

# Your Town Talk

September 2018



I-25 South Gap Project  
Monument-Castle Rock

## Good to Know

### In the works: I-25 South Gap

Construction crews are gearing up. Work on the highly anticipated I-25 South Gap project is set to begin later this month.

The CDOT project encompasses an 18-mile stretch of I-25 between Castle Rock and Monument. Over the next three years, crews will be adding one lane in each direction, widening shoulders, rehabilitating structures and pavement, building five underpasses, and improving lighting.

Construction will begin on the northern portion of the project near Castle Rock, then move south. Watch for new traffic patterns in the coming weeks. Stay up-to-date on the project at [i25gap.cdott.gov](http://i25gap.cdott.gov).

## Proposed 2019 Budget continues focus on priorities

The Town's Proposed 2019 Budget carries forward several priorities from prior years' budgets. Namely, the Town's focus on ensuring outstanding public safety, enhancing our transportation, securing our water future and maintaining strong Parks and Recreation would continue in 2019, with items included in the proposed budget to support those initiatives.

Town Council is set to approve next year's budget in September. Public hearings on the budget will be held at both the Sept. 4 and 18 Town Council meetings, which begin at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.

The total proposed budget is \$236.6 million, which includes \$83.9 million for capital improvements and \$128.3 million for operations. No tax increases are proposed, but modest fee increases in water, golf and recreation are included. Additionally, the fees the Town imposes on developers for new construction are proposed to increase by 15 percent for 2019, and further in subsequent years, to help ensure growth is paying for growth-related infrastructure needs.

Additional details about the budget are at [CRgov.com/2019Budget](http://CRgov.com/2019Budget).

## Candidates finalized for November election

Election Day is Nov. 6. On the ballot, voters will be asked seven questions to help clarify language in the Town Charter related to the new Town Council structure – six Town Council districts and one Mayor elected at large. Additionally, there will be three seats on the ballot – District 3, District 5 and the Mayor. Here's what to know about the election:

Ballots will be in the mail the week of Oct. 15.

In District 3 (eastern portions of The Meadows and Red Hawk), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are (in alphabetical order):

- Kevin Bracken
- Kathy Redmond
- Tanya R. Relyea
- Bob Studinger

In District 5 (southeast Castle Rock), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are:

- Max Brooks
- Wayne Harlos
- Caryn Johnson

The Mayor will also be on ballots Townwide. Candidates running for Mayor who will appear on the ballot are:

- Charles Fletcher III
- Jason Gray
- Randy A. Reed

Additionally, each seat will have the option for write-in candidates. Write-in candidates must submit an affidavit to the Town Clerk before Oct. 5.

All ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. Nov. 6. Completed ballots can be returned by mail, or at one of two 24/7 drop-off boxes, which are in the parking lot of Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St., and the parking lot of the Douglas County Elections Office, 125 Stephanie Place.

Learn more about the election at [CRgov.com/NovemberElection](http://CRgov.com/NovemberElection).

## Family fun gets engines revving Sept. 29

Get your motor running, put your imagination in gear, and get to the Touch-a-Truck event Sept. 29, hosted by Castle Rock Police.

While these trucks are usually plowing streets, working construction sites and saving lives, for this event, they'll be at Douglas County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note, there will be a "no horn" hour from 9-10 a.m. for kids who need a more relaxed experience.

Get a chance to sit in the driver's seat and explore police cars, military vehicles, helicopters and more! Plus, get the opportunity to hear from the operators about how everything works and what role the vehicle plays in the community.

More information is available at [CRgov.com/TouchATruck](http://CRgov.com/TouchATruck).

## Get physical and celebrate the Rec Center's 30th

Birthdays are always something to celebrate, and the 30th anniversary of Castle Rock's beloved Recreation Center is no exception. For more than 30 years, the facility has been a great place for residents to work out, seniors to socialize and youth to practice sports. Now, the Rec Center is reaching a milestone, and the community is invited to help celebrate.

