

January 2016

Your Town Talk



Good to Know

Castle Rock Police and Castle Rock Fire and Rescue are involved in your community! Check out these opportunities to get to know your local firefighters and police officers.

CRFD open houses

CRFD is updating its strategic plan, and would like to hear from you. Join CRFD firefighters at one of the following open houses to learn about the strategic plan and provide input:

Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Pinnacle at Crystal Valley
2160 Fox Haven Drive

Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Castle Rock Senior Center
2323 Woodlands Blvd.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sage Canyon Elementary
2420 Autumn Sage St.

2016 Coffee with a Cop

It's a new year, and that means more opportunities to meet your local law enforcement. Coffee with a Cop is an informal opportunity to ask questions and get to know Castle Rock officers. Mark your calendar for the first three events in 2016:

Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.
Lost Coffee, Downtown

Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m.
Smallcakes, 34 E. Allen St.

Tuesday, March 15, from 10 to 11 a.m.
Briccy's, 140 S. Wilcox St.

A full list of dates is at CRgov.com/pdcoffee.

Open house for train horn Jan. 12

Anyone who lives or works in Castle Rock has likely heard the train coming through Town. While the train is a historic part of Town, the increase in train traffic and related horn noise has led some residents to pursue ways to quiet the horn.

While weighing the Town's budget, Town Council has been evaluating ways to create what is known as a quiet zone in Downtown Castle Rock. A new option is being evaluated now.

Attend an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, to learn more about the current discussion and provide feedback. The open house is at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. There will be no formal presentation, so the Town invites you any time during that two-hour period.

Train engineers are required to sound train horns at railroad crossings for safety reasons. If certain improvements are implemented at railroad crossings, the horn can be silenced. It is up to a local jurisdictions to implement those improvements in line with Federal Railroad Administration standards.

The current proposal includes closing the Second Street crossing. The Town has created a website for information on this proposal at CRgov.com/TrainHorn. As research is compiled, the page will be updated. Or, sign up for updates at CRgov.com/NotifyMe.

New pedestrian bridge will connect Castle Rock trails

Playing outdoors is one of the many things that make Castle Rock a great place to call home. With more than 20 developed parks, 75 miles of trails and 5,800 acres of open space, Castle Rock has something for everyone. Soon, a new pedestrian bridge will help connect the Town's trail system and will make discovering our great community even easier.

Construction on the new Wolfensberger Pedestrian Bridge began in December. When complete, the bridge will connect Philip S. Miller Park and the Ridgeline Open Space and will create a continuous 17-mile native surface trail that will bring together more than 650 acres in park and space.

The \$702,750-project will be funded through the annual trail condition allocation from the Transportation Fund and remaining unexpended funds from the 2014 Budget for the Ridge Road and Crowfoot Valley Road/Founders Parkway sidepath project.

Town Council approved the contract earlier this year, recognizing the importance of trail connectivity to the entire community. Designing and building the project in 2015 helped save the Town more than \$58,000 in materials and labor.

The bridge has already been constructed off-site and will be placed early this year. Watch CRgov.com for related temporary road closure information. More information on the entire project is available at CRgov.com/wpedbridge.



Castle Rock water named among state leaders

Our community is a great place to call home, and much of that is because of the people who live here. Our residents know Castle Rock is special, and they are willing to do whatever it takes to preserve our Town for future generations. Now, Castle Rock is being recognized yet again as a leader in conservation and long-term water planning.

Castle Rock Water was recently named in the Colorado Water Plan as a front-runner in conservation and for the use of partnerships to leverage investments and bargaining power in an effort to secure a community-endorsed long-term water plan. The Colorado Water Plan provides individual communities with recommendations on how to manage long-term water resources. Though the plan is a state endeavor, most of the implementation rests solely within the power of individual municipalities.

Additional plan-endorsed efforts include partnerships. Castle Rock is a member of the South Metro Water Supply Authority, which was recently acknowledged for its partnership efforts, resulting in unilateral support by all of the Colorado water basin roundtables. The group also recently received state grant funding for the WISE Partnership project in which several water providers are jointly purchasing water and building regional water infrastructure.

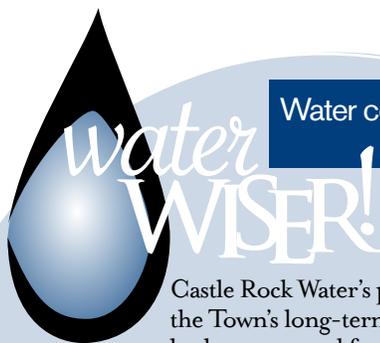
The entire Colorado Water Plan is online at coloradowaterplan.com.

Year-round snow complex could slide into Castle Rock

For many outdoor enthusiasts, winter means one thing, snow sports. But, imagine being able to ski or snowboard in Castle Rock year-round. Soon, that could be a reality.

Town Council approved a memorandum of understanding with P3 Advisors LLC – the company interested in developing a synthetic snow park at Philip S. Miller Park. The document signifies that both parties are committed to continuing their good faith efforts in developing the project, but no contractual rights or obligations have been established.

The snow park – tentatively named SnowSports 365 – would be a unique feature that is expected to draw visitors from around the region. The artificial ski surface is made from a premium, engineered polymer surface called Snowflex. When misted with water, the surface provides a similar skiing experience to snow. As the project is outlined further, more information will be available at CRgov.com.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Castle Rock Water's priority is to ensure costs for the Town's long-term water plan are spread among both current and future customers. That's one reason why rates and fees are evaluated on an annual basis. This year, a minimal increase will have major impacts for our community. In order to continue the community's progress in establishing a secure long-term water supply, these rates will be increased 3 percent in 2016 – an average of 76 cents per residential customer per month. The fees will be allocated specifically for renewable water efforts. Water, stormwater and wastewater rates will remain the same. However, fees for new development will see an increase to ensure growth in Castle Rock continues to pay for growth. More information on Castle Rock Water is online at CRgov.com/water.

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

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Jan. 12: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Lost Coffee Downtown. Get to know your local police officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

Jan. 12: Train Horn Quiet Zone open house, 6-8 p.m., Town Hall. Learn about the current discussion to quiet the train horn at the Town's three at-grade railroad crossings.

Jan. 14: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's free monthly presentation, 6:45-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. Presentation from Paula Lasky, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jan. 18: Town offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Recreation Center and MAC are open normal hours.

Jan. 31: Christmas tree recycling ends. Bring your Christmas tree to Metzler Ranch, Paintbrush, Centennial or Founders parks. Mulch from these recycled trees will be available at the same parks through March 31, or until gone.

Feb. 12: Daddy Daughter Ball – Sweet Moments, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center. Enjoy a night with your little princess at this annual event. Tickets for sale at CRgov.com/DDBall16.



Sign up to receive email notifications of the Town's Web calendar at CRgov.com/notifyme.

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On the Web: Legal NOTICES

In 2015, Castle Rock voters approved a measure that changed the way the Town publishes public notices for proposed and adopted ordinances. Now, they will be on the Town's website, CRgov.com/notices, rather than in the local newspaper. Public comment is welcome during the advertised public hearing section of the Council agenda and at specific times during other public meetings. Learn more at CRgov.com and click "transparency."