

# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

June 2021

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

### You Ask, We Answer

Written comments on the town's recent survey raised several questions and prompted us to plan for a monthly column answering whenever we can. If you have a question you would like to see in a future column, please email Rochelle Firth at [rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org).

*Q. Why is the town allowing development on open space?*

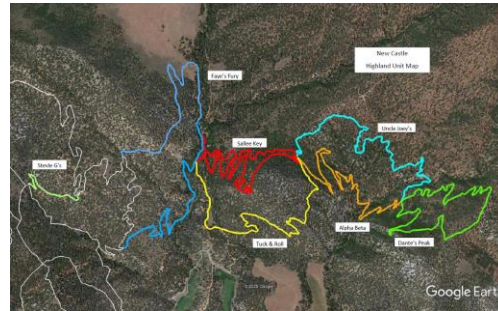
A: The fields east of VIX Park, west of Lakota Senior Housing and at the north end of Lakota are not town open space. All are privately owned by CVR Investors, CTS Investors, and the Romero Group.

Annexation and development agreements signed in 1984 and 1989 (Castle Valley Ranch) and 1999 (Lakota Canyon Ranch) outlined the rights and obligations of the owners. Current owners retain those 21- to 37-year-old vested rights to develop.

*Q. Why can't we have more businesses on Main Street?*

A: In order for any restaurant, shop or office to invest in Main Street, they need to know they will attract customers. When residents regularly patronize all our existing Main Street businesses, new investors and entrepreneurs will consider it an attractive location. Town staff is ready to discuss business opportunities in downtown New Castle and the Chamber can offer additional support.

### Lakota Trails



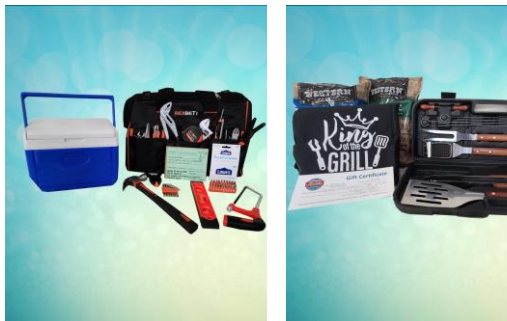
New Castle residents enjoy many miles of hiking and biking trails throughout Town, some of which are on town property and rights of way, some on BLM land and some on private property. The ability to hike, jog, bike or walk dogs along miles of paved and soft trails is thanks to the work of the Town, dedicated volunteer groups, generous landowners, and cooperative BLM managers.

A trails agreement with Castle Valley Ranch has been in place, and in May of 2021 the Romero Group formally designated certain trails in Lakota Canyon Ranch for public use. The designated trails are clearly marked, and if any informal trails are not marked, they are not open for use.

All the customary trail rules apply: No Motor Vehicles of any type; stay on the trail; clean up after your pets; no camping; no fires; no altering the trail; no littering. In addition, using blocked trails or creating new trails is prohibited and the trails are open from dawn to dusk. The landowner makes no representation or guarantee about the condition of the property or trails and accepts no liability for any person entering the property. The use of these trails across private property is a privilege, not a right. The landowner has the right to revoke the public's access to the property.

## River Center Raffle

The River Center is holding a Father's Day basket raffle. Raffle tickets are five dollars and can be purchased at the River Center or from a member of the board. The drawing for the Camping Basket, the Handyman Basket and the Grill Basket will be held at the River Center on June 14 at 10 am.



Happy  
Father's  
Day!

## Coming up in July:

Mark your calendars now to save these dates:

- Hogback Hustle 5K race through town: July 10
- Dirty Hog Dash Kids' Mud Run: July 16
- Community Market opening day: July 15 (and every Thursday through the summer)

## From the Newsletter Archives

The Summer 2003 issue of the Town Newsletter contained this announcement:

*Don't forget! The town's volunteer workday, where citizens can assist in building a community trail into BLM land north of town, will take place 8:30-4 pm, Saturday, Sept. 20.*

*Volunteers will be rewarded with tired muscles, a free dinner, and chances at giveaways. To volunteer, contact Roaring Fork Volunteers at [rfov@sopris.net](mailto:rfov@sopris.net).*

From this humble beginning in 2003 came the two-mile Colorow Trail, which was completed in 2005. Now, of course, the twenty-mile Colorow network of hiking and biking trails are popular with both residents and visitors.

## Did You Know That. . .

- Parking for Bear Dance Park is at the Lakota Recreation Center, across Castle Valley Boulevard. Park patrons should not park on the street.
- There is a Visitor Information Rack in the Community Center, next to the Chamber office. Of course, there is a lot of information there for residents as well.
- Police Department Bike Rodeo is Saturday, June 5
- The New Castle Lions Club can provide eligible people with financial support for eye exams and glasses. Tell the River Center staff about your need and they will pass the information to the Lions.
- 189 people responded to the recent town survey. The Council and staff greatly appreciate hearing from constituents.
- The Lions Club yard sale has been re-scheduled to June 19, from 8:30 to 2:00, at 402 Jamie Lane.



Cub Scouts and friends at the Arbor Day tree planting in Alder Park on April 30



The Cub Scout/New Castle Recreation Fishing Derby at Alder Pond on May 8.

## Disaster Preparedness

Rains in May have somewhat relieved anxiety about another drought-fueled fire season. Unfortunately, however, one rainy month does little to assuage the long-term drought. New Castle town staffers are working with fire officials and others to expand existing emergency management plans. Details about this work will be reported in newsletters throughout the summer, as well as on the Visit New Castle Facebook page.

