

# Your Town Talk

March 2020

## Good to Know Sprucing up Town streets with annual roadwork

Each spring, the Town begins a roadway refresh that extends the life of our streets. This year, annual roadwork is coming to central Castle Rock as part of the Pavement Maintenance Program.

Central Castle Rock includes neighborhoods such as The Woodlands, Red Hawk, parts of The Meadows, Craig & Gould and Metzler Ranch. Crews will be working on neighborhood roads between April and August, weather permitting. Visit [CRgov.com/PMP](http://CRgov.com/PMP) to learn more and explore the interactive map.

Meadows Parkway from New Hope Way to North Meadows Drive will also be reconstructed and restored as part of the work. Roadwork is expected to begin in April.

Join us for an open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Service Center, 4175 Castleton Court. Meet with engineers and inspectors to ask questions and learn about the impacts to your neighborhood.

## Introducing RockREC!

Efficiency is the name of the game with Parks and Recreation's new registration and reservation system. Launching in early March, RockREC will be a one-stop shop for all things Castle Rock Parks and Recreation. The Town knows that keeping things simple is important, and this new customer-centered experience will make registering for programs, paying membership dues, and securing pavilion and trolley reservations easier than ever before.

Along with the desktop dashboard, a mobile app will give users everything they need to keep parks and recreation at the tip of their fingers. Even ID cards will be available through the app to help with efficient self check-in at the Rec Center.

In order to keep the most up-to-date information in the system, users will be required to set up a new member profile. Members who have visited the Rec Center since December 2019 will have their information migrated. However, everyone will need to verify that the information is correct. Once verified, the new profile will give members access to their entire family's information in one location.

Need help setting up a profile? Stop by the Rec Center or MAC front desks. More information is available at [CRgov.com/RockREC](http://CRgov.com/RockREC). Or, call 720-733-2222 with questions.

## District 2 open house this month

Town Council open houses are great opportunities to get to know your Council representatives, receive updates on initiatives that impact your community, and learn about upcoming projects, such as roadwork.

District 2 Councilmember James Townsend's open house will be held at Fire Station 155, 3833 Crowfoot Valley Road, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. District 2 is in the northeast portion of Castle Rock and includes Sapphire Pointe, Diamond Ridge, Cobblestone Ranch and Terrain.

At the open house, Councilmember Townsend will answer questions and listen to feedback. Staff will also be available to talk about current projects and Town services.

Stop by and join the conversation!

## Five reasons to take the 2020 Census

Every 10 years, the U.S. census generates a critical snapshot of America. Here are five reasons why the census is important:

1. It determines how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives.
2. Data collected is used to inform decisions on funding for schools, roads, hospitals, emergency response services and more.

3. Our community could lose funding if census data doesn't accurately represent the Town of Castle Rock's population.
4. The census informs important research efforts and federally produced statistics, such as national birth and death rates and Consumer Price Index calculations.
5. It's quick, safe and easy. Beginning in March, households will receive an invitation to complete the 2020 Census online, by mail or by phone.

Learn more about the 2020 Census online at [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

## Wise up with Water Wiser

Conservation is key. It's a message Castle Rock Water is spreading to help support the Town's long-term water plan. While the community is embracing the call to conserve, residents looking to get expert tips on how to cut back should check out a Water Wiser workshop.

Castle Rock Water's workshops teach customers how to detect water waste in their yards and how to improve their irrigation systems. Once complete, participants will earn a "Water Wiser" designation and will be exempt from the Town's annual every-third-day watering schedule.

That designation is valid for five years. So, participants who took the class in 2015 will need to take a renewal course to maintain their designation. Now, renewal classes can be taken online or in person. Email [waterconservation@CRgov.com](mailto:waterconservation@CRgov.com) for details.

Water Wiser workshops run from March through early October. The workshops are free, but registration is required. More information, including the class schedule and registration, is available at [CRConserve.com/WaterWiser](http://CRConserve.com/WaterWiser).

## Rebates reward water-wise residents

Every drop counts, but so does every dollar. Castle Rock Water's rebate program helps encourage residents committed to conservation to keep up the good work. Now, the program is expanding to help customers be more water efficient, both indoors and out.

Castle Rock Water's incentive program helps encourage residents to be more water wise and offers several rebates as part of an overall conservation plan. The rebate program encourages residents to transition from inefficient landscaping to more water-conscious alternatives. Typically, only outdoor rebates were offered. But, the program was updated in 2020 to offer two indoor incentives.

The 2020 rebates are:

- Ultra-high efficiency Toilet Retrofit
- Residential SmartScape Renovation
- Whole Home Water Monitoring System
- Smart Irrigation Controller
- Rotary Nozzle

Non residential rebates are also offered. The program is funded with water restriction violation and tier 4 water use surcharges. Funds are limited, and rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Get more information at [CRconserve.com/Rebates](http://CRconserve.com/Rebates).



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Water conservation and efficiency tip  
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### Fix a Leak Week

Leaks can run, but they can't hide. March 16-22 is Fix a Leak Week. An estimated 10% of people are plagued with a plumbing leak at their home right now. Those little drips can add up to thousands of gallons of water, and money, wasted every month. The likely leaky culprit is the toilet. Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. Don't flush. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. You can find other leaks by checking your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water should have been used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. Visit [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com) to find videos and tips on how to catch those leaks.

## Events in Castle Rock [CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events)

**March 8:** Daylight saving time begins. Set your clocks ahead one hour!

**March 10:** Cobblestone Ranch Park open house, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 2420 Autumn Sage St. Provide feedback and help with the next phase of the Cobblestone Park Master Plan.

**March 12:** Ridgeline Wranglers and PSM Trail Partners season kick-off meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Miller Activity Complex.

**March 14:** Community Heartsaver CPR/AED class, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fire Headquarters/Station 151, 300 N. Perry St.

**March 26:** Roadwork open house, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Service Center, 4175 Castleton Court.

**March 31:** Town Council District 2 open house, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fire Station 155, 3833 Crowfoot Valley Road.

**April 2:** Wild in Our Town, 6 to 8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library.

## Snow update

As we step into spring, remember a few things adjust when it comes to snow management. From March 15 to Nov. 15, snow accumulation on residential streets must total 8 inches before being cleared by plows, due to warmer temperatures. The rest of the year snow accumulation must total 4 inches before being cleared by plows. Visit [CRgov.com/Snow](http://CRgov.com/Snow) to learn more.

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## On the Web: Keep kids busy during spring break

Each year, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation hosts a series of youth spring break camps. These camps give kids the opportunity to learn, create and play while school is out. With offerings from one-hour specialty camps to full-day activities, there's a right fit for every family. More information is available at [CRgov.com/Camps](http://CRgov.com/Camps).