

Your Town Talk



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Good to Know

The area's beauty and wildlife are just some of the reasons why Castle Rock is a great place to call home. But living close to wildlife means residents have a responsibility to help keep our natural friends safe.

In Castle Rock, bears are most active from mid-March through early November. And, every year officials get reports from residents who have spotted a bear in their neighborhood. Most likely, these bears are on the hunt for food.

Here are a few tips on keeping bears and your home safe:

- Keep trash cans locked up, and don't leave trash out over night
- Clean trash cans with ammonia to reduce odors that attract bears
- Do not leave pet food or dishes outdoors at night. Store pet food in airtight containers
- Clean outdoor grills after each use, as the smell of grease can attract bears, even if no food is present
- Never intentionally feed bears – it is illegal in Colorado

If you see a bear, don't run away. Avoid direct eye contact and slowly back away while making a lot of noise. Call 911 if the bear shows aggression toward you.

If you wish to report a sighting, call the Castle Rock Police Department nonemergency number, 303-663-6100, or the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, 303-291-7227.



Festival Park reimagined – update

Whether it's attending a community event, spending a summer night watching a movie under the stars or participating in volunteer activities like Spring Up the Creek – Festival Park holds key memories for many Castle Rock residents. Soon, this Downtown landmark will be a lot more. A groundbreaking was held last month, and construction has officially begun.

In partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Merchants Association and the Town, the goal is to transform the park into a modern Downtown center. Once complete, the park improvements will include a landing pavilion and fire pit, splash pad, great lawn and creek-side picnic area. Construction is expected to be complete before the end of the year.

Current project status – Second Street has been permanently closed. Additionally, the alley that runs between Second and Third streets is now permanently one way from south to north.

Stay tuned for updates as construction progresses at CRgov.com/FestivalPark. Or, sign up for email updates at CRgov.com/NotifyMe.

Spring Break Camps Keep the kids entertained over the break

Living in Colorado, it may seem hard to believe, but Spring Break is right around the corner for most Douglas County school kids. And while for some, the break is a time for relaxation. For many parents, bored kids are a recipe for disaster.

Let the Town help! Check out one of the Spring Break Camps offered by Castle Rock Parks and Recreation.

Camps will be in session from Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 24. Whether it's Soccer Buddies, Strider Bike Classes, Fencing or Skyhawks multi-sport camp, Castle Rock truly has something to keep everyone busy while out of school.

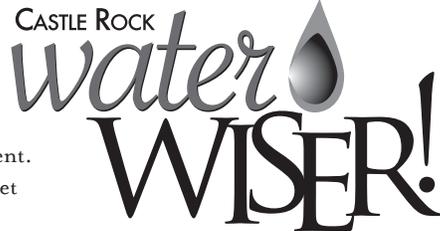
Head to CRgov.com/SpringBreak for more information.

Wise up with Water Wiser workshops

Registration now open

Conservation is key. It supports 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.



Smartscape solutions for your lawn and home.

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 annual workshops to teach residents about how they can conserve water around their homes.

The ultimate goal is for the entire Town to cut 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.

Online registration

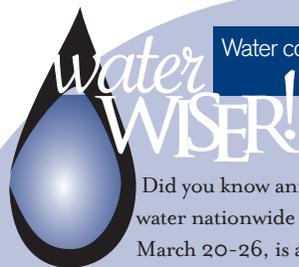
The Water Wiser workshops are free, but registration is required and spaces fill up quickly.

More information for these popular classes is at CRgov.com/WaterWiser.

Or, check out our new conservation website - CRConserve.com. There you will find registration information for all Castle Rock Water programs.

2017 workshop schedule

Saturday, March 25 , 9 a.m.-noon, The Grange in The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.
Tuesday, April 11 , 6-9 p.m., Public Training Facility, 1335 Park St.
Wednesday, April 26 , 6-9 p.m. The Grange in The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.
Tuesday, May 9 , 6-9 p.m. Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court
Tuesday, May 23 , 10 a.m.-1 p.m. P.S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St.
Monday, June 5 , 6-9 p.m. Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court
Saturday, June 17 , 9 a.m.-noon, Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court
Saturday, July 15 , 9 a.m.-noon, Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court
Thursday Aug. 10 , 6-9 p.m., Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Did you know annually more than one trillion gallons of water nationwide is wasted through leaks? Fix a Leak Week, March 20-26, is a reminder to track down those leaky faucets, toilet and showers. Toilets account for the largest indoor leak – wasting as much as 5 gallons of water per minute. Check for toilet leaks by dropping dye tablets, or a few drops of food coloring, in the toilet tank. Wait a few minutes. If the color appears in the bowl, that means you have a leak. The flapper is the most likely cause for leaks. Replacing the flapper can be a simple and inexpensive DIY project. Additionally, most faucet leaks can be fixed by simply replacing a gasket. Track down those leaks, make some simple repairs and save valuable water and money all year long!

CONTACTS

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

Events in Castle Rock

March 9: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's free monthly presentation, 6:45-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library. Presentation by Roger Hadix of Colorado Vintage Baseball Association. Refreshments start at 6:45 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 7 p.m.

March 14: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., The MAC at Philip S. Miller Park, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway. Get to know your local police officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

March 14: Tiara Tuesday during Princess Week at the Outlets at Castle Rock, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wear a tiara and visit customer service to earn a \$5 Outlets at Castle Rock gift card.

March 18: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's bus tour of Historic Denver, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet at the Castle Rock Museum, 420 Elbert St. Relax and enjoy the scenery during a drive around Denver, recalling its foundational history as told by Denver History Tours. Cost is \$45, including a box lunch from Tony's. Email museum@castlerockhistoricalsociety.org for details or call 303-814-3164.

March 28: Ridgeline Wrangler season kick-off meeting, 7-8 p.m., The Grange in The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd. This trail group meets monthly to help the Town maintain Ridgeline Open Space. They also provide valuable feedback on improvements, rerouting and future development. Join the group at this season kick-off meeting.

April 8: Earth Day Willow Harvest and Planting, 9 a.m.-noon, Memmen Ridge Open Space, 150 Oman Road. Celebrate Earth Day by helping improve wetland areas at Philip S. Miller Park. Willow branches will be harvested at Memmen Ridge Open Space and then replanted along a wet drainage-way on the south side of the MAC. Registration is required. Visit VolunteerConnectDC.org or call 303-814-7456.

During March: Colorado Outdoor Play at Douglas County Libraries' Philip S. Miller Library. Throughout the month, explore displays about the many ways Coloradans enjoy the great outdoors during the warmer months. Learn more at DCL.org.



On the Web: Learn about projects.

Our community is thriving, and you might be wondering about development projects in your area. Logon to CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivity. Then, click on the Development Activity map link. Zoom in on your neighborhood and get information on the new amenities or infrastructure that will soon be nearby. Still have questions? Call our planner of the day – 303-660-1393.