

Leesa Cornett Park is located at Stan Patty Boulevard in Newcastle.

Newcastle navigating substantial growth

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The City of Newcastle approved permits for 315 single family homes in 2019, up by 142 from the year before. Economic Development Director for the City of Newcastle, Jeannette Lore added more context.

“That does not include several senior-living developments and duplex developments,” the director said Tuesday. “These are just single-family home permits. It’s substantial growth and we have many different developments that are under construction in multiple phases now, and we do not see any slowing down in sight with with these housing numbers. With those kind of demographics and that amount of people moving to Newcastle, we’re also starting to see a lot more commercial development as well.”

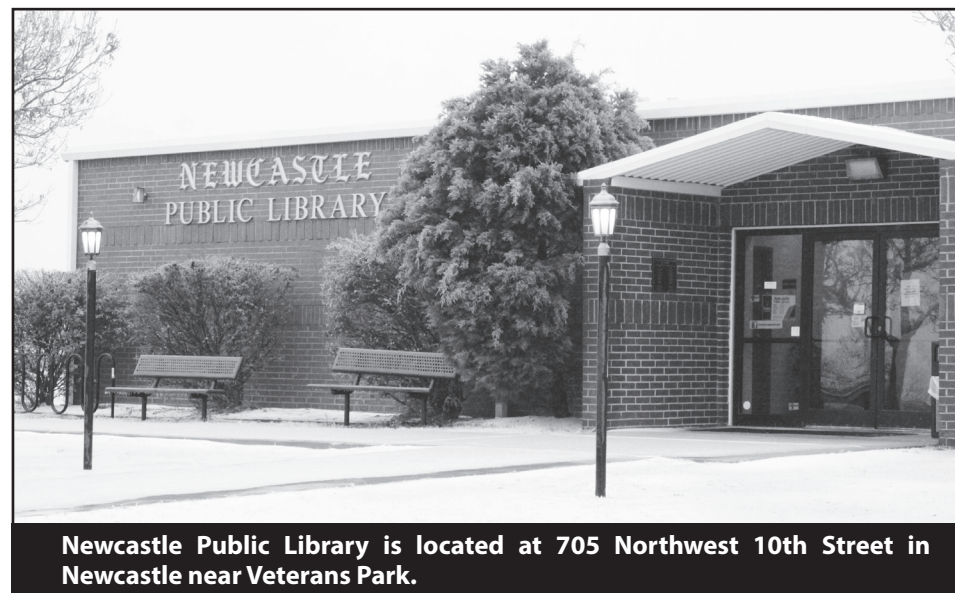
Pizza Hut, a Domino’s Gas Station, and more have opened up shop in Newcastle in the last year.

“We also have a a multitude of other developments and different developers looking at our area,” Lore said. “Some other new buildings that are in the planning process will be ready to be announced hopefully very soon.”

Newcastle has been on such a steep incline in terms of homes built, and

fortunately the city has had some good council members.

“We’re just south of Oklahoma City and right next to Norman, and both of those cities have grown over the years,” Lore said. “It was just a matter of time before a lot of this development and growth happened. it wasn’t a matter of if it was going to happen. it was a matter of when. now, it’s here and, thankfully, we had city council people who have been involved for years that used very strategic planning. When you have this many new houses, and this many new developments, and things happening, you can never be completely prepared, but we do have resources in place to help us as we navigate through this growth process.”

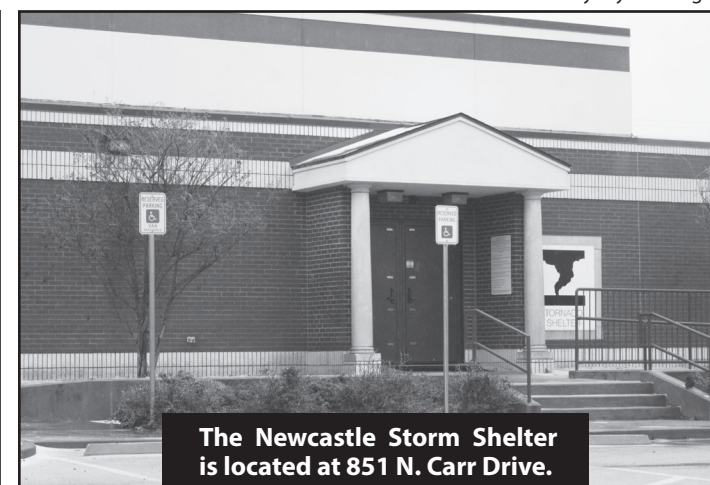


Newcastle Public Library is located at 705 Northwest 10th Street in Newcastle near Veterans Park.

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