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News From Around the Rock

Your Town Talk

Water conservation. Take our survey.

Securing long-term water for the Castle Rock community – that's the primary goal of Castle Rock Water. For the past eight years, the Town has been intensely focused on the Town's water future.

Right now, a large portion of the Town's water supply comes from nonrenewable groundwater. The main objective is to move toward a renewable water supply. Recently, Castle Rock Water has made significant strides toward that goal, with a long-term water plan and the Legacy Water Projects.

Preparing for the Town's water future has been decades in the making. The goal is to get to 75 percent renewable water by 2050. While there are many pieces that fit into the overall long-term water puzzle, conservation has always been key. Since 2006, Castle Rock residents have embraced the conservation call to action. Back then, it took less than a year for the community to reduce its water consumption by the targeted 18 percent. On average, Castle Rock residents consume daily about 43 gallons of water less than residents in the Denver metro area.

It's with this conservation goal in mind that Castle Rock Water wants to hear from residents about the next step. The 2015 Water Efficiency Online Survey is an opportunity for residents to voice their thoughts and opinions on the Town's conservation plan. Castle Rock Water wants to know how residents feel about water usage and conservation and how the community wants to be educated about new conservation efforts.

The online survey is at CRgov.com/waterconservationsurvey. Log on to provide feedback. Every completed and validated survey will be entered into a drawing. Ultimately, three residents will receive a \$100 credit on their water bills. Surveys must be completed by Feb. 23.

Got ice? Road crews on the way

There's a lot to love about the weather in Colorado. Winter snow makes Castle Rock especially scenic. Then, we are rewarded with sunny, warm days, even in the middle of winter. Still, the Town knows this means you are looking at ice on your roadways. The Town has a strategy for dealing with it, and crews work regularly to clear ice from roadways.

The alternating warm-cold weather allows the snow to melt from sunny areas, which often drains into the street. This melting can leave ice on the roads as it flows into the shade, particularly on the south side of east-west streets.

Using a huge ice-breaking machine, the Town will clear ice from streets. Roads are prioritized by severity of the ice and location. The Town will hit the busiest intersections first, followed by streets pedestrians use most, such as school walking routes. Then, remaining residential streets will be addressed.

You can help! When it snows, please shovel snow from your sidewalk and driveways, away from the street. This helps reduce the potential for ice buildup. For added benefit, shovel it onto your lawn for free water. Of course, removing ice takes time, and the Town appreciates your patience.

Learn more about the Town's snow and ice strategy at CRgov.com/snow. Questions? Email roads@CRgov.com or call 720-733-2462.

Adventure Club

» Parents know building a solid foundation for their child's education is important. So, get that foundation off to the right start with Castle Rock's Adventure Club preschool and pre-kindergarten programs. Enrollment is now open for children ages 3 to 5. Experienced, state-licensed teachers lead the program, which is held at the Recreation Center, 2301 Woodlands Blvd. Preschool classes – for children ages 3 and 4 – are being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays either from 9:15 a.m. to noon, or from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. Monthly tuition is \$130 for residents (\$165 nonresidents). The Adventure Club's pre-kindergarten classes are for children ages 4 and 5. Pre-kindergarten classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:15 to noon, or from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., or Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. Monthly pre-kindergarten tuition is \$170 (\$205 nonresident) for the three-day-a-week class and \$285 (\$325 nonresident) for the five-day class. More information and registration is at CRgov.com/adventureclub.

Teen Court seeks volunteers

Many high school students are thinking about their future careers. It's sometimes a difficult decision to make, and hands-on experience can help.

If you're a high school student who has considered being a lawyer, police officer, social worker, counselor, teacher, or just wants to positively impact your peers' lives, consider volunteering for Castle Rock's Teen Court.

Teen Court is a local juvenile diversion program that gives teens the opportunity to deliberate on court-ordered sentences for their peers. Teen Court volunteers have the opportunity to lead as jury foreperson, present in court as a youth attorney, and help their peers through the peer mentorship program. Whether you like public speaking or working one-on-one, this is a great chance to earn community service hours while working on real cases in the court system and getting an idea about future career choices.

Volunteers must be high school students living in Douglas County. Volunteer applications are now available and due March 2. Contact Anna Fritzler, Teen Court Coordinator, at tcourt@CRgov.com, or apply online at CRgov.com/TeenCourt.

Welcome new police officers

Castle Rock is recognized as a great place to live for many reasons, and one of those is public safety.

As the Town grows, the Castle Rock Police Department is committed to maintaining its levels of service to the community, and that means bringing onboard more officers.

In January, four new officers were sworn in. Two of the officers fill vacancies, and two are a result of new positions added for 2015.

During the January swearing-in ceremony, CRPD also congratulated officer Kevin Torrens, who was promoted to sergeant, and officer Kal Collins, who was promoted to corporal.

"We are so thankful for the support our community has shown our police department," said Police Chief Jack Cauley. "We truly believe our community's success is tied to the partnerships between our officers and Castle Rock's residents and business owners. We want everyone to know we don't take that relationship for granted."

Learn more about Castle Rock Police at CRgov.com/police.

FEMA modifies Town flood zones

One of the benefits of living in Castle Rock is the dense wildlife and vegetation. Natural tributaries that run through Town not only feed the native environment, but also help protect the area from flooding.

FEMA is working with the Town's Stormwater Division to take a closer look at the community's stormwater network.

For the past 10 years, the Town has studied the area's drainageways. This study considered information including current topography, development and known problem areas.

Now, the Town is in the process of incorporating the results of the study into an update of the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map and the Flood Insurance Study. Generally, residents who will be adversely impacted by the map changes will be contacted directly. There is more information available at CRgov.com/floodmaps. Comments are requested through Feb. 24.

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Recreation Center	303-660-1036
The MAC	303-733-2222

Events in Castle Rock

Feb. 7: Healthy Living Expo, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Colorado's largest expo focused on living, working and playing in Colorado. The event offers interactive, educational exhibits, demonstrations and presentations.

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. 16: Town offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. The Recreation Center and the MAC will be open normal hours.

Feb. 16: Rink at the Rock closes for season. Open skating available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Learn more at rinkattherock.com.

March 11: District 2 Town Council open house, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fire Station 155 in Sapphire Pointe. Learn more about your Town and meet District 2 Councilman Mark Heath.

March 12 : Castle Rock Historical Society's free monthly presentation, 6:45 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Celebrate Women's History Month with a presentation by Shaun Boyd on women in Douglas County.

By appointment: Douglas County Libraries offers free one-on-one computer tutoring at Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Instruction is based on the patron's need and may include how to access the Internet, set up email, Microsoft Word, how to use your computer, laptop or tablet, or how to rent an online book. Call 303-791-7323.

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On the Web: New golf site

Red Hawk Ridge. It's a golfer's paradise right in our own backyard, and now there are even more ways to get information about the Town's golf course. Log on to RedHawkRidge.com. The course offers country club conditions at public course prices. Book a tee time, inquire about course conditions and identify green fees before heading out for the day. The latest local course information is at your fingertips.