

Your Town Talk

February 2019

Good to Know

Changes along Crystal Valley Parkway

Keeping Castle Rock's roads safe is a top priority for the Town. Whether it's a new stop sign, crosswalk or speed limit, the Public Works Department studies traffic throughout Town and takes action to keep the community safe. Sometimes that means making a few changes. That's certainly the case along Crystal Valley Parkway.

Not that long ago, Crystal Valley Parkway was a two-lane road, which had a speed limit of 35 mph. Now, the road has been widened to four lanes and a median, so Public Works needed to reevaluate. Join us for an informational open house to learn more.

Crystal Valley Parkway Informational open house

Wednesday, Feb. 13 • 5:30-7 p.m.
Fire Station 152
485 Crystal Valley Parkway

Public Works studied speeds along Crystal Valley Parkway between Fire Station 152 and Lake Gulch Road. The results showed a majority of people are driving faster than the posted speed limit. To keep with national best practices for setting reasonable speed limits, the Town is increasing the speed limit along portions of Crystal Valley Parkway to 45 mph.

The speed limit will be increased between Lake Gulch Road and Manorbrier Circle, and between Plum Creek Boulevard and Wilcox Street/ East Frontage Road. The existing 35 mph speed limit will be maintained between Plum Creek Boulevard and Manorbrier Circle due to limited sight distance. Additionally, a new pedestrian crossing will be installed at Old Lanterns Parkway.

Learn more at the open house, or visit CRgov.com/CVPkwyChanges for more information.

Respond to the call for public input via 2019 Community Survey

Seeking residents' involvement and input is important to the Town.

Thousands of Castle Rock households will be asked for their thoughts about Town services and topics this month and next as part of the 2019 Community Survey. Every business holding a Town business license will also be invited to participate.

Invites to take the survey online will come by email and snail mail. Some homes and businesses may also be called to complete the survey by phone. Northwest Research Group is completing this research on the Town's behalf.

The resident survey will take about 30 minutes to complete, and the business survey about 10 minutes. The Town would appreciate if all those invited take the time to participate in this important process. Those who respond to an invitation to complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$100 Visa gift cards.

Selected households will be assigned a unique, one-time ID required to complete the survey. Not every household will receive an invitation, but the Town values everyone's feedback — a supplemental survey open to the entire community will be available later in March. Watch CRgov.com and the Town's social media channels for a link to that study.

Bluebird volunteers: Protecting the songs of spring

When asked what they love most about Castle Rock, residents often respond noting its beauty, wildlife and natural resources. The Colorado Bluebird Project is one organization that works to preserve what we love most about our hometown.

Bluebirds are migratory songbirds that brighten up Castle Rock with their blue coloring. The Town has led a local division of the Bluebird Project since 2007 to create and monitor nesting boxes throughout our parks, trails, open spaces and schools. Over time, development has decreased the amount of natural bluebird nesting places. Setting up man-made nesting boxes helps bring back the population.

A volunteer team of all ages is needed to visit the boxes weekly to collect and submit important nesting data. The program begins in late March, before Bluebirds return from their winter migration, and runs through the end of summer, when they leave. Join this unique experience for a chance to see Bluebird eggs, hatchlings and beautiful songbirds.

If you are interested in building or monitoring nesting boxes, visit CRgov.com/bluebird, or call Barbara Spagnuolo, natural resource specialist, at 720-733-2294. A meeting will also be held Feb. 21, from 7-8 p.m. at The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway.

Reuse makes way for future water

It's a big step forward in Castle Rock Water's goal of securing the community's long-term water future, but most customers won't even notice. Purified reuse water is making its way to Castle Rock!

While that means big things for the community, customers should not be able to tell a difference.

Purified reuse water is a cost-effective, environmentally sound and sustainable method of water supply, and Castle Rock Water is on the cutting edge. Learn more at the reuse water open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility, 1929 Liggett Road.

Join Castle Rock Water to discuss how reuse water is safe, sustainable and economical. Take a tour of the water treatment plant, learn about the advanced treatment processes being installed to make way for purified reuse water, and get all your questions answered. Plus, taste wine made with re-purified water. Children's activities and breakfast burritos will also be provided.

Reuse is a simple process. After water is used in our homes and businesses, it goes down the drain and is sent to the wastewater treatment plant. There, contaminants are removed, and the water is released into East Plum Creek. Soon, instead of allowing that water to flow to downstream communities, Castle Rock Water will recapture it from the creek, repurify it and reuse it.

Learn more at CRgov.com/reuse.



Coffee with a Cop

Since 2014, Coffee with a Cop has been bringing police officers and community members together over a casual cup of coffee. Designed to spark conversation and relationships, this monthly program takes place at local restaurants and shops. This month's meetup will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 9-10 a.m. at The Egg & I, 2240 Mercantile St.

Whether you hope to ask questions, tell officers about your neighborhood, or share concerns, Coffee with a Cop provides an open atmosphere, and of course, free coffee. Come out and get to know those who have sworn to serve and protect your community.

March

Thursday, March 7
8:30-9:30 a.m.
McDonald's, 995 Park St.

April

Thursday, April 11, 10-11 a.m.
Castle Rock Senior Center
2323 Woodlands Blvd.

For the full 2019 schedule, visit CRgov.com/PDCoffee.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

One of the easiest ways to conserve water indoors is by installing WaterSense-labeled showerheads, faucets and toilets. These low-flow products don't compromise on pressure, so that relaxing morning shower is still guaranteed. They do, however, cut water usage by more than 20 percent. With the bathroom taking up most of the water used indoors, that 20 percent savings can mean hundreds of gallons per month! Changing out a showerhead or sink faucet can be inexpensive and a great DIY weekend project. If a remodel is an order, check for WaterSense-labeled washers, dishwashers and toilets.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/events

Feb. 5: Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall, 100 Wilcox St.

Feb. 6: Snowshoe adventure, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., leaves from Miller Activity Complex.

Feb. 9: Echo Mountain day ski trip, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Miller Activity Complex. Take the easy way to the slopes by leaving the driving to us! Bring a lunch, or buy it on the mountain. The trip includes transportation to and from, and lift tickets. If you don't want to ski, Echo Mountain has a tubing slope this season. Enjoy two hours of tubing fun.

Feb. 9: Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Enjoy a special night out with your little princess of any age at our fabulous Daddy Daughter Ball. This year's theme, "Vintage Hollywood," will capture daddies and their daughters enjoying dancing, refreshments, the Teen Advisory Group raffle and professional photographs for memories to last a lifetime.

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Feb. 13: Crystal Valley Parkway informational open house, 5:30-7 p.m., Fire Station 152, 485 Crystal Valley Parkway. Castle Rock's Public Works Department works diligently to study traffic throughout Town. Sometimes, we install stop signs, or new crosswalks. At other times, we adjust speed limits — and that's the plan along Crystal Valley Parkway. Learn more at CRgov.com/CVPkwyChanges.

Feb. 19: Town Council study session, 5-7 p.m., Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 100 Wilcox St.

Feb. 21: Colorado Bluebird open house, 7-8 p.m., The Millhouse at PSM Park.

Feb. 23: Reuse water open house, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility, 1929 Liggett Road.

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On the Web: **@CRgov on Instagram**

February is the month of likes, or is it love? Follow us on Instagram @CRgov for community updates, Town Council information, local photography and more. Keep your eyes open for a fun contest happening soon!

