

Your Town Talk

January 2020



Good to Know A decade Downtown; next up, Encore

Downtown Castle Rock is teeming with energy. There are hundreds of new residents and strong local businesses – fresh and established – keeping the heart of our nearly 140-year-old community vibrant. And, it's all occurring by design.

Development has been cultivated in Downtown Castle Rock for more than a decade. Watch the Town's social media channels @CRgov during 2020 and beyond for information on the area's progress, as well as its history.

The latest project is Encore, under construction just south of Town Hall. The project includes a seven-story building with retail, office and residential space on the west side, along Wilcox Street, and a parking garage on the east side, on the site of the now former Town Hall parking lot.

Three-hundred eight of the parking spaces in the garage will be for public use once the project is complete – likely in 2021.

Meanwhile, visitors to Town Hall should plan extra time to park on the street, including in 2-hour spaces on the north side of First Street west of Wilcox Street, or in the area of Festival Park.

Visit CRgov.com/DowntownDevelopment for additional information and a link to our Downtown Parking Map for options to accommodate visits Downtown.

Town made many accomplishments in 2019

The calendars have turned – a new decade is here.

As we launch into 2020 and all the possibilities that lie ahead, the Town is taking a moment to reflect on 10 key projects completed to benefit the community in 2019:

- 1 Collaboration Campus** Arapahoe Community College opened its Collaboration Campus near Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, and more than 600 students enrolled in pursuit of higher education in Castle Rock. The Town contributed \$2 million toward the project.
- 2 Community Input** The Town completed its biennial community survey, securing important feedback for the future. Actions arising out of the results include increasing growth-related fees toward transportation and other needs and exploring opportunities for the Town to acquire additional open space.
- 3 Founders and Allen** This key Town intersection was improved, due in large part to a \$1.7 million federal grant. Now, there are additional lanes and less congestion in this busy area.
- 4 Lanterns Wells** New deep groundwater wells were added in the Lanterns/Montaine area, providing additional capacity for the Town's water supply to keep pace with growth on hot days when outdoor irrigation demand is greatest.
- 5 Metzler Fields** The four ballfields at Metzler Ranch Community Park were converted to synthetic turf. This will save 6 million gallons of water annually while maximizing the fields' usage and minimizing maintenance.
- 6 Parrish Park** A shining symbol to the sacrifices public safety professionals make for the community opened at 2020 Fiddle Road – Deputy Zack S. Parrish III Memorial Park. The community continues to enjoy the unique play structures and other amenities at this space.
- 7 Pavement Maintenance** More than 127 lane miles of streets in The Meadows were improved during the summer's annual Pavement Maintenance Program, which extends the lives of Town roads.
- 8 Police Positions** CRPD is five positions stronger ending 2019. One especially critical position added was a School Resource Officer to help protect and serve Castle Rock and Mesa middle schools.
- 9 Trail Extension** Castle Rock finished the year more connected, with the opening of a 2-mile southerly extension of the East Plum Creek Trail. Now, the trail traverses the entire area between The Meadows and Crystal Valley. A \$1 million lottery funds grant helped make the project possible.
- 10 2020 Budget** The Town's \$228 million budget for 2020 includes a decrease in the Town's property tax mill levy rate and a 3% decrease in wastewater rates for typical residential customers.

Our door is open — District 6 and District 3 open houses this month

When will roadwork be happening in my neighborhood? What does the next planned park look like? If you have questions and want to learn more about your community, an open house is the perfect opportunity. All are invited to the District 6 and District 3 meet and greets this month.

District 6 Councilmember George Teal's open house will be held at Fire Station 152, 485 Crystal Valley Parkway, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23. District 6 is in southern Castle Rock and includes Plum Creek and Crystal Valley.

District 3 Councilmember Kevin Bracken's open house will be at The Grange, 3692 Meadows Blvd., from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. District 3 includes a portion of The Meadows, Red Hawk and Castle Highlands.

Visit CRgov.com/ElectionDistricts to see what district you live in. At each open house, the district Council representative will answer questions and listen to feedback. Town staff will also be available to talk about current projects and services.

Tickets on sale for Daddy Daughter Ball

Make your little one the belle of the ball at this year's dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, raffle prizes and professional photographs.

Tickets are on sale now at the Recreation Center, the Miller Activity Complex and online at CRgov.com/DDBall20. Advanced tickets are \$25 per couple (\$30 for nonresidents). Admission at the door is \$40 per couple. Tickets for additional daughters are \$8 each.

2019 fire coloring contest winners

On Dec. 9, Castle Rock Fire and Rescue visited two elementary schools, Clear Sky Elementary and Academy Charter School to announce the winners of this year's CRFD coloring contest. The five winning entries represent each of our fire stations, and are prominently displayed on the fire apparatus for an entire year.

Congratulations to our 2019 winners: Annalie Carlson, Leighton Brooks, Genevieve Hurst, Annika Lindburg and Jillian Susser.



Drawn by Genevieve Hurst, Academy Charter School, 4th Grade
2019/2020 CASTLE ROCK FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
FIRE/SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNER



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

New Year, new you?

Your 2020 New Year's resolution is clear! Set your sights on the commitment to conserve throughout the year. Setting monthly conservation goals can help you be more successful. Some ideas include taking shorter showers, only running the dish washer when it's full, adjusting your sprinkler system for the weather and planting ColoradoScape plants. Get ideas and learn more at CRconserve.com. Happy 2020, Castle Rock!

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Jan. 9: Coffee with a Cop, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Black Rock Coffee, 4985 Factory Shops Blvd., Suite 100. Get to know your Castle Rock Police Officers.

Jan. 20: Town Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. MAC and Rec Center open normal hours.

Jan. 23: District 6 Open House, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Station 152, 485 Crystal Valley Pkwy.

Jan. 28: District 3 Open House, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Grange, 3692 Meadows Blvd.

Jan. 30: Columbine Facility Plan Open House, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 1469 Columbine Drive.

Feb. 8: Daddy Daughter Ball, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds, 500 Fairgrounds Road.

Feb. 17: Last day for Rink at the Rock.

Live Christmas tree recycling available through January

While experts recommend throwing out live Christmas trees right after the holiday, don't let your tree take up space in a landfill.

Live trees can be recycled at one of four participating parks through Friday, Jan. 31: Douglas County Fairgrounds (500 Fairgrounds Road), Founders Park (4671 Enderud Blvd.), Metzler Ranch Community Park (4175 Trail Boss Drive), and Paintbrush Park (3492 Meadows Blvd.).

Trees will be turned into mulch that will be available to the public while supplies last at the Fairgrounds and Metzler Ranch Park.

Only live Christmas trees will be accepted, and not wreaths or garland. Also, yard clippings are not allowed. All lights, ornaments and tree stands should be removed. Additionally, all plastic wrap, bags, nails, bolts and wire should be taken off the tree.

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On the Web: Cycle, barre, HIIT, repeat

This new year, try group fitness to support your goals. With a variety of class types and times, you are sure to find a class that suits you. Visit CRgov.com/FitnessClasses to see all offerings and try a new way to train.