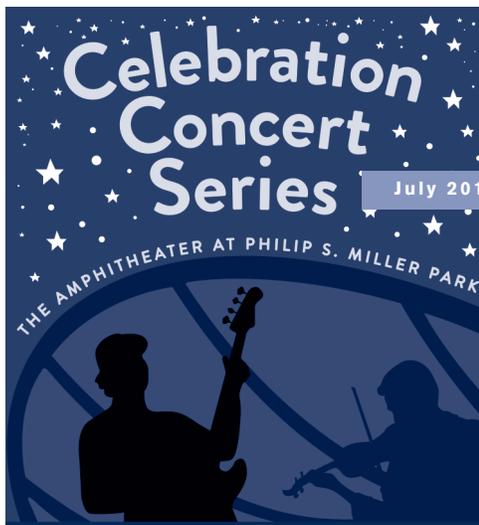


Your Town Talk



The stars are out at PSM!

Good to Know

Don't miss a perfect summer night in Castle Rock. Tickets on sale now! CRgov.com/PSMConcerts.

Celebration Concert Series

- July 30: Colorado Symphony
 - Aug. 27: Marshall Tucker Band
 - Sept. 24: Starship featuring Mickey Thomas
- Prices range from \$35 to \$55 each
*Kids tickets are now available in Lawn seating for \$10!

Downtown After 5

Presented by Belco Credit Union

- July 8: Azucar Latin Band with spicy food from California Wrap Runner, 100% Street Tacos and Kona Ice
- Aug. 5: Ben Marshal Band with BBQ and other Southern-inspired food trucks like Goin' South

Sept. 16: Supermagick's soul, jazz, rhythm and blues

Western Heritage Welcome

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Explore Castle Rock's Western Heritage at this kick off to the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. More information at CRgov.com/WesternHeritage

Rocky Mountain Sports Festival

Saturday, Aug. 13

A custom sports festival created especially for Castle Rock. Compete in a sporting tournament, participate in activities like yoga or disc golf, or watch the whole thing on a big screen while listening to live music, and enjoying food and drinks at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. More information at CRgov.com/SportsFest



How to be a Council candidate

This year, there are four Town Council seats up for election – Districts 1,2,4 and 6. (Districts 3,5 and 7 will be up for election in 2018.) If you live in one of these areas (view a map at CRgov.com/Council) and are interested in running for one of these seats, keep reading.

Candidates for office must: be a citizen of the United States, be a registered elector of the Town of Castle Rock, have resided in the Town for 12 consecutive months preceding the election date, and must be a resident within the district's boundaries at the time of election and throughout the term of office.

Those who meet these requirements and are interested in running should start by contacting Town Clerk Sally Misare (smisare@CRgov.com or 303-660-1367.) She is the designated election official for the Town of Castle Rock and can help candidates understand timeframes and paperwork requirements.

Then, those seeking to become a candidate must file a nomination petition including signatures from at least 25 registered voters in their district. The form of these petitions can be obtained from the Town Clerk starting Aug. 8 and then can be circulated for signatures starting Aug. 9. Completed petitions must be returned in-person to Town Hall by 5 p.m. Aug. 29. The signatures are verified before the candidate is included on the November ballot.

In addition, a candidate orientation will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Town Hall. While not mandatory for candidates, it will be a helpful orientation for anyone interested in running.

The election will be held Nov. 8 as a coordinated election with Douglas County. Candidates will be elected for four-year terms. Learn more online at CRgov.com/RunForCouncil.

Looking to lend a hand? Victims Assistance team needs volunteers

Great listeners, compassionate neighbors, community servers – Castle Rock Police need your help. Volunteers are needed for the Department's Victims Assistance program

Volunteers certified as victim advocates provide important emotional support and crisis intervention for victims of crimes and other tragic events. Victim advocates are called upon to provide information on the criminal justice system and other helpful resources. At least one victim advocate is on call for weekends, some holidays and during weekday evening hours.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years old; be able to work on call; have an open and nonjudgmental attitude; and be able to communicate and – more importantly – listen effectively.

Applications are due Monday, Aug. 22. More information is online, CRgov.com/VA.

Going paperless could pay off!

Just as every drop of water counts, so does every piece of paper. Stay organized, and help Castle Rock Water serve you better by signing up for paperless billing.

Log in to your H2OAccess account to go paperless by July 31 and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 credit on your water bill. Current paperless customers are already entered into the drawing.

Don't have an account? It's easy to set up at CRgov.com/H2OAccess. And don't worry, you can still stay up-to-date on Town news. The Your Town Talk newsletter will be sent directly to your email each month.

By creating an H2OAccess account, you will get 24/7 access to your water account – plus, the ability to pay your bill online, schedule automatic payments and view 12 months of statement history. Going paperless allows you to receive a monthly water bill reminder via email. Save time, stay organized and help the environment by opting to go paperless.

RV dump to close after Labor Day

Camping and enjoying the outdoors is what Colorado is all about. But with that fun comes a chore – cleaning out that camper.

For many summers, the Town was able to help with a free RV dump site, located near the Town's Service Center on Castleton Court. However, due to cost, time is running out on use of this free service. This will be the last summer for the site.

The service has been free to use, but was expensive to maintain. In addition, the station has caused traffic back-ups in the area and security concerns.

The dump will permanently close at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

Other nearby dump sites include Cabela's in Lone Tree, Jellystone Park in Larkspur, Cherry Creek State Park in Aurora, and Chatfield State Park in Littleton. For other RV dump stations, visit rvdumps.com/Colorado or sanidumps.com.

