on January 1, billable in February. These rates will enable the town to continue to meet residents' needs while providing a high level of quality and service. The new base rates will be Water Service: \$32.22; Sewer Service: \$58.27; Trash Service: \$34.57.

Senior discounts apply to qualified residents, and there are surcharges for water use above 12,000 gallons. A listing of all the new water, sewer and trash rates will be printed on the back of utility bills.

Trick-or-Treat New Castle, A Success Once Again

For the second year the town welcomed trick-or-treaters to Main Street and the New Castle Plaza. Main Street was adorned with spider webs and businesses offered treats and activities. There were hayrides, a rock scavenger hunt, a photo booth, an ax throwing booth, games and cupcake decorating. At Town Hall a haunted maze beckoned the brave.

A big thank you goes to the businesses of New Castle, not just from downtown and the Plaza, but also home-based businesses and businesses outside town limits. Thanks too to the town staff, and the hundreds of costumed revelers who made this event, once again, spooktacular. See you next year!

Garfield County PIO Group Comes to New Castle



On Tuesday, October 25, the Town of New Castle hosted members of the Garfield County Public Information Officer group. Town PIO, Rochelle Firth introduced Terrence Davis from New Castle PD as an additional PIO for the town.

PIO members from across the county gathered in Town Hall for a Zoom meeting with Dionne Waugh and Carrie Haverfield, both PIOs from Boulder County.

Firth had heard both speakers at a PIO conference and invited them to New Castle. Their presentation focused on the shooting of Boulder's Chief of Police, the City Market shooting and the Marshall Fire. They discussed their PIO work during the events and the aftermaths.

"It was very interesting to hear how PIO's from across the state came to help Boulder County. They were able to assist families who did not want the media in their front yards by acting as the liaison for the City Market victims' families. Some wanted to be left alone, while others wanted their stories heard. I am glad that I was able to get Dionne and Carrie to share their story and presentation to our local PIO group," Firth stated.

Council Highlights

- Approved Resolution BZ 2022-1 - a Resolution of the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Denying a Variance Application for the Property Located at 503 W Main Street in the C-1 Zone District
- Heard and approved a 'little library' project from Girl Scout Troop 10238
- Approved Ordinance TC 2022- 11 - an Ordinance of the New Castle Town Council Repealing Emergency Ordinance TC 2020-5
- Read Proclamation Honoring John and Cori Webber of 88 Grill
- Approved a special event liquor license for the PEO Sisterhood for a event on December 9, 2022
- Approved Resolution TC 2022-15 - a Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund Withdrawal Management Services in Garfield County

Living with Bears

The summer of 2022 brought new encounters with bears in our community. While it was somewhat magical to see these creatures in and around town, their presence brought many questions and concerns to light. It is important that we understand what goes on when bear interactions take place. It is just as important to understand impact of those interactions on our residents.

Conversations about living with bears will begin on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the New Castle Library. A representative from the Colorado Bear Coalition will share her expertise, and local resident and trauma researcher Dr.

Edward Mooney will also be present. This conversation will be the first step to becoming safer for ourselves, our pets, and our bear neighbors.



Did you know....

- TextMyGov will launch in January 2023.
- Town Hall will be closed for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th as well as the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24th and Friday the 25th.
- Daylight Savings time ends Saturday, November 5. Remember to move clocks back one hour.
- Public Works is completing the kitchen remodel at the Community Center.
- The annual 3% increase in water and sewer fees will take effect January 1.

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

From the Chamber:

This month we're introducing Chamber member Trailhead Christian Counseling. Operating out of several area churches (in New Castle it's New Hope Church) Director Daniel Kail, who oversees seven other counselors, describes his practice as "Passionate about honoring our clients as unique and wonderfully formed human beings."

For these Christian counselors, faith and spirituality is an important component of their treatment. In addition to psychological approaches they also incorporate scripture passages and prayer. Kail, who grew up in South Denver and attended CU Boulder, moved to the area ten years ago. Asked what he likes most about counseling, Kail said, "I really like people. I love hearing their stories and being there when they experience a moment of clarity." Reach Trailhead Christian Counseling at daniel@trailheadchristian.org or 970-510-5851, or visit <http://trailheadchristian.com>.

Another Chamber member to introduce is Glenwood Springs Golden Lender. Owned by father/daughter team of Ed Atkinson and Shannon Payne, Golden Lender specializes in residential mortgages. Their business takes them from Aspen to Parachute, even to Eagle and Meeker. Ed has more than 25 years experience as a mortgage broker. Active in their community, they are proud sponsors of the Glenwood Springs Realtor Association Charity Golf tournament, providing scholarships for local high school students.

"Ed Atkinson at Glenwood Golden Lenders is awesome. The whole lending process is incredibly challenging. There are tons of details to manage and Ed makes the process easy! He worked hard to find us the best loan possible and saved us hundreds of dollars a month on our mortgage," says satisfied customer Chad Coleman. Visit Glenwood Springs Golden Lender website at glenwoodgoldenlenders.com or on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/EdAtkinsonGlenwoodGL. You can reach them by phone at 310-810-6451 or email them at ed@goldenlenders.net.

Volunteers of the Year

Volunteer New Castle, a committee of the River Center, announced the Volunteers of the Year at the Burning Mountain Festival in September. Chair Mari Riddile, joined by other committee members, recognized Tom Elder and Mary Johnson as the Volunteers of the Year, New Castle Liquors as the Volunteer Business of the Year and the Cub Scouts as the Volunteer Organization of the Year. Mary Metzger received posthumous Volunteer of the Year recognition.

Tom Elder and Mary Johnson were recognized for their work with the Garden Club, the Climate and Environment Commission and the Lions Club. They have been substitute teachers for Re-2 and Mary has helped translate for the district. Particular projects that were cited include the River Center Community Garden and the downtown flower baskets.

Mary Metzger was remembered as a founding member of the River Center, as a regular River Center volunteer, and as an advocate for seniors. She worked with the Downtown Alliance, Volunteer New Castle and New Hope Church.

New Castle Liquors was named Volunteer Business of the Year. Scott and Mandy Gauldin reopened the business seven years ago and since then have donated to every school and community cause that asks, most notably the River Center. Finally, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts were named Volunteer Organization of the Year. They were cited for their annual food drives and flag ceremonies, and for teaching young men and women good citizenship and organizational skills.



Public Works has nearly completed the kitchen remodel at the New Castle Community Center.