

# Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

September 2021

## Burning Mountain Festival Returns!

After the Covid-19 cancellation in 2020, the Burning Mountain Festival returns better than ever on September 10-11, 2021. The festival was initiated by the New Castle Library in 1973, with management eventually passing to the Chamber of Commerce. As the Festival continued to grow, the Town officially adopted the event, with almost all Town employees participating.

This year's festivities begin on the evening of September 10. The beer garden and vendors will open at 4:00 pm in Burning Mountain Park. Live music will be provided by Wild Flight Band (5:00 to 7:00) and Whiskey Stomp (7:30 to 10:00). The highlight of the evening will be the volunteer recognitions at 7:00. Volunteer New Castle, a committee of the River Center, will announce the Volunteer of the Year, the Organization of the Year and the Business of the Year awards.

Saturday kicks off with the Festival Parade at 10:00 (line-up at 8:30 in the Elk Creek Elementary parking lot). Vendors in Burning Mountain Park will open at 10:00 and at the other end of Main Street, the Car Show will begin on Kamm Avenue at 11:00. Back in the park, events will include a bouncy house from 12:00 to 4:00, a pie eating contest at 1:00 and a log-splitting contest at 2:00. The music line-up is Painter's Stage Band from 3:00 to 4:30, Smuggler Mountain Boys from 5:00 to 7:00 and headliner Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanoes from 7:30 to 10:00.

## Parade Road Closures

The 2021 Burning Mountain Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, September 11. The parade will step off at 10:00 am from the green bridge at the west end of town, head east on Main Street, and end at A Avenue.

Main Street will be closed between Elk Creek Elementary and Burning Mountain Avenue from 9:45 am to approximately 11:30 am. This closure includes access to/from all streets that enter onto Main Street along the parade route. Residents should plan travel accordingly, as no traffic will be permitted onto Main Street until parade participants and spectators have cleared the street.

Traffic heading eastbound and westbound in the downtown area may use the alley north of Main Street. Traffic heading out of town can take Rt. 6 to Silt or Canyon Creek to access I-70.

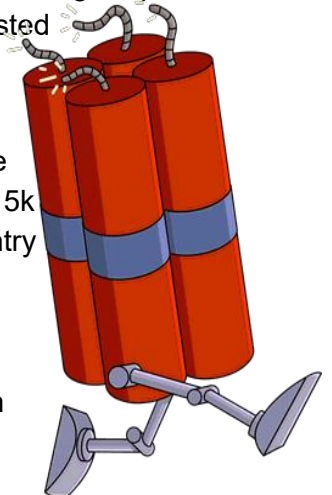
Police officers will be posted along the parade route to ensure safety and traffic control. Motorists with travel plans in the area should expect delays and follow detours.

Please help us make this a safe and enjoyable event for all!

## Fire in the Hole

A new event for the Burning Mountain Festival weekend is the Fire in the Hole 5K race on Saturday morning, September 11, before the parade. The race will be hosted by the River Center, and all proceeds will go to support their programs.

The race will start at 7:15 in front of the post office on Main Street and will end 5k later at Burning Mountain Park. The entry fee is \$25 through September 10, and \$30 the day of the race. Sign up online at [newcastlerec.com](http://newcastlerec.com). or at Burning Mountain Park before 7:15 am on Saturday.



## Coal Ridge Girls Track Championship



The Coal Ridge Titans have brought home yet another state championship. On June 26 the girls track team travelled to Lakewood, where they bested other 3A schools from around the state. The victory was the first for the Coal Ridge track and field team, and the first championship for a Garfield County school since 1984.

Track members winning or placing in their events included Peyton Garrison, Mikayla Cheney, Taylor Wiescamp, Jackie Camunez, Raeanna Nelson, Phoebe Young, Railey Largent, Natalie Smythe, Mari Stephens, Araceli Ayala, Marin Simons, and Taylee Richards. The team was coached by Ben Kirk, along with a staff of specialist coaches.

On August 17, the Town Council welcomed the team to Town Hall and read a proclamation in their honor.



I had a hard time choosing between the river and the mountains but ultimately chose Mount Medaris for my photo entry. I hike this trail all



year long and love getting fantastic views of New Castle and beyond. New Castle is a small town with much to offer but the best part is the beauty that meets your eyes everywhere you look and the friendly people you

encounter every day. My family and I are grateful to live here!

-Rose Starr

## Council Approves Updated Trailer/Camper Parking Regulations

On June 20<sup>th</sup> Town Council approved Ordinance TC 2021-02, amending sections of the Town Municipal Code regarding the parking of trailers, travel campers, and camper trailers on public streets. The purpose of this action was to clarify the rules for parking campers and trailers on town streets. The Council recognized the public's need to have a time to load and unload campers, which usually involves parking the vehicles for a short time on the street. The Council also recognized that camper and trailer parking on the street for extended periods of time causes parking problems for other residents and sometimes leads to serious conflicts.

Ordinance TC 2021-02 allows camper owners to park on the street for up to 48 consecutive hours during any 15-day consecutive period for loading, unloading, charging, or cleaning. There is no change in the Code regarding the parking of buses, large trucks, delivery vehicles, etc. Town staff recommends that operators of trucks, trailers, buses, campers, and other large vehicles visit the Town's website for detailed parking information. To find the full text of TC-2021-02, go to the New Castle home page ([www.newcastlecolorado.org](http://www.newcastlecolorado.org)), then click on Government/Town Council/Ordinances.

