



SPECIAL ELECTION SPRING 2018



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# Your Town *Talk*

News From Around the Rock

## Special Election mail ballots are on the way

Castle Rock voters will be asked to decide on two proposed Charter amendments on Tuesday, May 15. Mail ballots will be sent out the week of April 23. Watch your mailbox.

**Two questions will be on this special election ballot. They are:**

### **Home Rule Charter Amendment A**

*In order to implement the November 7, 2017 voter-approved amendment to the Town of Castle Rock Home Rule Charter providing for a Town Council consisting of a Mayor elected at-large and six Councilmembers elected from districts, shall the Town Charter be further amended to add a transition plan specifying the November 6, 2018 regular election as the date for election of the Mayor and two Councilmembers and the following regular election as the date for election of four Councilmembers, authorize the Election Commission to timely establish the boundaries of the six Town Council districts in 2018, and make certain other conforming amendments to the Town Charter in accordance with Town Council Ordinance No. 2018-002?*

Yes       No

### **What does a YES vote mean?**

If Home Rule Charter Amendment A passes, the Town will be able to implement the will of voters and proceed with a Townwide election for an at-large Mayor and two Councilmembers on Nov. 6, 2018. The remaining four Councilmembers will be elected in November 2020.

### **What does a NO vote mean?**

If Home Rule Charter Amendment A fails, the Town will not have a transition plan and, therefore, will not be able to implement the voter-approved at-large Mayor structure in time for the November 2018 regular election. Consequently, the Town would likely have to submit a different transition plan to the voters in November 2018. That would delay the first at-large Mayor election to at least the 2020 regular election.

### **Home Rule Charter Amendment B**

*Shall Section 2-4 of the Town of Castle Rock Home Rule Charter be amended to establish qualifications for the office of Mayor such that the Mayor at the time of nomination, election or appointment is a registered elector of the Town of Castle Rock, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the Town of Castle Rock for twelve consecutive months preceding election or appointment and prohibit the Mayor from being a paid employee of the Town, in accordance with Town Council Ordinance No. 2018-002?*

Yes       No

### **What does a YES vote mean?**

If Home Rule Charter Amendment B passes, the Town Charter will clearly define qualifications for Mayor, which are not currently included in the Town Charter.

### **What does a NO vote mean?**

If Home Rule Charter Amendment B fails, qualifications for Mayor will not be stated in the Town Charter. The only de-facto qualification (stated elsewhere in Town Charter) would be that the Mayor be a resident of Castle Rock.

**This election will be by mail.** Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. Voters should return their ballots by mail, or to one of two 24-hour drop-off locations: Town Hall parking lot (100 N. Wilcox St.), or Douglas County Elections parking lot (125 Stephanie Place.)

Voters should also watch their mail for additional information on this election, or visit [CRgov.com/2018SpecialElection](http://CRgov.com/2018SpecialElection).

## Good to Know

### **Join the call to conserve**

Castle Rock is a community that understands conservation. For years, residents have made great strides in encouraging the entire community to cut back. Now, Mayor Jennifer Green and Castle Rock Water want to take water efficiency to the next level.

Help Castle Rock come out as the most water-conscious community in Colorado. Take a pledge to conserve water and help the environment. Pledge to take a shorter shower, fix that leaky faucet, wash only full loads of laundry, or invest in Energy Star appliances.

Head to [CRconserve.com/WaterPledge](http://CRconserve.com/WaterPledge) April 1 through 30.

The Town is partnering with the Wyland Foundation, as well as the National League of Cities, EPA Office of Water and the U.S. Forest Service to encourage communities around the country to take the online pledge to conserve. This fun, free pledge also offers prizes!

### **Spring Up the Creek this season**

Celebrate the change of season while doing something good for the environment at this year's Spring Up the Creek. The annual trash pick up event will be held from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at Festival Park. The Town, along with Douglas County, Castle Pines Metro District, Plum Creek Reclamation Authority and the Chatfield Watershed Authority, hosts the event to promote the importance of protecting the environment. Preregistration and more information are available at [CRgov.com/SpringUp](http://CRgov.com/SpringUp).

