

Your Town

Talk

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Good to Know

Supporting local has lasting impact

The holiday season has wrapped up, but the need to support local businesses continues. When you shop, dine and spend locally, more of your money stays in the community. The money you spend in the community supports small business owners, their families and their employees. And, when they turn around and use those profits or wages to pay for food, products, services and more, that money continues to circulate within the community. Plus, a portion of the sales tax for local purchases helps support Town services like public safety, road improvements, parks and recreation and more.

This new year, make a new commitment to spend your money where your home is – in Castle Rock.

Daddy Daughter Ball springs back in 2021

Say goodbye winter, hello spring a little early this year. The Town's spring-themed Daddy Daughter Ball is blooming Saturday, Feb. 6, and Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Recreation Center, 2301 Woodlands Blvd.

While spring is nature's way of saying let's party, the celebration will be a little different this year to abide by State health guidelines. Four sessions are scheduled for each day to help stagger crowds and maintain social distancing. Enjoy dancing, refreshments, raffle prizes and professional photographs.

Details are still in the works.

However, tickets are on sale and more information is available at CRgov.com/DDball21.

2020: remarkable for a number of reasons

2020 was an unforgettable year. Lives and local businesses were lost. Our ways of working – and living – shifted. Through all the unknowns and unusuals, the Town persisted with its work on behalf of the community. And, a lot was achieved in spite of it all.

The Town opened a new building for training its first responders and completed significant work on the widening of Plum Creek Parkway, and on improving neighborhood streets in The Meadows.

Purified reuse water began flowing through Town taps – a major step toward securing the community's water future. Improvements also were completed at the Plum Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility, in which the Town is a partner.

New recreation software was launched, and the HVAC system for the Recreation Center's Leisure Pool was improved. Last – but perhaps most significantly among these highlights for 2020 – four new Town Council members were brought on board.

And, those were the planned projects. The Town also pivoted during the pandemic to provide millions of dollars in support and other resources to help keep our local businesses afloat.

During periods when many were homebound last year, it may have felt like life had paused. But the Town's operations continued 24/7, as always. A more detailed report and video highlighting key 2020 achievements – and efforts to come in 2021 – will be shared with the community later this month. Watch your mailbox and CRgov.com for those items.

Resolve to stay connected with your Town

It's a new year, and now is the perfect time to make sure you're in the know in 2021. The Town of Castle Rock offers a variety of ways to connect and stay up-to-date on what's happening in Town.

Often, neighborhood meetings and hearings before the Planning Commission and Town Council are required for development projects. Find out what's ahead at CRgov.com/Notices. You can also view the map of all development activity online at CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivity.

Town Council generally meets twice a month – on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. View Town Council agendas at CRgov.com/Agendas. Watch Council live at CRgov.com/WatchCouncil, or catch a recording there after the meeting. Town Council meetings are also broadcast live and replayed on Comcast Channel 22.

You can also stay connected to what's happening around Town by signing up for our news email list at CRgov.com/SignUp. Or, follow the Town on Facebook (facebook.com/CRgov), Instagram ([crgov](https://instagram.com/crgov)), Twitter ([@CRgov](https://twitter.com/CRgov)), YouTube (Town of Castle Rock) and LinkedIn (search Town of Castle Rock).

New year, new you

Raise your hand if you're ready for 2021! A new year is a chance for new opportunities, healthier habits and a fresh start. The Town has tons of ways to help you reach your goals, so kick off 2021 with the Castle Rock Recreation Center. Sign up before the end of January, and get 21% off a pre-paid annual membership, or 21% off your prorated first month's dues.

Workout reservations are now available at CRgov.com/Registration. Click on the REC Reservations icon to find 90-minute reservations available for either the Strength Training or Cardio zones. Reservations may be made up to 48 hours in advance. The facility is closed for 30 minutes between each reservation for cleaning.

Looking for a great sweat at home? The Rec Center has you covered there, too. Participate in a virtual workout class from the comfort of your home. Group fitness classes are being live-streamed in real time. Sign-up at a drop-in rate, or members can enjoy the classes for free. More information is available under the Group Fitness icon at CRgov.com/Registration.

Order delivery and be eco-conscious

The mission at Castle Rock Water goes beyond providing water service for the Town. Efforts are also underway to help the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Castle Rock Water is providing financial assistance for small businesses and residents impacted by the pandemic. These funds were extended through 2021, or until the funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. Learn more at CRgov.com/CRWaterCares.

Two conservation partnerships were recently launched focused on helping businesses that have been hard hit – small, local food and beverage establishments. When ordering to-go or delivery from participating restaurants, your meal will come in recyclable to-go boxes (made from recycled water bottles) courtesy of Castle Rock Water. Participating restaurants include Angie's Restaurant, B & B Café, Black Eyed Pea, Fish & Co., Garlic & Spice Kitchen, Guadalajara Family Mexican Restaurant, No Cow Café, Ohana Grille and Union American Bistro. The goal is to keep plastic out of landfills, improve water quality and reduce restaurants' costs.

Additionally, Castle Rock Water is providing the opportunity to replace toilets in qualifying restaurants free of charge with ultra-efficient versions that take less than 0.8 gallons of water to flush.

More information on both conservation partnerships is available at CRgov.com/ConservationPartnerships.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
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Castle Rock Water is calculating new Average Winter Monthly Consumption. Your AWMC is specific to your home or business and determines your Tier I water budget. Every customer has a unique AWMC. That means customers with five family members are not paying more per gallon than families with only two people. Since we also treat the wastewater coming from your home, this cost is also determined by your AWMC. (What goes in, must come out.) The monthly fixed wastewater charge is adjusted every April based on your newly calculated AWMC. Being efficient with indoor water use during the winter will impact statements all year long.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/Events

Jan. 18: Town Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day; MAC and Recreation Center open normal hours.

Feb. 6 & 7: Daddy Daughter Ball, Recreation Center. More information at CRgov.com/DDball21.

Ready or not, winter is here

Colorado winters are unlike any other. The nighttime extreme snow and ice, combined with daytime sunshine, means preparation is key. So, before you venture out, consider these five seasonal safety tips:

- 1.** Give yourself extra time. It's never fun to scrape ice and snow off your car. Yet, those extra couple of minutes could make a big difference in your safety. Always keep a scraper in your car, and completely clear your windshield, windows, mirrors and car body before you hit the road.
- 2.** Remember shoveling safety. When you shovel your driveway and walkway, be sure to take it slow. Shoveling requires a lot of exertion, so push the snow when you can, rather than lift it. It's also important to listen to your body: stop when you feel tired, and remember to stay hydrated.
- 3.** Pack a winter emergency kit. Expect the unexpected, and pack an emergency kit for your car. Include snacks, a flashlight, blanket or sleeping bag, small shovel, water in an insulated container, jumper cables and first aid kit.
- 4.** Keep clear of icy ponds. Castle Rock has several ponds, natural pools and drainageways that freeze in winter. Be aware of these areas, and do not attempt to walk across them.
- 5.** Bring pets inside. With colder temperatures, remember to bring your pets indoors. In only minutes, your pet can become affected by the extreme cold, despite their furry coat.

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On the Web: Park improvements

The survey results are in, and final designs are in the works. The well-loved Town parks getting a facelift are Butterfield Crossing, Mitchell Gulch, and Plum Creek North and South. The draft renovation plans were posted online, and neighbors were asked to provide feedback. Those results are posted at CRgov.com/ParkImprovements.