



# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

August 2021



The Burning Mountain Festival returns to downtown New Castle on September 10 and 11. The festival will open on Friday night with music, vendors, food and beer in Burning Mountain Park. Saturday will add the parade, contests and car and bike show.

There is still time to sign up for a spot in the parade, a vendor booth in the park or a car show entry, and volunteers are always welcome. For information or to sign up, check the Town of New Castle Recreation Department Facebook page or email [rforth@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:rforth@newcastlecolorado.org).

## New Castle Trails presents Rides and Reggae

The next major event in town will be the Rides and Reggae Festival on Saturday, August 7, beginning at 7:00 am with the Dirty Dozen Trail Running Race. Taking off from VIX Ranch Park, the race covers 10K with 1100 feet of climbing over a challenging terrain.

At 9:00 am, the Dirty Dozen MTB Race will cover 20 miles with 3800 feet of climbing, starting at VIX Ranch Park. Registration and race packet pickup for both Dirty Dozen races will be at the Lakota Links Restaurant in the Golf Clubhouse on Friday, August 6, from 5 to 8 pm. There will be live music on the Lookout patio from Just A Feeling, Tomorrow's Bad Seeds and Soul Majestic.

Music at VIX Ranch Park starts at 10:00 am on Saturday and continues all day. Performers include The Expendables, Tomorrow's Bad Seeds, Jon Wayne and The Pain, Artikal Sound System, Soul Majestic, Sensi Trails and Just A Feeling. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of event.

Rides and Reggae is an annual event benefitting New Castle Trails. All profits will go toward maintaining New Castle's extensive system of trails and building new hiking and biking trails.

Please thank the Rides and Reggae sponsors: Bighorn Toyota, Valley Ortho at Valley View, Alpine Bank, Clydes Customs, Bighorn Toyota, Trailhead Chiropractic, Harrison Painting Company, Ryan Parker at Bay Equity Home Loans - Roaring Fork Valley, Todd Fugate at State Farm, New Castle Physical Therapy, Alisha Riddle-Embryn at Keller Williams Colorado West Realty, New Castle Liquors, New Castle Dental, Cloud 9 Sign & Design Co., Clinton Carroll Realtor, Element Plumbing and Heating, Wild Coffee Roasters, Grind Glenwood, Phil Long Honda, Grand River Construction, Meeker Sand & Gravel, Lakota Canyon Ranch & Golf Club, WingNutz Bar and Grill, 19th Street Diner, SGM, SDS Transport, New Castle Lions Club, New Castle Chamber of Commerce and the Town of New Castle.



The four-time State Champion Coal Ridge Co-Ed Cheer Team performs a routine for the Town Council in July (pictured left).

## From My Point of View

I am up early. Best part of the day in New Castle. The sunrise is magnificent across the eastern sky. No high rises to block my view and no smog! I see many a local gathering a coffee cup and starting their engines. The "locals" are hitting the asphalt to make their way to, mostly, up valley to earn a paycheck to cover the mortgage and feed the family. I must take note that these folks are hardworking, for sure. Long days and long commutes. Lots of pickups and more pickups!

As I wander through the streets of New Castle, not by myself, of course. I notice no red lights. No traffic lights at all actually. How wonderful is that? It is a five-mile loop through my neighborhood, to downtown, up Midland, up Castle Valley Blvd. and home. I know the restaurants by the smells, the businesses that are making their way through a pandemic and the residents' bushes that I frequent, by heart. There are shortcuts, but I am keeping those to myself. I particularly like the pig on the corner. Doubt many folks get to witness that elsewhere. Get my 10,000 steps in, no prob!

I notice the downtown hanging flower baskets even though they are kinda high up for me to enjoy them. I know they were created by a local garden center, because my significant human told me that. She also said the New Castle Garden Club helped with the blooming gardens at the entrances into Castle Valley. How lovely that these gals would take on the beautification of downtown Liberty Park and neighborhood areas just for our admiration and enjoyment. And I have to mention the drummers drumming downtown. Haven't experienced that before!



We always visit VIX Park and the Skate Park, Snake Alley and the River Trail. VIX is possibly my favorite, because I get to see and be loved by the young soccer players. Soccer moms are nearby because they like to see their kiddies off the streets and burning energy. It is weird, but I know all the dogs' names, but not so much their owners' names. I am working on that. I used to be able to do the Colorow, Stairway to Heaven, Prendergast and Mt. Medaris trails, but my significant human says it is too much for me now. But I hear that the bikers have added some new trails and if I take enough glucosamine/chondrite treats I might be able to check them out again another day. Those dedicated bikers are on a mission to add wonderful new trails to New Castle! I have to watch out, though; they are in excellent shape and fast!

I have a buddy that takes care of me when my significant humans are out of town. She is amazing at taking the best photos of our sunsets and clouds. The best of the west! I am sure you have seen them on Facebook. I am so lucky to be a dog in a doggy town!

Everyone here is welcoming and friendly. And this is everything I love about New Castle – well, except for my significant others! My name is Riley. Will you become my new New Castle friend? – *Sir Riley Denglish*

*The Town of New Castle wants to know what you love about living in New Castle. Send us a letter or a picture with a great description showing us why you love where you live to be entered into one of several prize drawings. Please submit your entry to [rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:rfirth@newcastlecolorado.org) or drop off at Town Hall 450 West Main Street.*

## Ambleside School Prepares to Open

It is hard to miss the work that the Ambleside School has done to the old New Castle School building on Main Street. Both the inside and outside of the building are being renovated, in anticipation of opening to students on August 16.



