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Your Town *News From Around the Rock* Talk

Learn more about your Castle Rock government and Town Council

Transparency is key to any government. That's why you'll find Town news online, in your email, in your mailbox, and on social media. Now, the Town has added Nextdoor as another way to connect with you.

Website: CRgov.com

The Town of Castle Rock values clear, direct and honest communication; strives to practice responsible care for our resources; and prioritizes exceptional public service. It is with these goals in mind that the Town created CRgov.com, a one-stop site where you can find information on all Town business. Think of it as your virtual Town Hall. Visit CRgov.com.

Email lists

Your Town is excited to connect with you! Get information straight to your inbox by signing up for various email lists at CRgov.com/NotifyMe. Some lists are based on projects. For general updates, sign up for the "News and Announcements" listing. For Town Council updates, sign up for the Town Council Updates email. For all lists, look for a confirmation email in your inbox from NoReply@CivicPlus.com.

Open houses

The Town of Castle Rock hosts several open houses throughout the year, where you can interface with Town officials. If you visit CRgov.com/events, you'll find a calendar of upcoming events, including these open houses. Open houses scheduled for this year will cover topics such as new Downtown parking and your water department. The Town is also planning open houses about roadwork and more. Watch for more information coming soon.

Fact or Fiction

Your questions ... answered! If you have a question about your Town, we want to help you get accurate information. This page is a one-stop resource for the important topics in our community. If you have a question, you can email it or submit an online form. We'll review your question and post it with an answer on the Town website. Go to CRgov.com/facts for info.

Social media

Today, many people turn to social media



platforms to get their information in increasing numbers. The Town of Castle Rock Government Facebook page (facebook.com/CRgov), Instagram account (instagram.com/CRgov), Twitter feed (twitter.com/CRgov) and Nextdoor account are where you can go to get the latest official Town information on these platforms.

Good to Know

Get to know roads

As you're driving around our Town, Castle Rock knows you might be looking for road-related information. Here are some useful places to visit on CRgov.com:

■ On snow: Learn about the Town's snow-removal strategy and track the plows during a storm at CRgov.com/snow.

■ On closures: Sometimes, improvements mean road or lane closures. Check out our map at CRgov.com/roadwork. It's updated every Thursday.

■ On projects: get major projects updates to your email inbox. Sign up at CRgov.com/NotifyMe.

Keep up with Castle Rock Water

As the community changes, so do our water needs. Castle Rock Water is hard at work on several construction projects including a new water well facility and pipeline connection in Castlewood Ranch and a proposed replacement water well facility near Plum Creek Golf Course. Additionally, the Town is working on stormwater and trail improvements along Hangman's Gulch and East Plum Creek trails. These projects could impact trail users through the summer.

Stay up-to-date on the construction's progress at CRgov.com or the Town's Facebook page (@CRGOV).

Feedback requested for new park

A park means so much more to a neighborhood than just providing playground equipment. It becomes a central gathering location and a place where memories are made within the community.

The Town is currently seeking public input regarding initial design concepts provided by Norris Design for a new neighborhood park in The Meadows near Aspen View Academy. You can take a brief questionnaire to provide feedback. For more information, visit CRgov.com/FutureParks.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan establishes service levels for neighborhood parks. While metro districts and schools also provide neighborhood park access, the Town sets aside 8 acres for every 1,000 residents. This action helps ensure that residents will have close access to neighborhood parks once the Town is fully built-out.

Election update and next steps

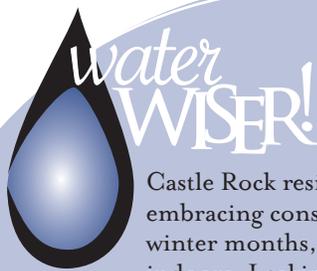
Town Council this month is scheduled to consider two ordinances necessary to call a special election in May.

The special election is a necessary follow-up to the November 2017 election in which voters approved an at-large Mayor structure. While the election changed language in the Charter regarding the overall structure of Town Council, the citizen-initiated petition that provided for that election did not identify elements such as qualifications for Mayor (age, residency, voter status, etc.) and a timeline for the transition to the new structure.

For recommendations on that, Town Council appointed a Citizen Advisory Committee. The Committee met in January to make recommendations to Council. Specifically, the Committee recommended the Mayor be a registered elector in the Town of Castle Rock, a Castle Rock resident for one year, and a citizen of the United States. The Committee also recommended the first election date for the at-large Mayor be Nov. 6, 2018. Finally, the Committee recommended the Town complete the redistricting from seven to six districts in 2018.

Using the Committee's recommendations, Town Council in January directed staff to prepare the ordinances necessary to call a special election for May 15, 2018, and set ballot language for two ballot questions for that election. Council is scheduled to consider those ordinances this month.

Learn more about the Committee at CRgov.com/citizencommittee.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

Castle Rock residents are known for embracing conservation. But, during the winter months, turn that conservation focus indoors. Leaking toilets or faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water per year. Plus, keep the environment top-of-mind by going paperless with your monthly water statement. Getting statements via email and making payments online will keep you organized and save time. Every drop of water counts, but so does every piece of paper. Sign up at CRgov.com/H2OAccess and opt-in to go paperless.

Events in Castle Rock

Feb. 7: Water Open House, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility, 1929 Liggett Road.

Feb. 8: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's Monthly Presentation, 6:45 to 8 p.m. at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Presentation by Ray Baier on Rev. John L. Dyer, immigrant, mining camp minister, and one of the founders of Colorado.

Feb. 9: Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Enjoy a special night out with your little princess at our fabulous Daddy Daughter Ball in Castle Rock. This year's theme, "A Night in Paris," will capture daddies and their daughters dancing, enjoying refreshments, raffle and photographs for memories to last a lifetime.

Feb. 9: Coffee with a Cop, 8 to 9 a.m., McDonalds, 995 Park St. Get to know your Castle Rock police officers.

Feb. 17: CPR/AED Class, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fire Headquarters/Station 151, 300 N. Perry St. The four-hour class teaches students basic CPR skills. Registration and payment by check or cash must take place before day of class in person at Station 151.

Feb. 28: Colorado Bluebird Project open house, 7 to 8 p.m., The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway. The program improves the vitality of native bluebird populations through education.

March 4: Castle Rock Orchestra presents the "Vive la France" Concert, 3 to 4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1200 South St.

March 5: Coffee with a Cop, 2 to 3 p.m., Echo Ridge at Metzler Ranch Apartments Clubhouse, 339 E. Allen St.

For information about these and other events, visit CRgov.com/events.

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On the Web: Development Activity Map

Did you know that you can view an interactive map of development in Castle Rock? This online publication is designed to show the community where the development is happening, and provide the most up-to-date information regarding these projects. To view the map, go to CRgov.com/developmentactivity.