



Good to know

Household Chemical Roundup events help prevent pollution and protect the people handling your garbage. Many common products found in your home, such as oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, degreasers, cleaning compounds and garden chemicals, may be hazardous, and they should be used and disposed of carefully. You can dispose of your hazardous chemicals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7, at the Town Utilities Building, 175 Kellogg Court. Bring a utility bill, phone bill or driver's license to verify your address. A contribution of \$25 is requested to help offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal.

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Watch as your water gets purified before your eyes by touring the Town's new, state-of-the-art Plum Creek Water Purification Facility – one of the Town's Legacy Water Projects.

The facility's unique design uses a five-step treatment process to purify both groundwater and surface water: 1) chemical pretreatment, 2) flocculation and sedimentation, 3) greensand filtration, 4) membrane filtration and 5) post-filter chemical treatment.

Want to know what all of those steps entail? See them in action during one-hour tours of the facility, being held at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each

month through November. Reservations are required and can be made online, CRgov.com/watertours.

Part of a scout, school, church or civic group? Special tours can be scheduled for groups larger than 10 people using the above information.

There are two other major components to the Legacy Water Projects: negotiating long-term water solutions with two providers selected through a 2011 request for proposals process; and the purchase of water storage space in Rueter-Hess Reservoir, which opened in March 2012 near Parker. Learn more about the Legacy Water Projects online, CRgov.com/legacywater.



Vision 2030 looks further in the future to refine goals

Since 1999, Vision 2020 has served as the Town's collective concept of what it wants to become in the future.

Vision 2020 declares Castle Rock's common goals, guides Town decisions, unites the community with a common purpose and motivates residents and leaders to meet the vision's goals.

While Vision 2020 has served the Town well over the past 14 years, much has changed in Castle Rock since 1999. This spring, members of the community weighed in as part of the Vision Check process relative to the achievement of the Vision 2020 goals.

Preliminary results from the Vision Check process confirm that while most of the vision's goals are still embraced by the community, additional input is needed.

Building on community input received to date, including results from the 2013 community survey, the Town has initiated a process to update its vision to Vision 2030. The process is anticipated to be complete in early fall.

Numerous opportunities for community input will be provided as part of the Vision 2030 process. Check CRgov.com/Vision2030 for updates, email [mHUDSON@CRgov.com](mailto:mhudson@CRgov.com), or call 720-733-2202.

Police, schools partner on new program

Castle Rock is among the safest communities, but the Town of Castle Rock and the Douglas County School District aren't taking that for granted. Parents should feel confident that their child will be safe at school and be able to focus on their studies without worry.

After the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School last year, Douglas County School officials immediately met with law Douglas County law enforcement agencies, including the Castle Rock Police Department, to take a proactive look at school safety.

Douglas County Schools already had a strong safety program in place. Still, it's important to be continually evaluating the safety of the area's youngest residents.

So, what started as a meeting resulted in a standing school safety committee, and additional safety features for schools.

Starting with the 2013-14 school year, police officers will have a stronger presence at area schools through the new School Marshal Program, which school district leaders believe to be the first of its kind in the country.

Castle Rock will hire two additional officers to patrol two preschools, nine elementary schools, two middle schools and Castle View High School.

Officers with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Lone Tree and Parker police departments will patrol schools within their jurisdictions.

"This partnership is a win-win situation for everyone," said Castle Rock Police Chief Jack Cauley. "Our combined efforts will enhance security within our schools and will increase our interaction with staff and students. We will continue to work together to make our schools in each of our communities a safe place to learn."

The school district will contribute \$138,000 annually, covering most of the annual costs to employ the officers. Castle Rock will hire new officers in January 2014 and will use existing resources to patrol schools until then.

In addition to the Marshal Program, the School District is adding security features to school buildings. For safety reasons, those details are not public.

The new safety committee will continue to meet regularly, keeping student safety on the top of everyone's mind.

Firehouse remodel makes room for new ambulance, personnel



About 15 years ago, the Town's population was around 20,000 people, and the Town's second ambulance was put into service. Now, the Town's population is more than 50,000, and Castle Rock Fire and Rescue is again bringing online a new ambulance.

To continue to meet services levels, the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department in July put into service the Town's third ambulance, along with six new highly-trained staff, which will be stationed at Fire Station 153 in Founders Village. To accommodate this new staff and ambulance, Station 153 was remodeled. The community is invited to attend an open house from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, to tour facility improvements, view the new ambulance and meet fire personnel.

