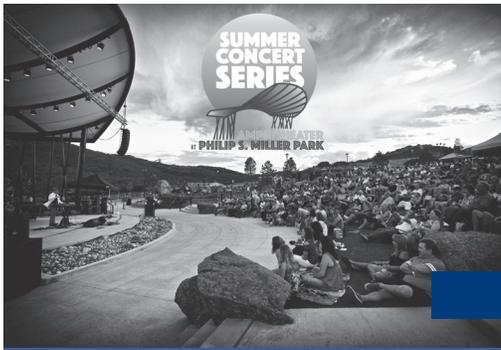


Your Town Talk

April 2021



Good to Know Summer Concert Series returns!

After a long winter, we're all itching for warmer days and sweet summer nights. Don't miss the return of the Summer Concert Series. The live-music events are back in 2021 and better than ever.

Nestled in the beautiful setting of Philip S. Miller Park, the Amphitheater has become one of Colorado's most-sought-after live music venues. Each year, the featured acts get bigger and bigger. The series has hosted dozens of Grammy-nominated, world-famous artists and has made Castle Rock a musical hotspot.

Stay tuned for information on the 2021 season. Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 12. Watch for updates on the Town's social media – @CRgov – or online at CRgov.com/PSMconcerts.

Get ready to Spring up the Creek

Celebrate spring while doing something good for the environment. Spring Up the Creek returns Saturday, May 1. The annual trash clean-up event will be a little different this year to accommodate social distancing and abide by State health guidelines. Volunteers will register for specific teams and will need to provide their own transportation to the cleanup location. There will not be a festival like in years past.

Picking up trash and pet waste along trails is important for water quality. Plum Creek is a primary drinking water source for our community. Volunteers must be preregistered. Learn more at CRgov.com/SpringUp.

Your election district may have changed

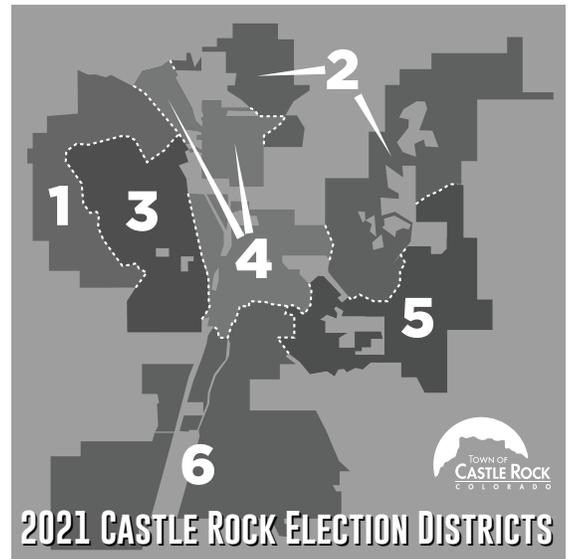
Per Town Charter, the Town's Election Commission was charged with redistricting by April 1, 2021. Roughly 6,700 Castle Rock voters have new election districts as a result of the process.

Keeping the number of registered voters within each district as equal as possible, as the Election Commission is required to do, helps ensure each area is represented equally at Town Council meetings.

When redistricting, the Election Commission is required to keep the number of voters in each district within 15% of each other. That means the district with the lowest number of registered voters must have at least 85% as many voters as the district with the highest number of registered voters.

An interactive map that allows residents to enter

their address to determine their election district is available at CRgov.com/ElectionDistricts. Per Town Charter, the districts will be reevaluated again in six years.



Be a voice for your Town: apply to serve on a board or commission

The Town has 11 advisory boards and commissions made up of residents who take an active role in the Town and make a difference within the community. The boards and commissions are presently in their annual recruitment period, and those interested in giving back are encouraged to apply.

Board and commission members study information within the board's area of expertise – such as local development, water, public safety, transportation or park and recreation issues – and provide recommendations to Town Council and staff. The groups take public comment and help reflect the community's voice.

Applications, available at CRgov.com/Boards, must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 26. Applicants must be Town residents. Volunteer terms usually begin June 1; most appointments are for two years.

Applications and more information on current vacancies are available at CRgov.com/Boards.

