



Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents
May 2021

Fire Restrictions in Effect

Another dangerous fire season is predicted. New Castle's fire restrictions are now in effect.

- 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 and 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.

Violators will receive a summons into Municipal Court, where they will face a fine up to \$300 and up to 90 days in jail. Violations can be reported to the Police Department at 984-2302 or to the Garfield County non-emergency line at 970-625-8095. For fire alerts and closures, as well as other emergency notifications, sign up at garco911.com.

In addition, residents are asked to clean up any flammable materials stored outside, such as brush piles, fireplace wood, flammable rubbish and dead trees.

Two Benefit Yard Sales in May

The town-wide garage sale on May 1 kicked off Yard Sale Season. If you have any items left after your sale, bring them on Thursday, May 20 from 4:00 -7:00 pm to New Hope Church. The sale will take place on May 21 and 22, at the church from 8:00 - 4:00. The sale will benefit the Akiru Project, Shalom Ministries International and Liberty Classical Academy.



The New Castle Lions Club will hold their annual yard sale on Saturday, May 15, from 8:30 to 2:00. The Lions have collected treasures all year to prepare for the event, which will be at the Lelands', 402 Jaime Lane (in Sylvan Estates).

Masks are no longer required in outdoor spaces, but social distancing is recommended. Masks are still required indoors in public buildings. Please respect mask wearing requests from sellers.

Girl Scouts' Alder Park Project

Three members of Girl Scout Troop 10239 have earned their Bronze Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. Abby, Gracie and Sylvia needed to complete a Junior Journey before developing their Take Action Project, a fishing line recycling program near the pond in Alder Park, and a signage project for their Bronze Award.



This project was born from picking up trash at Alder Park and noticing a lot of old fishing line. Fishing line is a frequent source of litter in ponds and rivers, and can cause injury and death to birds, fish, turtles, and many mammals. Monofilament fishing line takes 600 years to decompose, but it is recyclable. Berkley Fishing provides free shipping boxes to mail in used fishing line to be recycled.

Abby, Gracie, and Sylvia's Take Action Project involved researching, building and installing the recycle bins. The girls received a donation from the Town of New Castle and from Trout Unlimited. They also received three additional bins from the Roaring Fork Valley Fly Fishing Club, which will be donated to other

community groups to install and manage as part of the program.

Their Bronze Award Project was to build educational signs about the importance of the animal species, the wetlands, and the human impact on Alder Pond. On April 20, 2021, they returned to the Town Council to present their final project and receive the thanks of the town.

Cooperating Agencies for the project included: Roaring Fork Valley Fly Fishing Club, Trout Unlimited, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Roaring Fork Conservancy, Town of New Castle, Berkley Fishing and BoatUS.org

New Castle Takes Big Strides For Earth Day and Arbor Day

April was the month to call attention to environmental issues. The local focus of Earth Day was on cleaning up roads after the long winter. Garfield County Workenders cleaned up County Road 335 and hauled off 300 pounds of refuse. Then on April 20, they returned to clean the BLM gun range and remove over 1000 pounds of trash. The Apple Tree Community gathered for the third year to clean up local roads, the park and the river bank with the assistance of Pepsi, Town employees, LCA, New Castle Chamber and Park Employees (pictured right). Alpine Bank cleaned the stretch of I-70 that runs through New Castle; and earlier in the month the Lions Club cleaned two miles of I-70 west of town.



Arbor day was observed by Cub Scout Troop 221 by planting two trees in Alder Park and learning about the importance of trees from Parks Director Charlie Moore. Earlier in the month the Castle Valley Ranch HOA completed a long-standing project by planting 20 trees, primarily on Lariat Loop, Alder Avenue and Wagon Wheel Circle.



Building a Dynasty! Coal Ridge won the 2A/3A Co-Ed Cheer Championship for the third year in a row. They also competed at nationals in Orlando in April.

There have been many volunteers working on the HOA-Funded beautification project. Among them were Paula Casper, Vennie Lilly, and HOA Management Representative Debbie Sanderson, who worked with the town staff to identify appropriate locations for the trees.

A list of trees suitable for New Castle's climate and elevation can be found on the town website. Click on the Community tab, then Community Forestry.

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

The Chamber is very excited about new businesses in New Castle, and for the next few months we'll be highlighting them. If you are a business, remember that the Chamber is offering free memberships in 2021. Call Mari Riddile at the Chamber office (970-984-2897) to learn more.

We're especially happy to announce that Western Slope Pilates is officially open at 820 Castle Valley Blvd #102 in the New Castle Plaza. Owner and instructor Sara Slifko, who is from Pueblo, was introduced to Pilates while in college at Western Colorado University, where she earned a BA in Business Administration.

Pilates is a popular form of low-impact exercise that strengthens muscles while improving postural alignment and flexibility. It focuses on core muscles and checks all the fitness boxes. The exercises can be done on mats or with special equipment.

To say Sara is enamored with Pilates is an understatement. At a crossroads in her career, Sarah found herself wanting to do something she could be in charge of; she also looked to improve other people's lives. For Sara, Pilates was the natural way to do that. Sara began training at Body Arts and Science International and two years later she earned her certification.

Western Slope Pilates offers group classes and private lessons on both mats and equipment. Find more information on their website www.westernslopepilates.com. Reach out to Sarah at sara@westernslopepilates.com or (719) 320-4940.

The Chamber is also happy to welcome Defiance Cyclery to downtown New Castle. Owner Troy Tritschler accidentally rode into the bicycle business in 1986 when the hiking and backpacking store where he was working went out of business. He's been involved in bicycles in one way or another ever since.

