

# Your Town Talk

September 2020

## Good to Know Summer events help celebrate the season

Things may be a little different this year, but the summer spirit is alive and well in Castle Rock. As the season comes to a close, there are several events planned for September. Please keep in mind, there will be a few changes to accommodate health guidelines and social distancing requirements. But, Castle Rock is a community that comes together when times are hard. Celebrate the season, enjoy the weather and spend some socially distanced time at these upcoming events.

### Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks featuring FACE Vocal Band Thursday, Sept. 17

FACE Vocal Band is an internationally acclaimed all-vocal rock band from Boulder. Join the fun from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14. More information at [CRgov.com/TrailTunes](http://CRgov.com/TrailTunes).

### Summer Concert Series featuring the Yacht Rock Revue Saturday, Sept. 12

Don't miss this top-notch group of musicians performing the smooth sounds of the 1970s and 1980s. From humble beginnings in a basement, to touring in partnership with Live Nation and Sirius XM, this band is now headlining sold-out shows across the country. More information and tickets will be coming soon to [CRgov.com/PSMConcerts](http://CRgov.com/PSMConcerts).

## 2021 Budget continues focus on top priorities

Outstanding public safety, enhanced transportation and a secure water future for years have been among the Town's top funding priorities. Emphasis in those areas will carry through in 2021 if Town Council on Sept. 15 approves next year's budget as proposed by the Town Manager. The proposed budget would provide a pension program to attract and retain the best CRPD officers, along with \$11.5 million in annual pavement maintenance and \$3.8 million in park improvements. While several key long-term water initiatives would continue, water rates are planned to remain flat from 2020 except for fees charged on new homes.

Even with the planned progress, challenges exist in funding public safety when looking five years out. A key 2021 initiative will be exploring a revenue source for additional police and fire personnel. Also uncertain are the longer-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which the Town to date has weathered well financially.

The entire 379-page budget and two shorter documents – the Town Manager's budget message and a two-page Budget in Brief – are available online at [CRgov.com/2021Budget](http://CRgov.com/2021Budget). Public comment will continue to be taken at the Sept. 15 Council meeting – participate at 6 p.m. at [CRgov.com/Sept15Council](http://CRgov.com/Sept15Council).

## Candidates finalized for November election

Election Day is Nov. 3. There will be four Town Council seats on the ballot – Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6. Here's what to know about the election:

In District 1 (western portions of The Meadows), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are (in alphabetical order):

■ Geneva Brier      ■ Ryan Hollingshead      ■ Robert Wade

In District 2 (northeast Castle Rock), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are (in alphabetical order):

■ Laura Cavey      ■ Keegan Doheny  
■ Gary Godfrey      ■ Stephen Weaver

In District 4 (central Castle Rock and Downtown), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are (in alphabetical order):

■ Desiree LaFleur      ■ Preston Shepherd

In District 6 (south Castle Rock), the candidates who will appear on the ballot are (in alphabetical order):

■ Tim Dietz      ■ Gregory K. Hernandez      ■ Matt Katona

Additionally, each seat will have an option for a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates must submit an affidavit to the Town Clerk before Oct. 2.

The Town of Castle Rock conducts all of its elections by mail. Ballots will begin arriving the week of Oct. 12. To register to vote, or update your address, visit [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

Learn more about the election at [CRgov.com/2020Election](http://CRgov.com/2020Election).

## Signaling safety and reliability

Public Works provides safe transportation systems for drivers and pedestrians alike. The roads you journey, whether by car, bicycle or foot, have an impact on your daily life, and traffic signals play a large role. Your feedback on the Traffic Signal Survey will help the Town make the most of our resources while focusing on the values of safety and reliability. Ultimately, the survey will be used to help update the Traffic Signal Management Plan, which outlines the services provided to the community through traffic signals. The plan was last updated in 2011.

Visit [CRgov.com/SignalSurvey](http://CRgov.com/SignalSurvey) to answer a few questions about traffic signals around Town. We greatly appreciate your input.

## CPR trained? Download PulsePoint today

Of the half-million cardiac arrests each year, three-quarters of those happen outside the hospital. The PulsePoint app connects CPR-trained people to patients in need before first responders arrive. App users who have indicated they are trained in CPR, and willing to assist in case of an emergency, can be notified if someone is having a cardiac

emergency in a public place and may require CPR. The app also directs these potential rescuers to the exact location of the closest Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

After downloading the app, follow the Castle Rock Fire Department to see calls run by the department. PulsePoint alerts residents to medical emergencies, traffic collisions, wildland fires and other emergencies.



## Honor the Town's parks, open spaces and trails

In many communities, public land is where memories are made, and Castle Rock is no exception. Open space is where afternoons are spent exploring, trails are where families stay active, and parks are where kids play. Come celebrate the outdoor space where we live, learn and play at National Public Lands Day Saturday, Sept. 26.

Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon for a work day to help maintain and repair specific sections of the Town's newest unpaved trail, Legacy Trail at Gateway Mesa Open Space, 4678 E. Highway 86.

Work will include new rock steps and clearing corridors. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, and minors under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Gloves and tools will be provided, as well as snacks and water.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Also, keep in mind, social distancing requirements and health guidelines will be in place. Head to [CRgov.com/PublicLandsDay](http://CRgov.com/PublicLandsDay) for registration details and more.



**water WISER!**

Water conservation and efficiency tip  
[CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com)

Keeping our watershed free of pollutants like oil, paint and chemicals is critical not only for the health of the environment, but also for our water quality. Plum Creek is used for drinking water, and keeping it as clean as possible reduces treatment costs. Here are some ways to properly dispose of household products: take paint to a drop-off location like Sherwin-Williams, or simply let latex paint dry up, and place it in the trash; take expired or unused medications to the Castle Rock Police Department; dispose of used oil products at authorized mechanics. Always keep household chemicals in their original containers, and store them in a cool, dry place. We'll let you know about alternative drop sites as information becomes available.

## Events in Castle Rock

[CRgov.com/Events](http://CRgov.com/Events)

**Sept. 12, 19 & 26:** Castle Rock Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Outlets at Castle Rock.

**Sept. 12 & 13:** 31st Annual Castle Rock ArtFest, Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

**Sept. 12:** Summer Concert Series: Yacht Rock Revue, 7-9:30 p.m., Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 13:** Tri the Rock Youth Triathlon, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Butterfield Crossing Pool.

**Sept. 13, 20 & 27:** Farmer's Market at Festival Park, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sept. 17:** Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks Free Concert Series — Face Vocal Band, 6:30-9 p.m., Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 22:** District 5 Virtual Open House with Councilmember Caryn Johnson, 6-7 p.m.

**Sept. 26:** National Public Lands Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Gateway Mesa Open Space.

**Oct. 1:** Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce Town Council Candidate Forum, 7:30-9 a.m., [castlerock.org/candidate-forum](http://castlerock.org/candidate-forum).

**Oct. 3:** Castle Rock Trail Festival, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Amphitheater at PSM Park.

## 2020 Watering Schedule

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### SEPTEMBER

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 in place. On your watering day, water only before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. 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: Let's Talk Transit

In October 2019, the Town kicked off the Transit Feasibility Study. As the study nears a conclusion, view the draft summary report online at [CRgov.com/TransitStudy](http://CRgov.com/TransitStudy). Learn about three feasible options that could be implemented in the future as budget allows. The draft report and feedback form will be available through September.

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