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Good to know

A committee of community stakeholders in 1999 set the Town's vision for the year 2020 as being a world-class community with a small-town character. Four cornerstones were established to steer Castle Rock toward that future: community planning, community services, local economy and Town identity.

Between April 24 and May 24, log on to CRgov.com/visioncheck to learn more about the 26 Vision 2020 goals and the progress the Town feels has been made toward them.

Then, site visitors can provide their own evaluation of the progress made and weigh in on whether each goal should remain part of the Town's updated vision.

Water restrictions due to drought conditions...

Water restrictions in Castle Rock will last an extra month this year, following Town Council's vote earlier this month.

Town water restrictions will last from June 1 through Sept. 30, instead of Aug. 31.

Despite weekends of spring snow, there remain statewide concerns about extreme drought conditions this summer. The extra month of restrictions reduces demand during a time late in the irrigation season, when the state experiences hotter temperatures and drier conditions.

In addition, there are two other changes to summer watering. The daytime no-watering window was extended one hour and will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Evening watering hours for residential customers were shifted back one hour and

will be from 6 to 11 p.m., rather than 5 to 10 p.m. The watering window for nonresidential customers remains unchanged. The morning watering window also remains unchanged – 5 to 10 a.m.

The every-third-day schedule is still in effect. Residents can expect to receive their 2013 watering schedule in the mail in early May.

The Town's Water Wiser workshops teach you how to have a beautiful yard while still conserving water. After the workshop, you will earn a "Water Wiser" designation and are exempt from the every-third-day watering schedule. Workshops begin in April, and registration is online, CRgov.com/waterwiser.

Additional information about Castle Rock Water/Utilities is online, CRgov.com/water, or call 720-733-6000.

Pavement maintenance to focus on east side

In Castle Rock, proper street maintenance is about more than a smooth ride. It's about public safety. Therefore, the Town of Castle Rock will be performing summer roadwork in Town starting in mid-April.

In 2011, the Town began a strategic approach to its Pavement Maintenance Program. The Council-approved program divides the Town into five areas where residential roadwork will be concentrated each year, providing increased efficiency and decreased cost.

The residential maintenance area is rotated annually, so that each of the five sections of Town receives repairs once every five years. Primary and downtown streets receive repairs as needed on an annual basis.

This year, residential work will be focused on the east side of Town. The most significant project will be the reconstruction of Enderud Boulevard between the Ridge Road roundabout and Heritage Drive and between Carlton Street and State Highway 86.

In addition, about 48 lane miles within the Founders Village community will receive new slurry or fog seals. Nearly 7 miles within that area will receive a mill and overlay, which replaces a layer of asphalt without deconstructing the original pavement section.

Work is expected to wrap up by September.

Construction updates and more information about the program is online at CRgov.com/pmp. Questions? Contact Engineering Manager Carl Armijo, 720-733-2471 or carmijo@CRgov.com.

Youths swim, bike and run in annual Tri the Rock challenge

Youths age 5 to 14 are invited to challenge themselves in Tri the Rock, scheduled for May 19.



Come for a great day of fun, food, prizes and sport. You are welcome to experience this annual event, whether this is your first race, or if you have competed in races before. There will be prizes, goodies bags, food and T-shirts for everyone who who participates.

The race starts at 8 a.m. (bike racks open at 6:30 a.m.) at Butterfield Crossing Park, 3952 W. Butterfield Crossing Drive. Participation fee is \$40 prior to May 13; \$45 May 13 to 17.

Visit tritherock.com or call 720-733-2284 for more information or to register.

Police collect expired, unused and unwanted prescriptions

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Such drugs also can contaminate water supplies if not disposed of correctly.

That's why the Castle Rock Police Department joined the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take Back Initiative. The first event of 2013 is April 27. Bring unused pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medicines to the Castle Rock Police Department, 100 N. Perry St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 27.

The service is free and anonymous — no questions asked. Some items, however, will not be accepted, including: needles,

mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, liquid medicines, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

During two events last year, the Castle Rock Police Department collected 380 pounds of prescription medications.

Prior methods of disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — pose potential safety, health and environmental hazards. It is important, therefore, to dispose of the drugs properly at take back events.

If you have questions, call the Castle Rock Police Department, 303-663-6100.

Spring clean Town creeks

Spring Up the Creek continues to grow, and your help is needed. Local volunteers — families, business teams and students — make the event a civic, community and family tradition in Castle Rock, for the 10th year in a row.

