

September 2015

Your Town Talk



Good to Know

Green means go at Castle Oaks Drive and State Highway 83, where the Town of Castle Rock recently installed a new traffic signal.

Residents have requested the new signal, and traffic engineering studies validated the need.

Before any new signal is installed, a warrant study must be completed. The study involves collecting data on traffic conditions at an intersection, including vehicle speed, traffic volume, vehicle delay and crash history.

In response to resident feedback, CDOT, which owns this corridor, studied the intersection in 2014. Based on the traffic volumes along Highway 83, traffic volumes on Castle Oaks Drive, and the speeds along Highway 83, a signal was deemed necessary at this location.

Once the criteria to install a signal are met, the project must be funded. That is where the developer of Cobblestone Ranch/Liberty Village and the Town stepped in.

CDOT will maintain the signal now that it is operational, but the Town and developer paid for the project, so lack of available state funding would not hold up this necessary project.

Take part as Castle Rock thrives

Your Town is planning for your future.

In 2002, armed with community input and research, Town Council approved the 2020 Comprehensive Master Plan. Of course, with time comes change. Now, we are updating the plan to envision Castle Rock in 2030.

Let's start at the beginning. In 1999, the Town was beginning to grow, and we needed to be strategic about our future. Together, the community came up with four cornerstones on which to focus future development. Town identity, responsible growth and development, high-quality community services and a healthy, growing economy.

Based on community feedback in both the 2013 and 2015 community surveys, as well as outreach completed while updating that vision statement in 2014, we know those cornerstones are still important to the community and will remain the same as we plan today.

So how do we put those cornerstones into tangible community projects? That's what will be outlined in the updated Comprehensive Master Plan, and the Town needs your help.

Watch the Town's Facebook page ([Facebook.com/CRgov.com](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov.com)), your mailbox and this newsletter for updates on how to participate. We'll also be at community events seeking your feedback and conducting a formal follow up to the 2015 community survey throughout the end of the year.

In the meantime, read the 2020 Comprehensive Master Plan at CRgov.com/planning.

Questions? Contact Heather Lamboy, long range project manager, at hlamboy@CRgov.com or 720-733-2203.

Celebrate 26 years of visual inspiration

Just after Labor Day each year, Castle Rock's core turns into a colorful display of juried art.

The Colorado Artfest at Castle Rock is Sept. 12-13. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday in the parking lots of Town Hall and Philip S. Miller Library.

Artists from across the country join this summertime tradition, which includes more than 170 exhibitors. Displays range from life-sized sculptures, to photography to jewelry. For the musically inclined, there will be continual live entertainment featuring popular musicians on the main stage, along with strolling entertainers.

There will also be food and beverage vendors and an Imagination Zone for children. New in 2015 is the Interactive Art Experience.

Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults and \$3 for adults 65 and older. Children 16 and under get in free. On Sunday, active military and first responders also get in free. Shuttle parking is available at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive.

Also, it's worth noting, the library will still be open, even though the show is in the parking lot.

Learn more and purchase tickets at ColoradoArtfest.com.

STEP comes to a close Submit your tracking logs now

It's been a summer of family fun, exploration and fitness as the entire community celebrated the Town's trails with the Summer Trails Exploration Program. Nearly 700 people participated in the program. And now, as the program comes to the end, the Town wants to make sure everyone gets their tracking logs submitted before the grand prize drawing.

For the past three months, the Town has been encouraging residents to get out and explore the trails. Participants were asked to use an online tracking log to keep a record of the trails they'd visited. Each trail visited earned the participant another entry into a grand prize drawing.

Registered STEP participants can pick up their age-appropriate participation gift at the Miller Activity Complex, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway, beginning Monday, Sept. 21. Additionally, the grand prize and drawings for participants who submitted photos will take place Sept. 21. Winners will be notified via email and announced on the Town's official Facebook page (CRgov.com).

Overwhelmingly, this program has been a huge success. "Thanks for the STEP Challenge! I've thoroughly enjoyed hiking new trails throughout Castle Rock," said STEP participant Mark Costello. "Hiked The Mitchell Creek Canyon Trail today. Never knew there was such a canyon that close to Castle Rock," said another STEP participant, Gwen Riddle.

