



Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents May 2023

May Starts Off Strong

Saturday, May 6, will be a busy day in New Castle. First of all, it's the date for the Community Yard Sale. A tradition for several years, the town-wide sale provides bargain hunters with multiple opportunities and sellers with a large group of customers. Designated times are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sellers will need to post their own signs and are asked to remove them at the end of the day.

Complementing the yard sale will be the Lions Club Mothers' Day craft fair in the Community Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Seventeen vendors will offer a variety of goods, many of which will make wonderful Mother's Day gifts: handcrafted jewelry, goat milk soaps, pastries, canned fruits and jellies, note cards, recycled tote bags, cosmetics, crocheted items and much more.

The third major event on May 6 is the Cub Scout Fishing Derby in Alder Park. Registration is at 9:30 am, followed by three sessions, each of which begins with a required *Learn to Fish* lesson: Under 5 years old, beginning at 10:00 am, with fishing from 10:30 to 11:30 am; ages 6-9, learn to fly fish at 10:30 am, fish from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm; ages 10-15, learn to fly fish at 11:00 am, fish from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Hogback Hustle 5K on May 13



New Castle's long-running (pun intended) 5K race will set off at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 13, from the City Market parking lot. The Hogback Hustle will run the length of Castle Valley Boulevard, then down Midland / 7th Street to Main Street, ending at Burning Mountain Park for breakfast and awards.

The cost is \$35, benefitting the New Castle Recreation Department and the Youth Scholarship Program. Register at newcastlerec.com and contact the New Castle Recreation Department with questions (970 984-3352).

After the hustle, at 10:30 am, photographer Charles Engelbert will take a 135th birthday photo of the town. Please see the article below, and plan to participate.

135th Birthday Portrait of New Castle

Following the Hogback Hustle on May 13, at 10:30 am, photographer Charles Englebert will take a 135th birthday photo of the town. The Recreation Department asks that as many residents as possible line Main Street between the library and Spirits Liquor. Squeezing everyone into that space will leave no room for cars, so everyone is asked to park at Elk Creek Elementary and walk into town. Engelbert will be using his drone for the photograph, so for safety all other drone owners must leave theirs at home.

Keepsake copies of the photo will be available for sale later in the summer.



Congratulations to Assistant Town Planner Lauren Prentice for completing her certification as a Residential Building Inspector!

**Congratulations
Graduating
Class of 2023!**

New Castle's Soria Ceja Earns the Humble Hero Award

New Castle resident Soira Ceja received the Humble Hero Award at the Human Service Awards Ceremony in April. Garfield County Commissioner Tom Jankovsky presented the award.

The Post Independent reported:

"Her love of the youth and families in this area are evident with her work in helping families not only by providing a home, food and other necessities, but by also helping others provide a safe place, as well," Commissioner Tom Jankovsky said in presenting the award.

"Everything we do in our work to help others we do not for ourselves, but for the community," Ceja said upon receiving the award.

During the summer, Ceja cooks for residents of Herons' Nest in Silt, and has been an advocate for people experiencing food insecurity, creating a campaign called "Hunger does not have to be a secret." In addition she and her husband, Adrian are among the few Latino foster parents in Garfield County.

Some Summer Reminders

As summer arrives with vacations, gardens, construction and outdoor activities, it's time for some reminders from previous newsletters:

*When hiking through open fields in town, other than parks, be aware that you are crossing private land and stay on the trails.

*Remember that privately owned fields have all been zoned, and owners will be developing them at some point.

*Keep your dogs leashed and always pick up after them.

*Lawn and garden watering is limited to before 10:00 am or after 6:00 pm. Odd numbered houses can water on odd number dates; even numbered houses water on even numbered dates.

*Campers may be parked on the street for loading and unloading for up to 48 consecutive hours during any 15-day period.



Public Works Director John Wenzel walks the Red Rocks Ditch line with new staff member Dano Fugita.

Fire Restrictions in Effect

New Castle's fire restrictions are in effect from April 1 to November 1.

- No open burning fire or fires of any type including fire pits and fire rings. Charcoal grills may be used only in developed areas (such as a yard or patio).
- No sale, use or possession of any fireworks (including sparklers and snakes).
- No operation of any combustion engines without an approved spark arrester (muffler) properly installed. The user must have a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and shovel readily available. The use of any spark-producing tool is also prohibited.
- No welding or operating acetylene torches with an open flame, except in cleared areas at least 20 feet in diameter. A chemical pressurized fire extinguisher must be readily available.
- No use of explosive devices, including, but not limited to, model rockets, blasting caps, exploding targets, fireworks and flare guns.
- No throwing tossing or dropping from a vehicle any smoking material, lighted match or any other material or device which might start a fire. All smoking materials and matches must be carefully extinguished.

From the New Castle Garden Club

Do you know what deer, rabbits, mice, chipmunks, raccoons and skunks all have in common? They hate certain scents. To deter them from feasting in your gardens, try some of these scents.

For skunks and raccoons, place mothballs wherever they are likely to explore. If children are around, protect them by placing the moth balls in small plastic containers with holes punched on top. Rags soaked with ammonia also work well, as will citrus fruit peels thrown around the gardens. Skunks are nocturnal creatures and hate light, so motion detector lights work really well. With a severe skunk problem, use a 24 hour drop light in or by their den.

