

Your Town Talk

February 2021



Good to Know Summer camp registration now open

Get a jump start on summer break. The Town offers a wide range of Athletic & Adventure Camps to keep kids busy when school is out. Registration is now open, and spots fill up quickly. Running from late May to early August, the Town's full-day, half-day and specialty camps are available for kids ages 3 to 17, with a variety of themes.

Athletic & Adventure Camp offerings include:

- Gold Medal Camp
- Multisport Camp
- RockRec Camp
- The Great Outdoor Camp
- Preschool Camp

A variety of specialty camps are also available. A full list of summer camp offerings, descriptions and prices can be found at CRgov.com/Camps. Register before Monday, Feb. 15, to receive \$10 off per camp. Use coupon code CAMP21. Please note, this code will only work for Athletic & Adventure Camps, not specialty camps.

Learning is an adventure

Parents know building a solid foundation for a child's education is important. Get that foundation off on the right start with Castle Rock's Adventure Club junior preschool, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs. These state-licensed programs are accepting children ages 2.5 to 5 for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes begin the week of Monday, Aug. 30, at the Recreation Center, 2301 Woodlands Blvd.

More information is available at CRgov.com/AdventureClub.

Provide important input via 2021 community survey

Thousands of Castle Rock households will be asked their thoughts about Town services and topics this month and next as part of the 2021 community survey. Every business in Castle Rock holding a Town business license will also be invited to participate.

Invites to take the survey online will come by email and mail. Some homes and businesses may also be called to complete the survey by phone. Third-party research firm ComEngage is completing the research on the Town's behalf.

The resident survey will take about 20 minutes to complete, and the business survey about 10 minutes. The Town would appreciate if all those invited take the time to participate in this important process.

The randomly selected households will receive a unique ID to use to complete the survey. Not every household will receive an invite, but the Town values everyone's feedback – a supplemental survey open to the entire community will be online in March. Watch CRgov.com and the Town's social media channels for a link.

Results from the survey will be available in April at CRgov.com/2021survey.



Painting the power of positivity

Art can bring out a whole host of emotions, especially during difficult times. Right now, keeping things positive is important. So, the Town's Public Art Commission is partnering with Castle Rock Artist Cooperative on a new Painting Positivity campaign. The goal is to promote positivity, unity, hope and love in our community.

The group is looking for an artist to provide a large-scale work of art centered on the theme "Painting Positivity." Those interested should head to castlerockartcoop.com/paintingpositivity for more information. Entries are being accepted through 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The chosen artist will have his or her mural displayed on the Fort CPA Group Building, 407 Wilcox St.

The Public Art Commission identifies priorities and goals related to acquiring art for public buildings and parks in Town. Learn more at CRgov.com/PublicArt.

Bluebird Project virtual open house Feb. 18

Bluebirds are migratory songbirds that brighten up Castle Rock with their blue coloring. The Town has led a local division of the Colorado Bluebird Project since 2007 to create and monitor nesting boxes throughout our parks, open spaces, trails and schools.

A volunteer team of all ages is needed to visit the boxes weekly to collect and submit important nesting data. Join this unique experience for a chance to see bluebird eggs, hatchlings and beautiful songbirds.

A virtual open house for those interested in building or monitoring nesting boxes will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 8 p.m.

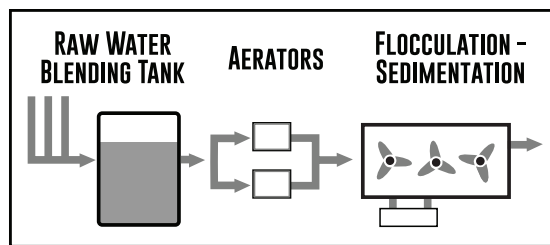
For more details and registration, visit CRgov.com/Bluebird.

Getting technical about water treatment

Ensuring great-tasting, high-quality water that is safe for our community is Castle Rock Water's top priority. The newly added Advanced Treatment at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility is a nine-step process that eradicates common and unregulated contaminants. In addition to extending the operation and maintenance of the plant, having multiple processes provides redundancy, ensuring that no single process is responsible for eradicating a single contaminant.

The first three treatment processes are water blending, oxidation and sedimentation. The blending tank mixes water collected from multiple sources, like underground aquifers, Plum Creek and reuse water. The water is then sent through aerators, which remove dissolved gas and dissolved metals like iron and manganese.

The third treatment is the workhorse of the plant. This is when chemicals are added to the water, causing the



particulates in it to stick together. These clumps, called floc, settle out of the water and are removed, along with the added chemicals.

The rest of the treatment processes begin addressing very specific contaminants, and we will describe them in the next issue of this newsletter. They can also be found at CRgov.com/ReuseWater.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

No, Castle Rock Water cannot increase or decrease the water pressure in your home. While the water pressure supplied to your home can range from 50 to 100 psi, you should set your pressure-regulating valve at 75 psi or lower to protect your plumbing. Water pressure can temporarily be impacted by excessive use in the area, a line break or the Fire Department hooking into a hydrant, but most fluctuations in pressure are created by malfunctions in your household plumbing or pressure-regulating valve. The PRV, found at your meter, prevents excessive pressure from going into your home. Too much pressure can put undo wear on your appliances, fixtures or irrigation system. Visit CRgov.com/Water to see how to adjust your PRV and troubleshoot pressure issues.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/Events

Feb. 7: Daddy Daughter Ball, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Recreation Center. Sold out.

Feb. 15: Town offices closed for President's Day; MAC and Recreation Center open normal hours; last day for Rink at the Rock.

Feb. 18: Bluebird Project virtual open house, 7 to 8 p.m., register at CRgov.com/bluebird.

March 4: Bluebird Project monitor training for registered volunteers, 7 to 8 p.m.

New grant program preserves historic Downtown buildings

Downtown Castle Rock is the heart of the community, both geographically and historically. As the center of the community, maintaining a strong, vibrant Downtown is critical to Castle Rock's vitality.

To help preserve the historic buildings that contribute to the charm and character of Downtown, Town Council recently approved the Downtown Historic Preservation Grant. The grant will provide monetary assistance for the rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties within the Downtown Overlay District. The intent is to preserve the historic fabric of Downtown and seek to better ensure buildings' long-term viability, regardless of their historic landmark status.

Buildings must be at least 50 years old to be eligible for a grant. They don't need to be landmarked, but they must have some historical significance. Up to \$50,000 in grants will be awarded each year.

Grant applications will be reviewed and awarded biannually.

Go to CRgov.com/DowntownHistoricGrant for more information.

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On the Web: HOA Neighborhood Map

The Town launched a new neighborhoods map to answer commonly asked questions about Castle Rock's neighborhoods. Find neighborhood boundary details, contact information and links to association/property management for over 150 neighborhoods. To access the map, visit CRgov.com/Neighborhoods.