



City Manager Update

Stay up to date on projects and activities around your Castle Pines community.

A letter from your City Manager



City Manager Michael Penny

This summer will be a busy and important season for Castle Pines. From land development conversations and long-term planning to summer events and major roadway improvements, there is a lot happening throughout our community.

I want to start this update with insight into the land development process. Development is often one of the most visible topics in a community, and the process is designed to be thoughtful, thorough, and transparent. Before any residential or commercial project can move forward, it must go through several steps of review to ensure it aligns with City standards, adopted plans, infrastructure needs, and the community's long-term vision.

That process also requires balance. Property owners have the right to develop land (depending on the zoning of the land), and the City has a responsibility to ensure proposed development meets expectations for design, mobility, parks, open space, and quality of life. While this work takes time, it helps ensure growth is considered carefully and that residents have opportunities to learn, ask questions, and provide input. The land development process is complex and dependent on the City's adopted codes and guiding documents. Visit CastlePinesCO.gov/land-development for more information about land development and resources to stay informed on what's going on around the community.

On the transportation side, reconstruction of westbound Castle Pines Parkway between Monarch Boulevard and Forest Park Drive is anticipated to begin on June 1 and be completed this fall. This project is part of the City's continued Road Solutions work and represents another major investment in safety, mobility, and long-term infrastructure improvements. Check out the latest on this project at CastlePinesCO.gov/PPP.

City staff is also preparing for the start of construction for the Happy Canyon Road and I-25 Interchange project. This long-planned project is intended to improve safety, traffic operations, connectivity, and regional mobility as the community grows. Construction is scheduled to begin this July, pending final approvals from the Colorado Department of Transportation, with completion expected in early 2028. The interchange will be reconstructed in phases to limit traffic impacts. Join us for a preconstruction open house on June 4 to learn more or visit the project webpage at CastlePinesCO.gov/HCIInterchange for more project details.

The following pages highlight additional projects, events, and opportunities taking shape throughout Castle Pines. If you have questions, please contact me at Michael.Penny@CastlePinesCO.gov or 303-705-0206. I am always happy to connect. We hope to see you at one, or several, of our upcoming events and community engagement opportunities this summer.

MICHAEL PENNY
City Manager



Learn more about the Annexation Policy development and opportunities to provide feedback at CastlePinesCO.gov/AnnexationPolicy.

Community invited to help shape annexation policy

The City is conducting a community outreach process about how future annexation requests (if any are received) should be reviewed. Annexation is the process where a property owner asks for land outside the City to become part of Castle Pines. Right now, there are no active annexation requests being considered by the City.

During the City Council annual retreat in March 2026, City Council asked staff to begin creating an Annexation Policy.

This policy would help guide the City if any annexation requests are submitted in the future. It would not approve any specific property for annexation. Instead, it would help the City and community think through important questions ahead of time.

Resident input is a critical part of developing this policy. The City will offer several ways for people to share their thoughts in the coming months, including a survey, two public open houses, and a chance to provide comments online once a draft policy is ready.

The survey asks residents what matters most to them when thinking about future growth and possible annexation. This could include topics like traffic, roads, parks, open space, City services, neighborhood character, and costs to the community.

Feedback from the survey will help provide context on what considerations are most important if the City were to receive an annexation application in the future. Take the survey before June 14 by scanning the QR code to the right.

After the survey closes, results will be compiled and summarized. These highlights will then be available at two

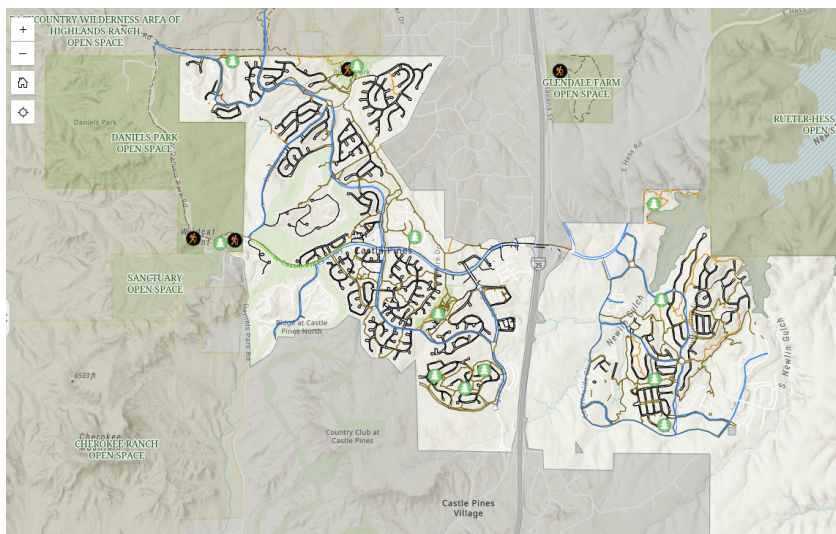
open houses (on June 29 and July 1). The open houses will give residents a chance to learn more, ask questions, and talk with City staff to refine the feedback provided. After hearing from the community, the City will prepare a draft policy for residents to review and comment on online before a final Annexation Policy is adopted by City Council later this summer.