The school is soliciting donations to purchase 42 new windows and both exterior and classroom doors. The cost of a window is \$1500, and doors are \$2000-\$5000. Donors will be recognized with plaques near their doors or windows. Purchases can be made at [www.skylark.org](http://www.skylark.org)

## Did You Know That. . .

- Defiance Cyclery and Colorado Drifters on Main Street rent paddleboards by the day for all your summer water activities.
- Colorado Drifters is now open to the public.
- There will be a blood drive vehicle in front of Town Hall on Friday, August 27, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can sign up here:  
[https://donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/8774](https://donor.stmarysbloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8774).
- Sign up for emergency notifications at [garco911.com](http://garco911.com).
- Sign up for weekly newsletters and events at [www.newcastlecolorado.org/community](http://www.newcastlecolorado.org/community).
- Volunteers are needed for both the Planning and Zoning and Climate and Environment Commissions.
- Public Health vaccine clinics are open for scheduled appointments and walk-ins (everyone over 12).

## Pyro Trail Run August 14

Pyro's "Push It Up" Trail Run is a benefit for the Pyro's Wings Scholarship. It honors New Castle native Captain William "Pyro" DuBois, who died on December 1, 2014, when his F16 crashed while he was on duty in the Middle East. Pyro is also honored with a memorial sculpture in Grand River Park.

The race is run on the Flat Tops at an elevation of 9200 feet. Runners have a choice of three distances: 3.5 K, 7.7 K or 13 K. Visit the Pyro's Trail Run Facebook page for more details and information about race registration.

## You Ask, We Answer

*Why have some trails in town open space been closed and blocked with tree branches?*

The properties in Castle Valley and Lakota that seem to be open space are owned by developers. At the time those properties were annexed into the town, development agreements were signed outlining the developers' responsibilities and giving them vested rights to develop the property.

Over the years residents have become used to walking in what they assumed to be open space. However, since these areas are private property, the owners have the right to restrict access. The Town has worked with those owners to allow some trails through their properties while closing others. Compliance with the posted regulations will help assure continued access to the trails.

## Community Market Continues in August

The New Castle Community Market opened on July 15 and will run through September 16, every Thursday from 4:30-7:00. August 28 is a special market, with a beer, spirits and wine tasting sponsored by Spirits of Downtown New Castle. The music line-up for August is

August 5: Oran Mor

August 12: Barry Anderson and John Noel

August 19: Stone Kitchen

August 28: Valle Musico

## Burning Mountain Festival Schedule

### Friday

- 4:00 Vendors at Burning Mountain Park/  
Beer Garden Opens
- 5:00 - 7:00 Wild Flight Band
- 7:00 Volunteer of the Year announced
- 7:30 - 10:00 Whiskey Stomp

### Saturday

- 8:30 Parade Line-Up
- 10:00 Parade
- 11:00 Car Show at Kamm Lot
- 11:30 Foam Pit & Face Painting at the Park
- 2:00 Log Splitting Contest
- 5:00 Beer Garden Opens
- 3:00 - 4:30 Painter's Stage Band
- 5:00 - 7:00 Smuggler Mountain Boys
- 7:30 - 10:00 Ralph Dinosaur & the Fabulous  
Volcanoes

## Town Council Highlights for July 2021

- Read a proclamation Honoring the CRHS Co-Ed Cheer Team
- Read a proclamation Recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month
- Approved a Special Events Liquor License for the Community Market
- Reviewed CDOT Plans for the New Castle Roundabout
- Approved Hogback Pizza Beer and Wine Liquor License Renewal
- Approved a Special Event Liquor License for Rides & Reggae
- Approved a Special Event Liquor License for Burning Mountain Festival
- Temporarily Appointed a Second Council Member to Planning & Zoning Commission
- Approved Ordinance E-2021-1 Amending Section 13.12.080 of the Town Municipal Code
- Approved Ordinance TC 2021-2 Amending Sections of Chapter 12 of the Town Municipal Code Regarding Certain Vehicles in Town Right of Way

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

The New Castle Chamber is excited to introduce our newest member, Colorado Drifters Coffee and Fly Shop. After relocating to New Castle in 2019, Kayla Hemett and Beckie Brown found no coffee shop, an essential for mothers. They are also dedicated river lovers, so Colorado Drifters became their dreamchild. Kyla brings her love of paddle boarding and rafting while Beckie is an avid fisherman who always wanted to have a fly shop. Located downtown at 331 Main St., Colorado Drifters offers a variety of services and merchandise. In addition to their own brand of coffee, Trout Grounds, they offer coffee flights, baked goods, the works of local artisans, adult and children's merchandise, fishing rods and of course lots of flies. Services include guided fishing trips, walk and wade classes, paddle board and life vest rental and kids programs/camps. Shop hours are Monday-Saturday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Sunday 7:00-11:30 am. The shop is closed on Wednesdays.



Colorado Drifters will host a week-long grand opening celebration beginning July 31st. For more information visit [coloradodrifters.com](http://coloradodrifters.com) or look for them on social media.



Former Town Manager Steve Rippy took this photo of John Ritter II after moving the Ritter & MacRea cash register into the Community Center. The store was operated by John W. Ritter with his partner John MacRea in the building that is now home to the Lazy Bear. They opened the store from 1892 and it continued in operation until 1968.

John Ritter II is the grandson of the store owner and has long worked to acquire the cash register and return it to the town.