

March 2016

SAFE TRANSACTION ZONE



Good to know

» Safe transaction zones

Browsing stores has evolved into browsing the Internet. More and more people are buying and selling personal items online. Now, Castle Rock Police are stepping in to make sure residents participating in online transactions stay safe.

Castle Rock Police are now offering safe transaction zones to help minimize incidents of robbery, theft and scams during online business transactions. Residents are encouraged to conduct transactions in the police lobby at 100 Perry St. between the normal business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additionally, the Department's vestibule may be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Both locations are well-lit and monitored by cameras. However, please note the safe transaction zone is not available for transactions involving weapons of any kind, or drugs or drug paraphernalia, regardless of legalization laws.

More safety tips to keep in mind while conducting online transactions are available at CRgov.com/safezone.

Your Town

Talk

News From Around the Rock

Portions of North Meadows Extension to expand

Continuing a strong partnership, Castle Rock Town Council and the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners in February unanimously approved an agreement to widen a section of the North Meadows Extension, which is currently under construction north of Town.

The need for the North Meadows Extension has been recognized since the beginning of The Meadows development in the 1980s. Over time, the project expanded to include a link not only to U.S. Highway 85 from The Meadows, but also to Interstate 25. The ultimate vision for the new road included four lanes, which would be built based on traffic needs.

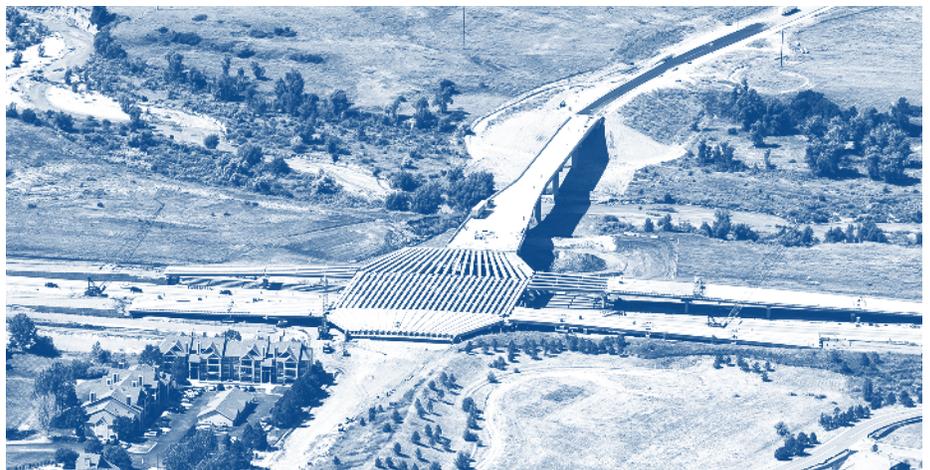
Still, there was a need to relieve congestion along Meadows Parkway, while being prudent with public funds. That's why the Town, Douglas County, CDOT and Castle Rock Development Co. partnered on the initial scope of this project and started constructing the 2-mile roadway with one lane in each direction.

Today, Castle Rock and Douglas County are continuing to grow. To stay ahead of projected traffic increases, the section between U.S. 85 and I-25 will be widened to four lanes. Recognizing the importance of this work, the Douglas County Commissioners agreed to continue to help fund this portion of the roadway.

Adding these lanes to the current project means significant savings on traffic control and reduces traffic inconvenience, compared to building it after the new roadway opened. Economies of scale are recognized, as it is part of a much larger project, so most of the large equipment needed is already onsite and ready to work.

The design of this new portion is underway, and the new road is still likely to open this year. As always, weather in Colorado has an impact on any construction schedule.

The project remains the Town's No. 1 transportation priority. It is a partnership among the Town, Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Learn more at CRgov.com/nme.



Wise up with Water Wiser

Conservation is key. It's a message Castle Rock Water is spreading to help support the Town's long-term water plan. While our community has embraced the call to conserve, there's always room for improvement. Residents looking to cut back can get expert tips at Castle Rock Water's Water Wiser workshops.

Over the past several years, water customers have reduced their water consumption 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 conserve around their homes. The ultimate goal is for the entire Town to cut its water usage back another 18 percent by using water efficiently.