The road ahead

As springtime construction kicks off, here are a few projects to keep an eye out for. Looking for more updates throughout the month? Visit CRgov.com/Roadwork for a map of lane and street closures.

Coachline Road closures: As part of a new housing development along Coachline Road, HEI Civil will be doing utility work in April and May. Work will require lane closures along Coachline Road, and two weekend-long, full closures of Coachline Road, between Wolfensberger Road and Freedom Way. Please take Prairie Hawk Drive as a detour.

Pavement Maintenance Program: Pavement Maintenance begins this month with concrete repairs to Crystal Valley Parkway and North Castlegate Drive. Motorists can expect lane closures. To learn more about this annual effort and to check the progress tracker, visit CRgov.com/PMP.

Plum Creek Parkway Project: With warm weather approaching, crews are heading back to Plum Creek Parkway to lay final asphalt, add paint markings and complete landscaping. They will also be making some modifications to the Eaton Street roundabout. Motorists can expect lane closures. To learn more about this phased project, head to CRgov.com/PlumCreekPkwy.

Warning about wildlife

Castle Rock is known for its natural beauty and wildlife. But, living close to wildlife means residents have a responsibility to help keep our animal friends safe.

In Castle Rock, bears are most active from March through November. And, every year, officials get reports from residents who have spotted bears in their neighborhood. Most likely, these bears are on the hunt for food. That's why wildlife experts have an important message this season — do not feed wildlife.

Once a bear finds food at someone's home or business, it becomes programmed to continue looking for food there and in similar places. The same is true for deer and other wildlife.

Here are a few tips: keep trash cans locked up, and don't leave trash out overnight; store pet food in airtight containers, and do not leave pet food or dishes outdoors at night; clean outdoor grills after each use; and never intentionally feed bears, deer or other wildlife — it is illegal in Colorado.

Learn more at CRgov.com/Wildlife.



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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

As temperatures begin to warm up, many of us are antsy to get out in the yard. Watering schedules go into effect May 1, but it is recommended not to turn on your irrigation system or put in new plants until mid-May. We typically have wintry weather through Mother's Day! Here are some tips to get planning while you wait: sign up for a Water Wiser workshop to learn irrigation best practices; check out the Plant Finder at CRconserve.com to see what plants do well in our semi-arid, high-desert climate; bookmark the weather stations so you can easily adjust irrigation times based on weather; and apply for a rebate for indoor and outdoor water savings. Learn more at CRconserve.com.

Events in Castle Rock CRgov.com/Events

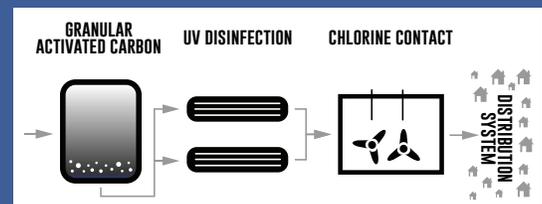
April 12 and 15: Community Development Block Grant virtual open house, 6 to 7 p.m. More information at CRgov.com/CDBG.

April 17: Earth Day Willow Conservation Project, 9 to 11 a.m., East Plum Creek Trail.

April 20: Town Council meeting, 6 to 9 p.m., Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.

May 1: Spring Up the Creek, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Visit CRgov.com/SpringUp for more info.

May 4: Town Council meeting, 6 to 9 p.m., Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St.



Getting technical about water treatment

Water from different sources needs different types of purification treatments. The Plum Creek Water Purification Facility was designed to treat water from any source, including reuse water, groundwater and surface water. Having nine different processes allows for removal of very specific contaminants. The final steps in the purification process make the water fresh and safe for distribution.

Granular activated carbon is much like water filters used at home. Carbon is extremely porous and attracts particulates on a molecular scale. This is equivalent to parts per billion and can be equated to one drop in an Olympic-sized pool. As a safeguard, the water is then put through ultra-violet disinfection. In the final step, chloramines are added to ensure the water stays disinfected as it travels through the Town's distribution lines and into customers' homes and businesses. With Advanced Treatment, Castle Rock is ensuring our water is even safer than ever before.

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On the Web: What's the 411?

There's an easy way to explore and shop local. Visit CRgov.com/411 for a list of Castle Rock's licensed businesses. With over 2,000 listings, you're sure to find what you need.