

# Your Town Talk

September 2021

## Share community at Councilmember events

A community is a group of people living in the same place. It's also a feeling of fellowship as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.

Residents are invited to share sentiments and snacks at a series of upcoming Town Council member open houses. These kick off Thursday, Sept. 9, with an event for District 6 residents in southern Castle Rock, being hosted by Councilmember Tim Dietz at Fire Station 152, 485 Crystal Valley Parkway.

These open house-style events are informal, allowing residents to ask – of their Town Council member, or of a representative from any Town department – questions of importance to them personally. They'll be family friendly, as well, with Fire and Police personnel holding story times for the young, and the young at heart.

The series will be held six consecutive Thursdays – all at fire stations. Here's the rest of the lineup:

**Sept. 16: District 4** (north-central Castle Rock and Downtown), hosted by Councilmember Desiree LaFleur at Station 151, 300 Perry St.

**Sept. 22: District 2** (northeast Castle Rock), hosted by Councilmember Laura Cavey at Station 155, 3833 Crowfoot Valley Road

**Sept. 30: District 5** (southeast Castle Rock), hosted by Councilmember Caryn Johnson at Station 153, 5463 E. Sovereign St.

**Oct. 14: Districts 1 and 3** (The Meadows, Castle Highlands, Red Hawk and Wolfensberger Road corridor west of Prairie Hawk Drive), hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Bracken and Councilmember Ryan Hollingshead, Station 154, 3801 Prairie Hawk Drive

Each of the events will run from 4 to 6 p.m. Anyone within the community is welcome to attend any event, but those wishing to connect with their Council representative should attend the event for their home district.

Can't make it? Connect with Town Council via email at [TownCouncil@CRgov.com](mailto:TownCouncil@CRgov.com).

## You're invited!

The entire community is invited to join Mayor Jason Gray at the annual State of the Town event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

Live entertainment and scrumptious snacks will be served before the Mayor's update on Town accomplishments beginning at 5:30 p.m. His presentation is expected to end just after 6 p.m., but guests will be welcomed to linger and chat with Town leaders and staff about all that's happening in Castle Rock.

Bring a blanket or chair, like for other events at The Amphitheater. We hope to see you there!



## Good to Know R-U-OK reassurance program open house

Castle Rock Police Department has a program to connect with seniors and disabled individuals who live alone and provide some peace of mind. It's called R-U-OK.

The goal of the program is to regularly check in with the most vulnerable populations to make sure they are doing well, are safe and help identify any needs they may have. There is no charge for the program, and it's available to any person over 65 years old, or disabled individuals living alone.



Application to the program is required. After an individual is enrolled in the program, a police officer or volunteer

with CRPD will make contact at least once a week by phone to check on the participant's welfare.

CRPD is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 28, where you can learn more about the R-U-OK program, meet the volunteers and sign up. Stop by the Public Safety Training Facility, 301 Malibu St., from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more. Visit [CRgov.com/RUOK](http://CRgov.com/RUOK) for more information.

# Four questions on fall ballot

Four revenue questions will be on the ballot for Castle Rock voters this November.

Voters will decide on:

- A new housing construction tax for police and fire
- An open space sales and use tax
- A parks and recreation sales tax on lodging
- The following question:

USE OF ALL EXCESS REVENUES SOLELY FOR POLICE, FIRE AND ROADS WITHOUT CREATING NEW TAXES OR RAISING CURRENT TAXES AND SOLELY TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- POLICE;
- FIRE PROTECTION;
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;
- ROADS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CRYSTAL VALLEY/I-25 INTERCHANGE,

SHALL CASTLE ROCK BE AUTHORIZED:

(I) TO RETAIN AND SPEND ALL TOWN REVENUES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR INTERCHANGES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, IN EXCESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON TOWN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING FOR THE NEXT TEN FISCAL YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR; AND

(II) TO RETAIN AND SPEND AN AMOUNT OF TOWN REVENUES IN EXCESS OF SUCH LIMITATION FOR THE 2031 FISCAL YEAR AND THEREAFTER UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE HIGHEST TOTAL TOWN REVENUES FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR FROM THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE 2030 FISCAL YEAR, ADJUSTED EACH YEAR AS PROVIDED FOR BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20(7) OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Additional information, including the full text of each ballot question, educational videos and frequently asked questions, is available at [CRgov.com/2021Election](http://CRgov.com/2021Election).

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered Castle Rock voters in mid-October and will be due in no later than 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2.



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

**Sept. 9:** District 6 Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., CRFD Station 152.

**Sept. 11 & 12:** Castle Rock ArtFest, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Downtown Castle Rock.

**Sept. 11:** Summer Concert Series — Super Diamond with the Denver Pops, 5:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 12:** Tri-the-Rock, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Butterfield Park and Pool.

**Sept. 12, 19 & 26:** Festival Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Festival Park.

**Sept. 14:** Batty about Castle Rock, 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Millhouse at PSM Park.

**Sept. 16:** District 4 Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., Fire Headquarters/Station 151.

**Sept. 16:** Tunes for Trails, Perks for Parks — The Long Run Band, 6:30 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 17:** Fitness Dance Glow Marathon, 6 to 9 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

**Sept. 18:** Oktoberfest, 1 to 9 p.m., Wilcox Square.

**Sept. 22:** District 2 Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., CRFD Station 155.

**Sept. 24:** A Rally of Hope, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Festival Park.

**Sept. 24:** Parking Lights & Movie Nights — “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom,” 7 to 9 p.m., PSM Park.

**Sept. 25:** Parking Lights & Movie Nights — “Up,” 7 to 8:30 p.m., PSM Park.

**Sept. 28:** R-U-OK open house, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Public Training Facility, 301 Malibu St.

**Sept. 30:** District 5 Open House, 4 to 6 p.m., CRFD Station 153.

**Oct. 2:** Castle Rock Trail Festival/LiveBIG Family Adventure Run, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., PSM Park.

**Oct. 7:** State of the Town, 5 to 7 p.m., The Amphitheater at PSM Park.

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## On the Web:

### Follow 2022 Budget development

Town staff is in the process of developing the 2022 budget. Follow the progress by visiting [CRgov.com/2022Budget](http://CRgov.com/2022Budget). Fill out the form to share your thoughts on funding priorities in relation to the services the Town provides. The proposed 2022 budget will be introduced to Town Council in September.

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



Healthy plants = water efficiency. Here are a few tips to help ensure your landscape bounces back next spring: Reduce the number of days of watering, but continue watering deeply. Aerate your lawn to relieve compaction and reduce thatch. Fertilize with a slow release,

low phosphorous fertilizer, or instead add a light layer of organic compost. Replenish mulch around trees, shrubs and perennials to help stabilize temperatures, retain moisture, reduce weeds and condition the soil. Wrap trunks of young smooth-bark trees to protect them from sunscald and ice buildup. Drain and blow out your irrigation system to prevent pipes and backflow devices from freezing. Get more tips and advice at the Winterization Webinar Thursday, Sept. 22, 6-8 p.m. Register at [CRconserve.com](http://CRconserve.com).