



## Good to know



» The Town and its partners have officially broken ground on the Town's No. 1 transportation priority – the North Meadows Extension. The new road will extend from The Meadows, near Castle View High School, to U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25, improving traffic in northern Castle Rock. The road is expected to open near the end of 2015. Initial work includes moving underground utility lines to facilitate the new road and future street lighting along with hauling dirt from the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital site to the roadway site. This new dirt will form the grade up to the bridge that will go over the BNSF Railway tracks. Work hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Keep up with progress at [CRgov.com/nme](http://CRgov.com/nme).

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## Town ready when snow hits this winter.....

During winter weather, the Town's priority is to maintain safe streets, with a focus on main thoroughfares and school bus routes.

Nov. 15-March 15, residents can expect plows to clear one emergency access lane on neighborhood streets when 4 inches of snow or more is predicted to accumulate on the road. After March 15, the Town's threshold for plowing neighborhood streets is when 8 inches of accumulation are predicted.

The Parks and Recreation Department removes snow from public properties, including paved trails, when snow reaches 2 inches of accumulation.

As the Town works to maintain safe roads, it asks for the public's help. When on the road, yield to plow drivers, and avoid passing them on the right (that's where the snow is headed).

Property owners are legally required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours after 2 inches or more of snow accumulate. Please do not place snow from driveways, sidewalks or private property in water quality ponds or into the street.

If you can, pay it forward. Help neighbors who are unable to shovel and clear snow from nearby fire hydrants, so they are accessible for emergency response.

## CDOT plans work on Founders/Meadows

The Town and Colorado Department of Transportation share the responsibility of maintaining safe roads throughout Town.

CDOT, as owner and operator of the Meadows/Founders Parkway corridor, is planning changes to the roadway between Factory Shops and Woodlands boulevards.

First, a new eastbound lane between Factory Shops Boulevard and Interstate 25 will be added. This work is expected to begin in late spring of 2014 and take two months to complete.

On the other side of I-25, Founders Parkway will be completely reconstructed between the interstate and Woodlands Boulevard. Part of this project is to complete improvements to the Founders Parkway and Allen Way intersection.

CDOT and the Town have agreed on the design of that intersection. A second eastbound left-turn lane onto Allen Way from Founders Parkway will be added.

A final schedule for the reconstruction has not been completed, and due to the need to purchase right-of-way and possibly to secure additional funding, the intersection portion of the project may not be completed at the same time that the reconstruction.

This alternative will maintain all of the existing traffic movements at the intersection and will not restrict access to/from Allen Way or the King Sopers Center in any way, which the Town has requested.

Learn more at [CRgov.com/FoundersMeadows](http://CRgov.com/FoundersMeadows).

## 2014 Budget proposed to Town Council



Five major priorities would drive the Town's 2014 Budget as proposed, and one major capital project would account for about 30 percent of all Town funds expended next year.

Completion of the North Meadows Extension, which broke ground last month, is one of those five priorities. The proposed budget includes \$67.9 million to construct this new roadway from near Castle View High School to U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25.

The proposed budget is balanced, with no tax increases and no new fees. It keeps the Town's property tax mill levy at 1.703. That means that the owner of a \$300,000 house still would only pay about \$40, or up to 2.29 percent of their total property tax bill, to the Town in 2014.

The other four priorities – and examples of how the budget aims to accomplish them – are:

- **Securing long-term water:** \$4.98 million included to implement the WISE water-importation agreement and \$2 million for a new water tank in northeast Castle Rock
- **Providing outstanding public health and safety services:** Fully funds three police officer positions hired; police officers hired in October; adds an administrative support position in the Police Department and a fire safety inspector; and begins building financial capacity to operate another fire station when it's needed in the future
- **Creating jobs/expanding the tax base:** \$4.7 million is in the Economic Development Fund for projects to create jobs and sustain sales tax growth
- **Developing Philip S. Miller Park:** \$1 million is budgeted to construct an Adventure Playground and soft-surface trails at the park, to open in fall 2014 with the Fieldhouse, athletic fields and park-wide infrastructure authorized in 2013

Town Council is set to adopt the budget at its Dec. 3, 2013, meeting.

The proposed budget includes \$225.16 million in expenditures and \$166.53 million in revenues. The planned use of reserves – mostly for the North Meadows Extension, Philip S. Miller Park and Fieldhouse and water and other infrastructure projects – would offset that difference.

Additional details are available at [CRgov.com/2014budget](http://CRgov.com/2014budget).

# New officers help serve, protect Castle Rock

Safety is a top priority in Castle Rock. That's why there are now more police officers serving and protecting your Town.

