

# Your Town

## Talk

June 2021



## Good to Know

### Make a splash this summer

If you're ready for sunshine, swimming and summertime vibes, we have some good news: the Town's outdoor pools are officially open!

Burgess Memorial and Butterfield Crossing pools are both open for the season. Typically, the Town's outdoor pools are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Open swim hours vary throughout the season. Please check the website for details.

While reservations are not required this year, demand is expected to be high. Plus, pools may be closed to the general public for special programs. Check the online calendar before heading out the door at [CRgov.com/OutdoorPools](http://CRgov.com/OutdoorPools).

## Summer time equals workout time

Get a great workout, try a new exercise format and spend some time outdoors as part of the Town's summer fitness program. Fitness Fridays kicks off June 4!

Every Friday June through August, challenge yourself to try a new outdoor fitness class from 8 to 9 a.m. at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Don't miss the chance to try cross-training, Zumba, HIIT, Tabata and more. Classes are free and open to all fitness levels.

More at [CRgov.com/SummerFitness](http://CRgov.com/SummerFitness).

## July 4 fireworks

Celebrate Independence Day by watching fireworks from your backyard. A high-flying fireworks show will shoot off from Santa Fe Quarry Mesa — the butte above Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course — about 9:30 p.m. July 4.

The show can be seen from most places in Town. Some closer places to see the fireworks include the Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course parking lot, the Ridgeline Open Space parking lot, or Bison Park. Visit [CRgov.com/Fireworks](http://CRgov.com/Fireworks) for more information about the show.

Personal fireworks are legal in Castle Rock on July 4 only, and only if there are no fire restrictions. If you use fireworks, please remember that as a general rule, fireworks that leave the ground, explode, or break off into pieces are not allowed. Fireworks purchased in another state and brought into Colorado are illegal and subject to significant fines. Also, it is unlawful for anyone age 16 or younger to purchase fireworks.

The only permitted fireworks are those sold at the approved stands in Town. If you choose to use fireworks on July 4, please remember to keep them away from dry grass, homes and anything flammable. Be careful of loose clothing, stand several feet from the fireworks, and always have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher ready. Place the spent fireworks into a bucket of water, outside the garage, for at least 24 hours before putting them into your trash.

Check [CRgov.com/FireBans](http://CRgov.com/FireBans) for any fire restriction information.

## Have a summer that rocks

Summer is the perfect time of year in Castle Rock. From live music, to 5K races, to drive-in movies, community events in Castle Rock are a key part of the season. Here's a sneak peek at Town events coming up this month:

### Summer Concert Series

Tickets are on sale now for Castle Rock's premier live music events at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. The entire series kicks off Saturday, June 19, with 38 Special. Then, don't miss Parmalee Saturday, July 10. Tickets are available at [CRgov.com/PSMConcerts](http://CRgov.com/PSMConcerts).

### First Fridays

If Friday can't come fast enough, we have the perfect way to celebrate. On the first Friday of the month from June through September, head to Festival Park to enjoy live music, food trucks, cocktails, a 5K and more. Visit [CRgov.com/FirstFridays](http://CRgov.com/FirstFridays) for details.

### Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks

Celebrate the season and contribute to a good cause at the Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks free concert series. The popular series kicks off at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park Thursday, June 17, with Woodland Park. Learn more at [CRgov.com/TrailTunes](http://CRgov.com/TrailTunes).

### Parking Lights & Movie Nights

New in 2021, enjoy a bit of nostalgia and come for outdoor fun with a movie on the big screen. Starting in June, don't miss Parking Lights & Movie Nights. Movies will be shown on both Friday and Saturday nights, the last weekend of every month, at the Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park. Registration is required. Sign up at [CRgov.com/MovieNight](http://CRgov.com/MovieNight).

## Summer roadwork update

In Colorado, we rely on warmer weather to complete necessary roadwork. That's why you will notice many projects happening around Town. Here are a few to keep in mind in June:

- Construction of a **roundabout on Wilcox and South streets** will continue through late June. Wilcox is closed at South Street, with a detour on Perry Street via Third and Phelps streets. Businesses on Wilcox Street remain accessible and open. The Encore parking garage is open to the public and includes 300 spaces, along with ADA-accessible parking.
- As part of our annual **Pavement Maintenance Program**, Castleton Court will receive concrete restoration between Justice Way and Castleton Road. Expect lane closures with detours. Also, **Meadows Boulevard** will receive concrete restoration. This month, traffic will shift to the eastbound lanes between Coachline Road and Prairie Hawk Drive. Roadwork is expected to last through June.

