

Your Town

Talk

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Good to Know

Roadwork update: Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road

Big improvements are coming to Founders Parkway and Crowfoot Valley Road. While construction can be a challenge, once complete, traffic and safety in the area will be improved. In the meantime, residents should expect some delays.

Work along the north and south sides of Founders Parkway has begun. Crews have been working on excavation to expand the underground stormwater system to improve drainage as well as paving operations. The total project includes widening Founders Parkway between Woodlands Boulevard and Crowfoot Valley Road and widening Crowfoot Valley Road between Founders Parkway and Knobcone Drive.

In total, the Town is investing more than \$3.5 million into this project. The funding is primarily from the Town's Transportation Fund, which includes revenues from sales tax, motor vehicle tax and building use tax. The Town also received a \$1.6 million grant from CDOT to complete the project.

The work is expected to continue through fall, weather dependent.

Survey says: community enjoys Town services

Castle Rock is a great place to live compared to other communities, and the quality of Town services generally exceeds the community's expectations, according to results of the 2019 Community Survey.

The survey asked 53 performance questions. Fourteen items received very high ratings, and 32 received above-average ratings. Only seven received average or below ratings.

Fifty of the performance measures could be compared to 2015. Of those, five showed improvement – generally items involving keeping residents informed and seeking their involvement and input. Seven ratings, meanwhile, decreased. The Town will be paying special attention to those items as it continues its review of the survey results.

Another area of attention will be potential responses to residents' top concerns, which are that the Town is growing too fast, along with concerns about traffic congestion, future water supply, smart growth and overcrowding. Respondents to the survey recognized benefits to growth, too, including more retail variety and parks and recreation opportunities.

Businesses were also surveyed. Full results of resident and business responses are online at CRgov.com/2019survey. Town Council will continue discussing survey results as it considers setting community priorities for 2020 and beyond.

Our door is open: District 5 Open House, May 16

When will roadwork be happening in my neighborhood? What does the next planned park look like? If you have questions and want to learn more about your community, the District 5 Open House is the perfect opportunity. All are invited to a meet and greet at Fire Station 153, 5463 E. Sovereign St., from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

District 5 Councilmember Caryn Johnson will answer questions and listen to feedback. Town staff will also be available to talk about current projects and Town services. Come out and join the conversation. District 5 is in southeast Castle Rock and includes Founders Village and Castlewood Ranch.

Sign up for summer fun with Parks and Rec youth camps

With just a few weeks left of school, you may be wondering how to keep your kids busy this summer. The Town has a solution — Parks and Recreation offers a wide range of youth camps all summer long. The Town's summer camps are for youth age pre-K to high school, with a variety of themes. A full list of summer camp offerings, locations, times and prices can be found at CRgov.com/camps.

Returning this year, CSU R.A.M. Camp is perfect for ages 5 to 15, with four themed offerings: Outdoor Adventure camp, field sports, Fun Life, and Music and Movement. Rock Rec Camp is another full-day camp where campers enjoy field trips, games, crafts and swimming. Register now to join the fun!

Be a part of parks and trails in Castle Rock

Well-planned trails, beautiful open space and high-quality parks are some of the outdoor amenities brought to the community by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department. To keep levels of service as high as possible, the department is updating its Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and would appreciate feedback from residents.

The plan sets the vision for parks, trails, open space and recreational projects for the next five years and also identifies funding opportunities and constraints. The public is invited to provide thoughts and feedback before the plan is finalized.

The plan outlines several projects including two new neighborhood parks — one in Cobblestone Ranch — improvements to several existing parks, continued trail connectivity throughout Town and a possible new recreation facility. The department will also continue to dedicate funding for recreational opportunities at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. Learn more and provide input at CRgov.com/ParksPlan.

ACC Sturm Collaboration Campus opens this summer

The Arapahoe Community College Sturm Collaboration Campus, located between Castle Rock Adventist Hospital and Castle Rock Middle School, opens Monday, Aug. 19. This innovative campus is a joint venture between ACC, the Town of Castle Rock, the Castle Rock Economic Development Council, Colorado State University and the Douglas County School District.

Sturm Collaboration Campus will focus on degrees in business, health and technology and provide a smooth pathway from high school diploma to associate degree to bachelor's degree.

ACC's academic catalog for 2019-2020 is available now and contains all the course work required and offered at the Sturm campus. High school students can start college-level academics and career exploration during their junior and senior years through ACC's already robust Concurrent Enrollment program. They can then earn an ACC associate degree at the Sturm campus and further their education with a bachelor's degree from CSU. By following this path, students can save an average of \$42,000 in education costs.

Learn more by calling 303-660-3160, or by visiting arapahoe.edu/castlerock.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

The summer season is right around the corner, and that can only mean one thing — it's sprinkler spruce-up time. Your sprinkler system is the biggest contributor to your water bill and, therefore, routine maintenance is important. Double check for any clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads. Then, check for areas that are soggy or have water pooling. This could indicate a leak, which is common at connections to the hoses and sprinkler heads. Also, make sure sprinklers are directed toward the landscape, and prevent overspray onto driveways, sidewalks and fences. Remember, from May 1 through Sept. 30, irrigation timers should be scheduled for every third day. Also, only water before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Register for a Water Wiser workshop to see how to make your irrigation more efficient, and visit CRconserve.com for more irrigation tips.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/events

May 8: Basics of Bird Watching class, 7 to 8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St.

May 11: Climb4Change, 7 to 11:30 a.m., Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill.

May 16: District 5 Open House, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Castle Rock Fire Station 153, 5463 E. Sovereign St.

May 17: Spring Kickoff Concert, 5 to 10 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

May 18: Basics of Birdwatching, 8 to 10 a.m., Festival Park.

May 19: Tri the Rock Youth Triathlon, 8 a.m. to noon, Butterfield Crossing Pool.

May 25: Memorial Day Run & March, 7 a.m. to noon, Douglas County Fairgrounds.

May 26: Rueter-Hess Paddle Days, 7:45 a.m. to noon, Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

May 29: Tunes for Trails - Perks for Parks free concert: The Petty Nicks Experience, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

May 31: Free Fitness Fridays, 8 to 9 a.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

June 1: National Trails Day: Gateway Mesa Northern Trail Extension Project, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gateway Mesa Open Space, 4678 CO-86.

June 1: Starlight Movie Night: Wreck-It Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet, 6 to 10 p.m., Festival Park.

June 2: Free Yoga in the Park, 9 to 10 a.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

June 2: Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Festival Park.

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On the Web: The '90s are back!

The Summer Concert Series kicks off on June 15 with Everclear and special guest Tonic! Purchase tickets now at CRgov.com/PSMconcerts to rock out under the stars. Other acts this season include The Fray, Clay Walker and more!