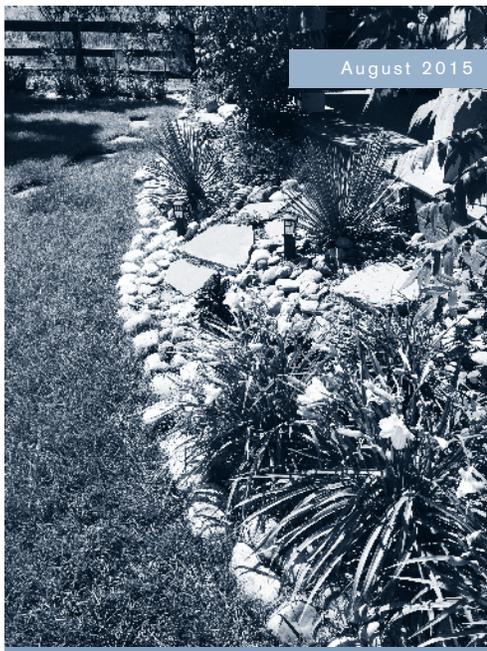


Your Town Talk

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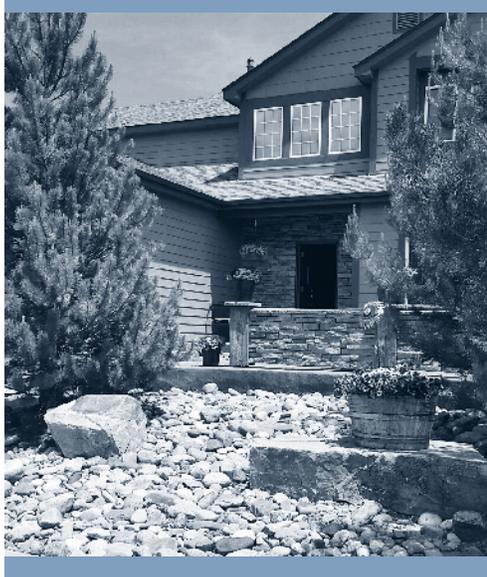
Are you committed to conservation? Do you have a xeric-designed yard you're proud of and would like to share with our community? Enter to win \$100 off your next water bill in Castle Rock Water's Smartscape Photo Contest.

Submit a photo of your smartscaped yard to CRgov.com/smartscape to be entered into the drawing. You must be a Castle Rock Water customer to participate, and only one entry per address is permitted.

Winners will be drawn on Monday, Aug. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Watch for your photos on the Town's official Facebook ([/CRgov](https://www.facebook.com/CRgov)) and Twitter ([@CRgov](https://twitter.com/CRgov)) pages.

More information is available at CRgov.com/smartscape.



More roadwork on Meadows Parkway, Thanks for driving safely in the cone zone

We all want safe, smooth roadways. Achieving that goal requires road maintenance and roadwork. We're breathing a sigh of relief that CDOT work on Founders Parkway is nearly complete.

But by now, you've likely driven the Meadows Parkway bridge over Interstate 25 and wondered what that cone zone is all about.

In July, CDOT began a project to extend the outside eastbound through-lane from Factory Shops Boulevard, over the bridge, to the I-25 northbound on-ramp.

The on-ramp will allow for two lanes of traffic to access northbound I-25 from eastbound Meadows Parkway. Currently, this lane only extends to the southbound I-25 on-ramp, where traffic must exit Meadows Parkway. The lanes on the new two-lane ramp will merge together before entering I-25.

The construction is expected to wrap up in October. During this work, CDOT said drivers can expect lane closures, but two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during peak travel times.

For closure information, watch electronic signs in the area. Have questions? Call CDOT's information line, 303-327-4012.

I am a Rock campaign promotes Town

The Town this summer set out to capture what Castle Rock means to residents. The result is the new I am a Rock campaign, launching this month.

The new campaign logo features a vintage-style tattoo, complete with a heart, arrow, our familiar rock formation and a bold banner across the heart that reads "I am a Rock." In a new video, which premiered at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, July 21, we see our motorcycle-riding Mayor sporting the new tattoo as he cruises around Town.

The campaign was created as a fun brand to help represent and promote the obvious pride residents of Castle Rock have for their Town. It will also be the focus of videos launching with the Town's new website later this year.

So, besides the Mayor, who is a Rock? Do you know someone who is a Rock? Very simply, anyone living in and loving Castle Rock is a Rock. You are a Rock when you volunteer for various events around Town, like Spring up the Creek in early spring, or Trick or Treat Street in the fall.

You are a Rock when you shop local, because the sales tax from your purchases helps pay for our police, fire, parks and roadwork.

Are you a Rock? Show us your best I am a Rock pose by taking a picture and posting it on our Facebook page, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a free T-shirt or temporary tattoo. We'll help promote the fun by applying the I am a Rock tattoo onto the photo you upload to Facebook.



