

March 2015

News From Around the Rock

Your Town Talk



Nighttime closures

» Construction of the new North Meadows Extension is in full force, as anyone who has driven U.S. Highway 85 or Interstate 25 has no doubt noticed. Next year, when the cone zone is gone, drivers will have another access to both of those major highways. In the meantime, there will be some nighttime inconveniences, which you may have already seen. Throughout the rest of 2015, drivers should expect periodic overnight closures of U.S. 85 in the construction zone. The detour will be I-25 and either Happy Canyon Road or Meadows Parkway. The closures are required so crews can place girders and pour concrete for what will be the new interchange with U.S. 85. The overnight closures will be advertised on electronic signs in the area and the Town's Facebook page, [facebook.com/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov). The North Meadows Extension is the Town's No. 1 transportation priority and is a partnership among the Town, Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Stay up to date on construction progress online at CRgov.com/nme.

Voters note: your district may change

In a community that is constantly evolving, adjustments are necessary. That's the reasoning behind a recent redistricting process by the Town Election Commission.

Approximately 3,575 voters have new election districts as a result of 2015 redistricting. The Town was last redistricted in 2010. Since then, the number of registered voters has increased by more than 10,000 people.

Per Town Charter, the Election Commission was scheduled to reevaluate districts by April 2015. The Charter charges the commission to ensure the districts stay within 15 percent of each other. That means the district with the lowest number of registered voters must have at least 85 percent as many voters as the district with the highest number of registered voters.

Because of the Town's growth, some adjustments to the election districts were necessary. A majority of the adjustments were made in The Meadows, Red Hawk, Young American planned development and The Oaks. The districts will be reevaluated again in 2021.

For more information, or a detailed map, head to CRgov.com/redistricting.

Police warn of Green Dot scam

Knowledge is power, and Castle Rock Police make it a priority to let residents and business owners know about possible scams occurring in Town.

The newest scam involves Green Dot MoneyPak prepaid credit cards. Castle Rock Police have received reports of scammers posing as officials and requiring payment with the prepaid cards.

The scammers have posed as Castle Rock Water employees, law enforcement officers and other authorities. They're requesting money for supposed delinquent accounts.

Similar scams have been seen locally, where suspects request money for failing to appear at a jury summons or other supposed delinquent utility accounts, as well as owing money to the IRS for unpaid taxes.

Castle Rock Water would never require payment through a prepaid debit card. Additionally, customers would have received a notice in the mail and have 10 days to pay their bills before service is interrupted.

Residents should always be suspicious of individuals requesting payment in the form of Green Dot or other prepaid device. If you are contacted by someone identifying himself as a law enforcement, or any other government official, demanding money, hang up and call police.

Contact the Castle Rock Police nonemergency line at 303-663-6100 if you receive a suspicious call.

It's time for Water Wiser workshops

Helping customers grow to love learning about conservation – that's one of the many goals of Castle Rock Water's Water Wiser workshops.

In the past eight years, customers have reduced their water use by more than 20 percent. In an effort to keep the community on the right track, Castle Rock Water holds workshops to teach residents about how they can save water around their homes.

The interactive workshops teach customers how to identify water waste in their yards, improve their irrigation systems, and how to save water by applying the "7 steps of Xeriscape." This class demonstrates how easy it is to conserve water and still have a beautiful yard.

Customers will earn a "Water Wiser" designation once they've completed the course. The designation is an exemption from the Town's every-third-day watering schedule.

The Water Wiser Workshops are free, but registration is limited. Classes fill up quickly, so register early at CRgov.com/waterwiser.

2015 schedule

Tuesday, March 31, 6-9 p.m., Public Safety Training Facility,

Thursday, April 9, 6-9 p.m., Castle Rock Adventist Hospital

Tuesday, April 21, 6-9 p.m., The Grange at The Meadows

Wednesday, April 29, 6-9 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 5, 6-9 p.m., Public Safety Training Facility

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Town Hall

Friday, May 29, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library

Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.-noon, Town Hall

Monday, June 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library

Wednesday, July 8, 6-9 p.m., Public Safety Training Facility

Monday, July 27, 6-9 p.m., Castle Rock Adventist Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 13, 6-9 p.m., Castle Rock Adventist Hospital

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Events in Castle Rock

March 9: Colorado Bluebird Project open house, 7-8 p.m., Town Hall. Learn how you can volunteer to help improve the vitality of native bluebird populations throughout Colorado. Volunteers are needed to monitor nest boxes. Training will occur on March 18.

March 10: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Lost Coffee, 390 Perry St. Informal conversations with officers from the Castle Rock Police Department.

March 31 : Ridgeline Wrangler season kick-off informational meeting, 7-8 p.m., The Grange in The Meadows. The Ridgeline Wranglers volunteer to maintain and improve Stewart Trail at Ridgeline Open Space. Join them as they get ready for a new season.

April 8: Rhyolite Bike Park Dirt Crew kick-off meeting, 7-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. The Dirt Crew helps maintain and improve the Bike Park at Rhyolite Regional Park. Learn about its 2015 work outings and help plan improvements.

April 9: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's free monthly presentation, 6:45 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. Hear a presentation on the history of the American Federation of Human Rights. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m., with the presentation starting at 7 p.m.

Water conservation tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Water customers know; conservation is important. But, outdoors isn't the only place to save water. When temperatures are chilly, turn your attention inside for more ways to be water smart. "Fix a Leak Week" is March 16-22. The week helps remind everyone that leaky faucets, toilets and shower heads can waste thousands of gallons of water a year. Make sure your fixtures are water-conscious, or look for the "WaterSense" logo on new products at the local hardware store. You can also get dye tablets from Castle Rock Water to make sure your toilet isn't leaking into the bowl. Put the dye tablets, or a few drops of food coloring, in the toilet tank. Wait a few minutes. If the water in the bowl is clear, there is not a leak. For more tips like this, head to CRconserve.com.

On the Web:

Spring and summer mean lots of fun events in Castle Rock. Get event details in your inbox. Sign up for notifications at CRgov.com/notifyme, or download the Town's new mobile app at CRgov.com/go. Either way, you'll know what's happening.