Don't miss Castle Rock Recreation Center's anniversary party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11. The Town will be embracing the '80s theme, so come dressed to impress. Prizes will be awarded! Plus, participate in a ton of '80s-themed activities and treat yourself to free hot dogs and drinks. Additional food will be available for purchase. Then, get nostalgic with The Goonies. Bring a swimsuit and towel and catch the iconic movie by the pool.

Other details are still in the works, but more information will be available at [CRgov.com/RecAnniversary](http://CRgov.com/RecAnniversary).

## Household Chemical Roundup set for Sept. 29

Despite our best efforts, every year, oil and paint are poured down stormdrains; antifreeze and solvents are found in the sewer pipes; and litter makes its way into streams. Keeping these household chemicals out of our watershed is easy. Don't miss Castle Rock Water's Household Chemical Roundup Saturday, Sept. 29. Residents can safely dispose of household chemicals, oils and batteries. Last year, more than 48 tons of material were collected. Bring unwanted household chemicals, proof of residency and a \$25 per vehicle contribution to Castle Rock Water (175 Kellogg Court) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. More information, including a list of accepted items, is available at [CRgov.com/Roundup](http://CRgov.com/Roundup).



**water  
WISER!**

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

After a summer full of harsh temperatures, harrowing storms and trampled lawns, providing a little TLC can help keep plants healthy.

Here are a few other tips: Reduce the number of watering days. Aerate your lawn to relieve compaction and reduce thatch, allowing nutrients to reach the roots. Fertilize with a slow-release, low-phosphorous fertilizer. Replenish mulch around trees, shrubs and perennials. Wrap trunks of young smooth-bark trees to protect them from sunscald and ice buildup. Drain and blow out irrigation systems to prevent pipes and backflow devices from freezing. Get more tips and advice at our free Winterization Workshop from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20. Register at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).

## Events in Castle Rock

[CRgov.com/events](http://CRgov.com/events)

**Sept. 8-9:** 29th Annual Castle Rock Artfest, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sunday), the Outlets at Castle Rock. Juried fine arts show with artists from across the country.

**Sept. 8:** Colorado Walk & Roll to Cure FSH Muscular Distrophy, 8 to 11 a.m., Philip S. Miller Park.

**Sept. 8:** Pooch Plunge, 10 a.m. to noon, Butterfield Crossing Pool.

**Sept. 13:** 18th Annual "Fall Swing" Golf Tournament Benefiting the Castle Rock Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Black Bear Golf Club.

**Sept. 14:** Zumba Glow in the Park, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 20:** Winterization Workshop, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Castle Rock Water, O&M Building, 175 Kellogg Court, Building 183.

**Sept. 29:** Household Chemical Roundup, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Castle Rock Water, 175 Kellogg Court.

**Sept. 29:** Touch-a-Truck, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds.

**Sept. 29:** Oktoberfest, 1 to 9 p.m., Wilcox Square in Downtown Castle Rock.

**Oct. 3:** Coffee with a Cop, 9 to 10 a.m., Rock Ridge Elementary School, 400 N. Heritage Road.

**Oct. 4:** Fire Department Strategic Plan Open House, 6 to 8 p.m., Station 153, 5463 E. Sovereign St. CRFD is updating its strategic plan and would like to hear from you.

**Oct. 6:** Castle Rock Trails Festival, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Philip S. Miller Park.

**Oct. 6:** Tunes for Trails/Perks for Parks free concert featuring 6 Million Dollar Band, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

[crgov.com](http://crgov.com)

## On the Web: RV dump station in Castle Rock?

Castle Rock Water is considering building an RV dump station to allow residents with RVs to release wastewater into the sewer system. Tell us what you think. The Town had a facility, but it was closed in 2016 because of needed infrastructure upgrades. A new facility could be built and open only to Castle Rock residents with a prepaid membership card. Take a survey at [CRgov.com/Water](http://CRgov.com/Water) to leave feedback on if you'd use the facility and would be willing to pay an annual membership fee.