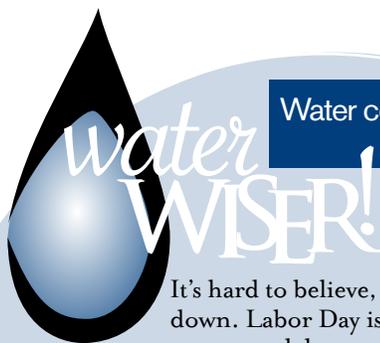
Participants should have their tracking logs completed and submitted by Monday, Sept 14. Head to CRgov.com/STEP to download the log. Disappointed you missed out? Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 4, 2016 to celebrate another National Trails Day with the Town.

Help make someone's house a home

Any do-it-yourselfer will tell you. Painting is a pain, and there are many people here in Town who don't have the physical ability or the financial resources to complete the task. That's where the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department, along with a community of volunteers, tries to step in to help out.

The department's annual Paint-A-Thon is Saturday, Sept. 26. Join firefighters and other volunteers as they help paint the exterior of homes for residents in need.

Head to CRgov.com/paintathon for more information or to volunteer. Donations are also welcome. The department is always looking for painting equipment and supplies. Information for individuals or businesses looking to help out can be found on the Town's website.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

It's hard to believe, but summer is winding down. Labor Day is the unofficial end of the season, and that means temperatures will continue to cool off as we head into fall. With only a few weeks left in irrigation season, it's time to start thinking about decreasing watering frequency. It's best if lawns go through a gradual reduction in water. The goal is to taper off water, so the lawn starts to harden off. Residents watering every three days should scale back to every four. By the end of the September, watering every five days is a good rule of thumb. And, don't forget to reseed. September is a great time to reseed or sod parts of the lawn that are bare. This will help make sure the entire lawn is ready for next year.

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Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Sept. 5: Starlight Summer Movie No. 4, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," 6 p.m., Festival Park. The fun-for-all-ages movie is shown on a giant inflatable screen. The preshow entertainment begins at 6 p.m., with the movie starting at sundown.

Sept. 10: 15th annual Fall Swing Golf Tournament, 7 a.m.-noon, Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course, 2456 Red Hawk Ridge Drive. Benefits the Castle Rock Senior Center. Learn more at castlerockseniorcenter.org.

Sept. 12-13: 26th annual Colorado Artfest, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Town Hall and Philip S. Miller Library parking lots Downtown. Learn more and buy tickets at visitcastlerock.org.

Sept 12: Pooch Plunge, 10 a.m.-noon, Butterfield Crossing Pool. Get one last dip in the pool with your favorite canine. Admission is free. Donations benefit the Denver Dumb Friends League Buddy Center in Castle Rock.

Sept 12: Boy Scout Chili Cook off, 4-8 p.m., Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Join Troop 780 for chili, a car show, Castle Rock Fire Department demonstration, food, drinks, a bouncy house, silent auction and live band. Admission is \$8 per person.

Sept. 15: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Pegasus Restaurant, 313 Jerry St. Join Castle Rock Police for information conversations. See a full schedule at CRgov.com/pdcoffee.

Sept. 19: Whiskey and a Western, 6-10 p.m., behind the Emporium at the northeast corner of Second and Perry streets. This date-night movie is open to adults 21 and older. Cost is \$25 per person and includes the movie, appetizers and commemorative shot glass. Call 303-688-7488 for tickets.

Sept. 19: 10th annual Shopping Extravaganza at the Outlets at Castle Rock, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Each ticket gives attendees access to exclusive discounts at many stores. Also includes lunch, dessert bar, entertainment and live music. Tickets are online, outletsatcastlerock.com.

crgov.com

On the Web:

Castle Rock is thriving. As we welcome new neighbors, businesses are coming here to serve us all. Discover what's coming to your neighborhood at CRgov.com/InYourBackyard, where you will find an interactive map with information on what is being built in Town.