Any future property owner who wants to request annexation into Castle Pines would have to start the process from the beginning and go through all steps required by law. If that happens, the City will notify the public through its usual channels, including the City website, email updates, social media, and newspaper notices.

Stay informed!
Participate in the resident survey and stay up to date about the development of the Annexation Policy at CastlePinesCO.gov/AnnexationPolicy



TAKE THE SURVEY



Interactive GIS maps keep track of park and trail assets. Scan the QR code below to explore the map.

Vehicles with technology enhancements scan roads and provide data to Public Works staff to make informed decisions about road maintenance.



Safer streets & trails start here

New safety rules aim to keep Castle Pines streets and trails safe for everyone

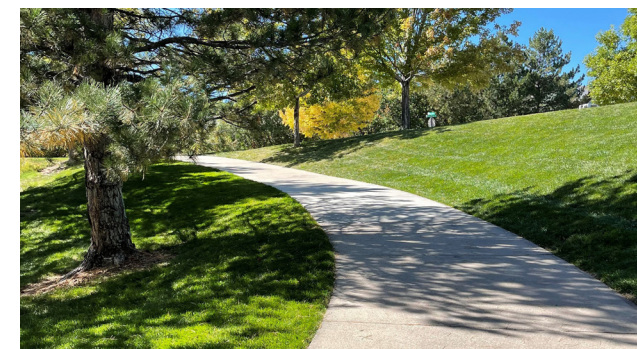
Castle Pines is a community where residents of all ages enjoy getting outside, spending time in their neighborhoods, and using our trails, sidewalks, and local streets. As more electric-powered and recreational vehicles become available, the City has adopted new safety rules to help make sure everyone can continue to enjoy these shared spaces safely.

The rules also address unsafe behavior, including careless or reckless operation and refusing to stop when directed by law enforcement. In certain situations, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office may impound vehicles that are being used illegally. These enforcement tools are intended to support safety, not discourage responsible recreation.

During the April 28 City Council meeting, Council approved a new ordinance focused on off-highway vehicles and low-speed electric vehicles. The goal is simple: help prevent unsafe riding, reduce the risk of accidents, and give law enforcement clearer guidance when vehicles are being used in places where they are not allowed.

The ordinance also includes rules for low-speed electric vehicles. These are electric vehicles with three or more wheels, a steering mechanism other than handlebars, and a vehicle identification number. Drivers of these vehicles must have a valid driver's license, and passengers must use seat belts and child restraints when required.

The ordinance applies mainly to off-highway vehicles, such as electric dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs, and similar recreational vehicles. These vehicles are designed for off-road use and, under state law, are not allowed on public streets, sidewalks, paths, or trails. The new local rules reinforce those restrictions and add consequences for unsafe or illegal use within Castle Pines.



The ordinance does not apply to e-bikes. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes can still use public sidewalks, paths, and trails.

Under the new rules, parents and guardians may be held financially responsible if a minor operates an off-highway vehicle illegally on public property, including streets, trails, alleys, or other public areas in Castle Pines. The ordinance also requires anyone under 18 to wear a properly fitted and securely fastened helmet when operating an off-highway vehicle.

E-bikes and electric scooters are not included in these new rules. Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes may still be used on Castle Pines sidewalks, paths, and trails, while Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed in those areas. Golf carts are also not covered by the ordinance, but they remain prohibited on City streets, sidewalks, paths, and trails and may only be used on golf courses.

Visit the City's Off-Highway Vehicle and Low-Speed Electric Vehicle Safety Ordinance webpage by scanning the QR code to the right to learn more and review details about the new rules.

Take a few minutes to review these rules with your family, especially with children and teens. Knowing where different vehicles can and cannot be used is an important step in keeping riders, pedestrians, drivers, and neighbors safe.

Smart tools, stronger community

How technology helps City staff better serve residents

City staff uses technology every day to provide great service, improve efficiency, and keep Castle Pines running smoothly. From school safety to snow removal, these tools help staff respond quickly, plan ahead, and share helpful information with residents.

