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Weekly News & Updates

Legislative Session: Day 19 of 120
Sunday, February 1, 2026

Max Brooks on Castle Rock, the Capitol, and the Fights Colorado is About to Face

Rep. Max Brooks sits down for his first-ever podcast interview and keeps it direct. He explains what House District 45 actually is, why Castle Rock politics matters more than most people realize, and why your local vote has more impact than the news will ever admit. The tone is relaxed, but the content is not.

The conversation starts locally and gets real fast. The hosts press him on the Crystal Valley speed limit controversy, and Brooks does not dodge. He lays out what happened, why it happened, and what comes next, including the role of data and the limits of enforcement. It is the kind of unfiltered “here is how it works” exchange you rarely hear, and it sets up a bigger point about local control, growth, water planning, and property rights in Castle Rock.

Then the interview shifts to the Gold Dome. Brooks walks through what a state representative actually does, why Republicans struggle to block bad policy with today's numbers, and how citizens can show up to testify. He also goes deep on the push to expand Colorado's red flag law and why it can chill honest counseling and due process. He closes with a surprising take on Governor Polis, a sober warning about what could come next, and a clear look at the governor's race.

If you want the full picture, including the parts that will challenge your assumptions, watch the full



Max's 2026 Session Bill Status

Bill No. 1 - HB26-1061

**Community Integration
Housing Tax**

*- Assigned to Transportation,
Housing & Local Government*

Bill No. 2 - HB26-1021

**Second Amendment
Protection Act**

- Assigned to Judiciary

Bill No. 3 - TDB

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Bill No. 4 - TBD

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Bill No. 5 - TBD

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Max's Co-

episode below.

Sponsored Bills

2026 House & Senate Bills
Under Review



Get Involved. Stay Informed. Connect with Local Conservatives.

Join the **Castle Rock Republican Breakfast**, which meets every month.

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds Event Center
500 Fairgrounds Road Castle Rock, CO 80104

When: Every Third Friday at 7:30 AM

It's just \$20 (cash only) for a hot breakfast and strong conversation.

Questions? Contact or RSVP Kent Cheese at kent.cheese@firstwestmortgage.com

Tidbits

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Colorado's Latest Budget Picture is Still Defined by a Major Shortfall

The biggest driver of the imbalance is Medicaid, which now covers roughly 1.2 million Coloradans and has grown far faster than the rest of the budget. Since 2018-19, the TABOR cap rose about 39%, while Medicaid costs rose roughly 86%, a \$2.6



Douglas County Adds Funding Support for Rural Fire Districts

Douglas County's six rural fire protection districts were

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Town of Castle Rock Advanced Major Projects in 2025, Carries Momentum into 2026

The Town of Castle Rock made significant progress in 2025 on key priorities including public safety, roads, long-term water resources and parks and recreation. That momentum continues

billion increase.

Governor Polis has proposed holding down Medicaid growth through trims like limiting certain benefits and capping reimbursement growth, but even members of his own party are raising alarms about who gets hit hardest and what long-term damage those cuts could create.

In short, Colorado is running out of easy options, and the legislature is being forced to choose between protecting services and restoring fiscal discipline, all while staying inside the guardrails that voters put in place.

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recognized by the Board of Douglas County Commissioners with vital firefighting funds to help them manage fires, medical emergencies, and rescue operations, specifically in the Pike National Forest area.

The fire districts were awarded \$100,000 at the Tuesday, Jan. 27, Board of Douglas County Commissioners Business Meeting. The funds are received by the County annually from the federal government as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Similar to many other local governments in the U.S. that have non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries, Douglas County receives PILT funds to help offset losses in local property taxes spent on the utilization of County services on our non-taxable federal lands.

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into 2026, as work on major multiyear projects continues and new initiatives get underway.

The Town's top projects and core services are guided by its commitment to community priorities: manage Town finances conservatively; ensure outstanding public safety; secure our water future; maintain strong parks and recreation; enhance our roads; preserve our community character; support economic development; and conserve open space, which is a new priority added in 2026.

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Rep. Max Brooks Is Running for Re-Election in 2026

Colorado is at a turning point. Families are stretched thin, crime is rising, and the State Capitol keeps pushing policies that weaken local control and punish working people. This is exactly why I'm running for re-election.

If you want a Representative who will fight for affordability, defend public safety, protect your freedoms, and stand firm for Douglas County values, I'm asking you to help power this campaign. Your donation keeps our message strong, our operation ready, and our conservative voice in the room when the next battles are decided.



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