

Castle Rock Chronicle

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CASTLE ROCK CHRONICLE

The Castle Rock Chronicle is a quarterly publication. Issues are published in February, May, August, and November. It is distributed to all residences and landowners of Castle Rock Township. If you know of anyone in the Township who did not receive a copy, please notify the office at 651-460-2221. If you would like a copy, there are copies at the office. Please take note of our advertisers who pay for the publication of the Castle Rock Chronicle. If you are interested in advertising in the Castle Rock Chronicle for the next year, please contact the Clerk for information. We thank the advertisers for supporting the Chronicle. Remember to support them. There is no charge to the Township residents for this newsletter.

MINNCAN PROJECT

Construction of the MinnCan Project remains on schedule for a fall 2008 completion date. This means that construction, cleanup and restoration will be finished, and that the 304-mile pipeline will be transporting additional crude oil to the refineries in the Twin Cities. This crude oil will be refined into vital products such as gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and heating oil. Pipeline neighbors can expect to receive mailings and even receive an occasional phone call or personal visit from Koch Pipeline employees. Neighbors include residents and others within 1,000 feet of either side of the pipeline, local public officials, emergency response agencies, anyone who may be excavating near the pipeline, and the general public in pipeline communities. Landowners may also call the project's toll free line at (877) 796-7846. If you would like to receive the MinnCan Update Newsletter electronically, e-mail MinnCan at info@MinnCanProject.com and request to be added to the mailing list or you can link to MinnCan through the Castle Rock Township Web site.

ELECTION FALL 2008

Are you registered to vote? The 2008 Election is expected to produce record numbers of voters nationwide and Dakota County is no exception. High voter turnout can result in longer lines at the polls, but you as a resident can help eliminate some of this by making sure you are registered ahead of time. If you have not yet registered to vote, voter registration applications are enclosed with this chronicle and can be filled out and mailed to the Dakota County address on the back of the application. Pre-registration saves time for everyone on Election Day. Your registration is permanent provided you vote at least once every four years and do not change your residence or name.

ELECTION INFORMATION AND DATES

State Primary- September 9th, 2008

State General- November 4th, 2008

The Castle Rock Township will be open from 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m. for the State Primary Election. Absentee ballot application forms can be printed off from the Dakota County website at www.dakotacounty.us or picked up at Castle Rock Township. The Dakota County website is linked from the Castle Rock Township website. Election information can be found on the Dakota County website in the upper left corner.

CLERK

During the July Board of Supervisors meeting Jane Bistodeau was sworn in as the new Clerk for Castle Rock Township, she was office assistant and Deputy Clerk for the Township from January 2006 to October 2007. She will be taking over the duties former Clerk Maralee Rother spent many years overseeing, thank you again Maralee for what you have done for the Township. Please stop in and say hello to Jane and welcome her back to the Township.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2008- June 31, 2008

Fund	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	%
General Government	\$142,600.00	\$134,361.07	\$140,035.00	\$64,309.05	46%
Road and Bridge	\$139,500.00	\$135,393.02	\$152,500.00	\$86,526.82	57%
Fire and Ambulance	\$72,900.00	\$73,731.61	\$75,000.00	\$89,480.50	119%
Park		\$2,325.89	\$4,350.00	\$74.55	2%
Capital Improvements	\$20,000.00	\$19,648.49			
Escrow		\$7,250.00	\$7,200.00	\$2,128.75	30%
Total	\$375,000.00	\$372,710.08	\$379,085.00	\$242,519.67	64%

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

This has been a busy time for Castle Rock! The MinnCan pipeline is running through our township and it has been challenging working with them in regards to township interests. Special thanks to Mark Henry, for his time and efforts as he actively monitors MinnCan ensuring the safety of our residents and the proper use of our roads. At the moment the thinking is that the pipeline crews will be in the township until at least Labor Day.

Another potential change we are watching is the ambulance service currently provided by Apple Valley-Lakeville-Farmington (ALF). ALF has sent out a request for proposal to determine if contracting out the services would be feasible. The Board of Supervisors will monitor this closely to ensure our residents retain the quality and responsive services they are accustomed to. Please stop by the town hall and say hello to Colette, Jane and Deanna! This dynamic trio is doing a great job with all the day to day activities and duties required to run the offices. Without the hard work of these three the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission would be lost. Thank you very much for all you ladies do!

PLANNING COMMISSION

As noted in the May chronicle, the Planning Commission went through some changes with our members. The Planning Commission members are Norbert Kuhn-Chair, Bob Dubbels-Vice Chair, Sandy Weber-Secretary, Paul Irrthum and Todd Sjostrand. We have been busy since March working on the Collaborative Comprehensive Plan, our Township Comprehensive Plan and special meetings for the residents of Castle Rock Township. We are now in the process of changing the building permit procedure to now be overseen by the Planning Commission. We will soon be dealing with the clustering possibilities for the Township and will be looking for feedback from the residents of Castle Rock Township. It has been an exciting and interesting time for the Planning Commission. We have had several compliments on how we work together and we look forward hearing from you if you have any questions.

Planning Commission Members

ROAD REPORT

The Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township continues the process of giving you good roads at reasonable prices. Limerock was placed on 232nd St and Biscayne Ave, 270th St and Denmark Ave. The Township had two suppliers this year, Solberg Aggregate of Hastings and Castle Rock Materials of Randolph. Solberg supplied this CL#5 road gravel. We thank both suppliers for their competitive quotes. Dust proofing was then supplied under budget. The sign replacement program continues based on the annual road inspection and fall reflectivity review.

Frost boils during spring break up was a major concern this year, one area south of 240th on Denmark Ave has been a perennial problem. The Board made the decision at the June meeting to do a 375' sub-cut of the area to effect a permanent repair; this work was completed in July.

The Board apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the MinnCan pipeline construction. With such a large understanding there will always be issues, the Board has worked to keep these at a minimum. Some concerns could arise for the Cty # 47 and 86 closures in the southeast corner of the township, but time will tell.

Residents wishing to order a new address sign for their residence should contact the Clerk's office by September 15, 2008.

