

Your Town Talk

April 2019



Good to Know

Calling all green thumbs

They say April showers bring May flowers. Get in on the gardening fun with the Castle Rock Community Garden. Plot applications are now being accepted. The Community Garden is a nonprofit, community-based and volunteer-run project located at Glovers Park, 534 S. Gilbert St.

Residents can lease one of the 23 available plots for the season. One plot is granted per family, and plot applications are approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Plots are generally 5 feet by 8 feet and can be leased for \$40 a season.

More information is available at CRgov.com/commgarden.

Spring up the season

Celebrate the change of season, and be a force of nature for the environment, at this year's Spring Up the Creek. The annual event will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at Festival Park.

The Town, along with Douglas County, Castle Pines Metro District, Plum Creek Water 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.



Goodbye winter, hello irrigation season

After a long, snowy winter season, many residents are ready to get outdoors. But, before irrigation season officially begins, the Town is encouraging residents to keep conservation in mind.

Since 1985, Castle Rock residents have abided by an every-third-day watering schedule. Last year, nonresidential customers were put on a similar program. These schedules are key for helping Castle Rock Water manage the high water demands of the warmer months.

For the 2019 season, outdoor watering schedules have been extended and are in place for the months of May, June, July, August and September. Additionally, residents will only be allowed to water their lawns between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. This is the cooler, more humid time of day when watering is most effective.

On average, more than 50 percent of a resident's water consumption is used outdoors. The watering schedule and rebate program help encourage residents to be more water conscious. Castle Rock Water offers rebates for those looking to transition from inefficient landscaping to more water-smart alternatives.

The SmartScape renovation incentive is the most popular rebate and rewards residents for replacing high-water-use plant material, such as Kentucky Bluegrass, with either hardscape or ColoradoScape plants. Rebates are also available for nonresidential customers that replace turf in high-traffic areas.

More information is available at CRconserve.com.

Be a voice for your Town: apply to serve on a board or commission

Residents with an interest in local development, water, public safety, transportation or parks and recreation issues: consider applying to serve on one of the Town's 11 advisory boards and commissions.

The boards and commissions are presently in their annual recruitment period. Applications, available at CRgov.com/boards, must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 23. Applicants generally must be Town residents. Volunteer terms usually begin June 1; most appointments are for two years.

Board and commission members study information within the board's area of expertise and provide recommendations to Town staff and Town Council. The groups take public comment and help reflect the community's voice.

The boards and commissions are:

- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Building Appeals
- Castle Rock Water Commission
- Design Review Board
- Election Commission
- Historic Preservation Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Art Commission
- Public Safety Commission
- Public Works Commission

View details about each board's responsibilities at CRgov.com/boards.

Keep your eyes on the road this spring

Residents may have seen that new roadwork projects are beginning around Town. To keep Castle Rock on the move, Public Works has planned several improvements for the warmer months:

- **The Meadows:** The focus of this year's Pavement Maintenance Program is The Meadows neighborhood. Residents can find a map of their street and planned work at CRgov.com/PMP. Types of work will include everything from reconstruction to concrete restoration. To keep residents updated, notifications will be left on doors 48 to 72 hours before scheduled work.
- **Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road:** This popular intersection will be upgraded to improve safety and reduce congestion. Additional turn lanes will be added, along with new pedestrian ramps and designated bike lanes.
- **Wolfensberger at Plum Creek Parkway roundabout:** This intersection is now a functioning roundabout, but final construction and landscaping will be completed this spring.

Stay up to date on seasonal roadwork at CRgov.com/roads.

Join the call to conserve

Castle Rock is a community that understands conservation. For years, residents have made great strides in being more water conscious. Now, the Mayor is calling on the entire community to show just how much we rock at conservation.

The Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is a pledge to save water and show the entire nation how committed Castle Rock is to water conservation. If every person conserved just one gallon of water per day, that would save 23 million gallons of water each year. During April, Mayor Jason Gray is inviting everyone to take the pledge to conserve more at mywaterpledge.com.

This fun, free pledge will only take a few minutes to complete but could add up to big savings for our community. Pledge to take a shorter shower, fix that leaky faucet, wash only full loads of laundry, or invest in Energy Star appliances. Each pledge helps increase our ranking for the most water-conscious community.

For three years, Castle Rock has ranked among the top 10 communities in the nation. This year we're hoping to reach No. 1!



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

Irrigation season is right around the corner, and Castle Rock Water has a great tool to help – CRconserve.com. This Castle Rock-specific website is your go-to for everything conservation. Watering schedules, tips on how to reduce water use, best irrigation practices – CRconserve.com has that and more. Planning a big planting project this season? The Plant Finder allows users to browse through a searchable list of more than 275 plants perfect for Castle Rock's climate. Stay up to date on the weather in your neighborhood with the Weather Station feature. Determine how much water each irrigation zone needs with the Run-Time Calculator. Plus, find videos on how to find a leak, how to program your irrigation timer, and the secrets of cycle and soak. CRconserve.com is also where you register for a Water Wisers and ColoradoScape workshops.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/events

April 9: Animal Code Open House, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Town Hall, 100 Wilcox St. Castle Rock is a home rule municipality, which means it has its own local laws and codes. The Town is currently exploring updating its animal ordinance regarding ducks, mini goats and mini pigs. We're looking for your input! Attend an open house, or weigh in at CRgov.com/animals.

April 11: Coffee with a Cop, 10 to 11 a.m., Castle Rock Senior Center, 2323 Woodlands Blvd.

April 13: Castle Rock Water Reuse Open House, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Plum Creek Water Purification Facility, 1929 Liggett Road. Take a tour of the water treatment plant, learn about advanced treatment processes, and get your questions answered. Learn more at CRgov.com/reuse.

April 16: Wildland Fire Alert & Warning and Evacuation Seminar, 6 to 8 p.m., County Commissioner's Hearing Room, 100 Third St. Recent large wildfires in California and Colorado have demonstrated how important it is for residents to have a evacuation plan. This free seminar will teach evacuation warnings, alerts and notifications; evacuation preparedness; and how to develop a Family Evacuation Plan.

April 20: Earth Day Willow Harvest and Planting, 9 a.m. to noon, Festival Park. Celebrate Earth Day by helping restore disturbed areas along Sellars Gulch in Downtown Castle Rock.

April 21: Recreation Center and Miller Activity Complex closed for Easter Sunday.

April 27: Rock Hawk Trail Race, 7 a.m. to noon, Trails and Challenge Hill at PSM Park.

May 1: Coffee with a Cop, 2 to 3 p.m., Starbucks, 955 New Memphis Court.

May 4: Ridgeline Rampage, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Trails and Challenge Hill at PSM Park.

May 4: Spring Up the Creek, 8 to 11:30 a.m., Festival Park.

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On the Web: Rock your summer

The 2019 Summer Concert Series kicks off June 15! Purchase tickets now at CRgov.com/PSMconcerts to experience Grammy-nominated artists under the stars. Crowds pack The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park each summer, so grab your friends and a blanket, and save your seat.