

UPDATE:

CASTLE ROCK AGING POPULATION REPORT

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PROJECTIONS & PLANNING

- Per the US Census Bureau, all members of the Baby Boomer generation will be 65 years old, or older, by 2030
- According to the State Demographer, by 2030, 19 percent of Douglas county will be 65+, compared to 12 percent today
- Based on the September 2019 population estimate, this increases the 65+ demographic in Castle Rock by roughly 4,400
- Identification of current programs available to Castle Rock seniors and potential impacts to the Town
- To identify potential impacts and develop recommendations related to this demographic shift, staff worked with Town departments and partners including the Castle Rock Senior Center and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)

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TOWN PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

EDUCATION

- Fire & Rescue coordinates trainings with the Senior Center – topics include general safety, slips-trips-falls, fire safety, and more

REC PROGRAMMING

- Current offerings include water fitness, badminton, pickle ball, senior fitness, dementia care, and Silver Sneakers®

TRANSPORTATION

- Taxi voucher program – \$25k annual funding (of the 427 registered riders in 2019 – 41% were seniors)
- \$60,000 annual funding to the Senior Center for transportation needs (in addition to \$70,000 for operations and ~\$100,000 of in-kind support for utilities, maintenance, custodial, and other costs)

CASTLE ROCK WATER

- Discount of \$3/month for those 65+ (639 accounts in 2019 totaling \$22,623)

HOUSING

- Town partnership with Douglas County Housing Partnership to support senior housing initiatives

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OTHER PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

DRCOG

- Area Agency on Aging
- Resource directory
- Boomer Bond Assessment Tool for municipalities

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- State exemption equaling 50% of the first \$200,000 in actual value – must occupy the home for 10 consecutive years to qualify
- Subject to annual appropriation

CASTLE ROCK SENIOR CENTER

- Health & financial services
- Hot lunch program
- Coordinates County Meals on Wheels program
- Transportation Services

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL

- State deferral program for those in need
- Acts as loan program where loan is paid when property is sold or mortgage transferred

A number of other senior programs and resources are available in the community through:

- Douglas County
- Tri-County Health
- Aging Resources of Douglas County
- Local churches, and more

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POTENTIAL TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK IMPACTS

ECONOMIC IMPACT (65+)

- Household income decrease
- Spending shift from goods to services
- Potential impact on sales tax revenues

FIRE & RESCUE

- Calls for service increase
- Annual code compliance inspections for senior facilities

POLICE

- Potential for elder crime increase
- Assist with calls for lost individuals (dementia)

PARKS & RECREATION

- Recreation facility study
- Programming shift
- Increase in Silver Sneakers® participation

PUBLIC WORKS

- Transit needs (feasibility study underway)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

SENIOR RESOURCE PAGE

- Utilize CRGOV.com to provide information and links to senior services
- As appropriate, utilize existing social media platforms and print publications to boost awareness of senior resources

EDUCATION

- Expand on existing education opportunities on topics such as elder crime, general safety, and emergency planning

Additionally, staff will monitor needs related to the increase in the Senior population. Additional needs will be presented as part of the annual budget development process

DRCOG ASSESSMENT

- Consider evaluation using the DRCOG Boomer Bond Assessment in 2021 (after completion of the Town's transit feasibility study and ADA assessment) – Includes comprehensive evaluation of mobility and access, housing, support services, and community living.



QUESTIONS?