

Your Town *News From Around the Rock* Talk

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Colorado Bluebird Project kicks off Feb. 16

Bluebirds are migratory songbirds that brighten up Castle Rock with their blue coloring. The Town has led a local division of the Colorado 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.

Volunteers are needed to visit the boxes weekly to collect and submit important nesting data. The program begins in April, before bluebirds return from their winter migration, and runs through mid-August. Join this unique experience for a chance to see bluebird eggs, hatchlings and beautiful songbirds.

An informational virtual open house for those interested in building or monitoring nesting boxes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. Virtual monitor training is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 3.

For more details and registration, visit CRgov.com/Bluebird.

Camp registration opens

Get a jump start on summer break. The Town offers a wide range of Athletics & Adventure Camps to keep kids busy when school is out. Registration is now open, and spots fill up quickly. Running from Monday, May 30, through mid-August, the Town's full-day, half-day and specialty camps are available for kids ages 3 to 17, with a variety of themes.

Athletics & Adventure Camp offerings include:

- Gold Medal Camp
- Rock Rec Camp
- Preschool Camp
- Multisport Camp
- The Great Outdoors Camp

A variety of specialty camps and clinics are also available. A full list of summer camp offerings, descriptions and prices can be found at CRgov.com/Camps. Register before Monday, Feb. 14, to receive \$10 off per full-day camp. Use coupon code CAMP22.

Volunteer Castle Rock: New web feature helps community show love for Town

For years, the Town has cooperated with other entities Countywide to make finding opportunities for giving simple, with a centralized volunteer website for Douglas County.

Now, the Town is launching its own volunteer web service, focused on giving opportunities in Castle Rock. The service is rolling out this month and initially will feature information about the Town's POST Partners parks, open spaces and trails volunteer program.

Later this month, postings are expected to be added for roles including athletics coaching and bluebird box monitoring.

More comprehensive offerings that include golf, therapeutic recreation for individuals with disabilities, and areas outside of parks and recreation like fire, roads, water and even the Castle Rock Senior Center will ultimately be added to the new resource at CRgov.com/Volunteer.

Visit the site to explore opportunities to give back to your Town.

Town seeks input for ADA Transition Plans

We want your input on accessibility improvement options along Town roadways. On Tuesday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St., the Public Works Department will present updated ADA Transition Plans for improving access to sidewalks and streets Downtown and in areas throughout Town for people with disabilities.

The updated ADA Transition Plans incorporate previous improvements completed over the past decade. At the open house, review new elements of the plans and weigh in on the prioritization of projects and areas of Town.

Areas of improvement identified through the ADA Transition Plan updates will be implemented through the Town's Pavement Maintenance Program and Five Year Capital Improvement Program.

Learn more about the Town's ADA Transition Plans at CRgov.com/ADAPlan.

Town Council approves 2022 Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Protecting the community from the threat of wildland fire is a top priority for Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department. A plan has been in the works since 2016, and a resolution to finalize the department's Community Wildfire Protection Plan was approved at Town Council's Jan. 18 meeting.

As a collaborative effort among the Town, Douglas County and the Colorado State Forest Service, the plan was developed through a series of comprehensive, scientifically based analyses of wildfire-related hazards and risks in areas CRFD serves where wildland and urban areas meet.

During the assessment, the Town was broken into 19 residential hazard zones. Each zone was evaluated for a hazard risk of either low, moderate, high, very high or extreme. Two zones were rated as moderate, 12 were rated as high and five were rated as very high. There were no low or extreme zones identified in the assessment. Learn more at CRgov.com/WildfireSafety.

EVENTS CRgov.com/Events

Feb. 8: Cobblestone Ranch Park Partnership open house, 4 to 6 p.m., Castle Rock Recreation Center.

Feb. 15: Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers.

Feb. 16: Colorado Bluebird Project virtual open house, 7 to 8 p.m., register at CRgov.com/Bluebird.

Feb. 22: ADA Transition Plans open house, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Town Hall.

March 1: Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers.

March 3: Bluebird Project virtual monitor training for registered volunteers, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Be scam savvy with Police Department's tips flyer

There's no telling how far thieves will go to gain access to your personal information. The Castle Rock Police Department wants you to have the resources to quickly identify a scam so you may protect yourself from revealing personal and sensitive data. Download and print CRPD's "cheat sheet" at CRgov.com/ScamTips or by scanning the QR code.

Help us spread the word by sharing this information with your grandparents, parents, neighbors and others who may not be on social media or have access to the internet.



Provide input on proposed partnership to enhance Cobblestone Ranch Park

Construction of the first phase of the 168-acre Cobblestone Ranch Park in northeast Castle Rock is expected to wrap up in summer 2022.

Funding to complete the park master plan isn't currently available, and the Town is exploring options to move the plan forward. Through a request for proposals process, the Town received one response from Colorado Classic Baseball, a baseball and softball tournament company based in Douglas County that operates youth sports programs and tournaments throughout the Denver Metro area.

Colorado Classic Baseball is proposing to construct six synthetic turf baseball fields, along with the option to

construct an approximately 30,000-square-foot indoor all-sport facility. The company is proposing to fund the field construction and would provide space for Town athletics programs and leagues. The fields would also be available for other sports such as flag football and soccer.

The Town is seeking resident input on the proposal. An open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Castle Rock Recreation Center, 2301 Woodlands Blvd. There are no formal presentations, so drop by anytime during the open house to learn more and provide input. Visit CRgov.com/CobblestonePartnership to learn more. Be sure to fill out the comment form on the webpage by Feb. 15.



Water conservation and efficiency tip:
CRconserve.com

Did you know, an average Castle Rock resident uses about 60 gallons of water indoors every day? To put that into perspective, a typical bathtub holds about 42 gallons. Now, multiply that by the number of people in your household. If each resident saved just one gallon of water per day, the community would use 25 million gallons less each year. These savings could be achieved by reducing shower times by one minute and not letting the faucet run when cleaning dishes. Using water efficiently ensures the community has affordable water for the future. Visit CRconserve.com for water efficiency tips and ideas.



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CRFD joins Facebook!

Stay up to date on Castle Rock Fire and Rescue. Follow their newly launched official Facebook page to learn more about the department and the work it is doing in the community. Find the page at Facebook.com/CRFireCO.