

# Your Town Talk



December 2016

## Good to Know

As you're finding and wrapping that final gift this season, remember to look locally.

Shopping here in Castle Rock helps your neighbors' local businesses. It also helps your Town fund year-round services like fire, police, road improvements and more.

Beyond shopping, dining locally, hiring a local caterer for your holiday party, or giving the gift of local entertainment, also helps our community. So, log on to [CRgov.com/4II](http://CRgov.com/4II) to see all the businesses open to help you make the season special.

## 12 Stops of Christmas

Shop locally, and maybe even pick up a prize for yourself, with Castle Rock's annual 12 Stops of Christmas. Log on to [CRgov.com/12Stops](http://CRgov.com/12Stops) for your passport. Then, shop the local businesses on the passport to earn stamps. Fill up 12 spaces and submit it to the North Pole Welcome Center at Festival Park Saturdays through Dec. 31 to be entered to win a prize worth more than \$300.

## Season of the Star shines

Celebrate the season in Downtown Castle Rock with the annual Season of the Star. This year, it's presented by the Promenade at Castle Rock.

Already underway, Season of the Star events will be held each Saturday through December. Admission to all events is free. Mark your calendars to celebrate the warmth of our community:

- Dec. 10: Storytellers and S'mores, 2-5 p.m., Festival Park
- Dec. 17: Castle Rock Winter Express, 2-5 p.m., Festival Park
- Dec. 24: Candlelight Service, 4-5 p.m., Festival Park
- Dec. 31: Castle Rockin' New Year's Eve Celebration, 5-8 p.m., Festival Park

During the first two events listed, there will be a variety of ongoing activities, which include taking Selfies with Santa, dressing up in Rocky the Elf's Dressing Room at the Elf House Experience, shopping at Kris Kringle Market, taking a carriage ride, and snagging giveaways at the North Pole Welcome Center.

Get details at [CRgov.com/StarSeason](http://CRgov.com/StarSeason).

## New members join Town Council

Three new members and one incumbent were elected to Town Council in November.

Now representing District 1 is Jess Loban. District 1 includes most of The Meadows.

In District 2, James Townsend received enough write-in votes to represent the Woodlands, Metzler Ranch, Diamond Ridge and Sapphire Pointe.

Representing District 4 will be Jason Bower. District 4 includes the Downtown core, the Craig and Gould neighborhood, Castle North and Red Hawk.

Councilman George Teal was reelected in District 6, which includes Crystal Valley Ranch, Plum Creek, The Lanterns and Heckendorf Ranch.

During the Dec. 6 Town Council meeting, these Council members will be sworn in. Additionally, the Council will choose a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tem. Outgoing Council members Paul Donahue, Mark Heath and Chip Wilson will also be honored.

Learn more about Council at [CRgov.com/Council](http://CRgov.com/Council). Biographies of the new members will be posted after the Dec. 6 swearing in.



Castle Rock's "Rock" monument is an icon for the entire community. The Town's namesake is home to the Star during the holiday season and is one of the largest landmarks in Town. It's also a wonderful place for trail-goers to explore a great view. But, like at most natural sites, sometimes, maintenance is necessary.

Rock Park and its trails will be **closed Monday, Dec. 5, through Wednesday, Dec. 7**, for a rockfall-safety scaling project. Please note the Star will remain lit as normal. Learn more at [CRgov.com](http://CRgov.com).

# Work begins on milestone WISE connection

Securing the Town's long-term water future is a top priority for Castle Rock Water. Soon, a big connection in the long-term water plan will be accomplished, when the first drops of WISE water make their way to Castle Rock.

Construction on the more than 5-mile pipeline to make that dream a reality is set to begin in December. This pipeline will bring renewable water, imported from northern Colorado sources, to Castle Rock in 2017.

The pipeline connection will be constructed within an existing Xcel Energy utility easement, from the Parker Water and Sanitation District distribution system at Outter Maker Road to the Ray Waterman Regional Water Treatment Center.

Renewable water projects like this support Castle Rock Water's goal of achieving a 75 percent renewable water supply by 2050. Completion of the approximately \$14 million pipeline is scheduled for summer 2017.

