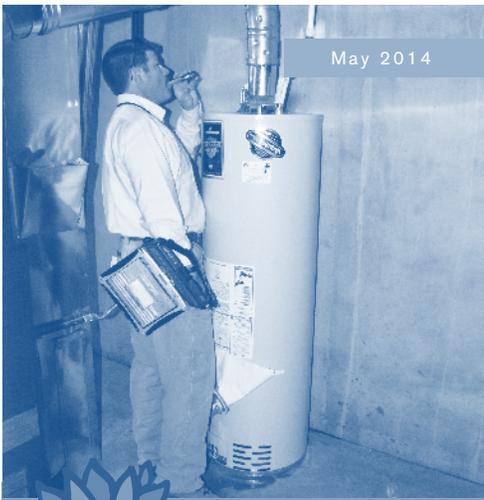


Your Town Talk



Good to know

>> *What's on your summer project list?*

If you're considering building a new deck, installing a hot tub, finishing your basement, or completing any other home project, the Town's Building Division is ready to help.

Whether completed by a contractor or an ambitious do-it-yourself homeowner, any project that alters the foundational elements of a house, or adds new elements, requires a permit from the Town. The permitting process helps ensure the project complies with current codes and that the project would be covered by insurance.

Visit CRgov.com/ResidentBuild to learn about the process and how to get started.

You will also find building guides and a link to apply for a permit online.

The online system also helps residents who are hiring a contractor. By creating a login, residents can check to make sure their contractor is registered with the Town and be notified when the inspection is scheduled.

If you have questions, or need help completing a permit application, call the Town's permit specialists, 720-733-3527, or visit them in person at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.

New members join Town Council

With votes cast and counted, Castle Rock residents have a new Town Council.

Following the April 1 election, two new members were elected to Council. Two others were re-elected.

New Councilmen George Teal (District 6) and Brett Ford (District 7) were sworn in for the first time on April 15. Returning Councilwomen Jennifer Green (District 3) and Renee Valentine (District 5) also took the oath of office on April 15.

Ford, Green and Valentine will serve four-year terms. Teal is filling a two-year vacancy left by Clark Hammelman, who resigned earlier this year.

Council also elected the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

District 1 Councilman Paul Donahue will keep his Mayoral seat another two years, following a 5-2 Council vote. Green was elected Mayor Pro Tem – also with a 5-2 Council vote. She will serve a two-year term as Mayor Pro Tem. District 4 Councilman Chip Wilson was nominated for both Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Castle Rock's Mayor presides over Council meetings and casts one vote, like other Councilmembers. The Mayor Pro Tem fills the Mayor's roll in his absence. Council biographies and more information about Town Council are online at CRgov.com/council.

Kids "try" in annual triathlon event.....

All you have to do is try. That's the motto many kids will be keeping in mind as they pull on their swimsuits, dust off their bikes and lace up their sneakers this month. It's time to Tri the Rock.

This annual event for youth ages 5 to 14 will be Sunday, May 18, at Butterfield Crossing Park and Pool in The Meadows. Youth of all ability levels are invited to participate.

Younger kids – ages 5 to 6 – will swim 25 meters, ride 1 kilometer on their bikes and run 500 meters. Those ages 7 to 10 will swim 50 meters, ride 4 kilometers and run 1 kilometer. Older kids – 11 to 14 year olds – will swim 100 meters, ride an 8 kilometer bike route and run 2 kilometers.

The race is a benefit for youth health and fitness, with \$10 of the fee going to the physical education program at the participant's school. Registration includes a T-shirt, goodie bag and lunch.

The school with the most participants will get to display the Tri the Rock Challenge trophy for the next year.

Bike racks open and race day check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. The race begins at 8 a.m. However, check in for the 5 to 6 year old age group does not begin until 10:30 a.m., since they are the last group to start the race.