Snakes on the trail

The sunny skies and warmer temperatures have many of us itching to hit the trails. But, whether it's a hike at Quarry Mesa or a bike ride at Philip S. Miller Park, snakes love our trails as much as we do. Generally, rattlesnakes try to avoid contact with humans, but they can be found practically everywhere in Colorado. Please be careful. If you come into contact with a rattlesnake, give the snake plenty of room and walk around it. Don't try to move the snake from the trail. Also, be sure to keep dogs on a leash no longer than 6 feet. More tips and information can be found at CRgov.com/wildlife.

Recall election dates set in Districts 1, 5

Registered voters in Castle Rock Town Council Districts 1 and 5 will have additional elections this year, because of recall processes that occurred in each district. District 1 includes the western side of The Meadows, and District 5 includes Castle Oaks (Terrain), Cobblestone Ranch, Escavara/The Woodlands and Founders Village. (Search your address on a map at CRgov.com/Council.)

District 1

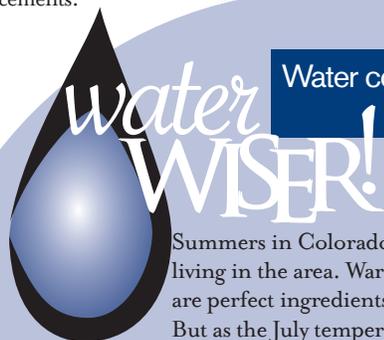
Voters in this district will be asked whether to retain or recall Councilman Paul Donahue during a mail ballot election Tuesday, July 26. Ballots will be mailed in July and can be returned by mail or in person to Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St., or the Douglas County Elections Office at 125 Stephanie Place. Both locations have 24/7 drop boxes.

District 5

Voters in Castle Rock's District 5 will be asked on their November general election ballot whether to recall Councilwoman Renee Valentine. Ballots will be mailed as part of the Nov. 8 general election and can be returned by mail or in person to Town Hall at 100 N. Wilcox St., or to the Douglas County Elections Office at 125 Stephanie Place. Both locations have 24/7 drop boxes.

Results for both elections will be posted at CRgov.com/recall.

It's important to note Donahue and Valentine will continue to serve in office while this election process takes place. Donahue's term would be up in November, and Valentine's term would be up in November 2018. If recalled, Town Council would appoint their replacements.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Summers in Colorado are one of the best parts of living in the area. Warm, sunny days and cooler nights are perfect ingredients for spending time outdoors. But as the July temperatures continue to climb, the lawn will be looking for more water. Don't just set and forget your water clock. Without the typical summer storms of June, the Kentucky Bluegrass will need more water. Keep using the cycle-and-soak method to make sure your lawn is being watered as efficiently as possible. Several short watering cycles may be necessary to avoid creating runoff, wasting water and increasing your water bill. The cycle and soak method will also ensure roots are being watered deeply. Head to CRconserve.com for more conservation tips.

CONTACTS

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

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

July 8: Downtown After 5, 5-8 p.m., Festival Park. Unwind Downtown with live music, food trucks and vendors. Sponsored by Bellco. More info at CRgov.com/After5.

July 12: Coffee with a Cop, 9-10 a.m., The Egg and I, 2240 Mercantile St. Get to know Castle Rock Police officers in a relaxed environment. Monthly event. Full schedule at CRgov.com/pdcoffee.

July 13: Splash in the Park, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Festival Park. Cool off from the summer heat. Event includes bounce house, slip n' slides, super soakers and other water-related activities. Runs every Wednesday in July.

July 15: Moonlight Extravaganza and Science Night, 8-10 p.m., Philip S. Miller Park. Learn more at MensCrisisConnection.org.

July 16: Castle Rock WineFest, 2-8 p.m., The Grange at The Meadows. Presented by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, this outdoor wine tasting event offers wine from more than two dozen wineries. More information and tickets at CastleRockCulture.com.

July 20: Race the MAC series continues, 5-8 p.m. This bike race series is for all levels. Series runs Wednesdays through Aug. 10. Learn more at raceco.org.

July 30: Celebration Concert Series – the Colorado Symphony's Brass Luminescence, 7-10 p.m., Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Buy tickets at CRgov.com/PSMconcerts.

July 30: Reece's Roundup 5K, 7:45-11 a.m., Butterfield Park. Visit reecesroundup.com for more information.

July 30-Aug. 7: Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. This family tradition includes two entertainment stages, three PRCA Rodeos, Xtreme Bulls, a carnival, antique tractor pull, Mutton Bustin, Stick Horse Rodeo, Pancake Breakfast, 4H and FFA exhibits and more. Learn more: douglascountyfairandrodeo.com.

Aug. 2: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., White Pavilion/Rink at the Rock, 414 Perry St. Every year, Castle Rock Police join this national event in a continued effort to connect with the community in a positive way. Learn about police divisions like SWAT or investigations. Also, explore public safety vehicles and get tours. Free hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by CRPD.

Aug. 3: Western Heritage Welcome, 6-9:30 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

Aug. 5: Downtown After 5, 5-8 p.m., Unwind Downtown with live music, food trucks and vendors. More info at CRgov.com/After5. Sponsored by Bellco.

Aug. 6: Douglas County Fair Parade, 9 a.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

Aug. 6: Boots and Brews, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock. Stay Downtown following the Douglas County Fair Parade for more activities, fun and beer. Be sure to wear your cowboy boots!

CRgov.com

On the Web:

Water Quality

The Town works hard to provide residents with a safe and reliable drinking water supply. As a transparent part of this effort, we produce a water quality report every year. It details what's in your water and answers a few frequently asked questions. View the 2016 report at CRgov.com/WaterQuality.