WISE is a regional partnership among 13 south metro water providers, with the goal of sharing in the development of new and leveraging existing water supply and infrastructure.

Watch for more exciting renewable water news coming up in 2017.

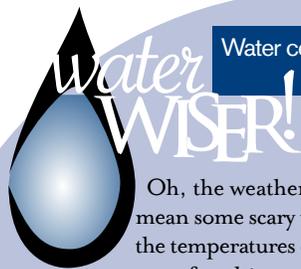
## Vacancies announced for various boards and commissions

If you've always wanted to serve your local community, consider applying for a voluntary position on a board or commission.

While the recruitment process for the Town's 12 boards and commissions occurs annually in the spring, from time to time, there are vacancies that need to be filled. Currently, there are five vacancies:

- Design Review Board: one vacancy with a term expiring in May 2018 (Must be a Downtown property owner.)
- Election Commission: one vacancy with a term expiring in May 2017
- Parks and Recreation Commission: one vacancy with a term expiring in May 2018
- Planning Commission: one vacancy with a term expiring in May 2018
- Public Art Commission: one vacancy with a term expiring in May 2017

Boards and commissions study information within the body's area of expertise, obtain public comment on various issues, and provide direction and recommendations to Town Council. To learn more about these opportunities and to apply, visit [CRgov.com/BandC](http://CRgov.com/BandC).



Water conservation and efficiency tip  
[CRgov.com/waterwiser](http://CRgov.com/waterwiser)

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, and that could mean some scary things for your home's plumbing. When the temperatures outside plunge below zero degrees, there are a few things you can do indoors to keep your pipes from suffering. Be sure to let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall of the house. This small amount of water might be all it takes to keep pipes from freezing. Also, open cabinet doors to allow heat to access uninsulated pipes under the sink, and never set your thermostat lower than 55 degrees. Find more tips at [CRgov.com/water](http://CRgov.com/water).

## CONTACTS

Town information	303-660-1015
Library	303-791-7323
Recreation Center	303-660-1036
The MAC	303-733-2222

## Events in Castle Rock

**Dec. 10:** CPR/AED class, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fire Headquarters on Perry Street. The cost for this class is \$45 per person. Register in person at 300 N. Perry St.

**Dec. 12:** Season of the Star – Storytellers and S'mores, 2-5 p.m., Festival Park. Join us around a campfire for live storytelling and s'more making. Event also includes vendors, food, wine and spirits.

**Dec. 13:** Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., ANB Bank, 3851 Sol Danza Drive. Get to know Castle Rock police officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Dec. 17:** Season of the Star – Castle Rock Winter Express, 2-5 p.m., Festival Park. Enjoy a train ride through Festival Park, which will be transformed into a North Pole celebration with Santa. Event also includes food, vendors and live entertainment.

**Dec. 24:** Recreation Center and MAC modified hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Dec. 24:** Season of the Star – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4-5 p.m., Festival Park.

**Dec. 25:** Town offices, including the Recreation Center and MAC, closed for the Christmas holiday. Town offices will observe the holiday with a closure on Dec. 26; Rec and MAC will be open normal hours that day.

**Dec. 31:** Season of the Star – Castle Rockin' New Year's Eve Celebration, 5-8 p.m., Festival Park. Event includes activities, music, food and entertainment.

**Dec. 31:** Recreation Center and MAC modified hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Jan. 1:** Recreation Center and MAC, closed for New Year's Day. Town offices closed Jan. 2 in observance of the holiday; Rec and MAC open normal hours Jan. 2.

### Rink at the Rock Hours

The Rink at the Rock will again offer a variety of ice activities November through February. Rink hours will be: Wednesdays and Thursdays 4-8 p.m.; Fridays 4-9 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Please check the calendar at [RinkattheRock.com](http://RinkattheRock.com) for special activities on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Carolers at the Rink 2015

[CRGOV.COM](http://CRGOV.COM)

## On the Web:

### Keep up with the Town

It's a busy time in Castle Rock. From seasonal events, to maintenance projects, to keeping streets plowed during snowstorms – the holiday season is a busy time for everyone. Keep up with everything on the Town's official Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts. There are a few imposters out there, so be sure to search CRGOV to find the official source for Town news.