

Town of New Castle Newsletter

A Monthly Update for Residents

February 2020

Candidates for Town Council Announced

Town Clerk Melody Harrison has announced the candidates for three Town Council seats in advance of the April 7 Election. Incumbents Grady Hazelton, Crystal Mariscal and Graham Riddile are all seeking re-election. No other residents submitted election petitions.

When an election is uncontested, state law allows the ballot to be cancelled. On April 7 Hazelton, Mariscal and Riddile will be declared elected.

There was a narrow window of opportunity for a candidate to file an intention to run as a write-in. Such notices of intention should have been delivered to the Town Clerk by January 31.

Correction: Every once in a while an error escapes our notice and finds its way into this newsletter. In January we mistakenly wrote that Councilor Scott Owens was completing his term. In fact, Owens has two more years on the Council. It is Grady Hazelton whose term is expiring (along with Graham Riddile and Crystal Mariscal).

Celebrate our History on Founders Day

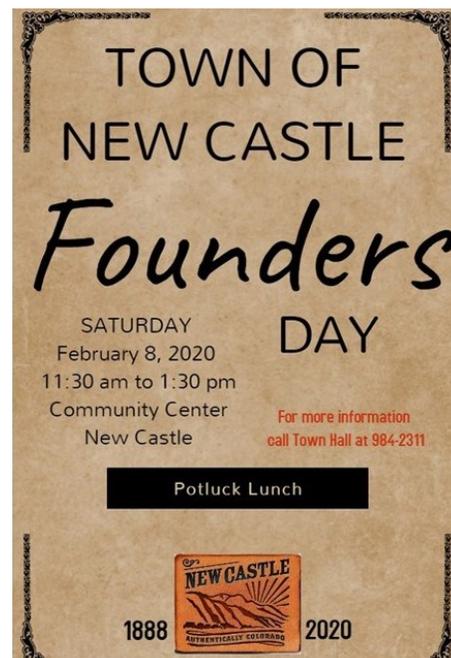
Each year the Town celebrates its history in February, the month of New Castle's incorporation in 1888. This year Founders Day will be Saturday, February 8, from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Community Center.

The pot luck lunch traditionally features dishes that may have been familiar to New Castle's founding families and their successors in the post-coal mining period. All cooks are invited to contribute a dish to the lunch. Let Debbie Nichols know if you can help. She will be able to provide suggestions and recipes.

After lunch, Kathy Arthur will talk about the New Castle postmasters—a very relevant topic since Eat Bistro, which just opened a new addition, is in the long-time post office building. In addition, members of the Sample and Alexander families will share family stories.

There are several new additions to this year's festivities. The winner of the Snowman Contest will be announced, and Joe McNeil will revive his character from November's Spirit Walk, Claude Hall. At 2:00, following the luncheon, the New Castle Branch Library will present "New Castle: Then and

Now." Steve Rippy, former mayor and former town manager, will share some of his large collection of historic photographs. The event is part of the library's "Keeping History Alive" series. Whether New Castle old-timers or brand-new residents—everyone is welcome to celebrate our history.



It Does Happen Here

On January 11, Garfield Emergency Communications reported the closure of I-70 between New Castle and Canyon Creek because of police activity. Soon after, they reported that there had been an officer involved shooting.

Police Chief Tony Pagni issued the following statement:

Officers of the New Castle P.D. assisted GSPD in a vehicle pursuit of a suspect involved in an armed robbery call. The pursuit terminated in New Castle where an Officer Involved Shooting took place. The suspect was treated at the scene and unfortunately was pronounced deceased a short time afterwards.

The investigation of the actions has been turned

over to the Critical Incident Team involving members of Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Investigators of the 9th Judicial District Attorney's office and investigators for the Garfield County Sheriff's Dept. All officers involved have been given the option to take a leave of absence and have been afforded treatment for any repercussions from the incident. This situation will be updated after the conclusion of the investigation is completed.

Stories of armed robberies, car chases and officer-involved shootings are staples of Front Range news media, but those are happening somewhere else. The events of January 11 remind us that our own police officers are always ready to place themselves in danger in the performance of their duties. It does happen here.



Sports Programs

After School Dodgeball: Wednesdays, February 5 - February 26 at 4:45. Ages 9-13 at Elk Creek Elementary.

Youth Wrestling (Ages 4-14): Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 2—May 2, 6:30-8:00 at Riverside Middle School. Cost: \$85.

Futsal 9-13yrs: Fridays, February 7– Feb. 28, 5:00-6:30 pm at Riverside Middle School. Cost: \$45.

Micro Soccer (Ages 5-10): Beginning week of March 30. Cost: \$50 plus a \$10.00 T-shirt/jersey.

Tai Chi for health and fall prevention: Tuesdays at 9 am. and Thursdays at 9 and 6 at the Community Center. Cost: \$45.00 for 8 weeks, drop-in \$7 per class.

Art and Enrichment Programs

Preschool Play Group: Every Wednesday at 10 am. Cost: \$5 online or \$7 drop-in.

Community Drum Circle: Monday, February 3 at 6:30 pm. Free.

Preschool Paint Stamping: Tuesday, February 4 at 6 pm. Cost: \$8.

Valentine Craft Club for Kids: Friday, February 7 at 11 am. Cost: \$15.

Friends & Family Paint Night: Saturday, February 8. Cost: \$25/person, \$35/adult plus child.

Making Fancy Valentine Strawberry Pie: Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm. Cost: \$25.

Bad Art Night for Adults: Friday February 14 at 7 pm. Cost: \$30/person or \$50/couple.

