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Best
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to LIVE

Money ranking

» If you live in Castle Rock, you already know this: Castle Rock is one of the best places to live in America. Money magazine confirmed that last month, when it distributed its top 50 communities list. Castle Rock came in at No. 4. The magazine started with a list of more than 780 places. Each was evaluated on more than 50 factors, including the local economy, housing market, schools and healthcare. The magazine noted the Town's growth in population and amenities, along with its Downtown core, which is home to locally owned restaurants and speciality stores. This year, Castle Rock was also ranked as one of the safest places in the state by real estate company Motovno and by NerdWallet as one of its "Colorado cities on the rise."

Your Town is social

» It's a conversation. Join in. You may have known the Town is on Facebook ([Facebook.com/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov)) and Twitter (@CRgov), but did you know you can get answers to your questions there? We also take your feedback. Get the information you need about your Town government. Then, tell us what you think.

Your Town Talk

News From Around the Rock

Celebrate the Philip S. Miller Park grand opening with free activities all day Oct. 25

The wait is almost over! The final touches are being made. Philip S. Miller Park will soon be open to the public! Help celebrate the grand opening of the Town's largest park Saturday, Oct. 25.

Activities will take place all day. Kick off the celebration with the liveBIG 10K, 5K Trail Run or Family Adventure Run. LiveBIG was created to help people share the outdoors with their family and friends while exercising their bodies and minds.

Runners can be among the first to try out the park's brand new soft-surface trails with either the 5K or 10K Trail Run. Then, bring out the family to participate in the Family Adventure Run. This course will wind through kid-friendly obstacles, including the Philip S. Miller Challenge Hill.

The race is just the beginning! Spend the day checking out the MAC – the park's new signature building. All the amenities will be free for the day.

Head to CRgov.com/PSMGrandOpening for more information.

U.S. 85 to close temporarily for NME

Sometimes, big projects with significant long-term benefits mean short-term inconvenience. As construction continues on a roadway project that will bring residents a new connection to U.S. Highway 85 and Interstate 25, one such closure and related detour will be necessary.

U.S. 85 will be closed in the project area and detoured the weekend of Oct. 31. The closure is required so crews can install a new storm drain system as part of the Town's North Meadows Extension project. Also, due to the importance of the project, the Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to close the tracks that weekend. The road closure will begin around 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. It is expected the road will reopen for traffic by Monday morning on Nov. 3.

The detour for vehicles will be Atrium Drive to Castlegate Drive West, or Castlegate Drive North, which is being temporarily reopened to accommodate this detour, to Castlegate Drive West. Semi-trucks should take C-470 and I-25.

The North Meadows Extension is a new roadway that will connect The Meadows to U.S. 85 and Interstate 25. Weekend closures of a portion of U.S. 85 will be required throughout the duration of the project to accommodate girder placement and pouring of the bridge deck.

Get project information and updates at CRgov.com/nme.

Plan your day at Miller Park

7:30-8:45 a.m. liveBIG race registration and packet pickup

9-11 a.m. liveBIG 10K/5K Trail Run

11 a.m. liveBIG Family Adventure Run

11 a.m. Lunch (free for the first 1,000 people)

12:30 p.m. Program and official ribbon-cutting ceremony

1-3 p.m. Halloween Spooktacular

3-6 p.m. Self-guided scavenger hunt

3:30-6 p.m. Golf simulator and batting cages open to the public

4-5 p.m. 1.1-mile guided hike

Fun and scares abound for Halloween

Whether you're looking for frights or fun, there is something for everyone in Castle Rock this Halloween.

Castle of Terror

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue's annual haunted house is scream-worthy again this year. It runs 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Fire Training Tower, 333 Malibu Court.

This year's theme is "Welcome to your Nightmare." Tickets are \$10 and sold at the gate. (Cash and checks accepted.) Proceeds benefit the fire and police explorer programs. It's so freaky, those under 13 are not allowed without an adult.

If you're really into fright and want to volunteer to help make others' lives a nightmare, check out volunteerconnectdc.com.

Spooktacular

This annual tradition for little goblins moves to the MAC at the new Philip S. Miller Park this year.

Spooktacular is part of the park's grand opening celebration and runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The park is located at 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway.

Activities include face painting, a jumpy house, games, crafts and contests.

Learn more about this activity and the grand opening online at CRgov.com/PSMGrandOpening.

Trick or Treat Street

Held in cooperation with the Downtown Alliance, this tradition features a costume contest, arts, crafts, pony rides, face painting, balloon animals and more. All activities are free thanks to the investment local businesses make into this popular event.



This year, the fun is in multiple locations. Festival Park at Second and Perry streets will host activities like pony rides and balloons. The White Pavilion at Fourth and Perry streets will host the costume contest. Trick-or-treating is at Downtown businesses and arts and crafts at Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Headquarters on Perry Street. The Town Trolley will pick up participants at stops throughout Downtown. Get full event details online at CRgov.com/trickortreat.



water
WISER!

Water conservation tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

Shorter days, dropping temperatures and changing leaves – all signs that fall is in the air. As irrigation season comes to an end, keep winterizing the lawn and sprinkler system top of mind. Watch nighttime temperatures carefully. Temperatures below freezing can damage sprinkler system components. Make sure to have the system blown out with low-pressure, high-volume compressed air, and open all drains. This process will remove any water trapped within the system. Aerate the lawn, apply winterizing fertilizer, use tree wraps, and plant hardy bulbs – these steps will all help make sure the lawn survives the winter and is healthy and ready for next spring.

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Events in Castle Rock

Oct. 11: Ridgeline Wranglers trail maintenance outing, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Ridgeline Open Space. Help the Ridgeline Wranglers spruce up Stewart Trail, which is in Ridgeline Open Space. Learn more at CRgov.com/POSTPartners.

Oct. 14: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Castle Rock Senior Center. Informal conversations with Castle Rock police.

Oct. 15: Hump Days-Jump Days at Rhyolite Bike Park, 4-7 p.m. Hang out with the Rhyolite Dirt Crew at the Session Zone at Rhyolite Bike Park. These events are family friendly and are designed for younger kids to learn bike skills from the more experienced riders.

Nov. 1: 22nd Annual Castle Rock Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Douglas County Events Center. More than 150 vendors from across the state. Benefits the Castle Rock Senior Center.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day Tribute, 11 a.m., Veterans Monument Plaza, Fourth and Wilcox streets. Honor past, present and future veterans. Sponsored by the Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation. Learn more at dcvmf.org.

Nov. 13: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum monthly presentation, 6:30-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Bob Easterly shares his family story and book, "By an Act of Congress ..."

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On the Web

The construction you see around U.S. 85 and along Interstate 25 in Town is the North Meadows Extension, a new roadway that will give residents additional access to both highways. Stay updated on current progress by visiting CRgov.com/NMEUpdate. There, you will find the same weekly update that is available by calling the project hotline, 303-327-4033. Get an overview of the project at CRgov.com/NME.