## Stay Fire Aware

Fire season will continue for a few more months, and drying leaves, grass and weeds will, in fact, increase the danger. Some residents may assume they are safe from wildfires in town, but recent fires on Coal Ridge and Mt. Medaris show how close the danger can come. When a wildfire moves into a residential area, it's often because wind-borne embers land on dry leaves or other flammable material.

This fall please be vigilant about removing dead leaves from all rain gutters, as well as from under decks and overhangs. Remove dried plants; trim overhanging branches; store firewood and propane tanks away from structures; and if your property abuts to open space, make sure there is a cleared boundary around your yard.

Look for members of the Climate and Environment Commission at the Burning Mountain Festival. They will have fire safety handouts and coloring books for kids.

## Did You Know That. . .

- Mountain Waste and Recycling has a new mobile app that lets customers sign up for waste collection reminders and service alerts. Go to their web site ([www.mountainwaste.com](http://www.mountainwaste.com)) to download the app.
- Town clean-up days will be October 15 and 16.
- Suddenly New Castle has two (yes two!) coffee shops. Drifters is located at 331 West Main, and New Castle Coffee Company can be found in the New Castle Plaza, in the old Subway space. Please welcome both businesses to town.
- For current Covid-19, vaccine and booster information go to [www.garfield-county.com/public-health](http://www.garfield-county.com/public-health).
- Councilor Crystal Mariscal was profiled in the Post Independent in August. She is serving on the new Garfield County Latino Community Committee.
- The New Castle Lions will be selling pies at the Burning Mountain Festival.

## Final Month for the New Castle Community Market

The New Castle Community Market will conclude the 2021 season in September. On September 2, Jill Cohn will be the featured musician. There will be no Market on September 9, due to the Burning Mountain Festival that weekend.

The Season Finale will be on Thursday, September 16 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm, in Burning Mountain Park. Live music by The Zin Zin Band will be sponsored by the New Castle Coffee Co. The market will include a Beer Sampling Garden hosted by The Brew Pub with appetizers provided by New Castle City Market. The \$5.00 tickets will benefit New Castle Recreation programs.

Also at this final market will be the annual Fresh Green Chili Roasting by Grady Hazelton of WingNutz. It's a chance to watch the roasting process and then purchase chilies hot from the roaster.

Fresh produce vendors on the 16<sup>th</sup> will be Abundant Terraced Earth, High Water Farms and Mesa Micro Greens. The Rolling Fork Truck, Windy City Eats and Aspen Mini Donuts will be serving food.

The market will also feature the tie-dyed creations of local youth vendor, Sophie Hazelton, and additional vendors will include: Wandering 1, Colby Farms Honey, Clay with Kat, Jordyn's Books, Trail Head Chiropractic, Edith Walker Designs and the New Castle Chamber.



The guard rails along 335 Road have been replaced thanks to a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

## Town Council Highlights for July 2021

- Accepted the 2020 Audit
- Approved Ordinance TC 2021-3 – concerning alcoholic beverages
- Approved Ordinance TC 2021-5 – concerning tobacco products
- Appointed Julie Martinez to an open seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Read a Proclamation honoring the Coal Ridge Girls Track Team

## New Castle Recreation

New Castle Recreation is excited to host our first New Castle Kids Market on Thursday, September 23, from 5:00 to 6:30 in Burning Mountain Park. Fans of the Thursday Community Markets, shoppers looking for unique items and everyone wanting to support our kids is welcome to attend.

Kid vendors (17 years old or younger) should register online at [newcastlerec.com](http://newcastlerec.com), and then submit vendor/product information to Kelley at [kcox@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:kcox@newcastlecolorado.org). The fee is \$5.00. All products must be made or grown by the child, and each vendor is responsible for providing their own table, chair and cashbox. Tents are welcome, but not necessary. No food or beverage items may be sold, though garden produce is okay.

Be sure to check out [www.newcastlerec.com](http://www.newcastlerec.com) for a list of upcoming programs.

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

As summer turns to fall, the New Castle Chamber has three exciting events to look forward to! Please mark your calendars for all three.

First, the Spirit Walk is coming back on Saturday, October 16, beginning at 7:00 pm. This fun family night takes place in New Castle’s Highland Cemetery. Actors will portray significant characters from New Castle’s past while guests walk through the cemetery visiting their graves.

Second, bingo is finally coming to New Castle. This family event is sure to be fun for everyone. The Chamber is planning regular games in the Community Center at 5:30 on the second Thursday of each month. The opening night will be Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 pm.

Finally, on November 13, the Chamber will hold its Holiday Craft Sale. You’ll want to plan to stop by the Community Center between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm to find a selection of gifts for everyone on your lists.

The Chamber is looking for volunteers for the Spirit Walk and vendors for the Holiday Craft Sale. If you’re interested in either/both of those or would like information about any Chamber events, please call Mari Riddle at the Chamber office (970) 984-2897

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Coal Ridge Titan Classic



The Town of New Castle once again sponsored two teams at the Coal Ridge Titan Classic Golf Tournament. The tournament is an annual fundraiser by the CRHS Booster Club to raise money for the athletic department at Coal Ridge High School.

The Booster Club thanks all the participants for supporting a great cause. They are already looking forward to next year.



Pictured left: Brooklyn Barkman, Ryan Barkman, Travis Westcott, Terrence Davis

Pictured Above: Austin, Aimee, Brady and Jeff Gerber