

Your Town Talk

December 2017



FLASHING YELLOW SIGNAL



Good to Know

Crews installing yellow flashing turn signals throughout Town

The Town is in the process of installing flashing yellow turn arrows all around Castle Rock. National research confirms this extra caution can reduce T-bone collisions and increase safety at an intersection. Flashing yellow arrows already exist at nearly a dozen intersections in Town, and crews began installing arrows at an additional 19 intersections in November. The new signals will be along Front Street, Fifth Street, Meadows Boulevard, Plum Creek Parkway, Wilcox Street and Wolfensberger Road. These intersections were chosen based on traffic volumes.

To do the work safely, crews will have to close some turn lanes, but intersections will remain open at all times. Work is expected to move quickly, so driver impacts should be minimal. Work is expected to last through January 2018. Visit CRgov.com/FlashingYellow for more information.

Where they're being installed

- Front Street
- Fifth Street
- Meadows Boulevard
- Plum Creek Parkway
- Wilcox Street
- Wolfensberger Road

Season of the Star shines bright

The Star atop Castle Rock has been lit, the fireworks have blasted off, and the Season of the Star festivities continue on through December with several family friendly activities. The series of events encapsulate our Town's holiday spirit and include:



- Dec. 9:** Storytellers and S'mores, 5 to 7 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.
- Dec. 9, 16 & 23:** Free Holiday Carriage Rides in Downtown Castle Rock, 5 to 8 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.
- Dec. 15:** Reindeer Games, 3 to 6 p.m., The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway
- Dec. 24:** Candlelighting, 5 to 6 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.

Details online at CRgov.com/StarSeason.

Water improvements with no rate increases

Securing the Town's long-term water future; providing great-tasting, safe drinking water; and keeping rates as low as possible are all goals in the coming year for Castle Rock Water. As the department works hard to plan for the future, funding is always a consideration. However, there will be no rate increases for existing residential customers in 2018 – only a slight increase to system development fees.

Water bills have fixed charges to help ensure Castle Rock Water has stable revenue to continue to fund water projects. The bill also has a volumetric rate so customers also pay for the amount of water they use. All water service is paid for through rates and fees – not through taxes or the General Fund. System development fees are paid by developers to make improvements to the system and help fund the long-term renewable water plan.

Yearly, Castle Rock Water operates and maintains five water treatment plants, over 60 wells, 14 water tanks and 881 miles of water, stormwater and sewer lines.

Ooh La La! Tickets on sale now for Feb. 9 Daddy Daughter Ball

Daddies, show your daughter what it's like to spend a magical night in Paris at the 18th annual Daddy Daughter Ball. This year's event is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Purchase tickets online, or at the Recreation Center or Miller Activity Complex. Advance tickets are \$25 per couple (\$30 for nonresidents). Admission at the door is \$40 per couple, cash only. Tickets for additional daughters are \$8 each. All tickets purchased now through Dec. 22 come with a free Eiffel Tower keychain. Join us in Paris for a night of dancing, music and fun. All ages are welcome, and grandfathers and grandchildren are also welcome. Refreshments and dessert will be served. More information and ticket details are available at CRgov.com/DDBall18.



Reimagined Festival Park now open

It's where major holidays have been celebrated, summer nights have been spent and family memories have been made. For years, Festival Park has been home to some of the community's most treasured events. Now, this beloved treasure has reopened completely reimagined.



From the beginning, this project has been a true partnership among the Town, Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Merchants Association. The goal was to enhance the park into a modern public gathering location. With help from the public and local business owners, a community vision was created. Construction took almost exactly a year, but in those short 365 days, big changes were made.

The new features include a landing pavilion, splash pad, fire pit, open lawn, creekside picnic area, and an iconic Lantern feature and overlook walkway. Festival Park has always been an important feature in the Downtown area, and now that tradition can continue for years to come.

Details on all the festivities will be coming soon. Stay up-to-date at CRgov.com/FestivalPark.

Interested in the future of Castle Rock?

Here are some resources

Planning for our future is a priority for the Town. That's why years of research, analysis and public comment were part of the process to update your Town's official planning document, known as the 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan.

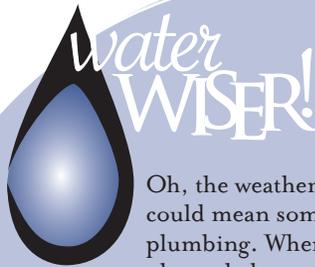
Town Council unanimously approved the updated plan in November. The Comprehensive Master Plan is the Town's overall guiding document. It defines the community's broad and long-term direction and is used to guide the Town's growth, development, land use and planning efforts.

The plan is built upon Four Cornerstones: a distinct identity, responsible growth, community services and a thriving economy. The community validated the Four Cornerstones during various outreach efforts related to the update. Read the plan at CRgov.com/CompPlan.

Once a new development – commercial or residential – is vetted against the Comprehensive Master Plan, it goes through the Town's development process. This process includes an evaluation of road and water impacts.

You can learn about projects under development on the Town's Development Activity Map. Visit CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivity.

Still have questions? Call our planner of the day at 303-660-1393.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, and that could mean some scary things for your home's plumbing. When the outside temperatures plunge below zero degrees, there are a few things you can do indoors to keep your pipes from suffering. First, open cabinet doors to allow heat to access uninsulated pipes under the sink. When possible, wrap foam insulation around your pipes, and never set your thermostat lower than 55 degrees. Keeping your pipes warm is the best prevention against freezing pipes. And remember, letting the water drip does not prevent the water from freezing in your pipes, only from bursting the pipes once they are already frozen! Find more tips at CRgov.com/water.

Events in Castle Rock

Dec. 9: Storytellers and S'Mores, 5 to 7 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season with an evening around a campfire, listening to stories and making s'mores.

Dec. 9: Free Holiday Carriage Rides in Downtown Castle Rock, 5 to 8 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.

Dec. 10: The Castle Rock Orchestra presents Christmas in Great Britain, 3 to 4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1200 South St. This concert will feature music from British composers and will be a holiday delight for all.

Dec. 12: Coffee with a Cop, 10 to 11 a.m., Einstein Bros. Bagels, 3993 Limelight Ave.

Dec. 15: Reindeer Games, 3 to 6 p.m., The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park. Join the Town and Santa for the 2017 Reindeer Games and Winter Express! Enjoy kid-friendly activities in a winter-themed wonderland including live reindeer, Santa, cookies, hot chocolate, sleigh rides, outdoor games and an obstacle course. Kids will receive an elf buddy at the end of the obstacle course while supplies last. The Winter Express train will depart the Millhouse and take passengers on a 1-mile ride along paved trails in Philip S. Miller Park through a winter wonderland. Please dress warmly, and bring your holiday spirit. This is expected to be a popular event! Parking is available at the park.

Dec. 16 and 23: Free Holiday Carriage Rides in Downtown Castle Rock, 5 to 8 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.

Dec. 24: Candlelighting, 5 to 6 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St. This annual event takes place on Christmas Eve and is hosted by Calvary Castle Rock. Held in the beautiful setting of Festival Park, the Candlelighting ceremony is open to everyone and is a nice way to spend time with your family before the holiday. This is an outdoor event, so bring a blanket and lawn chair for your comfort. Candles for the Candlelighting ceremony sponsored by Envision Counseling Clinic.

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2018: Town of Castle Rock offices will be closed.

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On the Web: Fact or Fiction?

If you have a question about your Town, we want to help you get accurate information. Our website is a one-stop resource for important topics in our community. To submit a question, fill out our form at CRgov.com/Facts, and we'll review it and answer it online.