Spring Up is Saturday, May 4, with volunteers meeting at Festival Park.

To volunteer, preregistration is appreciated. Visit CRgov.com/SUregister or call 720-733-6011. Or, simply show up at Festival Park (at Second and Perry streets) at 8:30 a.m.

The event starts a 9 a.m. If you preregister online, remember to print your waiver, sign it and bring with you when you check-in in the morning of the event.

Spring Up partners will provide work gloves, trash bags and giveaways. As always, the clean-up is timed to leave the waterways clean for the Castle Rock Rotary Ducky Derby. T-shirts will be given to the first 250 participants to show up that morning.

After the clean-up, volunteers are invited to enjoy activities on Second Street, adjacent to Festival Park. Children can create arts and crafts with The Greater Castle Rock Art Guild artists and receive free balloon art to take home.

Teens who want their work to count toward community service hours must bring a community service waiver signed by their parents.

In case of very inclement weather, the event will be held Saturday, May 18.

Learn about the wilder side of Castle Rock

Bird-watching has taken flight in Castle Rock. Natural Resource Specialist Barbara Spagnuolo is leading two programs to help you identify and appreciate the many birds that come through Castle Rock.

Basics of bird-watching (Part 1)

Bird watching for beginners! Are you new to birding in Castle Rock? Wondering where to begin or where to go? You will learn bird identification, how to choose and use binoculars and field guides, and where to find local birding spots.

Not recommended for children under 8.

Guided bird-watching walk (Part 2)

Join the natural resource specialist for an early morning walk in search of migratory songbirds and birds of prey along East Plum Creek Trail in downtown Castle Rock. This two-hour walk is designed to advance the birding skills discussed in the indoor program but attendance in the first part is not required for the second part. Not recommended for children under 8. Please bring your own binoculars.

Wild in Our Town

Natural resource staff and law enforcement representatives from the Town, Douglas County Open Space and Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be available to provide interesting wildlife facts and answer questions about coyotes, bears, mountain lions, bobcats, rattlesnakes, beavers and other native wildlife.

Basics of Bird-watching (Part 1)

7-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at the Philip S. Miller Library

Guided Bird-watching Walk (Part 2)

8-10 a.m., Saturday, May 18, at Festival Park

Wild in Our Town

6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at the Philip S. Miller Library

All events are free. To preregister for the birding programs, call 720-733-2294 or email bspagnuolo@CRgov.com.



Events in Castle Rock

April 21: 7:30-10:30 a.m., Tri Sprint'n the Rec, Castle Rock Recreation Center. Get a taste of triathlon in the pool, on the Spin bike and treadmill. Registration is \$25 and includes T-shirt and swag bag. Register by contacting Lori Dempsey at 303-814-7453 or ldempsey@CRgov.com.

April 25: 6-9 p.m., Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows. A night of recognition for the Chamber Board of Directors, Business Person, Volunteer, Citizen and Ambassador of the Year. For ticket information call 303-688-4597.

CONTACTS

Tri Sprint'n the Rec	303-814-7453
Chamber Annual Banquet	303-688-4597
Live Big 5K	303-660-1036
Drive 4 UR School	303-688-9498

May 4: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Drive 4 UR School, Castle View High School. Medved Ford and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 (up to \$6,000) for each person who test-drives a new Ford. Participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Limit one test drive per household. For more information, contact Cheryl Myhra at 303-387-9018 or cheryl.myhra@dcsdk12.org.

May 5: Checkin at 8:30 a.m., race starts at 10 a.m., Live Big 5K, Butterfield Crossing Park. Proceeds benefit the Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation to improve parks, recreation, trails and open space in Castle Rock. Race fee is \$20 for adults (\$30 on race day), \$10 for children (\$15 on race day). Children under 5 years participate for free. To register, call 303-660-1036 or visit CRgov.com/livebig.



Can I sign up more than one address to receive the CodeRED alerts?

At this time, CodeRED doesn't allow for multiple addresses to be associated with the same phone number. Knowing that residents may own more than one property in Douglas County, leadership is working to change the system this year so that you can get notices regarding different addresses at the same phone number. For more information about the alert system, please visit:

CRgov.com/CodeRED

www.crgov.com



On the Web

The Town recognizes congestion on the roads can lead to delays and frustration. Maintaining traffic signals is a partnership between the Town and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Learn more at Castle Rock at CRgov.com/signals.