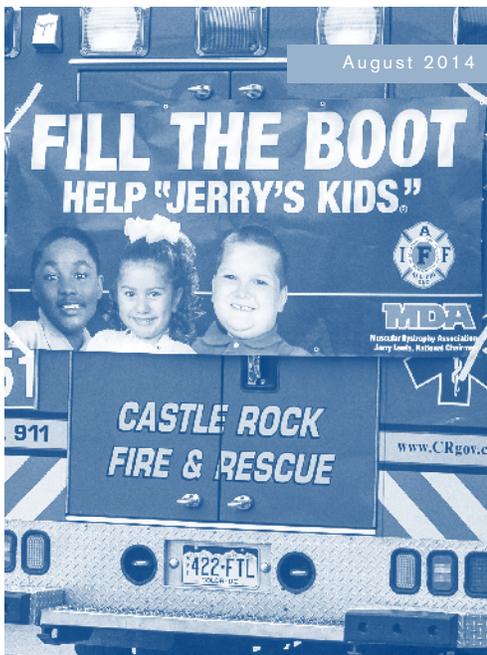


Your Town Talk

August 2014



Good to know

»» *Castle Rock Fire and Rescue's annual Fill the Boot fundraiser will hit the streets again this year...literally. CRFD has been filling the boot for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for more than 20 years but since 2007 has been limited to parking lots due to a Town ban on panhandling. Town Council has made an exception to that ban that will allow fundraising efforts, like Fill the Boot, to collect donations in the street. This year, CRFD plans to collect donations Friday through Monday of Labor Day weekend. In addition to business parking lots, they plan to collect at the intersection of New Memphis Court and Factory Shops Boulevard, near the Outlets at Castle Rock.*

»» *Teen Court will soon be back in session. This community-based juvenile intervention program offers youth an alternative to the juvenile justice system. Trained teen volunteers act as mentors, attorneys, bailiffs and jurors. Interested in joining? Applications are now being accepted. Contact program coordinator Anna Fritzier, afritzier@CRgov.com, or 303-663-6080. Learn more at CRgov.com/teencourt.*

August special election will be by mail

Ballots for Castle Rock's special election Aug. 19, have been mailed and were expected to reach voters by early August.

There are two questions on the ballot. More information about the election, including the two questions, is online at CRgov.com/SpecialElection.

Completed ballots can be mailed back to Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St., using a 49-cent stamp. Or, ballots can be returned in person to Town Hall, or the Douglas County Elections Office, 125 Stephanie Place.

Voters who have not received a ballot by Aug. 6 can contact the Town Clerk's Office, 303-660-1367, smisare@CRgov.com, or in person at Town Hall.

All ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. Please allow adequate time to mail ballots, or drop off your ballot in person.

The affidavit on the back of the return envelope must be signed for the ballot to be valid.

Submit your idea; Town holds contest to name Philip S. Miller Park building

What's in a name? For the signature building at Philip S. Miller Park – a lot.

Opening this fall, the building will have a host of new amenities for residents and visitors alike. Indoor turf fields, an aquatic center with leisure pool and four-lap lanes, trampolines, and a climbing structure for kids will all be included in the finished building. It seems like the only thing the building is missing is a name. That's where you come in. We need your help.



Become a part of Town history and help name the building at the Town's largest park. The facility will be unlike anything else in Town and is expected to draw people from around the country, bringing their sales tax dollars with them.

So far, the Town is looking at names like: the MAC (Miller Activity Center), The Station, and Philip S. Miller Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center. Submit your ideas at CRgov.com/whatsinaname, or vote for your favorite suggestion already submitted by clicking on the thumbs-up or thumbs-down icon by the idea.

Suggestions must be submitted before Aug. 14. A panel of community members will take their top five favorites to Town Council on Aug. 26. Council will make the final decision regarding what the building should be called.

The only bad idea is the idea not submitted!