Troy and his wife Grace are parents to two almost-grown sons, Skyler and Bryce. The family jumped around among New Castle, Glenwood Springs and No Name and in 2003 settled in Castle Valley. In 2000 Troy operated Defiance Cyclery from his home while he was Mr. Mom for the two young boys. He worked at Summit Canyon Mountaineering for 14 years until in 2020 he found that while most of his customers still brought their bikes to him, he wanted to be in charge of his career. In addition, he wanted to be more connected to the community where he lived. In December of that year, Troy and Grace found retail space at 303 Main Street which they hope will be home to Defiance Cyclery for many years to come.

New Castle Trails Chairman Adam Cornely praises Defiance Cyclery: “New Castle finally has a much needed bike shop owned and operated by a true pro and all around good guy, Troy Tritschler.”

Among the services Defiance Cyclery offers are fitting and wheel building. Troy was trained at the prestigious Serotta International Institute, and works on all bicycled, even recumbent bikes. He also offers a wide variety of cycling equipment and accessories, even a few cookbooks specifically for cyclers. Starting in May, Troy will be providing paddle board and SUP Fiesta board rentals. Defiance Cyclery can be reached at (970)984-7022 or service@defiancecyclery.com.

Did you know that.....

- 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.
- Annual water quality report is now available at Town Hall or at www.newcastlecolorado.org.
- The New Castle Museum on 4th Street is open every Wednesday at 1:00 pm or by appointment by calling 984-2668 or 876-0922.
- Town Hall will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31.
- New Castle's Amiee Gerber has coached the girls Coal Ridge volleyball team to her 100th win.

City Market is Composting and Recycling

All City Market/King Soopers stores in Colorado have the opportunity to participate in a compost program for their food waste. The New Castle City Market has participated in this program for almost four years. When food products can't be sold, the store first donates everything possible to local food pantries or to animal sanctuaries. All remaining food waste is diverted from the landfill by having it composted.

The New Castle City Market in 2020 composted 167,930 pounds of food waste. Together the Mountain Region stores have diverted 21 million pounds of waste from the various landfills. The store also recycles shrink wrap from pallets of products, all empty recyclable containers and grocery bags collected in front of the store. The Mountain region in 2020 recycled 4,075,302 plastic grocery bags alone.

From the Climate and Environment Commission

Plastic bottles are recyclable, and plastic grocery bags can be returned to City Market. Plastic packaging materials, however, are not recyclable. Some plastic sent to the landfill can begin to break down in 10 years. Other plastic, however, can take hundreds of years to decompose.

Consumers can use recyclable cloth bags when shopping, or else request paper bags at checkout. They can also help push manufacturers to reduce plastic packaging by shopping for products with less packaging, or maybe none at all. Many on-line shopping sites offer products with recyclable or compostable formats. Laundry detergent, scent boosters and dryer sheets are now available in dehydrated sheet form. Shampoos and conditioners can be purchased in bars, which is also great for travel. City Market carries some products that use less packaging.

A quick Google search will reveal products such as Laundry Club, Dropps, Eco 30, and Earth Breeze laundry sheets, or Vunella, Hibar, J.R. Liggetts and Bar None shampoo/conditioner. Consumer interest in such products has led several well-known brands (such as Arm and Hammer, Cascade, Tide and Kroger) to begin offering reduced packaging.

New Castle Recreation Happenings:

Happy Spring! New Castle Recreation is thrilled to be outside for spring youth sports. We also continue to offer indoor fitness classes throughout the week at the Community Center. Check out our website for full details, instructors, and fees.

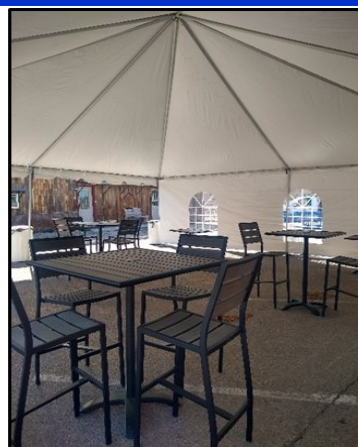
Join us in the New Castle Community Center kitchen for kids' cooking classes, and Chef Kittys' Mother Day cooking/etiquette class. Bring your mom; she'll love it!

Coming up on May 8th is the Youth Fishing Derby, presented by the New Castle Cub Scouts. All kids 15 years and younger can compete. This year, thanks to Grease Monkey in Glenwood, we will have more trophies and 3 age groups competing: four and under, four to seven and eight to fifteen years of age. Pre-register online at newcastlerec.com. Be sure to arrive at 9:30 am to check in.

As always, continue to check the New Castle Recreation website newcastlerec.com for upcoming programs, special events, and summer activities. Look for a June/July Newsletter coming out in mid-May. Thank you, New Castle for support to New Castle Recreation activities and programs. New Castle is a great place to live and play!

Town Council Highlights for March 2021

- Re-appointed Mari Riddle and Steve Rippy to the Historic Preservation Commission
- Approved Trail License Agreement with RG Lakota LLC
- Received final Girl Scout Project report for Bronze Award Project
- Considered a variance request for an ADU on 3rd street
- Received an update on the American Rescue Plan Act



Thanks to funding from the CAREs act, the Town has been able to purchase a tent and furnishings for sheltered outdoor dining. The tent has been set up on Vanderventer Avenue, between Hogback Pizza and the Livery building.