

Your Town Talk

February 2016



Good to Know

Trail conditions

Living in Colorado, we are lucky to see as many as 300 days of sunshine per year. While many people are excited to head out the door the second the sun peaks out, there are a few things the Town wants hikers, bikers and walkers to keep in mind before hitting the trails.

Most importantly, stay off soft-surface trails when they're muddy. Town trails are designed with drainage in mind, but during the snow season, things may not drain properly. When there's snow on the ground, and temperatures rise above freezing, the ground begins to thaw the top layer of soil. However, the ground below is still frozen. This doesn't allow for proper drainage and can cause a moist and muddy surface.

Walking, riding or hiking when it's muddy can damage trails, requiring costly and time-consuming repairs. A good rule of thumb – if you see snow on the ground, stay off the soft-surface trails. The Town has more than 30 miles of concrete trails that are available year-round.

Head to CRgov.com/trailconditions for more information.

Beautiful bluebirds

Although the snow is still clearing, spring is right around the corner. And, that means bluebirds. Colorado Bluebirds are among the community's most precious wildlife. Volunteers are needed to help monitor their nesting boxes and breeding activity from April through August. Learn more about how you can help at an open house from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at Town Hall. More information is available at CRgov.com/bluebird.

Progress on North Meadows Extension will mean I-25 overnight closure

If there is a finishing touch on a roadway project, it is the road sign. For the North Meadows Extension, that finishing touch is in sight.

Later this month, crews will install the posts for the new roadway's sign along Interstate 25. While the sign itself won't be installed until closer to the road's opening this summer, the installation of the sign bridge is a significant step for this top-priority project.

We know progress sometimes means inconvenience. This part of the project will require an overnight closure of southbound I-25 in Castle Rock.

Because weather in Colorado has a significant impact on construction schedules, the closure date will not be official until crews can ensure adequate time for the foundation to set, so the posts can be safely installed. Stay tuned to CRgov.com and the Town's Facebook page, facebook.com/CRgov, for detailed closure information.

The Town named the new roadway last year. The section between I-25 and U.S. Highway 85 will be Castle Rock Parkway. The portion between U.S. 85 and Meadows Boulevard will become North Meadows Drive, as it is a continuation of the existing North Meadows Drive, near Castle View High School. Installation of the signs near U.S. 85 will not require road closures, because they will be installed on top of the new bridges, which are still under construction.

The North Meadows Extension is the Town's largest road construction project ever. It is a partnership project among the Town, Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Learn more at CRgov.com/nme.

Are you a Rock? Share a pic!

Most residents would agree – Castle Rock is a great place to call home. There's plenty of family-friendly fun. But at its core, Castle Rock is about its residents. Every resident is a rock.

But, what does that mean?

Very simply, anyone living in and loving Castle Rock is a Rock. You are a rock when you enjoy one of our 20 developed parks. You are a rock when you shop locally. You are a rock when you volunteer for community events like Spring up the Creek or Trick or Treat Street.

Show us your best "I am a Rock" pose by taking a picture and posting it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/CRgov). Use the hashtag #CRRock. It's all part of a new campaign for us to find out what Castle Rock means to you. More information and contest updates will be posted at CRgov.com/IamaRock.



Be a rock. Stay connected. If you're a rock, you also know what's going on in your community. Let us be your go-to resource for everything Castle Rock:

- Visit CRgov.com – it has a fresh new look and all the information you expect from your local government
- Watch us on YouTube – a new video series about your Town is on YouTube and at CRgov.com/Watch
- Follow us on Facebook – facebook.com/CRgov. Have a conversation with us. We'll answer your questions and provide Town updates
- Follow us on Twitter – @CRgov. We'll answer questions here, too
- Follow us on Instagram – @CRgov. Share your #CRRock and other photos with us
- Download our mobile app – search Castle Rock CO on your mobile device for hand-held updates on road conditions, events, news and more
- Check your (snail) mail – if it's a really important topic, we'll often send you information in the mail. Plus, that's where you'll find our periodic magazine, Outlook, and the Rec and MAC guides

What to know when it snows

The days are getting longer, and we can almost smell spring. But in Colorado, we know, that can often be when we get even more snow. The Town continues to be prepared for winter weather.

During snow events, main thoroughfares and school bus routes are the Town's main priority and are plowed for every snow event.

From Nov. 15 through March 15, when days are shorter and temperatures are cooler, residents can expect plows to clear one emergency access lane on neighborhood streets when 4 inches of snow or more is expected to accumulate on the road. After March 15, the Town's threshold for plowing neighborhood streets is 8 inches of accumulation. (During snow events, follow the plows at CRgov.com/plowtracker.)

The Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department chips in too, removing snow from public properties, including paved trails, when snow reaches 2 inches of accumulation.

When it comes to ice, the Town has a huge ice-breaking machine and a plan. Busiest intersections are first, followed by streets pedestrians use most, such as school and walking routes. Then, as time and conditions allow, we head into neighborhoods.

As always, you can help minimize ice buildup in the streets by removing snow from sidewalks and driveways onto your lawn, providing a free water source for your lawn. Please remember to clear snow from your sidewalk within 48 hours.

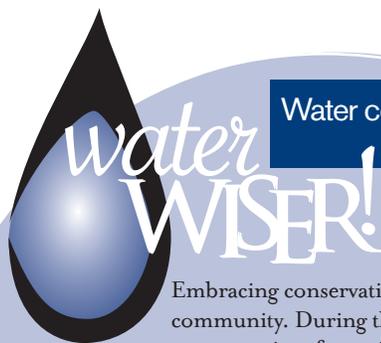
Dive into a refreshed Butterfield Pool

It's hard to imagine, but the close of the holiday season means summer is right around the corner, and it's almost time to swim. One pool in particular is getting a face-lift just in time for the season.

Work has begun on improvements to the wader pool at Butterfield Crossing Park. The wader pool was originally built in 1989 and has been experiencing issues with leaks for several years. Now, Castle Rock's Parks and Recreation Department is addressing the concerns to make sure the pool is in top shape before the outdoor swim season begins.

Construction involves a complete replacement of the wader pool. Planned improvements include a zero-depth fish-shaped pool with a single spray fountain, toddler water slide, and multiple geysers and deck arch sprayers. A splash pad with seven interactive play features is also included in the plans. Plus, the bathhouse and pool offices are getting a complete renovation.

Currently, the main pool at Butterfield is not in need of any improvements. Construction is slated to be completed before the pool opens on May 28.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Embracing conservation is a goal for our entire community. During the winter months, turn that conservation focus indoors. Leaking toilets or faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water per year. Plus, keep the environment top-of-mind by going paperless with your monthly water statement. Getting statements via email and making payments online will keep you organized and save time. It'll also help Castle Rock Water conserve paper and serve you better. Every drop of water counts, but so does every piece of paper. Help your water department cut costs and increase efficiency. Sign up at CRgov.com/H2OAccess and opt-in to go paperless. It's fast. It's easy. It's secure.

CONTACTS

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Library	303-791-7323
Recreation Center	303-660-1036
The MAC	303-733-2222

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Feb. 4: Douglas County Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Employers attending the job fair will represent a wide variety of industries and have several different types of positions for which they are hiring. This is a free event. Learn more at castlerock.org/dcjobfair.htm.

Feb. 6: Castle Rock Fire and Rescue hosts CPR class, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This four-hour class will teach basic adult, child and infant CPR. Registration and payment is in-person at Fire Headquarters, 300 Perry St. Please bring cash or a check for the \$40 fee.

Feb. 6: Healthy Living Expo, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. This is Colorado's largest expo focused on living, working and playing in Colorado. It offers interactive educational exhibits, demonstrations and presentations. The event is free. Presented by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 8 and Feb. 22: Community meetings for assisted living facilities in residential areas, 6-8 p.m., Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. The Town is considering changes to Municipal Code regarding assisted living homes. Come learn more and provide feedback.

Feb. 10: Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Red Hawk Ridge, 2156 Red Hawk Ridge Drive. Learn about job opportunities at Castle Rock's premier golf course.

Feb. 12: Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Enjoy a night with your princess. Event includes dancing, refreshments, a raffle and professional photos. Learn more and get tickets at CRgov.com/ddball16.

Feb. 15: Presidents Day, Town offices closed. Rec and MAC open normal hours.

Feb. 20: Cops and Cupcakes, 10-11 a.m., Smallcakes, 34 E. Allen St. A new twist on Castle Rock Police's monthly Coffee with a Cop event. Bring the kids and enjoy a sweet treat and informal conversation with police officers. View a full schedule at CRgov.com/PDcoffee.

Feb. 29: Colorado Bluebird Project open house, 7-8 p.m., Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. Learn how to help improve the vitality of native bluebirds populations in Colorado. Volunteers are needed for weekly monitoring of nest boxes and breeding activity. Questions? Call 720-733-2294.

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

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On the Web:

Love your Town? Work here!

Did you know it's also a great place to work? We have great coworkers, a team environment and strong values. We have both full and part-time as well as seasonal positions available. If you'd like to join our team, log on to CRgov.com/jobs to view openings and apply.