Irish Spring bar soap deters mice, rabbits and deer. Cut up the soap and place around your plants, especially bulbs. Vinegar can also be a deterrent. Add peppermint and rosemary essential oils and spray hard surfaces such as fencing, rocks and edging. (Do not spray living plants—vinegar will kill them.)

Rabbits can't stand cinnamon, coffee grounds or vinegar. (Again, do not use on plants). Chipmunks can't stand pepper, garlic and mint. Mice dislike mothballs, cayenne pepper, cloves, cinnamon, and peppermint oil.

Deer love tulips and rose buds. To save them, mix 1 tablespoon liquid dish detergent with garlic powder, one ounce of hot sauce, and a quart of water in a spray bottle. Alternatively, spread coffee grounds around. Fragrant plants also repel deer. Try catmint, chives, daffodils, poppies, sage, salvia, lavender, peonies, and bearded iris. In summary, if it smells, try it! (Socks don't count).

Did You Know That. . .

- The Econo Lodge is now Wingate by Windham
- The New Castle Running Club meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm in front of New Castle Dental. The group runs from March to October, and everybody is invited to grab their shoes and join the run.
- New Castle Cub Scout Pack 221 will observe Memorial Day on May 31 at 10 am in Highland Cemetery. The public is invited to join them.
- Town Hall will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31.
- Fire restrictions are in full effect. Fire season has already begun.
- At the April 4 Town Council meeting, Mayor Art Riddle read a proclamation designating May Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. The Parkinson's Support Group meets at First Baptist Church in odd number months. Call 970-963-4478 for information.
- The Lions Club collected 290 pairs of glasses for re-use in their new collection boxes, which can be found outside the library on Main Street and at Edward Jones in the Plaza.

Pollinator Facts

- Almost 90 percent of wild plants and 75 percent of global crops depend on animal pollination.
- One out of every three mouthfuls of our food depend on pollinators such as bees.
- Honeybees contribute over \$14 billion to the value of U.S. crop production. In addition to dozens of fruits and vegetables that rely on bees, we would not have coffee, nuts, and many spices without pollinators.
- Anyone can help honeybees, native bees, and other pollinators by planting a range of flowers. Bees love traditional garden flowers and native wildflowers.
- Bees are not aggressive. They can only sting someone once. Once a honeybee has stung someone, its stinger and other body parts are left behind, which kills the bee.

To learn more, go to Pollinator Partnership, <https://www.pollinator.org/>.

It's Pickleball Time!

Colorado television news has been reporting on Pickleball conflicts on the Front Range. Hoping to avoid following suit, the Parks Department asks that players observe some simple rules of etiquette.

- Be respectful of those waiting to play by limiting your game to one hour.
- If waiting to play, please make it known to those already playing that you would like to play next.
- Winners have no priority rights to continue play. Please let the next group onto the court.
- Remember that it's a game! Have fun.

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

Don't forget about Chamber Bingo. It's the second Thursday of every month. Doors open at 6:00 and bingo begins at 6:30.

This month we're introducing two of our newest Chamber members. Jon Harmon is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Mason Morris, located at 1620 Grand Avenue in Glenwood Springs. Jon is a Glenwood Springs High School graduate who has never left the Valley. There are no limits to the properties he handles, ranging from luxury to trailers, commercial to residential. Jon got his real estate license in 2020 and began his career in 2021. He loves helping people buy the home of their dreams or that piece of land that changes their lives. Jon is married to Tara Harmon, who works for the Glenwood Springs Chamber, and they have a two-year-old daughter, Piper. Reach Jon at (281) 620 9815 or by email at jharmon@masonmorse.com.

Kat Wickstrum started Bourbon Bookkeeping, which she operates out of her home, five years ago. She studied at Georgia State University, where she got both her undergraduate and masters degrees. Bourbon Bookkeeping is a full service business including payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, advisory services and financial reports. Kat and her husband Josh share three children under three. She says, “The only way that you can grow your business is by knowing your financials.” Kat can be reached at (404) 697-5236 or at kat@bourbonbookkeeping.com.

2-1-1 Colorado Help Line



2-1-1 Colorado is a resource that has been available since 2002 and is now serving all 64 Colorado Counties. 2-1-1 provides one central location where people can get a connection to the resources they need. With a database that is updated daily, 2-1-1 Colorado can connect callers to critical resources simply by dialing a three-digit number. 2-1-1 is confidential and multilingual and can help with shelter availability, childcare, rent payment assistance, health services, or tax assistance. More specialized services can also be accessed, including services for immigrants, refugees, children with special needs and the elderly. People seeking help with pregnancy, legal concerns, mental health, substance use disorder or disabilities can also find help. Full information about Colorado 2-1-1- listed at www.211colorado.org.

Health, fire or police emergencies should, of course, continue to be reported to 9-1-1., but 211 can help with just about anything else.

Council Highlights

Proclamation for Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

Arbor Day Proclamation

Ordinance TC 2023-1 – Amending the Municipal Code regarding Barking Dogs

Resolution TC 2023-7 – Changing the Terms of Office for Members of the Climate and Environment Commission from Two Years to Four Years.



Earth Day Clean-Up:

Thank you to the Lions Club, Apple Tree Park- IPG, Liberty Classical Academy, Town of New Castle staff and lots of resident volunteers! Loving the earth and keeping our community clean.