

Your Town Talk

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Good to Know

The Star shines bright as a beacon of hope

The Town's iconic Star typically brightens the community during the holidays. But recently, Town Council made a special motion to light The Star as a symbol of hope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 40-foot star atop The Rock was originally constructed in 1936, during the Great Depression, as a symbol of hope that could be seen from miles around. It's a reminder that Castle Rock is a strong and united community that will persevere, even in adverse times.

At the March 17 Town Council meeting, Council voted unanimously on a special motion to light The Star throughout the pandemic. The beloved monument serves as a shining example for the entire community.

"When times get hard in Castle Rock, the community comes together," said Mayor Jason Gray. "We will get through this, and my wish is that everyone who sees The Star will ask themselves what they can do in the community to help those who need support."

The Star is typically lit each year from the Saturday before Thanksgiving through the National Western Stock Show. Outside the holiday season, The Star has been lit just a handful of times for special occasions. Town Council consent is required to light The Star at times outside the holiday season.

A COVID-19 message from Mayor Jason Gray

Dear Castle Rock community,

Without a doubt, these are trying times. COVID-19 has impacted every corner of our community. While it's hard to predict exactly what the next few weeks or months hold, I firmly believe we will rise above it all.

As The Star lit above our community serves as a beacon of hope during these uncertain times, I am hopeful. I will remain hopeful. We are a strong and united community that will persevere.

The Town is working with federal, state and local governments, and public health agencies, to share information and resources to slow the spread of the virus and to link up with support systems.

The Town will continue to provide essential services such as public safety, emergency response, water and road maintenance. You can connect with many of our other services online at CRgov.com/OnlineServices. We are committed to providing the level of service you've grown to know from the Town to the best of our ability given the current circumstances.

There are amazing individuals and organizations within our community who are working tirelessly to support those in need. If you need help, call 303-688-4825, or visit douglasCOVID19.com to learn about resources available to you within the community such as childcare, employment, food, financial assistance, and medical and mental health assistance.

We all need to support one another – this includes supporting local businesses as much as possible. These businesses are navigating uncharted waters and they're doing their best to adapt and survive. The Town, and the services it provides, are also impacted by the vitality of our local businesses, as sales tax is our largest source of revenue for our operations.

Keeping current public health guidelines in mind, help your friends, your neighbors and strangers. Take care of yourselves, your families and, most of all, those who cannot take care of themselves.

The residents of Castle Rock are our most valuable resource. We are depending on each and every one of you. Thank you for being such a wonderful community. I am proud to be your Mayor.

And remember, everyone is struggling in one way or another. Be kind, be gentle, be forgiving. Be well.

Mayor Jason Gray, Town of Castle Rock



Roadwork progresses on Plum Creek Parkway

In fall 2019, underground utility work began along Plum Creek Parkway in preparation for improvements to the roadway. This spring, the project moves into roadway construction to widen the parkway between Gilbert and Eaton streets and add two roundabouts.

This project will improve traffic flow for Plum Creek Parkway, but in the meantime, motorists are advised to take alternate routes. During construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Plum Creek Parkway and Gilbert Street, traffic flow will be reduced to one lane in each direction, creating delays.

We understand the inconvenience and ask residents to put safety first by obeying construction signage and flaggers.

For updates throughout construction, visit CRgov.com/PlumCreekPkwy, or follow @CRgov on social media.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/Events

Embracing new ways to connect with your community can be challenging and rewarding. COVID-19 has led many of us to try virtual meetings, digital family gatherings and creative ways to participate in the things that matter most to us. Currently, Town events have been canceled and postponed to ensure the safety of the community. As things quickly evolve, check CRgov.com/Events for updates on cancellations. Some events may also be moved online.

Complete the 2020 Census today!

Have you filled out your 2020 Census yet? Complete it today online, by mail or by phone.

By completing the census, you're helping the Castle Rock community receive its fair share of federal funding for things such as education, roads, transportation, human services, affordable housing, services for the elderly and veterans, parks and more. This once-a-decade population count also affects our representation in government.

Learn more about the 2020 Census online at 2020Census.gov.



Goodbye, winter – hello, irrigation season

After a long winter season, many residents are ready to get outdoors. But, before irrigation season officially begins, the Town is encouraging residents to keep conservation in mind.



Since 1985, Castle Rock residents have abided by an every-third-day watering schedule. Nonresidential customers also have a similar program. These schedules are key for helping Castle Rock Water manage the high water demands of the warmer months.

For the 2020 season, outdoor watering schedules are in place for the months of May through September. Additionally, residents will only be allowed to water their lawns before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on their designated watering day. This is the cooler, more humid time of day when watering is most effective.

On average, more than 50% of a resident's water consumption is used outdoors. The watering schedule helps encourage residents to be more water conscious. More information is available at CRconserve.com.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

There is definitely never a good time for a sewer backup. Help Castle Rock Water keep our system running smoothly by not flushing napkins, paper towels or wipes of any kind down the toilet. Across the nation, water providers are seeing more people flushing wipes and rags. These items do not disintegrate like toilet paper and can cause massive backups. Even "flushable" wipes should not be flushed. That goes for disinfectant wipes and sanitary wipes, too. These items easily get stuck in the plumbing of your home and can clog the wastewater system's pipes. Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Cotton swabs, makeup towelettes, tissues and dental floss should also not be flushed. Help Castle Rock Water help you by only flushing three things down the toilet. Toilet paper is No. 3.

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On the Web: Be a voice for your Town

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the community's voice in Town government. The Town's boards and commissions are looking for residents interested in local development, water, public safety, transportation, or parks and recreation issues. Learn more and submit an application at CRgov.com/Boards.