A swearing-in ceremony was held in October for the nine new officers who joined the Castle Rock Police Department including: Cody Brown, Daniel Degennaro, Philip "Matt" McNairy, Daniel Moffitt, John Silva, Robert Schuster, Chad Stoneking, Kevin Sullivan and Joseph "Buzz" Sutherland.



Six of the nine officers filled vacancies. The three others assume newly authorized positions – part of the Town's emphasis on providing outstanding public safety levels of service. The additions will help maintain service levels in the areas of traffic, community policing and investigations.

In addition, Officer Kevin McCann was promoted to corporal. McCann has been with Castle Rock Police for 10 years.

The officers were chosen from 173 applicants after a four-month national selection process. They have begun their four-month field training program and will be on patrol come February.

"The safety and security of our residents is our No. 1 priority. The nine new police officers that were sworn in on Oct. 14 will allow the Castle Rock Police Department to enhance the level of public safety service we provide to the community," said Police Chief Jack Cauley, who is pictured above with the nine new officers. "The men and women of the Castle Rock Police Department are grateful for the ongoing support we have received from the community, and we are honored to serve here."

Learn more about the Police Department online, [CRgov.com/police](http://CRgov.com/police).

# CRFD wants you to be prepared this winter

Severe weather is one of the biggest hazards in Castle Rock, so winter is a good time to think about being prepared now and year-round.

**The right supplies:** Have ready a three-day supply of food for each person in the family. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little to no water.

In addition, CRFD recommends items like a flash drive of important family documents, flashlights, and supplies for children or pets. View a full list at [CRgov.com/prepare](http://CRgov.com/prepare).

**Have a plan:** Where will your family meet? Choose two places to meet if you have to evacuate your home: right outside your home in the case of a fire, or outside the neighborhood, in case you have to evacuate and can't return home. Meet with family and discuss how you will connect if the emergency happens when you are apart. Then practice that plan.

**Ensure valuable connections:** In Town, sign up for emergency notifications online at [CRgov.com/CodeRED](http://CRgov.com/CodeRED). Also, choose an out-of-area emergency contact person; it may be easier to text or call someone outside the area if local phone lines are out of service.

"We want to ensure that we are ready to engage any disaster that comes our way, but we can't do it alone," Fire Chief Art Morales said. "Disasters are a community event and require a community's effort to successfully navigate."

Learn at [CRgov.com/prepare](http://CRgov.com/prepare).

# Events in Castle Rock

**Nov. 12:** The Castle Rock Police Department presents its five-year strategic plan, 4-6 p.m., Douglas County Library.

**Nov. 15:** Elevation Teen Nightclub opens, 6:30 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds. Started by local moms, this new event is for children ages 13 to 18. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

**Nov. 23:** Annual Starlighting and opening of Rink at Rock, 414 Perry St. Starlighting activities run 2-7 p.m. Fireworks blast off with the lighting of the star. The Rink is open until 9 p.m. during Starlighting.

## CONTACTS

Rink at the Rock	303-688-7488
Town closures	303-660-1015
Recreation Center	303-660-1036
Land Conservancy	303-688-8025

**Rink at the Rock:** Regular Rink hours through Feb. 16: 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 4-9 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Closed for open skate Mondays. Skate rentals are available. More information is online, [rinkattherock.com](http://rinkattherock.com).

**Nov. 28:** Turkey Rock Trot, 8:30 a.m., Douglas County Events Center. This 9th-annual event benefits the Douglas/Elbert Task Force Food Bank. Learn more at [rocktrot.com](http://rocktrot.com).

**Nov. 30:** Small Business Saturday. Remember to shop your local businesses.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve – Recreation Center open 7 a.m.-2 p.m. **Dec. 25:** Christmas Day – Castle Rock Recreation Center and all Town offices will be closed.

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve – Castle Rock Recreation Center open normal hours.



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## On the Web

The holiday season means many people are thinking about shopping. Did you know local sales tax funds a majority of your Town services, such as fire, police, roads, and some annual events and more? Give back by shopping local this season. Get a full list of local businesses online at [CRgov.com/411](http://CRgov.com/411).

## Conservation tip

Water  
**WISER!**

There are many ways to conserve water inside your home, too. If you're replacing a toilet, look for dual-flush, low-volume (1.6 gallons per flush) or ultra-low volume (1.28 gallons per flush) versions. For showerheads, look for a rating of 2 gallons per minute or less. For faucets, use aerators whenever possible. When it's time to find a new washing machine, look for a high-efficiency version. Look for a machine that has a water factor of 6 or less (check the list at [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov).) These machines can save you money by using just 18 to 25 gallons per load, saving 6,000 gallons per year on average. Learn more at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).