

# Your Town

## Talk

November 2019

## Good to Know

'Tis the season to spread holiday cheer. And, in Castle Rock, nothing makes the holidays shine brighter than the Town's iconic Star atop the Rock.

The tradition dates back to the 1930s. During the Great Depression, local officials wanted to raise the community's spirits. With donated materials and volunteer firefighters, the time-honored tradition began.

This year's Starlighting will take place Saturday, Nov. 23. Join the seasonal celebration hosted by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce from 2 to 7 p.m. in Downtown. Don't miss hot chocolate, strolling entertainers, and of course, Santa. The lighting of the Star will be at approximately 5:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display. More information is available at [castlerock.org](http://castlerock.org).

## Season of the Star

The winter season is particularly special in Castle Rock. Whether it's carriage rides in Festival Park, or a quick chat with Santa at Philip S. Miller Park, the Town truly has something for everyone this season.

He's making his list and checking it twice, so don't miss these holiday events:

- **Rink at the Rock** — Nov. 23 through Feb. 16 at the White Pavilion
- **Carriage rides at Festival Park** — Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 29 through Dec. 28
- **Storytellers and S'mores** — Saturday, Dec. 7, 5-7 p.m. at Festival Park
- **Reindeer Games** — Friday, Dec. 13, 3-6 p.m. at Philip S. Miller Park

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

## Snow takes a village

Snow can be frustrating, but when we work together, it is so much better. From crews on the roads to teams on trails and residents shoveling sidewalks, the entire Town works to make snow more manageable.

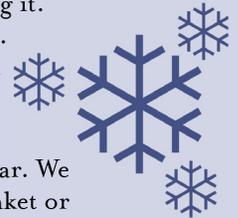
During winter weather, the Town prioritizes plowing high-volume, primary streets that connect major sections of Town. In neighborhoods, plow crews will make a single pass to ensure one lane of emergency access. Plows can be expected to visit residential streets when 4 inches of snow or more accumulates on the pavement between Nov. 15 and March 15. For snow events outside of the four-month window, plows will visit residential roads after 8 or more inches of snow accumulates on the pavement.

The Town also removes snow from Town-managed parks, trails and buildings. It is the responsibility of residents and businesses to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours of each snow event of 2 inches or more. If you live on a corner, snow removal is required on both sidewalks – in the front and on the side of your property. Residents should also keep curbs and gutters free of ice.

To learn more about how the Town manages snow, visit [CRgov.com/Snow](http://CRgov.com/Snow).

### Winter safety tips

- **Remember shoveling safety.** When you shovel your driveway and walkway, be sure to take it slow. Shoveling requires a lot of exertion, so push the snow when you can, rather than lifting it. When you do lift, use your legs and not your back. It is important to listen to your body — stop when you feel tired, and remember to stay hydrated.
- **Pack a winter emergency kit.** Expect the unexpected, and pack an emergency kit for your car. We recommend including: snacks, a flashlight, a blanket or sleeping bag, a small shovel, water in an insulated container, jumper cables, a first aid kit and reflectors.



## Let's talk transit

Where do you want to go, Castle Rock? How do you envision the future of transit in your community?

The Town is exploring the possibility of future transportation services for the community through a Transit Feasibility Study. The goal of the study is to evaluate realistic options considering the Town's resources and growing population. The study will look at a variety of transit options and trends.

Public participation is an important part of this study. To get involved and provide feedback:

- Go online to [CRgov.com/TransitStudy](http://CRgov.com/TransitStudy) to take a brief questionnaire, map out your most-traveled routes, or simply share your ideas.
- Attend the open house between 4 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. You can chat with transportation experts and provide input on what services the Town should explore.

To learn more about the Transit Feasibility Study and the history of transit in Castle Rock, visit [CRgov.com/TransitStudy](http://CRgov.com/TransitStudy).

## New fitness feature at PSM Park

When you live in the healthiest community in America, having access to abundant workout options is a priority. To meet the needs of our active community, the Town partnered with the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation on a new adult outdoor fitness course at Philip S. Miller Park.