Traffic studies lead to changes along Trail Boss, Low Meadows

The Town's Transportation and Traffic Division, along with the Castle Rock Police Department, helps make sure the traveling public can get where it wants to go safely and efficiently. In that effort, the Town studies streets and plans traffic improvements.

Sometimes, the Town relies on community feedback to address issues in a particular place at a certain time. Doing so often starts with a traffic study to evaluate the reported issue and come up with a plan to address it, if necessary.

This year, the Town has studied both Trail Boss Lane and Low Meadows Boulevard, near Aspen View Academy. As a result, changes have been made.

Changes along Trail Boss Lane

The Town determined in July that firetrucks and other emergency vehicles would have difficulty traveling Trail Boss Lane in an emergency due to cars being parked on both sides of the street.

That's why the Town decided the best approach was to prohibit parking on the west side of the street. Other changes include a new "School Zone" sign, some parking restrictions on the east side of the street, and additional crosswalks.

Learn more and view a map of the changes at CRgov.com/TrailBoss.

Changes near Aspen View Academy

Because traffic concerns along Low Meadow Boulevard near Aspen View Academy have been particularly tricky, the Town is making a few changes.

"No Parking, Stopping or Standing" signs will be installed along the south side of Low Meadow Boulevard, extending existing restrictions to Fiddle Road.

In addition, the Town will install curb extensions at the midblock crosswalk; add additional "School Zone" signs; include "within school zone" to each "No U-Turn" sign; and periodically use electronic speed signs that display a vehicle's speed.

The school is also making some changes related to drop-off times and parking that are also designed to help address traffic in the area.

Learn more about the Town's Traffic Division at CRgov.com/traffic.

Water conservation tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Just as the warmer temperatures begin settling in, it's time to start thinking about fall. Temperatures in August are already starting to decline, and by September, winterizing the lawn is top-of-mind. As temperatures begin to cool off, irrigation amounts and frequency should be scaled back. Continue to water the lawn deeply with the cycle-and-soak technique. But, keep an eye on the forecast. August afternoon storms could mean the sprinkler timer needs to be adjusted. Plus, it's never too early to start thinking about winterizing. The Town holds an annual class on winterizing your lawn, landscape and sprinkler system. This year's class is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Check out CRgov.com/winterizing.

CONTACTS

Town information	303-660-1015
Fair and Rodeo	303-733-6900
Downtown events	303-688-7488
Museum	303-814-3164

Events in Castle Rock

Aug. 7-10: Douglas County Fair and Rodeo, Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. A variety of events, carnival and more. View a schedule at douglascountyfairandrodeo.com.

Aug. 9: Pedal the Moon, 8-10:30 p.m., Butterfield Crossing Park. Bicyclists of all ages and abilities ride under the light of a full moon. The ride starts at Butterfield Park and ends at Festival Park. This is a one-way ride, so make sure to plan transportation accordingly. Learn more and register at CRgov.com/pedal.

Aug. 15: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., B&B Cafe. Informal conversations with Castle Rock police.

Aug. 21: Taste of Douglas County, 5-8 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Try food and beverages from 50 restaurants. Tickets are \$10 at TasteOfDouglasCounty.com.

Aug. 23: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's Walking and Biking Tour, 10:30 a.m., beginning at The Courtyard on Perry Street, between Third and Fourth streets. Learn about Castle Rock history during this 45-minute tour, which takes place on the fourth Saturday each month.

Aug. 23: Children's Resource Fair, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. MOMS Club of Castle Rock sponsors this local resource fair, including representatives from children's activity vendors that provide swimming, karate, dance and more.

On the Web

What's going on in your Town? Three times a year, the Town publishes Outlook magazine and the Recreation Guide. It's a flip magazine packed with what you want and need to know. On one side, you can find everything Parks and Recreation has to offer – classes, parks information and more. Visit CRgov.com/RecGuide. On the other is a magazine full of articles about your Town. This publication is delivered by mail in early August and available online at CRgov.com/Outlook.