We will also provide advice and information from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), beginning this month with planning for post-disaster contact with family members and others.

1. Identify Contacts: List the names, addresses, phone numbers and other essential information for family members, friends, caregivers and other frequently used contacts.
2. Organize your contact information into a communications plan: You may also want to prepare wallet cards with contact information which you can laminate and store in your wallet for ready access. Prepare enough cards for all family members.
3. Review your communications plan: After you have assembled your plan and cards, review them with family members and other contacts to ensure the information is complete and accurate. Add alternate phone numbers or contacts as needed.
4. Share your plan and do regular check-ups: Be sure every family member has their contact information and has a cell phone.

**Stay informed:** Subscribe to emergency alert services at [www.garco911.org](http://www.garco911.org).

## Colorado Bike Month

June is Bike Month in Colorado, and Garfield Clean Energy is hosting #Bike There Garfield County. Free events in New Castle include:



>Bike Safety and Rodeo

Saturday, June 5 – Riverside Middle School 10 am – 2 pm

>Basic Bike Repair

Saturday, June 12 – Ritter Plaza – 10:00 am

>Town Tour Bike Ride

Saturday, June 19 – Lakota Recreation Center – 11:00 am

Download Bike Bingo card at [garfieldcleanenergy.org/bikethere](http://garfieldcleanenergy.org/bikethere) to be entered into drawings for prizes and discounts at local businesses.

For the complete event schedule, visit [GarfieldCleanEnergy.org/BikeThere](http://GarfieldCleanEnergy.org/BikeThere).

## Town Council Highlights for May 2021

- Appointed Denise Scheberle to Climate and Environment Commission
- Appointed Emily Jack-Scott to Climate and Environment Commission
- Approved Assignment of and First Amendment to Development Agreements for Lakota Canyon Ranch PUD
- Welcomed new Colorado River Fire Rescue Chief Leif Sackett
- Reviewed Results of Town Survey

## Now Accepting Applications for Burning Mountain Festival Parade



Contact Rochelle Firth: [rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org) for more information. Parade is Saturday, Sept. 11 at 10 am. No entry fee for 2021.

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

There is an exciting feeling at the Lakota Clubhouse these days. New General Manager and Head Golf Pro Jocque Deyoe says, “I see potential here. I want to welcome anyone and everyone to Lakota. We’re a public golf course.” Deyoe grew up in the Denver area, graduated from Colorado State University and came to Glenwood Springs in 2004 working first at Ski Sunlight and Aspen Glen. Most recently he was the Head Golf Pro at River Valley Ranch. He notes that The Romero Group, based in Basalt, took ownership of Lakota in July 2020 and is committed to the community. Seconding that is New Castle Mayor, Art Riddile who says, “It’s awesome that the new ownership group is willing to invest not only in Lakota but the town and community of New Castle.” While golf usually takes place outdoors, Lakota is especially proud of its indoor state-of-the-art golf simulator. That said, the course has never looked better and is offering a Men’s League on Wednesdays as well as Women’s Leagues on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. In addition, Lakota Links will again be home to Coal Ridge High School’s Annual Tournament on August 21st.

Complimenting Lakota Links is the Lookout at Lakota a full-service restaurant and bar. Open Wednesday through Thursday from 11:00-9:00 and Sunday from 9:00-5:00, the Lookout offers a variety of delicious meals. Specials include Thursday night tacos for \$3 each and 2 for one Modelo’s, Friday night fish fry for \$12.99 and prime rib on Saturday. Brunch is served Sunday with 2 for \$10 mimosas. Lakota offers Happy Hour from 3-5 daily. Manager Dan Beach, a graduate of Johnson and Wales University, came to Colorado from upstate New York in 2006. He landed in Snowmass Village where he met Dwayne Romero. A chef for over 20 years, Beach says he, “Always wanted to work at a golf course.” He adds, “I like the community here.”

The New Castle Chamber is as excited to have Lakota Links and The Lookout at Lakota in our community and hopes you will try both soon.

## New Castle Recreation

Register at [www.newcastlerec.com](http://www.newcastlerec.com).

\* T-ball (Ages 5-6) and Coach Pitch Baseball (Ages 7-8), June 7-30. Practice and games are Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost: \$50.00.

\* Summer Baseball & Softball (Ages 8-10 & 11-13), practice begins the week of June 7. Cost: \$85.00.

\* Yoga in the Park: Alder Park, Saturdays June 5, 12, 19 & 26 & July 10, 17, 24 & 31. Cost: \$10.00 per class.

\* Challenger International Soccer Camp (Ages 3-12): June 14-18, VIX Ranch Park Register at [challengersports.com](http://challengersports.com).

\* Gumdrop Structures: Monday, June 7 11 am. Cost \$12.

\* Tiny Dancers: Every Wednesday in June and July, 11:30. Cost \$10.

\* Sponge Cake Bakery: Thursday, June 10 am, 3 pm . Cost \$18.

\* Fruit and Veggie Stamping: Friday, June 11, 11 am. Cost \$10.

\* Kids’ Kitchen: Tuesday, June 15, 2 pm. Cost: \$15.

\* Mermaid Tin: Thursday, June 17, 4 pm. Cost: \$20.

\* Father’s Day Craft Club: Friday, June 18, 5 pm. Cost: \$22.

\* Pimp My Grits: Saturday, June 19, 5 pm. Cost \$26.

## Upcoming Events at Town Hall

- Town Council: June 1 & 15
- Municipal Court: June 14
- HPC: June 21
- Planning & Zoning: June 9 & 23
- Bike Rodeo: June 5
- Climate & Environment Commission: June 17