Crews repair flood damage along Hangman's Gulch

Intense storms in June brought swift-moving water, turning much of the Town's stormwater system into raging rivers. The fast-moving water closed several popular trails and caused erosion concerns along several channels. Crews have been repairing damage from the storm along Hangman's Gulch Trail.

The work is located west of Whispering Oak Drive, near Douglas County High School, and west of Liggett Road, at the railroad crossing and at the intersection of Hangman's Gulch and East Plum Creek Trail.

Crews are repairing eroded areas adjacent to the trail and removing a large amount of dirt and debris from the channel to improve drainage and reduce flooding impacts to the trail.

The trail will remain open during construction. However, trail use will be greatly impacted. Trail delays will be limited as much as possible, but trail users are advised to use caution and allow extra time to get through construction areas. Flaggers will be on site to direct pedestrians and bike traffic when construction activities are underway.

Generally, construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The work is expected to take between four and six weeks.

New technology can help you find lost or stolen items

Having something lost or stolen is stressful. Now, Castle Rock Police has new technology to help connect you back with your property.

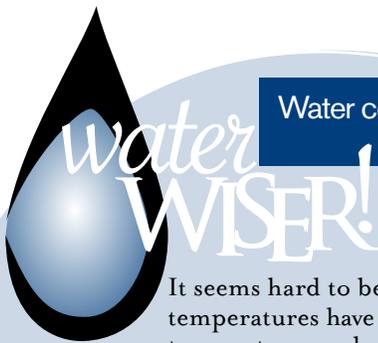
Earlier this year, CRPD launched new, secure software, called ReportIt. Residents can use the software to create a personal inventory of valuables, including a list of serial numbers, photos and even scanned receipts, which is then stored on a cloud-based system and can be accessed anywhere.

This record can help police search for property if it is ever stolen. The inventory can also help with insurance claims. The personal inventory is only accessible by the resident, not the host company, LeadsOnline, nor police.

To create your own personal inventory, visit CRgov.com/ReportIt, and follow the link to the ReportIt system. The vendor's website will walk users through the steps of creating a profile and uploading information.

This system is free for residents, because Castle Rock Police is also using LeadsOnline to search for stolen property.

Learn more about Castle Rock Police at CRgov.com/police.



Water conservation and efficiency tip
CRgov.com/waterwiser

It seems hard to believe, but summer temperatures have already peaked. By August, temperatures are beginning to cool off, and by September, thoughts are being turned toward winterizing your lawn and sprinkler system. This time of year, afternoon storms become frequent. Be sure and adjust your sprinkler clock. Irrigation amounts and frequency may need to be scaled back. The Town holds an annual class on winterizing your lawn, landscape and sprinkler system. This year's class begins at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Town Hall, 100 N. Wilcox St. More information is available at CRgov.com/WinterWorkshop.

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The MAC	303-733-2222

Events in Castle Rock

CRgov.com/events

Aug. 4: National Night Out, 5-8 p.m., White Pavilion, 414 N. Perry St. Learn about Castle Rock Police during this annual event, which includes demonstrations, tours, free food and, this year, dunk-a-cop.

Aug. 5: Race the MAC, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Philip S. Miller Park, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway. Series of mountain bike races. Learn more and view other dates at raceco.org.

Aug 6 - 9: Douglas County Fair and Rodeo, Celebrate this annual event with a variety of events and vendors. Learn more at douglascountyfairandrodeo.com.

Aug 8: Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Parade, 9-11 a.m., Downtown Castle Rock along Wilcox St.

Aug 13: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's free monthly presentation, 6:45-8 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. This month, join the museum for a presentation on Helen Hunt Jackson by Doris McCraw of Colorado Chautauqua.

Aug 20: Taste of Douglas County, 5-8 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center. Taste food from a variety of area restaurants, along with a cooking competition. Learn more and purchase tickets at tasteofdouglascounty.com.

Aug 29: Pedal the Moon, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Butterfield Park. Where the fun is as full as the moon! Join the Town for this annual moonlight bike ride. Meet at the park at 7:30 to depart at 8 p.m. Learn more and register at CRgov.com/pedal.

Sept. 5: Starlight Summer Movie No. 4, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," 6-10 p.m., Downtown. Start with a street fair and end the night with this movie on a large inflatable screen.

Labor Day weekend: Join Castle Rock Fire and Rescue for it's annual Fill the Boot event. Donations benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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On the Web:

Rec Guide: Are you interested in learning how to dance? Is there a fitness program you've wanted to try? Are you looking to keep the kids busy after school? Check out everything this Town's Parks and Recreation Department has to offer in the Fall/Winter 2015 Recreation and MAC guides. The guides are now being published together and should be in mailboxes in early August. Head to CRgov.com/RecGuide or CRgov.com/MACGuide to view them online.