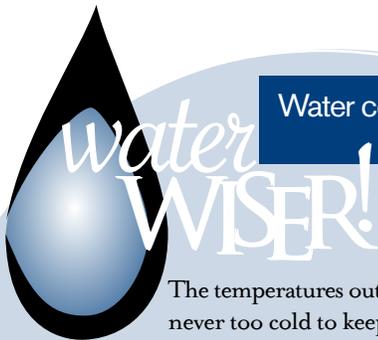
The interactive workshops teach customers how to detect water waste in their yards and how to improve their irrigation systems. Once complete, participants will earn a "Water Wiser" designation and will be exempt from the every-third-day watering schedule.

The Water Wiser workshops are free, but registration is required. More information and early registration for these popular classes is available at CRgov.com/waterwiser.

2016 workshop schedule

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, March 29	6-9 p.m.	Castle Rock Water, Operations Building
Thursday, April 7	9 a.m.-noon	Public Safety Training Facility
Wednesday, April 13	6-9 p.m.	The Grange in The Meadows
Tuesday, April 26	6-9 p.m.	Castle Rock Water, Operations Building
Saturday, May 7	9 a.m.-noon	The Grange in the Meadows
Tuesday, May 10	6-9 p.m.	Public Safety Training Facility
Monday, May 23	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Public Safety Training Facility
Saturday, June 4	9 a.m.-noon	Castle Rock Water, Operations Building
Wednesday, June 15	6-9 p.m.	Public Safety Training Facility
Monday, June 20	6-9 p.m.	Town Hall, Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 13	6-9 p.m.	Castle Rock Water, Operations Building
Tuesday, July 26	9 a.m.-noon	Public Safety Training Facility
Wednesday, Aug. 17	6-9 p.m.	Town Hall, Council Chambers

*View a map and addresses at CRgov.com/Waterwiser!



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

The temperatures outside may be chilly, but it's never too cold to keep conservation top of mind.

Turn your attention indoors for more ways to be water smart. Fix a Leak Week is March 14-20. The week helps remind everyone that nationwide, leaky faucets, toilets and showers waste an estimated 1 trillion gallons of water per year. Make sure your fixtures are using water efficiently, 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. Put dye tablets, or a few drops of food coloring, in the toilet tank. Wait a few minutes. If the color appears in the bowl, there is a leak. Usually, replacing the rubber flush valve will do the trick. For more tips like this, head to CRConserve.com, or call 720-633-6017.

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

Events in Castle Rock

March 9: Colorado Bluebird Project training for nest box monitoring, 7-8:30 p.m., Public Safety Training Facility, 1335 Park St. Learn to help improve the vitality of native bluebird populations with the Colorado Bluebird Project. Volunteers are needed to help with weekly nest box monitoring. Questions? Call 720-733-2294.

March 10: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's free monthly presentation, 6:45-8 p.m., Conference Room at the Douglas County Events Center. This event is a tribute to silent movies in honor of the Academy Awards. Enjoy a Buster Keaton movie and Oscars trivia.

March 11: The Crisis Center's 16th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser, 6-9 p.m., Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Local potters provide unique hand-crafted bowls, and local restaurants offer a variety of soup and dessert tastings during this fundraiser. There will be live music and a silent auction. Benefits the Crisis Center. Learn more and buy tickets at thecrisiscenter.org.

March 15: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Briccy's Coffee, 140 Wilcox St., Downtown. Get to know your police officers at this informal event. View all events at CRgov.com/pdcoffee.

March 27: Easter Sunday. Recreation Center and MAC closed for the holiday.

March 29: Ridgeline Wranglers season kick-off informational meeting, 7-8 p.m., The Grange in The Meadows. Every year, the Ridgeline Wranglers help keep Ridgeline Open Space in top shape with Saturday work days. See what's ahead for this year during this kick-off meeting.

April 6-10: Just Between Friends spring and summer sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Hundreds of Douglas County families sell their gently used children's items. Admission is \$2 at the door.

April 6: Rhyolite Dirt Crew informational meeting, 7-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. While hosting Dig and Ride Days, the Rhyolite Dirt Crew also helps rebuild and resurface the jump faces at Rhyolite Bike Park. Join them to discuss projects for the upcoming year.



On the Web:

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