## Efficiency equals conservation

For years, Castle Rock has been a leader in conservation and efficiency. In fact, customers have already saved more than 20 percent. But, there is always room for improvement. That's why Castle Rock Water has updated the Water Use Management Plan.

The plan outlines guidelines that will help the community manage peak demand during irrigation season. Since 1985, customers have abided by an every-third-day watering schedule June 1 through Aug. 31. Now, nonresidential customers will also need to follow a similar schedule. Additionally, time limits on irrigation exemptions for new sod are being shortened, and commercial installation of Kentucky Bluegrass has been prohibited. Finally, an expiration date for Water Wiser designations was also added to the plan.

Learn more about everything outlined in the Water Use Management Plan at [CRgov.com/WaterPlans](http://CRgov.com/WaterPlans). And, watch your mailbox. Watering schedules and detailed information will be arriving soon.

## Wise up with Water Wiser

Conservation is key. It's a message Castle Rock Water is spreading to help support the Town's long-term water plan. While our community has embraced the call to conserve, the goal is to cut back another 18 percent. Residents looking to conserve can get expert tips at Castle Rock Water's Water Wiser workshops.

The interactive workshops teach customers how to detect water waste in their yards and ways 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. This allows residents to water when their plants need it and not necessarily as often as every third day.

New in 2018 – Water Wiser designations now expire, and are only valid for five years. Participants who took the class before 2013 will need to retake the class to maintain their designation. The Water Wiser workshops are free, but registration is required. More information, including the class schedule and registration, is available at [CRConserve.com/WaterWiser](http://CRConserve.com/WaterWiser).

## Volunteer for a board or commission

Every year in May, each board and commission has positions with terms that will expire. The Town currently has several vacancies within its boards and commissions and is accepting applications. Most terms are two years unless otherwise noted. Interested applicants must be a Castle Rock resident and should submit an application form by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. Applications and more information on current vacancies are at [CRgov.com/BoardVacancies](http://CRgov.com/BoardVacancies).

## Events in Castle Rock

**April 12:** Meadows Parkway Reconstruction Open House, 6 to 8 p.m. at The Grange at The Meadows

**April 14:** Earth Day Willow Conservation Project, 9 a.m. to noon at Memmen Ridge Open Space

**April 19:** Councilman Bower's District 4 Open House, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Festival Park, 300 Second St.

**April 19:** Senior Life Expo, 2 to 6 p.m. at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive

**April 25:** Wild in Our Town, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St.

**April 28:** Community CPR/AED Class, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fire Headquarters, 300 N. Perry St.

**May 2:** Coffee with a Cop, 11 a.m. to noon, Manna Restaurant inside Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, 2350 Meadows Blvd.

**May 5:** Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 5 to 10 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.

**May 5:** Ridgeline Rampage, all day, Philip S. Miller Park, 1375 West Plum Creek Parkway

**May 5:** Spring Up The Creek, 8 to 11 a.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St.

For information about these and other events, visit [CRgov.com/events](http://CRgov.com/events).



On the **Web:**  
**Purchase tickets**

For many people great music, perfect temperatures and spending time under the stars is the recipe for a perfect summer night. Don't miss the Town's Summer Concert Series at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Concert details will be announced soon! Purchase tickets at [CRgov.com/PSMConcerts](http://CRgov.com/PSMConcerts).

## Meadows Parkway Reconstruction

A smoother drive is coming to Meadows Parkway. The road, built three decades ago, is ready for a revamp. Reconstruction of the roadway between U.S. 85 and Prairie Hawk Drive is scheduled to start in late May and last into August. Learn more about this project during an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at The Grange at The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.

The project is budgeted for \$2.5 million, of which \$1.3 million is coming from a federal grant administered through the Denver Regional Council of Governments. The rest is funded by the Town's Transportation Fund, which includes revenues from sales tax, motor vehicle tax and building use tax.

For more information, visit [CRgov.com/MeadowsParkway](http://CRgov.com/MeadowsParkway).