The new FitGround course is located between the synthetic-turf athletic field and the Challenge Hill. The course provides body-weight and free-form tools for a variety of exercises. The amenities include a fitness obstacle area with low-angle cargo climb, wall climbs, over and under bars, cargo net climber, and more.

It's important to note, this course is intended for those at least 13 years old. Instructional use labels are included with each apparatus. Please only use each feature for its intended exercise.

Instructional videos on how to use the equipment are on the way. Stay tuned at [CRgov.com/FitGround](http://CRgov.com/FitGround). Recreation Center pass holders will also be able to take group fitness classes at the FitGround as part of their membership. That schedule is available at [CRgov.com/Fitness](http://CRgov.com/Fitness).

## Check your source

With an infinite amount of information at your fingertips, it is important to check your source. The Town of Castle Rock has verified social media accounts, which can be recognized by a blue check mark. All official Town news will come from an @[crgov](https://twitter.com/crgov) handle or Town of Castle Rock Government screen name. Look for us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, YouTube and LinkedIn.



## Submit feedback for new park plan

The Town knows how important a park is to a neighborhood. It's a gathering location for the entire community and where memories are made. That's one of the reasons why the Parks and Recreation Department is making sure the new neighborhood park in Cobblestone Ranch is amazing.

The department is currently working on the park's overall master plan. Once complete, attention will be focused on the roughly 10 acres for which the Town has allocated \$4 million to develop. Now, we want to hear from you. Join the conversation, and help develop the plan for the total park.

An online feedback form and proposed design options are available at [CRgov.com/FutureParks](http://CRgov.com/FutureParks). Feedback will be collected through Wednesday, Nov. 20.



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WISER!

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

Most Colorado residents know, insulating your water pipes over the winter is important. But, here's why. Insulating exposed cold water pipes can help prevent them from freezing and creating potential leaks. But, insulating hot water pipes can also help conserve water. With insulated hot water pipes, less energy is needed to heat the water. So, you won't have to wait as long for hot water when you turn on the faucet or shower head. Home improvement stores have made this chore easy. Pre-cut foam or fiberglass pipe insulation can be easily cut to length and secured with tape. Keep everyone, including your pipes, warm this winter.

## Events in Castle Rock

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

**Nov. 9:** Douglas County Veterans Day Tribute, 11 a.m. to noon, Douglas County Veterans Monument, corner of Wilcox and Fourth streets.

**Nov. 11:** Town offices closed for Veterans Day.

**Nov. 13:** Transit Feasibility Study Open House, 4 to 7 p.m., Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. Chat with transportation experts and provide input on what services the Town should explore.

**Nov. 14:** Coffee with a Cop, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., McDonald's, 4999 Factory Shops Blvd.

**Nov. 16:** Community HeartSaver CPR/AED Class, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CRFD Headquarters/Station 151.

**Nov. 16:** Tree Lighting Concert, 4 to 6 p.m., Outlets at Castle Rock.

**Nov. 23:** Castle Rock Starlighting, 2 to 7 p.m., Wilcox Square.

**Nov. 23:** Santa's Big Day, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Outlets at Castle Rock.

**Nov. 23:** Rink at the Rock Opening Day, White Pavilion.

**Nov. 28:** Turkey ROCK Trot, 9 to 11 a.m., Festival Park.

**Nov. 28:** Town offices, Recreation Center and MAC closed for Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 29:** Town offices closed.

**Nov. 28-29:** Moonlight Madness/Black Friday, 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving night to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, Outlets at Castle Rock.

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## On the Web: Lose paper and win big

Just as every drop of water counts, so does every piece of paper. Stay organized, and help Castle Rock Water serve you better by signing up for paperless billing. Log in to your H2OAccess account and choose the option to go paperless by Saturday, Nov. 30, and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 water credit on your water bill. Current paperless customers are already entered into the drawing. Learn more at [CRgov.com/H2OAccess](http://CRgov.com/H2OAccess).