

# Your Town Talk

August 2021

CASTLE ROCK POLICE PRESENTS

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021



### Good to Know

## Touch-a-Truck rolls to Town Aug. 21

Join Castle Rock Police Department for the Touch-a-Truck event Aug. 21. This free family event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. A special “no horn” hour will be from 9 to 10 a.m. for kids who need a more relaxed experience.

Kids will love sitting in the driver’s seat and exploring police cars, fire trucks, military vehicles, helicopters and more! Plus, learn how everything works and what roles the vehicles play in the community.

For more information, visit [CRgov.com/TouchaTruck](http://CRgov.com/TouchaTruck).



## Help Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Fill the Boot

The Labor Day weekend tradition continues – join Castle Rock Fire and Rescue as they fill the boot for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Look for your local firefighters around Town Friday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 6. Locations are still being determined and will be shared at [CRgov.com/FillTheBoot](http://CRgov.com/FillTheBoot). Online donations are also accepted on the webpage.

## Make your ColoradoScape dreams come true

Does your front yard suck? Water, that is. Typically, more than half of household water use goes toward outdoor irrigation and landscape. For Castle Rock, that means 1.3 billion gallons of water each summer. Now, there’s a solution! Castle Rock Water wants customers to transform landscapes to a water-wiser option. Enter to win a free front yard ColoradoScape makeover!

Post a short video on social media (Facebook, Instagram or Twitter) and tag “Town of Castle Rock Government” or @CRgov. Be sure to set your privacy settings to public. Video entries will be accepted through Sunday, Aug. 15. Five finalists will be chosen. The public will decide the winner by voting on the Town’s Facebook page.

Contest rules and more information is available at [CRconserve.com/Contest](http://CRconserve.com/Contest).

## Four Town revenue questions being considered for this November’s ballot

Town Council is considering placing four revenue questions on November’s ballot to meet service needs in fire and police; bolster parks, open space and trails funding; and allow for the funding of Interstate 25/ Crystal Valley Parkway interchange.

**New housing construction tax:** A tax of up to \$7 per square foot on permits for new single- and multi-family homes built in Castle Rock, to use solely to fund 75 additional police and fire positions over the next five years, along with related equipment, training and operational needs.

**Lodging tax:** A 6% tax on stays of less than 30 days in Castle Rock hotels and short-term rental properties, to use solely to bolster the Town’s parks and recreation services, including park maintenance.

**0.1% sales tax increase:** An additional tax of one penny on every \$10 taxable purchase to use solely for open space and trails purposes, including for preserving open space.

**10-year TABOR timeout:** Without raising taxes, temporarily lifting limits on Town revenue to use solely for police, fire, EMS and transportation purposes – including a new interchange at I-25 and Crystal Valley Parkway. The Town cannot construct the interchange without this exemption, which 21 of Colorado’s 25 largest cities have in place on a permanent basis.

The four proposed revenue sources would help ensure those moving into or visiting the community are paying their fair share for Town services.

In July, Town Council introduced ordinances detailing the specifics of each revenue request, along with an ordinance to call a special election for Nov. 2. Town Council will decide whether to adopt these ordinances on Aug. 17.

Public comment on the proposals is welcome – visit [CRgov.com/2021Election](http://CRgov.com/2021Election) to share input. Additional information about the proposals, including frequently asked questions, is also available.

# Placing resources on priorities

It's a challenge to balance needs with available funding, especially in a thriving community. Town Council is considering placing four questions on this November's ballot, which would provide funding to allow the Town to continue its focus on priorities including:

- Ensuring outstanding fire and police services
- Maintaining strong parks, recreation, trails and open space
- Enhancing our roads

Securing our water future also remains an important Town priority. Attend a budget open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway, to learn more about these priorities and projects planned to support them.

Unable to attend? Visit [CRgov.com/2022Budget](http://CRgov.com/2022Budget) to provide feedback.

## Creating a vision for Downtown alleyways

When visiting Downtown, you probably don't spend much of your time in the alleyways. But, that could change as the Town explores options to transform them into creative and functional spaces.

The Downtown Alley Plan kicked off this summer. The goal of the plan is to create a vision for enhancing and improving safety, accessibility and mobility of the Downtown area. The plan will explore options to bring to life the pedestrian experience through design such as lighting, murals, plants and seating.

Feasible design options will be explored for future implementation as resources allow. Residents are encouraged to participate and share input on what they desire to see in Downtown alleyways. Head to [CRgov.com/DowntownAlleys](http://CRgov.com/DowntownAlleys) to complete a questionnaire.

## Stay in the know on development

The Development Activity Map identifies what developers are building and follows the process and permitting. Now, a new tab has been added to show more information about projects the Town is working on. See what Public Works, Castle Rock Water and Parks and Recreation are doing in your neighborhood. View the map at [CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivityMap](http://CRgov.com/DevelopmentActivityMap).



water  
WISER!

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

Watering every day could hurt your lawn. It can be detrimental to established grass and plants, as it keeps the roots closer to the surface. At the surface, more evaporation takes place, and then the plant requires even more water to beat the heat. Watering every few days encourages deeper root growth and a stronger plant. Another way to maintain a stronger, more-water-efficient turf is to keep grass blades long. Longer blades keep more moisture in the turf and also shade the ground, reducing evaporation. If your grass is browning right now, it's most likely due to heat. Cooler weather, not more water, will allow it to bounce back. The solution: water every third day — and wait for cooler temps.

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

**Aug. 7:** Ridgeline Wranglers trail maintenance event, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ridgeline Open Space.

**Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5:** Festival Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29:** Yoga in the Park, 9 to 10 a.m., The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

**Aug. 10:** Reptiles Under The Rock, 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Aug. 13, 20, 27:** Fitness Fridays, 8 to 9 a.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Aug. 13:** Concert Under the Lights, 6 to 10 p.m., Festival Park.

**Aug. 17:** Small Fry Field Day, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Aug. 19:** Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks – FACE, 6:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Aug. 19:** Crowfoot Valley Road widening open house, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fire Station 155

**Aug. 19:** Taste of Douglas County, 5 to 8 p.m., Douglas County Events Center.

**Aug. 20:** Daddy Daughter Ball, 6 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Aug. 21:** 5th Annual Touch-a-Truck, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds.

**Aug. 27:** Parking Lights & Movie Nights – “Spaceballs,” 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., PSM Park.

**Aug. 28:** Parking Lights and Movie Nights – “The Force Awakens,” 7:30 to 10 p.m., PSM Park.

**Aug. 31:** 2022 Budget open house, 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Millhouse.

**Sept. 1:** Colorado Front Range Trail and Macanta Open Space open house, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wrangler Park Pavilion.

**Sept. 3:** First Fridays – Shelvis and the Roustabouts, 5 to 9 p.m., Festival Park.

**Sept. 9:** District 6 open house, 4 to 6 p.m., Fire Station 152.

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

## On the Web: Get out and explore!

Castle Rock has some of the most beautiful trails and open space in Colorado. With 95 miles of trails and more than 6,000 acres of open space, you never know what kind of adventure will be waiting for you. Visit [CRgov.com/OpenSpace](http://CRgov.com/OpenSpace) to find your next adventure.