



Your Town Talk

Town Council elections upcoming.....

Good to know

» Your 4-year-old can ask 437 questions per day. Let the Town's state-licensed preschool teachers answer some of them. Registration for Adventure Club preschool and prekindergarten programs is now open. The programs offer a secure and enriching environment where children establish the solid educational foundation they need to succeed in future academic endeavors. Preschool programs are for children ages 3 to 4 years. Prekindergarten is for children ages 4 to 5. For children ages 2.5 to 3 years, Adventure Club offers junior preschool. Learn more at CRgov.com/adventureclub.



» This year, there are three new ways to connect to your water. You've likely already seen your new bill. That's your ticket to enhanced online convenience. Just use the enrollment token at the top of your new bill to sign up online to go paperless. In addition, Castle Rock Water is also offering easy phone access. Available 24/7, this new system will allow you to get your balance and pay your bill from anywhere, anytime. As always, customer service representatives are available by phone, 303-660-1373, or by email at mywaterbill@CRgov.com.

Soon, it will be time to get involved in choosing your local elected leaders.

The Town holds elections the first Tuesday in April in even-numbered years. Terms are staggered, so Town election Districts 3, 5, and 7 have open seats. The District 6 seat is open, too, because of a resignation.



Town Council representatives serve four-year terms. The candidate elected to District 6 will serve two years, filling out the remainder of the original term, which began in 2012.

Candidates will be announced on Feb. 14, 2014. Election Day is April 1.

To run for Council, candidates must be: a resident of the district in which they are running, a resident of Castle Rock for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election, a registered voter, and a United States citizen. Town employees are not eligible to run for Council.

Candidates must gather 25 valid signatures on a nominating form to be included on the April ballot.

In general, District 3 covers a portion of The Meadows and Red Hawk; District 5 covers Escavara and Castle Oaks; District 6 covers Plum Creek, Crystal Valley Ranch, The Lanterns and Heckendorf Ranch; and District 7 covers Castlewood Ranch and part of Founders Village.

As in past Town elections, the 2014 election will occur by mail. Ballots will go out to registered voters in mid-March.

There are no Townwide issues on this ballot, so voters who do not live in one of the four districts electing a Councilmember will not receive a ballot.

Voters within the voting districts who do not receive a ballot, or who need their ballot mailed to an address other than the one at which they are registered, should call the Town Clerk's Office, 303-660-1367.

Visit CRgov.com/April2014vote for more information about this year's election.

Important election-related dates

Feb. 14: Candidate petitions must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. These petitions will be validated, and candidates with 25 valid signatures will be included on the ballot.

Feb. 28: Candidates wishing to be write-in candidates must submit an affidavit of intent with the Town Clerk.

Mid-March: Town residents will receive their ballots by mail. Ballots can be mailed back or dropped off at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.

April 1: Election Day. All ballots must be to Town Hall by 7 p.m. Results will be announced online at CRgov.com/April2014vote.

April 15: Winners of the election will be sworn in to office, and the new Council will select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

North Meadows Extension: Progress means some closures

As progress continues on the Town's No. 1 transportation priority, safety is of utmost importance. Sometimes, that means closures must take precedence over convenience.



With that in mind, crews constructing the North Meadows Extension has closed North Meadows Drive north of Butterfield Crossing Drive – including the back entrance to the Castle View High School rear parking lot.

The closure is necessary as construction gets closer to the school and heavy machinery moves throughout the work site. Dirt hauling from Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to the roadway site is ongoing, and crews will soon be working to remove that entry to that parking lot, and eventually replace it as part of the roadway construction. The reconstructed entry is expected to open by about July.

All access to the high school rear parking lot will be from Sabercat Way, off of Meadows Boulevard. Access to the main front entrance and parking lot from North Meadows Drive will remain unchanged. View a map at CRgov.com/nme by clicking “current status.”

After monitoring traffic, and listening to your comments, Town staff has also closed the westbound right-turn lane from Meadows Boulevard to North Meadows Drive for the safety pedestrians on that corner.

The North Meadows Extension will connect The Meadows to U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25.

The new road will extend from where North Meadows Drive currently ends, near the high school, and then will intersect with U.S. 85 where Castlegate Drive currently runs. Then, the new road will connect with I-25 about 1 mile north of the existing Founders/Meadows Parkway interchange.

Additional information about the North Meadows Extension, along with project updates, is available at CRgov.com/nme. Or, sign up for updates at CRgov.com/notifyme. Questions? Call the construction hotline at 303-327-4033.

Water Wiser!

Winter landscaping tip

We live in Colorado, so we know weather can be extremely cold one day, yet warm up the next. That means that, even in February, your trees and shrubs may need watering. You may also want to water south-facing and west-facing slopes of Kentucky Blue Grass, which can still be susceptible to mite damage. If you are going to water in the winter, make sure the predicted low temperature is above freezing, and the daytime high temperature is about 60 degrees. It is best to apply water slowly, so it will soak into the roots of the grass, trees and shrubs.

CONTACTS

Museum	303-814-3164
Town closures	303-660-1015
Recreation Center	303-660-1036
Task Force	303-688-1114

Events in Castle Rock

Feb. 11: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Lost Coffee, 390 N. Perry St. Get to know your local officers in this informal setting.

Feb. 15: An Evening of Swing, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Douglas County High School. This evening of dinner and dancing includes a silent auction to benefit the Douglas County High School Band programs.

Feb. 15: Annual Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Dance the night away and create new memories. Ticket information is online at CRgov.com/ddball14.

Feb. 16: 30 Years of Love benefit concert, 3-7 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. Celebrate 30 years of community service by the Douglas/Elbert Task Force. Proceeds will be used to help finish 4,000 square feet of unusable space at the Task Force.

Feb. 19: Town offices will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day. The Recreation Center is open normal hours.

Second Thursday of the month: Monthly Historic Presentations, 6:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Hear a presentation on a variety of historical topics. Learn more at castlerockmuseum.com.

Save the date: The second annual Castle Rock Half Marathon is Saturday, June 28. More information is online, CRgov.com/run.

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On the Web

Since the Town broke ground on its No. 1 transportation priority – the North Meadows Extension – in October 2013, crews have been working hard. Keep up with this important road project online, CRgov.com/nme. Or, sign up to get updates straight to your email inbox. Visit CRgov.com/notifyme.