

Your Town Talk

June 2015



Good to Know

The referendum process related to the Promenade at Castle Rock plan and zoning came to an end earlier this month.

The Town received a formal written request from the petitioners on June 2 to withdraw the petition. That means an election on the ordinance is officially off the table.

Council in February voted to approve ordinance No. 2015-09, which included both the development plan and new zoning for the proposed Promenade – a new master-planned development set to be located north of Meadows Parkway, between U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25.

Residents Keith Lattimore-Walsh and Linda Van Nostrand submitted to the Town a referendum petition to overturn that ordinance.

Ultimately, the Town Clerk verified there were enough valid signatures to move the referendum process forward and force Town Council to either rescind the plan and zoning ordinance or send it to a public vote. But, because the petitioners withdrew the petition, Council could not make that decision. Instead, they passed a resolution acknowledging the withdrawal.

The proposed project is expected to have a Sam's Club, natural grocer, fitness center, and additional shops, entertainment and dining.

Rockin' the Fourth: Red, White & Boom! Fireworks show set to blast off July 4

For many people, the Fourth of July just wouldn't be the same without fireworks. Well, rock this year's Independence Day with the Town at the Rockin' the Fourth: Red, White & Boom! fireworks show.

This year's show will be Saturday, July 4, at Metzler Ranch Community Park, 4175 Trail Boss Road. The fireworks begin around 9:45 p.m. and will last about 30 minutes.

The best view of this low-flying show will be inside the park. However, for safety reasons, parking inside the park and along Trail Boss Road will not be permitted. Parking will be available at nearby parking lots, including retail and school lots.

The park will be closed to the public at 4 p.m. July 4, so the fireworks show can be set up. The skate park will be closed all day July 4 and the morning of July 5. Additionally, Black Feather Trail will be closed between Front Street and Woodlands Boulevard from 9 to 10:45 p.m. July 4.

More information about the event and additional street closures is available at CRgov.com/fireworks.

Please keep in mind, the show is contingent on Colorado's unpredictable weather and fire conditions. In case of adverse weather, an alternative date has been scheduled for Sunday, July 5. Check for event updates at CRgov.com/July4, on Facebook at [/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov), or follow us on Twitter [@CRgov](https://twitter.com/CRgov).

Facelift for Festival Park: contribute your ideas

For years, Festival Park has been the home for some of the community's favorite events. The Starlight Movie Series, Trick or Treat Street, Spring Up the Creek and Splash in the Park all take place at the park, located at Second and Perry streets. Now, the Town's beloved Festival Park is getting a facelift, and we need your input.

Construction on a new and improved Festival Park is a priority for the Town. The Town and the Downtown Development Authority are working together to decide what's next. While dozens of successful events have been held at the Downtown location, the park's full potential has not yet been realized.

The Town needs help from the community to determine what residents want to see in the heart of Downtown. Several workshops have already been held, but it's not too late to give your feedback. Interactive community presentations will be held at both the June and July Starlight Movie events.

Saturday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Starlight Movie – "Big Hero 6"

Friday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Starlight Movie – "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"

The design consultant, Design Workshop, will have a booth to provide the community a platform to give ideas and feedback. You can also share your contributions at [#CRFestivalPark](https://twitter.com/CRFestivalPark), find us on Facebook, [/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov), or follow us on Twitter [@CRgov](https://twitter.com/CRgov).

Additional information on the project is at CRgov.com/FestivalPark.

Step into summer with STEP

Any resident will tell you, Castle Rock is full of great ways to enjoy the outdoors. Beautiful parks, well-planned trails and abundant open space all make the community a wonderful place to call home. Now, the Town is inviting everyone to get outside and enjoy these unique amenities with the Summer Trails Exploration Program, or STEP.

