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Good to Know

Meadows Parkway

Sometimes, inconvenience is necessary for long-term gain. Roadwork is ahead on Meadows Parkway as the Town prepares to reconstruct the roadway between the bridge over U.S. Highway 85 and Prairie Hawk Drive. But the Town has been planning ahead.

Work is expected to start around Memorial Day and last 75 calendar days. The goal is to complete the work while school is out for the summer.

The timing of this project was purposely planned after the opening of Castle Rock Parkway/North Meadows Drive. In addition, the Town last year worked to improve Coachline Road for an anticipated increase in detour-related traffic. Now, a right-turn-only lane will be added from North Meadows Drive to Butterfield Crossing Drive in an effort to keep traffic moving through that intersection.

An open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at The Grange in The Meadows. Get Detour routes and details at CRgov.com/MeadowsParkway.

Founders Village

Maintaining all roads is important for safety and for getting the most of our investment in infrastructure. Each year, the Town budgets and plans summer road maintenance on local streets. This year, neighborhood maintenance will be focused in Founders Village.

View a map of the work, pending Council approval, and get details at CRgov.com/PMP. If you live in this area, keep checking your mailbox. Roadwork schedules are weather dependent.

Proposed changes to Town's animal code

As a home-rule municipality, the Town of Castle Rock has its own set of laws and codes. It's prudent for a local government to take a look at those local laws from time to time. That's why Town staff has been evaluating its animal code and is proposing changes.

On March 6, Town Council was poised to hear an update and have an introductory discussion of staff's proposed changes. The topic was on the agenda for discussion as to whether the proposed changes should be presented for formal consideration at a later date.

One of those proposed changes is related to the Town's current ban on American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

Stay up-to-date with the process by learning more and signing up for email updates at CRgov.com/animals.

Special election set for May 15

On May 15, 2018, Castle Rock voters will be asked to decide on two proposed Charter amendments. Watch your mail for ballots the week of April 23.

This special election is necessary to finalize the voter-approved at-large Mayor structure and authorize the related redistricting from seven Council districts to six.

While the 2017 Special Election changed language in the Charter regarding the overall structure of Town Council, the citizen-initiated petition that provided for that election did not identify elements such as qualifications for Mayor (age, residency, voter status, etc.) and a timeline for the transition to the new structure.

Two questions will be on this special election ballot. Read them in full at CRgov.com/2018SpecialElection.

This election will be by mail. Check your voter registration at GoVoteColorado.com. Ballots will be mailed the week of April 23 and must be received by 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Voters should return their ballots by mail, or to one of two 24-hour drop-off locations: Town Hall parking lot (100 N. Wilcox St.), or Douglas County Elections parking lot (125 Stephanie Place.)

Voters should also watch their mail for additional information on this election, or visit CRgov.com/2018SpecialElection.

Review information, comment about Downtown parking

As new projects take shape in Downtown Castle Rock, new parking requirements are being recommended to help ensure infrastructure keeps pace with development.

Town Code does not currently require parking for Downtown developments. Moving forward, Town staff intends to recommend that one parking space be required for each residential unit built Downtown and that commercial development should also require parking, per Town Council direction.

Additionally, the Town is putting in place a process whereby Downtown property owners can request changes to parking time limits: to convert between time-limited and all-day parking; to adjust time-limited parking from two to three hours; or to establish 15-minute loading zone spaces.

Finally, the Town has added a Community Service Officer to the Police Department to enforce Downtown parking regulations and violations, among other duties.

There have been recent updates to Downtown parking, and additional improvements are being investigated. The addition of the mini roundabout at Third and Perry streets and the restriping of Wilcox and Perry streets near Festival Park added nearly 20 additional parking spaces to Downtown.

A Downtown Mobility Study soon will be getting underway, and the Town will continue discussions with the proposed developer of the land just south of Town Hall to include additional private and public parking within that project. Public consideration of the latter item is expected this spring.

Learn more about these items and provide your feedback through March 16 at CRgov.com/DowntownParking.

Events in Castle Rock

March 6: Colorado Bluebird Project Monitor Training, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at The Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 1381 W. Plum Creek Parkway.

March 8: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum free presentation, 6:45 to 8 p.m. at the Philip S. Miller Library.

March 28: Ridgeline Wranglers season kick-off informational meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at The Grange in The Meadows, 3692 Meadows Blvd.

April 1: Easter SonRise Service, 6:30 to 8 a.m. at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park.

April 1: Recreation Center and the Miller Activity Complex are closed for Easter.

April 3: Coffee with a Cop, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Castle Rock Senior Center. Get to know your local law enforcement officers.

April 4: Rhyolite Dirt Crew Informational Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St.

April 14: Earth Day Willow Planting, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Memmen Ridge Open Space, 1100 South St.

For information about these and other events, visit CRgov.com/events.

Next neighborhood park update

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the more than 300 residents who took the time to provide feedback about the design of the Town's next neighborhood park. After gathering feedback from residents at an open house and via an online survey, results were tabulated and can be viewed at CRgov.com/FutureParks. Design consultant Norris Design is using that information to create a master plan for a new neighborhood park in Meadows Filing 18, next to Aspen View Academy. The initial design will be posted online on Monday, March 19. The Parks and Recreation team will also hold an open house to showcase the proposed design from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on March 28 at Aspen View Academy.



Water
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Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRconserve.com

Castle Rock Water wants you to know — Xeriscape is the new Colorado-scape. With spring right around the corner, many people will be working on their 2018 planting plan. But, imagine a professionally designed perennial garden planned out and ready for your yard. Garden In A Box is a selection of garden kits. The kits come with 14 to 29 starter plants, a plant-care guide, and a plant-by-number map. All of the plants are locally grown in Colorado, and once established will need little to no irrigation to thrive. Gardens are offered by Castle Rock Water in partnership with ReSource Central. Plus, Castle Rock Water customers are eligible for a \$25 discount, while supplies last. To view the full garden collection, visit resourcecentral.org/gardens.

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On the Web: Town Manager Update

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