

# Your Town Talk

September 2019

## Good to Know

### Touch-a-Truck rolls into Town Sept. 28

Put your imagination in gear and join Castle Rock Police Department for the annual Touch-a-Truck event Sept. 28. This free, family event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. A special “no horn” hour will be from 9 to 10 a.m. for kids who need a more relaxed experience.

Kids will love the opportunity to sit in the driver’s seat and explore police cars, fire trucks, military vehicles, helicopters and more! Plus, hear from the operators about how everything works and what role the vehicle plays in the community. CRPD will also provide a K9 demonstration.

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

## Community extends connection with EPC Trail opening

As the most traveled trail in Castle Rock, residents have been anxiously waiting the completion of the East Plum Creek Trail southern extension. The wait is over! As of Sept. 6, the new portion of the trail is officially open.

East Plum Creek Trail travels the 6 miles along the scenic creek from Castle



View High School to South Perry Street. The new southern extension travels the additional 2 miles from South Perry Street to Crystal Valley Parkway.

A \$1 million Connect Initiative Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado helped provide about 50

percent of the funding for construction. Great Outdoors Colorado invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the State’s parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces.

Learn more about the project at [CRgov.com/EPCTrailProject](http://CRgov.com/EPCTrailProject).

## Town insists on quality growth while honoring past commitments

In a thriving community, it’s no surprise that growth is on the mind of many Castle Rock residents. While keeping up with the steady pace of growth is challenging, the Town insists that new development be high quality and consistent with our community character. How are we doing that?

Much of Castle Rock was zoned beginning in the 1980s, and landowners are legally entitled to develop the land according to previously approved zoning requirements. While Town Council is obligated to honor the legal contracts of the past, plans are in place for responsible, quality growth.

Responsible, quality growth is a combination of many things. It’s having strategic plans for water, transportation and public safety to make sure services like emergency response times aren’t compromised by population increases. It’s valuing land conservation, with an average of 30 percent being preserved as open space. And, it’s development codes that include height limitations to protect the incredible views and buffer zones between residential and commercial developments. Most importantly, smart growth is a vision for the future.

An informative video is available at [CRgov.com/Planning](http://CRgov.com/Planning) that explains how the Town plans for growth and quality development.

## Encore construction to bring change for Town Hall water bill payments box

Construction is set to begin in early October on Encore Castle Rock, immediately south of Town Hall. Once construction starts, those wishing to pay their Castle Rock Water bill at Town Hall will need to bring the payment inside, as the drive-up drop box will no longer be available at Town Hall. Those wishing to continue using a drive-up option can do so at Castle Rock Water’s offices at 175 Kellogg Court.

There are numerous other convenient ways to pay, including at [CRgov.com](http://CRgov.com), by mail and by calling 1-855-288-9288. Questions? Contact Castle Rock Water’s customer service team at 303-660-1373 or [mywaterbill@CRgov.com](mailto:mywaterbill@CRgov.com).

## American Red Cross brings preparedness training to residents

As part of their commitment to ensuring the safety and viability of the community, Castle Rock Police Department and Castle Rock Fire and Rescue are partnering with the American Red Cross of Colorado to provide critical training focused on increasing the level of preparedness for man-made mass casualty events.

The Active Threat Preparedness Program will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Castle Rock Water Operations Building, 183 Kellogg Court. Registration is required, and space is limited. Register online at [CRgov.com/Registration](http://CRgov.com/Registration) under the Education & Certifications category.

The program contains curriculum and hands-on training for active shooters, bleeding control techniques, hands-only CPR and disaster mental health. The program aims to train lay responders to effectively treat those around them who have been injured.

For more information, visit the registration page or contact Police Officer Joe Cybert at [jcybert@CRgov.com](mailto:jcybert@CRgov.com).

## Household chemical roundup set for Sept. 21

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. 21.

Residents can safely dispose of household chemicals, oils and batteries. Last year, more than 48 tons 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).



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

Healthy plants take less maintenance and less water. Here are a few fall landscape tips: 1) reduce the number of watering days, but continue to cycle and soak to deeply fill the root zone; 2) aerate your lawn to relieve compaction and reduce thatch; 3) fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer; 4) replenish mulch around trees, shrubs and perennials to help stabilize temperatures, retain moisture and reduce weeds; 5) fall is a great time to plant, so get those trees and shrubs in the ground; 6) wrap trunks of young smooth-bark trees to protect them from sunscald and ice buildup; and 7) drain and blow out irrigation systems to prevent pipes and backflow devices from freezing. Get more tips and advice at our free Winterization Class Thursday, Sept. 18. Register at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).

## Events in Castle Rock

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

**Sept. 6:** First Fridays — Artrageous Experience, 5 to 9 p.m., Festival Park.

**Sept. 6:** East Plum Creek Trail Opening, 5 to 6 p.m., trailhead near Safeway.

**Sept. 7:** Pooch Plunge/Strut Your Mutt, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Butterfield Crossing Pool.

**Sept. 7 & 8:** 30th Annual Castle Rock Artfest, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Downtown Castle Rock.

**Sept. 8, 21 & 22:** Rueter-Hess Paddle Days, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

**Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29:** Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Festival Park.

**Sept. 12:** Coffee with a Cop, 10 to 11 a.m., Millhouse at PSM Park.

**Sept. 14:** Shopping Extravaganza, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Outlets at Castle Rock.

**Sept. 20:** Dance Fitness Glow Party, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**Sept. 21:** Household Chemical Roundup, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Castle Rock Water.

**Sept. 28:** Touch-a-Truck, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds.

**Sept. 28:** Oktoberfest, 1 to 9 p.m., Wilcox Square.

**Oct. 2:** Coffee with a Cop, 2 to 3 p.m., Riverwalk in Downtown Castle Rock.

**Oct. 5:** Castle Rock Trail Festival, all day, Philip S. Miller Park trails and Challenge Hill.

**Oct. 5:** Gateway Mesa Northern Trail Extension Work Day, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gateway Mesa Open Space.

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## On the Web: Water schedules extended through Sept. 30

Fall may soon be in the air, but watering schedules are still in effect through Sept. 30. The schedules were extended in 2019 to help residents continue to be water-wise with outdoor watering even when the temperatures start to cool down. Watering schedules are a proven method to reduce peak demand and improve efficiency. Learn more at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).