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News From Around the Rock

# Your Town Talk



## Rink at the Rock

»» Castle Rock's popular outdoor ice rink is back for its third season. Rink at the Rock opened during Starlighting last month and will remain open until Presidents Day. The 50-by-100-foot rink is located at 414 N. Perry St. Besides open skating, the rink also offers lessons, broomball leagues and so much more. It is also available to rent. Make sure to visit the local restaurants and shops while you're Downtown. Learn more at [RinkattheRock.com](http://RinkattheRock.com).

## Traffic break

»» Drivers, and the crews doing the work along Founders Parkway, can breathe a sigh of (temporary) relief. CDOT construction teams are taking a holiday break from reconstructing the concrete roadway, to accommodate extra traffic trying to get to the stores and restaurants in the area during the biggest shopping season of the year. The cone zone is scheduled to return on Monday, Jan. 12. Work is expected to be completed by summer. Please drive safely in this and other construction zones. Learn more about CDOT's project online at [CRgov.com/FoundersMeadows](http://CRgov.com/FoundersMeadows).



## Celebrate the season in Castle Rock

This holiday season, Castle Rock is sparkling like never before. Have you been Downtown to see what's new?

Town Council, Douglas County, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Development Authority all made an investment in Downtown Castle Rock, so it would become a destination for resident and visitor shoppers this year. Town Council earlier this year launched the idea to improve Downtown, and a Holiday Lighting Committee got to work.

Strands of lights adorn buildings, trees, street poles and bridges from Fifth Street to First Street along both Perry and Wilcox streets. At the center of it all is a fully-decorated tree in Festival Park at Second and Perry streets. It was illuminated as part of the annual Starlighting celebration this year.

During that annual tradition, another new element was added. New LED lights that can shine a spectrum of colors outline the Star. Castle Rock Fire and Rescue maintains the Star, which will remain lit until the National Western Stock Show ends in mid-January.

Further north, the Outlets at Castle Rock are also glistening for the season.

There are nearly 350 businesses throughout Castle Rock, and shopping at them not only means unique gift opportunities for you, but also key services for your neighbor.

Because the average homeowner pays just \$40 each year to the Town in property tax, the Town relies mostly on sales tax to provide the services you need like fire, police, road maintenance and more. Remember, when you shop local, you also help your community.

If you're looking for something specific, check out the Town's business guide. Visit [CRgov.com/411](http://CRgov.com/411).

## New retail destination breaks ground

Portions of the new Promenade at Castle Rock broke ground last month, marking the next step in bringing new amenities to your community.



— Promenade at —  
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The Promenade will offer 200 acres of new features between Interstate 25 and U.S. Highway 85. It has the potential for almost 1 million square feet of commercial space and 350 multifamily units.

Alberta will make market-based decisions regarding which new businesses will come to Town. The exciting part is that many of those businesses coming to the Promenade will likely be new to Town.

The initial phase to be built is on the south side of Lowes and the Outlets at Castle Rock. It is slated to include 60,000 square feet of new retail and restaurants. It is expected this phase will be complete in 2015.

Before the rest of the project gets underway, there will be time for public comment, because there are zoning changes, signs and overall plans that require approval from the Town's Planning Commission and Town Council before construction can begin.

Watch CRgov.com for more information, or sign up for Town news, including updates on the Promenade, at CRgov.com/notifyme or visit CRgov.com/promenade.

## Big opportunities from small increase

Preparing for the Town's growing water need is a top priority for Castle Rock Water. However, securing long-term water, and keeping up with the demand, comes at a price. That's why Castle Rock Water users will see a nominal increase in water rates in 2015.

The total increase for the average water use will be less than 1 percent. For the typical water customer, that will mean an additional 82 cents per month. This essential fee bump will help Castle Rock Water fund the Town's Legacy Water Projects and continue planning for the Town's water future, without taking on any additional debt.

Incremental increases each year also help to minimize rate shock for customers later – fees are increased minimally each year instead of all at once, when a project is complete.

While Castle Rock water knows any rate increase can be an inconvenience for residents, this small rate increase now will pay off big for the Town's water supply later.

*'Tis the Season to*  
**SHOP LOCAL**  
**SUPPORT CASTLE ROCK**

The Town relies on sales tax to provide you with services you need, such as fire, police, road maintenance and more.

*Support local businesses  
and help your neighbor, too.*

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The MAC	303-733-2222

## Events in Castle Rock

**Dec. 5:** Castle Rock Chorale concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Sounds of the holiday season.

**Dec. 9:** Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m., Castle Rock Senior Center. Informal conversations with Castle Rock police.

**Dec. 11:** Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum presentation, 6:30-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Presentations are free and scheduled monthly. Learn more at [castlerockmuseum.org](http://castlerockmuseum.org).

**Dec. 24:** For the Christmas Eve holiday, the Castle Rock Recreation Center and MAC (Miller Activity Complex) are open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Town offices are open normal business hours.

**Dec. 25:** All Town offices, including the Recreation Center and the MAC, are closed for Christmas.

**Dec. 31:** It's almost 2015! New Years Eve hours for the Recreation Center and the MAC are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Town offices are open normal hours. Town offices are closed Jan. 1, 2015.

**Dec. 26-Jan. 18:** Christmas Tree recycling. Drop your tree off at Metzler Ranch Community, Paintbrush, Centennial or Founders parks, where it will be turned to mulch, which will be available at Metzler Ranch, Paintbrush and Founders parks until Feb. 28 or when gone.

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### On the Web: snow

When winter weather hits, Town crews work hard to clear the roads, with safety as a priority. When snow accumulation is expected to be 4 inches or more on the streets, you can expect plows in your neighborhood. Track them online at [CRgov.com/plowtracker](http://CRgov.com/plowtracker). The goal is to have one drivable lane on each residential street, so emergency vehicles can get through. Learn more about how your Town handles snow at [CRgov.com/snow](http://CRgov.com/snow).