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Castle Rock Board of Supervisors

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Ballot Question

The following ballot question will be submitted to the voters at the March 2013 election:

WHETHER TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK

“Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town?”

This question will once again be on the March 2013 election ballot because the Clerk has given notice and a replacement is needed. The position is currently *elect-ed* and so the new Clerk must be a resident of Castle Rock Township. By changing the position to appointed, it allows the Board to choose from a larger pool of applicants.

- Yes – changes the Clerk position from elected to appointed
- No –leaves the Clerk position elected

Annual Election and Annual Meeting

The Castle Rock Township annual meeting and election will take place on Tuesday, March 12th, 2013. Two board supervisor positions, both three year terms, and the clerk position, a one year term, are available. Candidates may file to run for these offices on January 1st, 2013 thru January 15th, 2013. For more information on becoming a candidate, visit the MN Secretary of State’s office at www.sos.state.mn.us/indes.aspx?page=136 or by calling 651-215-1440. Please consider joining the ranks of those who have served Castle Rock Township.



Adding Axles

Over the past few decades, farm size has increased significantly and farm equipment has become larger and heavier. In 2008, the Transportation Engineering and Road Research Alliance initiated a pooled-fund study to evaluate the effects of this heavy agricultural equipment on paved roadways.

Study results found that the heavy farm vehicles caused high pavement stresses and resulted in more damage to the roadway than the standard semi. Results also indicated that the number of axles, traffic wander (lateral movements of vehicles in a lane), seasonal effects, and pavement structure greatly affect pavement response.

The study found that pavement damage could be reduced by avoiding travel after heavy rain, during the spring thaw, and on hot afternoons when pavement surface temperatures rise. The presence of a paved shoulder also reduced damage, as did operating vehicles at least 16 inches away from the pavement edge.

The researchers confirmed that weight per axles is more important than gross vehicle weight, suggesting that adding more axles to a vehicles could be beneficial as long as there is even load distribution.

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Garage Door Safety

An overhead garage door is used daily and most people don't stop to consider its dangers. A garage door can weigh several hundred pounds and is the heaviest moving item in your home. If it is not working properly, is not installed according to manufacturer's directions, or is used incorrectly, it can cause injuries or even death.

- Test the reverse mechanism of your door by placing a 2x4 on the floor underneath the middle of the garage door. Your door should reverse within 2 seconds of coming in contact with the 2x4.
- Try stopping the door when it is moving up and down. The door should stop easily.
- Photo eyes should be properly aligned and set up. They should be no more than 6 inches off the floor. If your photo eyes are working properly, many injuries involving children playing around the garage door can be avoided.
- Know how to open your door manually should the opener not be working properly or if there is a power outage.
- Periodically, check your garage door's screws, rollers, hinges, and other moving parts for wear, rust of other damage.
- Your garage should not be as snug as your house. It needs proper ventilation.

When shopping for a new door:

- Battery backup for when the power is out.
- Lights-especially if you have none in your garage.
- Tempered glass for safety in case of breakage.
- Wind-ratings-pressure from a tornado or straight-line winds can pull the doors out of their tracks, allowing the door to be blown in towards the house.
- Professional vs. Do-it-Yourself models. DIY models tend to be in more pieces so that the box will fit in a car. Pro models tend to have a one-piece rail, which is stronger and easier to install.



Going Green

Want to save paper by reading this newsletter on-line? We'll save on the number of newsletters we print and you'll reduce the amount of mail you receive! Send an email to castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net or call the office at 651-460-2221. We will let you know by email, when the next issue of the newsletter is scheduled to post on our township website, www.castlerocktownship.com.



Sign, Sign, everywhere a sign...

Are you missing a fire number sign at your residence? If so, please call or email the township office and leave a message with your phone number and address so it can be replaced!



Winter Reminder

The Town Board of Castle Rock Township would like to remind citizens to be courteous to their neighbors and not leave snow ridges across the town roads during driveway clearing operations. Technically, leaving snow on the town roads is illegal.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Part Time Clerk Position Notice

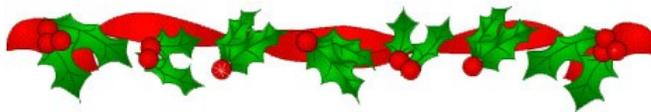
Castle Rock Township has an opening for a part time Clerk position. Applicant must be a township resident, self motivated, customer service orientated, with accounting skills. Computer knowledge including Microsoft software applications a plus. Knowledge of township regulations and election procedures is helpful. Part time of-ice hours to be determined with chosen applicant. Resumes can be submitted to Castle Rock Township, 2537 240th Street W, Farmington, MN 55024 or emailed to castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net.

Thank You

I would like to thank the election judges for another great job at the November 6, 2012 General Election. Needless to say, Castle Rock had a great turnout this year. 798 votes cast and 111 same day registrations. Thank you very much ladies -as always- you made my job easy!

I also would like to say that I've truly enjoyed the last 6 years at Castle Rock Township and am sure I will see many of you at my new position with Dakota County.

Regards, Jane Bistodeau/Clerk



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Meeting Calendar

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meetings 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013

Tuesday, February 12th, 2013

Monday, March 11th, 2013

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013

Happy Holidays



Planning Commission
 Regular Meetings 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, December 18th, 2012
 Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013
 Tuesday, February 26th, 2013
 Tuesday, March 26th, 2013

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