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Agenda

**New Castle Climate and Environment Commission Virtual Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:30 PM**

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, this meeting will be open to the public as a virtual meeting only.

[To join by computer, smart phone or tablet click HERE](#)

**If you prefer to telephone in:
Please call: 1-346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 709 658 8400**

Follow the prompts as directed. Be sure to set your phone to mute until called on.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meeting Notice

Conflicts of Interest

Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda

Items for Consideration

- A. Consider Possible Activities for Earth Day - April 22 and Arbor Day - April 30**
- B. Follow-Up Discussion: Recycling**
- C. Update: Solarize Garfield County**
- D. Consider Agenda Items for the April 15, 2021 meeting**
- E. Consider Approval of the February 18, 2021 minutes**

Adjourn



**Town of New Castle Climate and
Environment Commission**

To: Climate and Environment Commission
From: Chair Scheberle
Date: March 18, 2021
Re: Arbor Day

Parks Manager Charlie Moore will join the conversation.

For possible Earth Day and Arbor Day activities, please visit:

<https://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=CO>, <https://www.arborday.org/>

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>



Town of New Castle, State of Colorado

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautifying our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a Tree City and celebrates Arbor Day each year; and

WHEREAS, New Castle wishes to permanently record the commemoration of Arbor Day and affirm the importance of trees to our town,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Art Riddile, Mayor of New Castle, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Town of New Castle, and order that it be so designated and celebrated.

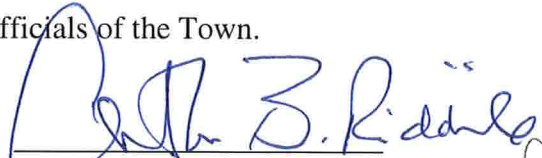
FURTHERMORE, all citizens are urged to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Let this Proclamation be entered into the officials of the Town.

ATTEST:


Melody Harrison, Town Clerk




Art Riddile, Mayor



Town of New Castle Climate and Environment Commission

To: Climate and Environment Commission
From: Chair Scheberle
Date: March 18, 2021
Re: Follow Up Discussion Regarding Recycling

Follow-up discussion of recycling and ways in which the commission may continue to facilitate public education and improve recycling in the town.

Commissioner Bruce Leland will discuss ongoing public education through town newsletters.

Commissioner Ines Baquero will discuss companies that have reduced or eliminated their plastic containers.

Commissioner Jean Brown will discuss the amount of plastic grocery bags used by City Market;

Commissioner Myrna Candraia will provide information about internet resources on reducing packaging waste.

Chair Denise Scheberle will provide information about the three Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle).

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/reducing_wasted_food_pkg_tool.pdf

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Reducing Wasted Food & Packaging: A Guide for Food Services and Restaurants

<https://www.stopwaste.org/at-home/reduce-and-reuse/reduce-packaging-waste>

Alameda County, CA's online Guide to Reuse, Repair, and Recycling. Stop Waste At Home includes information on: Household Hazardous Waste; Reduce Wasted Food; Home Gardening; Energy Efficient Homes; Reduce and Reuse; and Recycle and Compost.

Tips for Reducing Packaging Waste:

Carry your own reusable bag, water bottle, coffee cup, straw and utensils.

Buy in bulk. This will save you money on top of reducing packaging waste.

Buy loose products, such as fruits and vegetables, instead of pre-packaged packs.

When comparing similar items from two brands, choose the one with less packaging.

Reuse packaging products, like paper and plastic bags, tins and wrapping paper whenever possible.

When you do have packaging, look for the How2Recycle Label, which is a standardized labeling system with clear recycling instructions.

Find alternatives to buying a new product. Craigslist, Nextdoor and Facebook Marketplace all offer plenty of used goods in your neighborhood, and you can also check Freecycle to see if the item is available for free from a neighbor.

<https://www.asbcouncil.org/policies-reduce-packaging-waste>

The American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) is the leading business organization serving the public policy interests of responsible companies, their customers and other stakeholders.

To change public policy, ASBC advocates for legislation that supports sustainability, equity, and justice – from a business perspective. ASBC:

aggressively stands against efforts to weaken responsible and sustainable policy and legislation;

proactively works to pass responsible and sustainable policy and legislation;

surveys responsible business owners for their views on policy issues;

commissions research on policy issues;

mobilizes business leaders across the nation to help make the business case;

prepares our members to testify before Congress and other lawmakers;

brings business leaders together to meet with local, state and federal legislators;

ensures members speak effectively to the media; and

informs business leaders, policy makers, and the media how a sustainable economy is good for business and good for America.

<https://wasteadvantagemag.com/3-ways-to-minimize-packaging-waste-in-ecommerce/>

Waste Advantage Magazine is the only source to focus solely on providing news and information about the waste & recycling industry. Opportunities to market across multiple industries include print, digital, web, e-newsletters and more.

<https://www.smartsolve.com/news/7-ways-your-company-can-reduce-packaging-waste>

SmartSolve encompasses a family of environmentally friendly water-soluble paper materials that are produced in multiple thicknesses, coatings and configurations. Bio-based materials are the foundation of SmartSolve's products, providing an ecologically sound solution to your paper and packaging needs.

<http://mamaminimalist.com/how-to-reduce-packaging-waste/>

This movement is all about decluttering and simplicity through “conscious consumerism + sustainable living”.

<https://www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-bottled-water/>