For example, the City manages 13 school crosswalk beacons to help students get to and from school safely. When there is a holiday, delayed start, or school closure, staff can remotely update beacon schedules through an online system.

Technology also helps first responders move through Castle Pines more quickly during emergencies. Traffic

signal poles throughout the city are equipped with Emergency Vehicle Preemption Systems, which recognize flashing lights on emergency vehicles and automatically turn signals green to help them reach their destination faster.

When winter weather arrives, the City's GIS-based snow removal tracking system allows staff and residents to see plows and trucks in action. The next time it snows, residents can follow real-time updates at [CastlePinesCO.gov/Snow](https://www.castlepinesco.gov/Snow).

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space also uses technology to track and maintain City assets. Residents can explore an interactive map showing parks, trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, ramps, and open space on the City's website. Scan the QR code above and to the right for more information.

Technology also helps staff make informed decisions about road maintenance. Using tools such as mobile LiDAR, high-resolution imaging, and street scans, staff collects detailed information about pavement conditions, cracking, and other roadway needs. That data is then used in pavement management software to guide maintenance planning and keep Castle Pines streets in good condition.



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Track snowplow progress during snowstorms by visiting [CastlePinesCO.gov/Snow](https://www.castlepinesco.gov/Snow).



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MAKE THE MOST OF CITY EVENTS

COME EARLY. The best parking spots and picnic areas go fast.

BRING THE BASICS. A blanket, lawn chairs, sunscreen, and water go a long way in the Colorado sun.

MAKE IT A NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT. Invite the people on your street and turn a City event into an easy neighborhood get-together.

CHECK DETAILS BEFORE YOU GO. Details can change as each event gets closer — especially with Colorado’s unpredictable weather. Get the latest at CastlePinesCO.gov/Calendar.



Top right: Kids enjoy a cool treat at the annual Party in the Park.



Middle right: The band Narrow Gauge rocks out at Bonfire, BBQ, and Brews.



Bottom right: Beating the heat in inflatable balls at Summer Splash Water Day at Elk Ridge Park.

GET OUT and gather

From food trucks and concerts to pumpkin races and holiday lights, Castle Pines events give neighbors more reasons to come together

There’s something special about a Castle Pines event. Maybe it’s the kids running ahead to find friends at Elk Ridge Park. Maybe it’s the lawn chairs lined up before the music starts, the food truck line that turns into a conversation, or the familiar faces you run into while grabbing a drink, chasing toddlers, or dancing in the grass. Whatever brings you out, the City’s community events are built around a simple idea: make it easy for neighbors to spend time together.

Join your neighbors to kick off the summer season with **Food Truck Frenzy** on Saturday, June 6, where Coyote Ridge Park fills with food, music, family activities, and more. It’s the kind of evening that feels like the unofficial start of summer — dinner outside, kids burning off energy, and neighbors lingering a little longer than planned.

Summer keeps rolling with the **Summer Concert Series** at Elk Ridge Park (note the venue change this year due to the Coyote Ridge Park improvements scheduled to begin this summer). Pack a blanket, bring a chair, and settle in for live music under the evening sky. The 2026 lineup includes That Eighties Band on June 28, Narrow Gauge on July 26, and The Long Run on August 16.

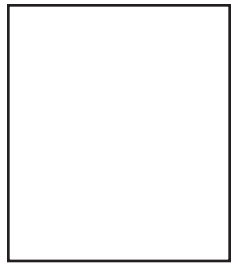
For families, few events say “summer” quite like **Summer Splash Water Day** on Wednesday, July 29 at Elk Ridge Park. With water slides, a foam party, a live DJ, and food trucks, it is a midweek break designed for exactly what July needs: laughter, sunscreen, and a whole lot of splashing.

You can also head to the water for the free **Rueter-Hess Day** for Castle Pines residents on Sunday, August 9, a chance to enjoy kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, fishing, picnicking, or hiking near the reservoir. It is one of those events that helps remind you how close outdoor adventure really is in Castle Pines.

As summer winds down, **Party in the Park** brings everyone back to Elk Ridge Park on Saturday, August 22 for an evening of live music, food, kids’ activities, vendor booths, and more. It is big, busy, and full of the neighborly energy that makes Castle Pines feel connected.

While summer is packed with concerts, food trucks, and outdoor fun, the celebration doesn’t stop when the summer season ends. Castle Pines keeps the community spirit going into fall and winter with a variety of events for all ages. Visit CastlePinesCO.gov/Calendar for the latest details on upcoming events, dates, and activities. We can’t wait to see you at our fun-filled community events!





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Phase 1 improvements to Coyote Ridge Park are expected to begin later this summer.