View a map of current roadwork projects at [CRgov.com/Roadwork](http://CRgov.com/Roadwork).

## Survey says: Town exceeds expectations

Residents view Castle Rock as a high-quality community and continue to have concerns related to the Town's growth, per the 2021 resident survey.

Like in surveys completed in 2015-2019, nine of 10 respondents in 2021 said the overall quality of life in Castle Rock exceeds expectations, with significantly more saying the quality "greatly exceeds" expectations this year than in 2019.

Ratings regarding the direction the Town is headed also showed improvement from 2019, with a significant shift from those answering "wrong direction" to more positive categories.

The survey indicated some areas that need attention. When asked about the most important issue facing the Town over the next five years, 68% of residents answered with a growth-related item; Town staff and Town Council are evaluating possible responses to these concerns.

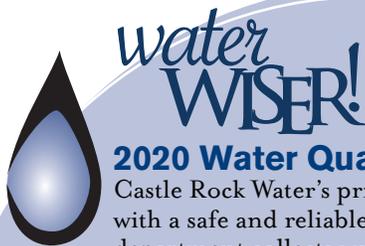
The full report, which also includes information from a survey of Town businesses, is online at [CRgov.com/2021survey](http://CRgov.com/2021survey).

## Apply now: learn about Your Town

Get an inside look at your Town by joining the 2021 class for Your Town Academy – an eight-week course designed to educate the community about the Town's operations. Applications will be open during June at [CRgov.com/YTA](http://CRgov.com/YTA). Classes are scheduled to run from mid-August through mid-October.

Along with information about basics like how our Council-Manager form of government and Town finances work, the series provides an in-depth look at each major Town department: Development, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works/Roads and Water.

The hands-on classes are on Mondays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Attendance is capped at 30 participants. Priority is given to Town residents and business owners, and a background check is required. Students must complete at least six classes to graduate.



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

### 2020 Water Quality Report

Castle Rock Water's priority is to provide customers with a safe and reliable supply of drinking water. The department collects water samples throughout the entire distribution system and conducts thousands of tests to ensure clean and safe water for the Town. The 2020 Water Quality Report shows that your drinking water is safe, in compliance and surpasses requirements set by the EPA and State health department. Find the report, and learn more about Castle Rock's great-quality water, at [CRgov.com/WaterQualityReport](http://CRgov.com/WaterQualityReport).

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

**June 6, 13, 20, 27 & July 4:** Yoga in the Park, 9 to 10 a.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**June 6, 13, 20, 27 & July 4:** Festival Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Festival Park.

**June 11, 18, 25 & July 2:** Fitness Fridays, 8 to 9 a.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**June 12:** Ridgeline Wranglers Trail Maintenance, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ridgeline Open Space.

**June 13:** Ducky Derby, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Festival Park.

**June 17:** Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks: Woodland Park, 6:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**June 18:** Classic Rock Cruise-In Car Show Street Party & Concert, 6 to 9 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

**June 19:** Classic Rock Cruise-In Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

**June 19:** Summer Concert Series – 38 Special, 6 to 10 p.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**June 25 & 26:** Parking Lights & Movie Nights, sunset, Event Pad at Philip S. Miller Park.

**June 30:** Senior Life Expo, 1 to 5 p.m., Douglas County Events Center.

**July 2:** First Fridays - New Doubt, 5 to 9 p.m., Festival Park.

**July 3:** VetFest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Festival Park.

**July 4:** Fourth of July fireworks, about 9:30 p.m., Santa Fe Quarry Mesa. Recreation Center and MAC closed.

**July 5:** Town offices closed. Recreation Center and MAC open normal hours.

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

## On the Web: Entitlements

A quarterly Town report notes how many housing units have been approved in Castle Rock, and how many of those have been constructed. Sixty-nine percent of the 55,046 housing units "entitled" in Town were approved between 1981 and 1990. Only 524 units – 1% of the total – have been approved since 2011. To date, 48% of total approved units have been constructed, bringing the current population to about 75,000. With the total units approved, it's estimated Castle Rock's population could grow to up to 120,000-140,000. View the report at [CRgov.com/Entitlements](http://CRgov.com/Entitlements).