The summer-long program kicked off with the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6. Now, you can spend the summer exploring the Town's trails, and you can be entered to win an outdoor-themed prize. The program will continue through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Head to CRgov.com/STEP to download the online registration form, and a tracking log – then it's easy. Every trail hiked will earn you one entry for the grand prize drawing. Visit all 12 participating trails to get 12 entries into the drawing. You'll also get a participation gift just for trying out a trail. All prizes will be awarded after Sept. 7.

The 12 STEP sites include:

East Plum Creek Trail (ADA accessible)
Gateway Mesa Open Space
Hangman's Gulch Trail (ADA accessible)
Memmen Ridge Open Space
Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail
Mitchell Creek Trail (ADA accessible)
Native Legend Open Space and Trail (ADA accessible)
Philip S. Miller Park
Quarry Mesa
Ridgeline Open Space
Rock Park
Woodlands Bowl (ADA accessible)

Join the STEP photo contest

But wait, there's more. In addition to the participation gift and grand prize drawing, there's also a photo contest. Take a selfie or a picture of your family at designated landmarks along the trails. A list can be found at CRgov.com/STEP. Submit photos to STEP@CRgov.com, and you'll get entered to win a separate prize.

Be sure and take a photo at every trail. Each photo will get you another entry into the drawing. Plus you may see your photos posted on social media. Find us on Facebook at [/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov), follow us on [Twitter @CRgov](https://twitter.com/CRgov) or hashtag your photos [#CastleRockSTEP](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CastleRockSTEP).

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Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events.

June 13: Climb 4 Change climb-a-thon, 6 a.m. - 1 p.m., Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill. Fundraiser for Castle Rock's REAL program for people with disabilities. Learn more at CRgov.com/climb.

June 13 Ducky Derby, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Festival Park. Annual fundraiser sponsored by the Rotary Club of Castle Rock, High Noon Rotary and Rotary Club of Castle Pines. Other activities include a walk, face painting, food, entertainment, music, bouncy house, silent auction and more.

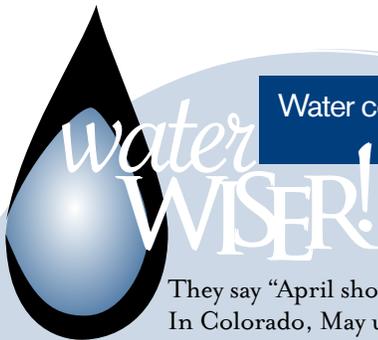
June 16 Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Cookies and Crema, 4284 Trail Boss Drive. Connect with Castle Rock Police in a relaxed atmosphere.

July 3: Festival Park redesign interactive community presentation, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Festival Park. Help the Town and Downtown Alliance decide what's next for the park. Give feedback at our booth, then enjoy the Starlight Movie, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Learn more about the redesign at CRgov.com/FestivalPark.

July 3: Starlight Summer Movie, 6-10 p.m., Festival Park. Join the DDA for "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," along with a street fair.

July 4: Red, White & Boom! fireworks show, 9:45 p.m., from Metzler Ranch Park.

July 8: Splash in the Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Festival Park. Includes a bouncy house, slip 'n slides, super-soakers and other water activities. Runs every Wednesday in July, starting July 8.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

They say "April showers bring May flowers." In Colorado, May usually brings snow, rain and hail. Right about now, many residents are ready for summer. As temperatures begin to warm up, make sure your lawn and irrigation systems are ready for the changing season. Several short watering cycles are usually best to avoid creating runoff, wasting water and increasing water bills. Turn on each watering station and watch to see how long it takes before water runs off. Set the timer to shut off just before water runoff begins. This is called the "cycle and soak" method and is the best way to water deeply, but less often, and promote a healthier deep-root system.

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On the Web:

Water master plan: For the past eight years, Castle Rock has been a leader in water conservation and efficiency. Continuing on this path is the goal of the 2015 Water Efficiency Master Plan. The plan is open for public comment, and keeps the community moving in the right direction toward conservation. Head the CRgov.com/WEMP for more information or to voice thoughts and recommendations. Water customers have until June 22 to submit their comments.