

Your Town Talk



Winter Wonderland

» Daddies, get ready. It's time to dance the night away with your daughters. This year's Daddy Daughter Ball is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. The popular ball will take daddies and their daughters on a magical adventure through a winter wonderland. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, professional photographs and enough memories to last a lifetime. This year's ball will be at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Tickets are on sale now. Early registration ends Feb. 11. Until then, tickets are \$25 per couple (\$30 nonresidents) and \$8 for additional daughters. At the door, tickets will be \$35 per couple (\$40 nonresidents). For more information, or to purchase tickets online, head to CRgov.com/ddball15.

Back at roadwork

» Crews along Founders Parkway are headed back to work this month to give residents and visitors a smoother drive. CDOT's work to reconstruct the concrete on Founders Parkway between Interstate 25 and Woodlands Boulevard begins again Jan. 12. Work is expected to be completed by July 2015. Please use caution and obey speed limits as you drive through this area.

Castle Rock goes mobile with new app

How much of your life do you manage on your smartphone? Through just a phone, we can pay bills, get directions, keep up with friends and family, and share our stories. Now, get the accurate and timely information you need from your local government.



The Town of Castle Rock's official mobile app is now available for download on Google Play for Android phones and will soon be available for Apple phones. Visit CRgov.com/Go for a link to download, or search your app store for Town of Castle Rock and a blue logo.

The new app connects residents to information about the Town, including pool and fitness schedules, events, trails, parks, the Town's official social media sites, and more. Like news available on CRgov.com, the news area of the app will keep residents up-to-date on core priority projects such as the long-term Legacy Water Projects, Philip S. Miller Park, the North Meadows Extension, economic development, public safety and more.

Like all technology, this app will evolve over time. What won't change is the Town's focus on giving you the official news and information you need to do business, stay up-to-date and enjoy this world-class community.

Expect overnight closures of U.S. 85

By mid-2016, residents will have another access to U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25 from the west side of Castle Rock. Progress on that new road can be seen from both highways, where new bridges are being built.

But before these conveniences are realized, overnight detours will be necessary. As crews work to complete the North Meadows Extension, motorists will be required, on occasion, to take I-25 and either Happy Canyon Road or Meadows Parkway instead of U.S. 85.

There will be a total of five bridges built as part of the new roadway's interchange with U.S. 85. To build those bridges, crews will place 145 bridge support structures, called girders, and pour 6,639 cubic yards of concrete. That's enough to cover a football field with a foot of concrete one and a half times. The bridge work will require cranes to be placed on U.S. 85. For safety's sake, the highway will be closed.

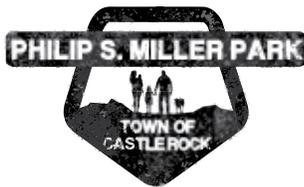
As with any construction in Colorado, work schedules depend on weather. Stay tuned to variable message signs along U.S. 85 for updates on these overnight closures.

Closures will also be posted on the Town's official Facebook page (facebook.com/CRgov) and Twitter feed (@CRgov).

The 2-mile, two-lane North Meadows Extension will help improve operations at the current Founders/Meadows Parkway interchange with I-25 and the intersection of Meadows Parkway and U.S. 85. It will also provide a second northern access for residents on the west side of Town. The project is a partnership among the Town, Douglas County and CDOT. Learn more about this important project at CRgov.com/NME.

Adventures continue at Miller Park

The doors are open, and the lifeguards and referees are hard at work. But, while residents were enjoying the first phase of Philip S. Miller Park, crews were already back at it, completing the next big thing. Now, the new Adventure Playground is ready to open.



This unique playground experience blends seamlessly into the terrain of the area. There are paths, along with a 60-foot slide, that snake through the playground, a large dome climber with ropes and other climbing challenges, a two-person pendulum swing and much more.

The playground will be the ultimate adventure for little thrill seekers looking to explore nature and experience challenging playground equipment. The Adventure Playground is just one more thing that makes Philip S. Miller Park a great amenity for the entire family.

Look for the Adventure Playground to open in January, and check out CRgov.com/PSMPark for updates on further improvements at the park.

Remember to register for CodeRED

Life can change in a moment, so it's important for emergency response personnel to be able to connect with residents during an emergency.

Last year, the Town of Castle Rock and all other Douglas County agencies transitioned to a new emergency mass notification system called CodeRED. As you make that 2015 to-do list, make sure signing up for this system is on it.

Visit CRgov.com/CodeRED to enter your information.

CodeRED is a high-speed telephone emergency notification system that allows public safety personnel to send messages directly to residents. You can register a landline or a cell phone, and even an email.



Water conservation tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Baby, it's cold outside. That's what many of us are in the habit of saying this time of year. But, January is not always the snowiest month here in Colorado. So, with snow cover below average, consider winter watering for your trees, shrubs and turf. Read on for a few tips for taking care of your landscape during the winter months. Only water trees and shrubs when daytime temperatures are above 40 degrees. Apply water slowly, to make sure it completely soaks in without running off. Any runoff can be potentially dangerous if it freezes on driveways or sidewalks. Make sure you water all the way out to the drip line of trees. Otherwise, the root system may not get the water it needs. Water south- and west-facing turf areas only if daytime temperatures rise above 50 degrees. Disconnect and drain hoses.

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Events in Castle Rock

Jan. 13: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., the MAC at Philip S. Miller Park. Meet the K9 unit and have informal conversations with officers from the Castle Rock Police Department.

Jan. 17: The Great Grange Book Exchange, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Grange in The Meadows. Drop off used books and DVDs between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at The Grange on Jan. 5-9. Then, come back between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, to choose new books and movies for free. Learn more at meadowslink.com

Feb. 10: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Dazbog Coffee, 202 Wilcox St. Informal conversations with officers from the Castle Rock Police Department.

Feb. 13: Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. The theme is Winter Wonderland. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, a raffle, professional photographs and memories during this Friday night event. Buy tickets at CRgov.com/ddball15.

Get your event featured in Town Talk

Community events are a key piece of Castle Rock's small-town character. There are many ways the Town can help promote local, nonprofit events, including in this publication. Visit CRgov.com/promotelocal to find out more and to submit your event for consideration. Priority is given to Town-sponsored events, and others are listed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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On the Web: H2O

It's already been one year since Castle Rock Water launched H2Oaccess, a series of changes to your water statement that make it easier to read, understand and pay your bill. Have you logged on? Visit CRgov.com/H2Oaccess to find out how you can make it even easier this year to review your bill and check off this to-do list item. Questions? Contact Castle Rock Water, 303-660-1373.