For more information, or to register, head to tritherock.com. Registration closes at 5 p.m. Friday, May 16. Contact Kristen Trbovich, 720-733-2284 or ktrbovich@CRgov.com, with questions.

Summer watering schedule changes

It's so close you can feel it. The first signs of summer are popping up. Trees are sprouting new growth; flowers are starting to appear; and lawns are coming out of hibernation. But, before you turn on that sprinkler clock for the season, make sure you consider water conservation.



That's the goal of Castle Rock Water as it sends out the watering schedule for this summer.

This year's schedule will be effective June 1 through Aug. 30.

All water customers will follow a circle, diamond, square schedule and will be allowed to water between two and three days a week. In 2013, restrictions were enforced through September, but thanks to the community's conservation efforts, this year's schedule will only be in effect through August.

New watering hours are also being introduced this year. Residential customers will be allowed to water on their designated day. Watering hours are from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Nonresidential customers will be allowed to water from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on their circle, diamond or square day.

The schedules were mailed out at the beginning of April. While watering season begins in May, restrictions don't kick in until June. Still, the Town wants residents to start thinking about how to save water this summer.

Every drop of water counts, whether it's pumped from wells or saved through reduced lawn watering. Most of the water used during spring and summer is for outdoor landscaping. That's why the Town has followed a watering schedule for landscape irrigation since 1985.

Residents who haven't received this year's watering schedule, call Castle Rock Water at 720-733-6017 or visit CRgov.com/schedule. For more information about how you can save water this summer, go to CRconserve.com or CRgov.com/water.



It's always a good time to think about your family's safety, and when summer arrives in Colorado it can bring along with it natural disasters for which we should be prepared.

Therefore it's also a good time to remind everyone to sign up for CodeRED, the emergency mass notification system both the Town and Douglas County would use in a crisis situation. It's a high-speed emergency notification system that allows emergency personnel to send messages directly to residents by phone, text or email.

Sign up online at CRgov.com/CodeRED. You can register both a landline and a cell phone and set preferences for how you would like to be contacted. CodeRED alerts may be implemented in situations like police and fire activity in your area, wildfires or other incidents. However, the system does not include weather alerts, because of the constantly changing nature of weather in Colorado.

CONTACTS

Town information	303-660-1015
POST Partners	303-814-7456
Senior Center	303-688-9498
Crisis Center	303-688-1094

Events in Castle Rock

May 13: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Cookies and Crema, 4284 Trail Boss Drive. Connect with Castle Rock police officers in a relaxed atmosphere to ask questions or share concerns.

May 17: Electronics recycling event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Castle Rock Middle School. Some fees apply. Benefits the Douglas/Elbert Task Force.

May 17: Guided Bird-Watching Walk, 8-10 a.m., Festival Park. Join the Town's natural resource specialist for an early morning walk along East Plum Creek Trail. Registration is recommended by emailing bspagnuolo@CRgov.com.

May 17: Cycle Against Violence, 8:30 a.m., Douglas County Events Center. This third-annual event includes three distances: a 50-mile ride, a 30-mile ride or a 7.5-mile family ride. The event benefits the Crisis Center. Learn more at cycleagainstvience.com

May 22: Co-Ed Spring Swing Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m., The Ridge at Castle Pines North, 1414 Castle Pines Parkway. Fundraiser benefitting the Castle Rock Senior Center. Learn more at castlerockseniorcenter.org.

June 7: American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Memmen Ridge Open Space. Volunteers are needed to help maintain or restore sections of the soft-surface trail at Memmen Ridge. Tools will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves.

View more events at CRgov.com/events.

On the Web

Securing long-term water while maintaining existing supplies remain top priorities for Castle Rock Water. Check out more about the Town's water goals and priorities in the department's Five-Year Strategic Plan. The plan was approved by Town Council earlier this year and provides a road map for future water service in Castle Rock. Learn more about future plans, get conservation tips or read project updates at CRgov.com/water.

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