

News From Around the Rock

TO YOUR TOWN

Talk

GET OUT, HAVE FUN

page 2

Upcoming events in
Castle Rock

PROJECT GREEN TIP

page 2

Unplug unused
appliances

ON THE WEB

page 2

Council election results
online

GET SOCIAL WITH US

page 2

Link up with us on Facebook
and Twitter

» Good to know

The Town is using materials previously thought of as scraps to make more visible the pedestrian crossing and stop signs near most elementary and middle schools in Castle Rock. Yellow-green and red reflective tape is used when fabricating the signs. Rarely does the tape exactly fit the signs, which left scraps of the material. Employees brainstormed ways to improve safety without spending money. They decided to make reflective not only the signs but also the poles on which they sit, using the scraps. The Town will gather feedback on the new look and may expand the program to other areas.

Town reaches 50,000-resident milestone.....

Castle Rock's population has topped the 50,000 mark, per Town staff estimates.

This is a significant milestone in the growth and evolution of the community, Town Manager Mark Stevens said in a memo to Town Council.

The estimated population of 50,028 as of the end of January makes Castle Rock the 17th largest incorporated municipality in the state, and the largest one to call itself a Town. Our designation as a Town is established in the Town Charter, and there is no meaningful distinction between a town and city.

Castle Rock incorporated in 1881, with 88 residents. At the 1990 Census, the Town had 8,708 residents. Significant

population growth has occurred since then, with the population reaching 20,224 at the 2000 Census and 48,231 at the 2010 Census.

The Town's latest population estimate is not an official designation by any regional, state or federal agency. Town estimates have proven fairly accurate, however, and were only off by 700 residents at the 2010 Census.

Not only is the milestone historically significant, but it also means that the Town may have enhanced economic development opportunities, as some companies only consider communities with 50,000 or more residents acceptable locations for business development.

Events in Castle Rock

March 20: Ridgeline Wranglers meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., The Grange. Learn about this trail maintenance group as it gets organized for the coming season.

March 31: Egg Drop, 9 a.m., The Meadows. Thousands of Easter eggs will be dropped from a helicopter. Visit plumcreekonline.com for more specifics closer to the event.

April 3: Election Day. Ballots to elect Town Council candidates due to Town Hall by 7 p.m.

CONTACTS

Wranglers/Dirt Crew 303-814-7456

Egg Drop plumcreekonline.com

Water Wiser 720-733-6000

Indoor triathlon 303-814-7453

April 5: Pavement Maintenance Program open house, 5-7 p.m., South Ridge Elementary. Learn about the Town's annual road maintenance, which this year will affect southern Castle Rock.

April 11: Rhyolite Bike Park Dirt Crew 2012 kick-off meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Castle Rock Bike and Ski. Learn about this maintenance group as it gets organized for the coming season.

April 14: Water Wiser workshop, 9-11:30 a.m., Town Hall. Learn smart water solutions for your home and lawn and earn exemption from the Town's every-third-day watering schedule.

April 22: Indoor triathlon, 7:30-10 a.m., Castle Rock Recreation Center. Use the lap pool, treadmill and a spin bike to complete the Town's first-ever indoor triathlon, for ages 12 and up.



Project Green Tip

An easy way to get a little greener: unplug your cell phone charger when your phone is done charging. In fact, unplug as many appliances as you can, because anything that is plugged into a socket drains energy – even if the device is turned off. (Don't unplug the refrigerator, though!) Also easy: turn off the lights when nobody is in the room, and use natural light when possible. *Source: Positive Promotions.*

WWW.CRGOV.COM

On the Web

Ballots for the April 3 Town Council election are being mailed to active voters in voting districts mid-month. They must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day, April 3. Election results will be posted at CRgov.com/April2012vote shortly after that time. Check there, or read the next Your Town Talk, for a full recap of the vote.

Find us on
 Facebook
