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News From Around the Rock

Your Town Talk



Expect DELAYS

Good to know

» Improvements are coming to Founders Parkway, but work will mean delays and detours before it's time to drive on smooth concrete. The Colorado Department of Transportation, which owns and operates Founders Parkway, is replacing the concrete on the roadway between Interstate 25 and Woodlands Boulevard. Work started Aug. 25 and is expected to take until July 2015 to complete. Crews will, however, take a break between Nov. 24, 2014 and Jan. 11, 2015 to accommodate an increase in traffic for the holidays. CDOT work hours are planned to be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, including some weekend days. Each week, CDOT will update a project hotline with a recording of work to be completed, 720-452-6667. Questions can also be directed to that number. Or, sign up for quarterly updates by emailing sh86@publicinfoteam.com. Also, the Town is hosting information for CDOT at CRgov.com/FoundersMeadows. Note that this project is completely separate from the Town's North Meadows Extension project, which will provide another access to I-25, north of the Founders/Meadows interchange. Learn more at CRgov.com/nme.

North Meadows Extension drives forward

The Town's No. 1 transportation priority reached major milestones in August.

In addition to the placement of 15 girders for the East Plum Creek Bridge, Town Council approved key contracts to set in motion the remainder of the North Meadows Extension project.

The girders are important because they are a major structural component to the bridge over East Plum Creek. It's a significant, coordinated effort to place these girders that includes traffic control, timed deliveries and major crane operations. This is the second of three major bridges included in the project.

The roadway, which will eventually provide another connection from The Meadows to U.S. 85 and Interstate 25, is being built in three phases. Since groundbreaking in October 2013, most of the work has been focused on Phase One – on the west side of the roadway and near Castle View High School.

In mid-August, Town Council unanimously approved contracts that mean crews can work on all three phases of the project, including phases near U.S. 85 and I-25. Now, the regional public will start to see construction activity.



For construction around U.S. 85, turn lanes on the highway were removed earlier this month, and Castlegate Drive North was closed. These changes will remain in place for the duration of the project. Drivers can expect temporary lanes on I-25 in the coming months.

Council also approved contracts that finalized funding from the Colorado Department of Transportation and how maintenance responsibilities will be shared between Castle Rock and CDOT.

As this projects moves ahead, watch for regular updates at CRgov.com/nme.

Both measures pass in special election

Results in the Town's Aug. 19 Special Election were announced Aug. 28, with voters approving both measures.

Measure A passed with 50.8 percent of the vote, and Measure B passed with 71.2 percent of the vote.

The election results were effective on Aug. 29. The prohibitions on open carry of firearms on Town-owned property were rescinded.

Because Measure B passed, any future restrictions on the open carry of firearms must be decided by Castle Rock voters.

Measure A
YES – 4,737 (50.8 percent)
NO – 4,586 (49.2 percent)

Measure B
YES – 6,610 (71.2 percent)
NO – 2,679 (28.8 percent)

Zip lines to zip through new park

Castle Rock Zip Lines and Aerial Trekking is an adventure seeker's dream come true. Town Council approved the lease agreement in August to send folks zipping through Philip S. Miller Park, starting this fall.

Royal Gorge Zip Line Tours will be building a zip line at the new park. The amenity is set to open with limited services this fall, but is planned to be fully operational in 2015.

The Town has no financial investment in the zip lines, but the lease agreement grants the Town 5 percent of the gross revenues. Those revenues are expected to be high, because the zip lines will bring people, and their sales tax dollars, to Castle Rock from around the state.

Castle Rock Zip Lines and Aerial Trekking will have three different features: a zip line tour, a family challenge course and a dual racing competition course. Castle Rock residents will be offered a significant discount to enjoy the Town's first adventure-based recreational opportunity.

You can call it the MAC

The signature building at Philip S. Miller Park has almost everything. Now, it even has a name. The building became the MAC at Town Council's Aug. 26 meeting.

The signature building at the Town's largest park construction project ever will have indoor synthetic turf fields, an aquatic center, a trampoline room and climbing structure. But, how do you fit all that into a name?

With the help of community input, Town Council officially decided to name the building the MAC, also known as the Miller Activity Complex.

In June, Council directed staff to seek public input before an official name was chosen. The Town held the "What's in a name?" naming contest and gathered more than 83 ideas and 157 votes. A judging committee of community leaders screened the entries and submitted its top five picks to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council.

The MAC is set to open with portions of the park this fall. For more information head to CRgov.com/PSMPark.



Water conservation tip CRgov.com/waterwiser

It seems too soon, but the official end of summer is upon us. Temperatures are cooling down as we hear the whispers of fall. With only a few weeks left in irrigation season, it's time to start thinking about decreasing watering frequency. Residents watering every three days should move to every four, and by the end of September, watering should take place every five days. The goal is to taper off water, so the lawn starts to harden off. It's best if lawns go through a gradual reduction in water. Continue to use the cycle-and-soak method to make sure lawn roots are being watered deeply. And, don't forget to reseed. September is a great time to make sure any bare spots are ready for next year.

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Museum	303-814-3164
CDOT hotline	303-452-6667

Events in Castle Rock

Sept. 13 and 20: Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Paint-a-Thon, all day at various homes in Castle Rock. This annual event needs volunteers to help paint and spruce up homes. Learn more and sign up at CRgov.com/paintathon.

Sept. 11: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum monthly presentation, 6:30-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. Dennis Potter, author of a recent book on the Adolph Coors III murder, will speak about his research.

Sept. 13: Household Chemical Roundup, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court. Drop off household chemical waste such as oil-based paint, chemical compounds and garden chemicals. The cost is \$25. Learn more at tchd.org.

Sept. 16: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Einstein Bros Bagels. Informal conversations with Castle Rock police.

Sept. 27: National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Castle Rock Police Department, 100 N. Perry St. Drop off unused prescription drugs for proper disposal.

Sept. 27: Castle Rock Historical Society will offer two historical tours: the biking and walking tour, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Courtyard on Perry St. guided tour of Bear Canyon Cemetery, 5-6 p.m., Bear Canyon Cemetery, just south of Wolfensberger Road and N. Perry Park Road.

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