

# Your Town Talk

November 2020

## Good to Know

### Season of The Star

There's something magical about the holidays in Castle Rock. Make memories, and celebrate the Season of The Star, at these holiday events. Details are still in the works, but more information will be available at [CRgov.com/StarSeason](http://CRgov.com/StarSeason).

### Festival Park Starlight Market

Friday, Dec. 4, 3-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Get your holiday shopping started early, and browse unique gifts from artists, crafters, specialty food items and more. Enjoy live holiday music, hot chocolate, winter cocktails and food trucks.

### Holiday Drive-In Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Saturday, Dec. 5, 5 p.m. at PSM Park — Enjoy a fun seasonal night with this holiday movie on a 30-foot screen. Registration required.

### Light Show at Philip S. Miller Park

Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 3 through 19 — Drive or walk through the park at night and enjoy beautiful twinkling lights.

### Starlighting

Starlighting ushers in the holiday season in Castle Rock. This year, it takes place on Saturday, Nov. 21. The annual celebration will look a little different this year due to the pandemic. Smaller viewing events will take place at three locations: Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, Douglas County Fairgrounds and the Amphitheater at PSM Park. Each location will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. and feature live entertainment, food trucks, nonprofit vendor booths, hot chocolate/beverages and more. The ceremony begins at 5 p.m., with the lighting of The Star at approximately 5:30 p.m., followed by fireworks. You must preregister to attend one of the viewing events. The ceremony will also be live streamed on the Town's Facebook page (@CRgov). For more information or to register, visit [CastleRockStarlighting.org](http://CastleRockStarlighting.org).

## Welcome reuse water

After 15 years of planning, community outreach, treatment process analysis and regulation considerations, Castle Rock Water will begin utilizing purified reuse water later this month. For Castle Rock, purified reuse water will be one of the most sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally friendly water supplies, and will be a big step toward accomplishing our renewable water goal.

Reuse water is safe and treated to drinking water purity through proven, science-based treatment processes. Castle Rock's newly added advanced treatment processes will provide redundancies so no single process is solely responsible for the removal of any single contaminant. It is tested in real time, with online sensors that are strictly regulated by local, State and Federal entities.

Purified reuse water is also very reliable and provides a locally controlled, more drought-proof water supply. It's economical because the water can be used over and over. It also helps the environment. The more recycled water we use instead of other sources, the less water we have to divert from creeks and pump from our deep groundwater supplies.

This huge step in diversifying our water supplies will constitute about one-third of the Town's total water needs. Most South Metro communities are expected to have a third of their water supply as reuse water by 2065. Visit [CRgov.com/ReuseWater](http://CRgov.com/ReuseWater) for more information.



## Prep, plow, shovel, repeat

Snow season can feel like an endless routine. For the Town, preparation is actually year round. In the summer, Public Works is busy ordering and mixing salt and keeping plows in tip-top shape. In the winter, they are busy checking weather services and local media to put plow drivers into action to manage almost 700 lane miles of roadway throughout Town.

The Town prioritizes plowing high-volume primary streets that connect major sections of Town. In neighborhoods, plow crews will make a single pass to ensure one lane of emergency access. Plows can be expected to visit residential streets when 4 inches of snow or more accumulates on the pavement between Nov. 15 and March 15. For snow events outside of the four-month window, plows will visit residential roads after 8 or more inches of snow accumulates on the pavement.

The Town also removes snow from Town-managed parks, trails and buildings. It is the responsibility of residents and businesses to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours of each snow event with 2 inches or more of accumulation. If you live on a corner, snow removal is required on both sidewalks – in the front and on the side of your property. Residents should also keep curbs and gutters free of ice.

To learn more about how the Town manages snow, visit [CRgov.com/Snow](http://CRgov.com/Snow).

## Provide input as the Town improves access

Ensuring access to Town facilities and services for all, regardless of their abilities, is an important goal.

With that goal in mind, the Town has worked with outside experts to develop a draft Transition Plan – as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act – to prioritize future efforts to ensure adequate access exists.

You can review the draft plan starting Nov. 5 and provide comment at [CRgov.com/ADAPlan](http://CRgov.com/ADAPlan). Public input is being collected Nov. 5-25.

A feedback form will be available online or can be picked up at Town Hall, the Recreation Center or the Miller Activity Complex. Additionally, two open houses for input are being held:

- 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, Public Works Service Center, 4175 Castleton Court
- 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, online at [CRgov.co/ADAMeeting](http://CRgov.co/ADAMeeting)

Feedback can also be shared by voicemail at 720-733-3552 or by emailing [kread@CRgov.com](mailto:kread@CRgov.com).

## Development Activity Map upgrades

The Development Services Department recently upgraded its popular Development Activity Map. The new mapping platform provides up-to-date, detailed and searchable information on pending and active development projects within Town.

The map can be accessed by visiting [CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivity](http://CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivity) and selecting the map link. The new Development Activity Map includes color-coded pins marking projects currently under review, recently approved projects and projects recently closed. Click on the pins on the map to get project information and a link to more details. Or, scroll through the list of projects, or enter a term to narrow the list.

## 'Tis the season to shop local

There are all kinds of ways to support the community. From dining at a local restaurant to shopping at nearby stores, now more than ever is the time to support our local businesses. Help our community thrive, and shop locally this season.



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

Snowy days and freezing temperatures – now is the time to prep those pipes for the cold. Insulating cold water pipes can help prevent freezing pipes. For pipes that are on outside walls of the home, keep cabinet or crawl space doors open, allowing some heat to reach these areas. This is especially important when freezing temperatures are maintained for several days. One important note, it's a misnomer that leaving a faucet dripping will prevent frozen pipes; it simply releases pressure and is a small measure in preventing frozen pipes from bursting. Find more tips on how to prevent frozen pipes, how to thaw frozen pipes and where your water shut-off valves are at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).

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

**Nov. 7:** Pie Bake-Off, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park.

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Day – Town offices closed.

**Nov. 21:** Starlighting, 2 to 6 p.m., three event viewing locations in Castle Rock.

**Nov. 21:** Rink at the Rock opening day, The White Pavilion.

**Nov. 26:** Thanksgiving - Town offices, Recreation Center and MAC closed.

**Dec. 4 and 5:** Festival Park Starlight Market, 3 to 8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Festival Park.

**Dec. 5:** Holiday Drive-in Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, 5 p.m., PSM Park

**Dec. 3 through 19:** Light Show at Philip S. Miller Park, Thursday through Saturday.

## Going paperless could pay off!

Just as every drop of water counts, so does every piece of paper. Reduce clutter, stay organized and save time by opting in for paperless billing at [CRgov.com/H2OAccess](http://CRgov.com/H2OAccess).

Log in to your H2OAccess account to go paperless by Nov. 30 and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 credit on your next water bill. Current and new paperless water customers will be eligible.

Having an online account and opting in for paperless billing is one of the easiest ways to reduce the hassle of monthly bills. By creating an H2OAccess account, you will get 24/7 access to your water account – plus, the ability to pay your bill online, schedule automatic payments and view 12 months of statement history.

[CRGOV.COM](http://CRgov.com)

## On the Web: Public Art survey

The Public Art Commission identifies priorities and goals related to acquiring art for public buildings and parks in Town. Currently, the Town has more than 30 pieces of public art. Help determine if public art in Castle Rock is headed in the right direction. A brief questionnaire is available through Friday, Nov. 20, at [CRgov.com/PublicArt](http://CRgov.com/PublicArt).