"The implementation of the third medic unit from the Founders station ensures a level of service consistent with the rest of the Town," said Fire Chief Art Morales. "We are committed to providing the best service possible to our community."

The modifications to Station 153 provide four additional bedrooms, expanded bathrooms, direct access to the apparatus bays from the bedrooms and realigned living areas. In addition, the emergency alert system at the station was replaced to handle the additional call volume.

The six new personnel – two firefighter-EMTs and four firefighter-paramedics – were hired earlier this year and have completed more than three months of training at the Aurora Fire Academy. The new ambulance officially went into service July 24.

The new ambulance and resulting facility improvements are part of the Town's 2013-2015 Balanced Financial Plan, approved by Town Council last December. As the economy moves from recession to recovery, the Town is focusing on five priorities, including public safety. This plan addresses key level-of-service areas and advances priority projects while balancing the budget each year – all without raising taxes. Learn more about the plan at CRgov.com/balancedplan. Learn more about Castle Rock Fire and Rescue at CRgov.com/fire, or contact the Fire Chief's Office, 303-660-1066.

DC Partnership to gather input from senior residents through meetings and survey

Douglas County is experiencing the nation's most dramatic percentage of population growth in adults aged 60 and older. According to the State Demography Office, by 2030 it is estimated that one in four residents of Douglas County will be in that demographic – about 24 percent of the County's population.

To plan for this population shift and these residents' needs, the Partnership of Douglas County Governments – a collaborative organization whose members are Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Douglas County, Douglas County Libraries, Douglas County School District, Highlands Ranch Metro District, Larkspur, Lone Tree, and Parker – established the Senior Initiative.

During the next few months, as part of this initiative, a committee formed by members of the partnership will solicit input from senior adults, their caregivers and those approaching retirement age and planning to retire in Douglas County. Through a listening tour – community meetings in locations countywide – residents will have the opportunity to share their vision for their community.

Visit douglas.co.us/communityresources/senior-initiative for more details on when and where these meetings will be held throughout Douglas County.

In addition to providing input during a community meeting, residents and caregivers may also complete an online survey by visiting surveymonkey.com/s/LivingWellandAgingWellDouglasCounty.

For a paper copy of the survey, contact Valerie Robson at 303-814-4370 or at vrobson@douglas.co.us.

Events in Castle Rock

Aug. 22: Taste of Douglas County, 5-8 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Join more than 50 area restaurants for this tasty event. Proceeds benefit the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program and Step 13, a program that helps those effected by homelessness. For more information, call 303-903-0017.

Sept. 7: Pooch Plunge, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Butterfield Crossing Pool, 3952 W. Butterfield Crossing Drive. The dog days of summer are nearing an end — what better way to celebrate than one last splash at the pool with your favorite canine? For more information, call 303-814-7457.

EVENT CONTACTS

Taste of Douglas County	303-903-8017
Pooch Plunge	303-814-7457
Artfest	303-688-4597
WackyW	wackyw.com

Sept. 7-8: Colorado Artfest, Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Hall and Philip S. Miller Library parking lots. Enjoy a juried fine arts show with more than 180 artists from across the country. For more information, call 303-688-4597 or visit CastleRockCulture.com.

Sept. 8: WackyW, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Rocky Heights Middle School, 11033 Monarch Blvd., Littleton. This one-day cycling event encourages fitness and benefits Douglas

County Schools. Courses range from 6 miles to 100 miles, with varying start times. Staging is at the middle school. Visit wackyw.com for more information.

Sept. 14: Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Festival Park, 300 Second St. Celebrate summer's abundance and welcome fall with live entertainment, beer, food, fun and frivolity. For more information call 303-688-7488.



Conservation tip

The best way to help ensure a beautiful yard next spring is to prepare your yard in the fall. Castle Rock's Utilities Department is hosting a Winterization Workshop to guide you through what you need to do before the cold weather hits. Through this informative session, you'll learn what you should do to prepare your irrigation system as well as your landscaping for the snow and cold typical in Colorado. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Learn more and register online, CRgov.com/winterworkshop.

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Have you misplaced your copy of Outlook magazine and the Castle Rock Recreation Guide? Don't worry — you can find both online. It's easy. Go to CRgov.com/outlook to view the last edition of the magazine, and visit CRgov.com/recguide to see the schedule for classes, programs and special events through the Recreation Division.