

## Good to Know

### Your Town Academy applications open this month

Get an inside look at your Town by joining this year's class for Your Town Academy – an eight-week course designed to educate the community about the Town's operations. Applications will be open during June at [CRgov.com/YTA](http://CRgov.com/YTA). Classes are anticipated to run from late August through mid-October.

Along with information about basics like how our Council-Manager form of government and Town finances work, the series provides an in-depth look at each major Town department: Development, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works and Water. Classes are hands on and are held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday nights. Dinner is provided. Students must complete at least six of eight classes to graduate.

Since the class takes participants into secure facilities, a background check is required. Attendance is capped at 30 participants, and applications are considered first come, first serve, with priority given to Town residents and business owners. Any pandemic-related impacts to course plans will be shared via the above webpage and/or communicated directly to accepted students as regulations evolve.

Please consider joining us this fall to learn more about your Town – we think you'll find it interesting, and well worth your time.



# Your Town

## Talk

News From Around the Rock

June 2020

## Celebrate Independence Day with Castle Rock's annual fireworks show

Fireworks are an Independence Day tradition, and the Town can help you celebrate right from your own backyard.

Fireworks will blast off from Santa Fe Quarry Mesa starting at sundown (about 9:30 p.m.) Saturday, July 4.

This high-flying show is weather and fire restriction dependent and will be visible from almost anywhere in Castle Rock. So, please practice social distancing, and do not congregate in large groups as you watch the fireworks.

It's also important to note, only fireworks purchased at stands in Castle Rock are legal, and only on July 4. If you use your own fireworks, please remember that, as a general rule, fireworks that leave the ground, explode, or break off into pieces are not allowed. If you bring in fireworks from outside Colorado, they are mostly likely illegal and subject to seizure, summons or fines. Also, please remember, it is unlawful for anyone age 16 or younger to purchase any fireworks.

If you choose to use fireworks on July 4, please remember to keep them away from dry grass, homes and anything flammable. Be careful of loose clothing, stand several feet from the fireworks, and always have a bucket of water or fire extinguisher ready.

Also, check [CRgov.com/FireBans](http://CRgov.com/FireBans) for updated fire restriction information.

## Back in the routine ... carefully

This summer, the world looks a little different. While we're all facing a quiet season, the Town's Parks and Recreation Department is working to get residents back in a routine. The Rec Center, and several other amenities, are now open, but there will be some changes.

For the foreseeable future, social distancing will be the name of the game. The Rec Center is open, but use is by appointment only. Staff is working carefully to follow all guidelines set out by the State and local health department. With that in mind, the facility will be open for one hour of operation, followed by one hour of cleaning. Appointment times can be found on the registration site. Go to [CRgov.com/Registration](http://CRgov.com/Registration) for more. Additionally, locker rooms will only be available for restroom use, and only water bottle-filling stations will be available – not drinking fountains. Check [CRgov.com/COVID](http://CRgov.com/COVID) for updates.

While much of the summer is uncertain, the Town is scheduling programming to help families keep things as normal as possible. Parents, help your kids enjoy the dog days of summer by making memories at one of the Town's youth camps. The Town's full-day, state-licensed camps are open for registration. More information and registration is available at [CRgov.com/FullDayCamps](http://CRgov.com/FullDayCamps).

The Town is carefully watching all health recommendations. As further measures are identified, plans will be adjusted. For now, playgrounds and picnic pavilions are still closed. However, skate parks, pickleball and tennis courts, and trails and open space are available for use. That makes this summer the perfect time to get outside and remember that while we all need to stay apart, the Castle Rock community is in this together.

## Warm weather reminders

Summer weather is here, and that means more focus outdoors. Here are a few things to keep in mind this season:

- Unless your animals are on your property or at a dog park, they must be on a leash, cord or chain not more than 10 feet long. Electric leashes are prohibited.
- Grass and vegetation should be trimmed to 6 inches – vegetation 12 inches and higher is considered a zoning violation.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street, and the area between your fence and the street.
- All trees and shrubs should be trimmed as not to impair vision or obstruct travel on sidewalks or roadways.
- Landscape materials should be stored on your property; they are not allowed to be stored on any public rights of way, streets, alleys or easements.

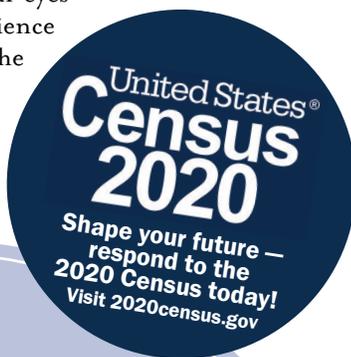
Following these simple guidelines can make a difference in your neighborhood and is appreciated by your community!

## Still available – fun in the sun

Fun is definitely not canceled this season. As restrictions are lifted, the Town is working hard to keep the summer spirit alive as much as possible.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be offering Free Fitness Fridays starting June 5. Check out new exercise formats like Tabata, Dance & Sculpt, HIIT and more. Changes will be made to incorporate social distancing, and registration will be limited to abide by health guidelines. Head to [CRgov.com/SummerFitness](http://CRgov.com/SummerFitness) for more information.

The Farmer's Market at Festival Park will also be back starting Sunday, June 14. Come support the community, local vendors and small businesses. Social distancing requirements will be in place, and market goers can expect a more "shop with your eyes" approach. Also, a virtual market experience will be available. Customers will have the ability to shop the market from their phone, then pick up their orders the day of the market. More information and details will be coming soon at [CRgov.com/FarmersMarket](http://CRgov.com/FarmersMarket).



**water WISER!**

Water conservation and efficiency tip  
CRconserve.com

It may not seem important, but sticking to a watering schedule is about more than conservation. Irrigating no more than every third day ensures watering is most efficient and helps Castle Rock Water with peak demand. Castle Rock does not have a water shortage, but in the summer, usage shoots up four times more than in the winter. Handling peak demand is similar to a home's water heater. There is a continuous supply of water in the tank. But, if the dishwasher, laundry and three showers are all going at once, the tank cannot keep up with heating the peak volume of water. Staggering usage helps make sure there's enough hot water for everyone. The same is true for the Town's system. Plus, deeper and less frequent watering helps develop deeper roots, making for healthier lawns and plants. Also, watering between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., which is required for all residential water customers (including Water Wiser participants), helps reduce water loss from evaporation. It's a win-win for everyone!

## Events in Castle Rock

[CRgov.com/Events](http://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, most Town events have been canceled and postponed to ensure the safety of the community. As things quickly evolve, check [CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events) for updates on cancellations.

## 2020 Watering Schedule RESIDENTIAL



On your watering day, water only before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m.

### JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

The Town of Castle Rock has mandatory watering schedules and hours in place. Failure to follow these regulations, or incurring water waste, can result in a watering violation. Your schedule is determined by your street address:

- Addresses ending in 0, 1, 2, 3
- Addresses ending in 4, 5, 6
- ◇ Addresses ending in 7, 8, 9

## On the Web:

### Rock the season with Parks and Rec

Get out and get going this season with the Parks and Recreation Department. Discover new activities, sign up for sports, learn about summer camps and more! Programming begins in June, and registration is now open. As a cost-saving measure, the Rec Guide will not be printed this season. Head to [CRgov.com/RecGuide](http://CRgov.com/RecGuide) for the digital version, and to check out the hundreds of classes and activities offered by the Town.