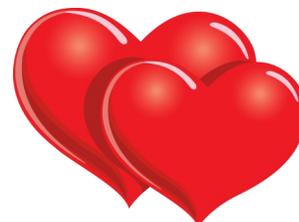
Paint Class on Wood "Into the Wild": Friday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$40.

Sunshine Mixed Media Paint Class adults/kids: Friday, February 28 at 1 pm. Cost: \$30.

Community Drum Circle: Monday March 2 at 6:30 pm. Free.

After school activities are available at KSE and ECE every Monday thru Thursday 4 pm-5:30 pm.

The Recreation Department will host the second Bad Art Night for Adults on Valentine's Day, February 14, at 7 pm. Materials will be provided for guests to draw, paint, paste, cut, glue and sculpt seriously awful works of art. Adult beverages will be available. \$30/person \$50/couple.





Report from the Library

Last year voters approved additional funding for the Garfield County Library District. The District recently reported on their use of the additional funds:

- ◇ There are more books in the library. In particular they are purchasing more bestsellers in order to reduce wait times. The library welcomes suggestions for books to purchase.
- ◇ Hours will be expanded. The New Castle library is currently open 11 am to 6 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 11 am to 7 pm on Wednesdays; 12 to 5 pm on Fridays; and 1 to 5 pm on Saturdays. As additional staff can be hired and trained, more hours will be added.
- ◇ The ebook and eAudiobook selections are being expanded, and soon RBdigital Comics will be available.
- ◇ This spring the libraries will add streaming movies and videos. Library cards will allow free access to both Knaopy and Hoopla, two of the most popular providers of streaming videos for libraries.
- ◇ Through thick and thin our libraries have remained community gathering places with lots of programs and events. This year events are planned around the themes of "Keeping History Alive" and "Working Communities."
- ◇ The additional funding for the library is allowing the replacement of older, outdated computers.

Slow and Simple: Yoga for all Bodies!

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and
March 7 at the New Castle
Library.

Cost: \$45 for all six classes or
\$10.00 drop in. Register at
newcastlerec.com



New Castle Chamber of Commerce

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If you're not familiar with New Castle Gardens, the Chamber would like to introduce you to this dynamic business. Owned and operated by Steve and Michelle Cox since May 2016, New Castle Gardens is located at 6501 Peach Valley Road (County Road 214). Michelle, a Soils Bio-Chemist, has worked in Outdoor Education for disadvantaged students and Farm to Table environmental education while Steve is a former photojournalist for ABC News.

Since relocating from Southern California Michelle has actively volunteered at the River Center through classes, donations to their community garden and consulting. The couple has a daughter, Cerise, who is a senior at Coal Ridge High School.

New Castle Gardens employs one full-time and ten part time employees and supports local crafters by offering a variety of homemade products including jewelry, candles and decorative pots.

An exciting feature at New Castle Gardens is a variety of workshops such as Soils 101, Tomatoes 101 and Pruning 101. These allow gardeners to learn from New Castle Gardens' experts. These can be accessed on their Website www.newcastlegardens.com.

New Castle Gardens is especially excited to offer a selection of new, 100% organic produce for the 2020 season. And they are already thinking ahead to next fall's Pumpkin Patch. A visit to the Pumpkin Patch is a great way to spend an autumn afternoon for the whole family!

Did you know that.....

- ◇ Chiropractor Kent J. Albrecht has relocated from Silt to New Castle. On February 1 he opened his new office in the New Castle Plaza, next to Speckled Feather.
- ◇ Spellebration 2020, Spell Wars, will be at the Hotel Colorado on April 17. Now is the time to gather teammates and enter to support literacy in Garfield Country.
- ◇ The Liberty Classical Academy Future Cities team won their regional competition in January. They will present in nationals in February.

Town Council Highlights for January 2020

- ◇ Read a Proclamation Honoring the Coal Ridge High School Co-Ed Cheer Team
- ◇ Approved a Special Events Liquor License Application for New Castle Recreation's Bad Art Night
- ◇ Resolution TC 22020-1 – Approving Posting Places
- ◇ Resolution TC 2020-2 – Waiving the Posting of Bonds for Employees
- ◇ Resolution TC 2020-3 – Authorizing a Mail Ballot
- ◇ Election on April 7, 2020
- ◇ Approved a Modification of the Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for EAT Bistro & Drinks
- ◇ Appointed Denise Scheberle, Jean Huyser, Inez Baquero and Myrna Candria to the Climate Action Advisory Commission
- ◇ Approved Estoppel Certificates for Lakota Ridge Senior Apartments

Symphony Presents "Gatsby Swing"

After their holiday concert in New Castle, the Symphony in the Valley will next present Gatsby Swing on February 28 and 29 in the Hotel Colorado. The evening will include dinner, dancing and Big Band Music from the 20's, 30's and 40's. Guests are invited to dress to impress in Gatsby finery. Seating is limited, and tickets may be ordered at www.sitv.org.

Soccer Coaches Needed

New Castle Recreation is looking for volunteer soccer coaches. Soccer is the most popular team sport in New Castle. The Recreation Department provides introductory programs, and the New Castle United Soccer Club fields girls, boys and adult teams for competitive play. Volunteer coaches are always in demand. Stop by the Recreation Department offices in the Community Center to learn more.

2020 Census News

According to the 2020 Census web site at <https://2020census.gov>:

The Census count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

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Upcoming Events at Town Hall

Town Council— 7 pm, February 4, 18 and March 3, 17.

Planning & Zoning-7 pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month as needed.

Historic Preservation Commission-6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month as needed.

Climate Action Advisory Commission— 7 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month as needed.

Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation-5 pm, 1st Wednesday of the month as needed.

Town Hall will be closed February 17 for Presidents Day